

Children and young people’s profile - Ruchill and Possilpark

Ruchill and Possilpark has a population of 3,486 children and young people (aged 0–24 years).



Neighbourhood comparisons with Glasgow

The population aged 18–24 years in Ruchill and Possilpark is 25% lower than the Glasgow average. The number of babies exposed to second-hand smoke is 74% higher than the Glasgow average, while hospital admissions under a mental health diagnosis are 86% higher. Life expectancy is lower in 2022 for both sexes than the Glasgow and Scottish averages.

Group	Indicator	Time period	Count	Rate	Difference from Glasgow	Difference from Glasgow (% , years)	
Demography	Population aged 0–4	2024	640	5.2%	+13.3%		
	Population aged 5–11	2024	892	7.3%	+9.0%		
	Population aged 12–17	2024	845	6.9%	+19.6%		
	Population aged 18–24	2024	1,109	9.1%	-25.2%		
	Live births**	2024	139	11.4	+20.9%		
	Under-25s from minority ethnic backgrounds	2022	1,285	37.7%	+30.5%		
Infant health	Infants who sleep in the supine position	2022-24	329	98.5%	+0.3%		
	Babies exposed to second-hand smoke	2022-24	36	10.3%	+74.4%		
	Babies born small for gestational age	2022-24	28	7.6%	+24.2%		
	Babies exclusively breast-fed at 6–8 weeks	2024	40	30.1%	-7.2%		
	Babies born before 37 weeks	2022-24	27	7.4%	-14.9%		
	Primary carer smoking at health visitor’s first visit	2022-24	46	13.2%	+14.0%		
Crime & safety	Emergency hospital admissions due to assault**	2020-24	14	0.8	+88.6%		
	Emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injuries**	2020-24	91	5.4	+32.0%		
Learning	Children with communication delay at 27–30 months	2022-24	84	24.1%	+37.6%		
	16-19-year-olds not in employment, education or training	2020	39	7.4%	+60.3%		
Socio-economic	Children living in relative poverty	2023	652	33.0%	+22.9%		
	Lone-parent households	2022	1,421	30.8%	+27.0%		
	Under-25s living in privately-rented or rent-free households	2022	685	20.1%	-13.1%		
Health	Under-25s whose day-to-day activities are limited by disability	2022	367	10.8%	-7.0%		
	Hospital admissions for dental treatment**	2020-24	44	4.1	-32.0%		
	Hospitalisations under an alcohol-related diagnosis**	2020-24	38	2.3	+106.7%		
	Hospital admissions under a mental health diagnosis**	2020-24	87	8.1	+85.6%		
	Primary 1 children living with obesity or severe obesity	2022-24	33	9.6%	+8.8%		
	Male life expectancy at birth	2022		69.0	-4.6		
	Female life expectancy at birth	2022		73.2	-5.0		

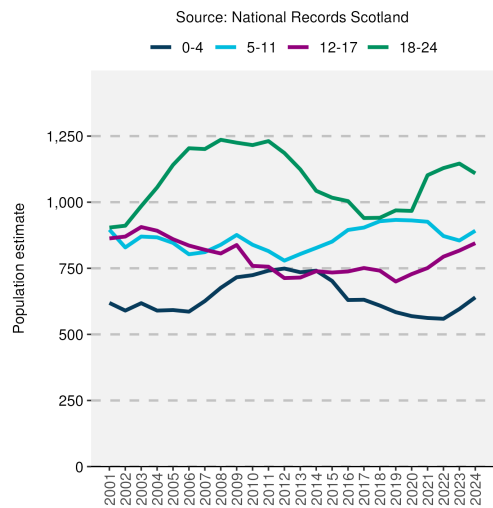
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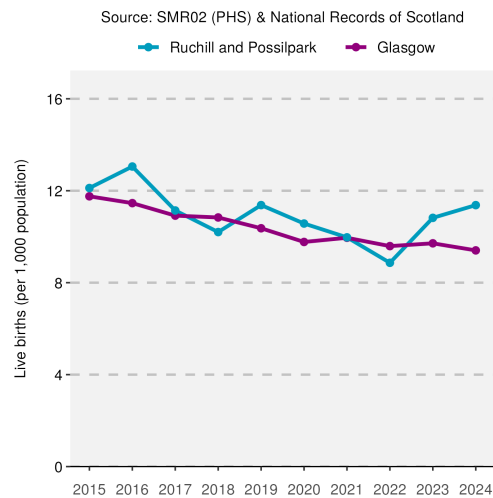
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Neighbourhood/Area trends

Population by age group

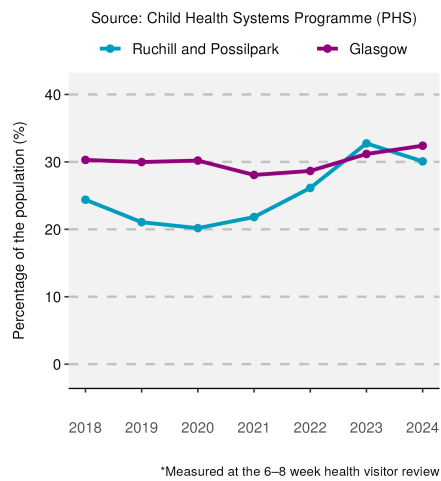


Live births (per 1,000 population)

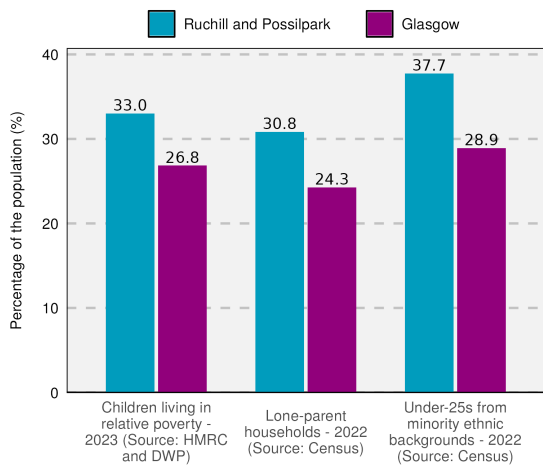


The population in this area has been relatively stable since 2001. The 18–24 years age group has risen the most (23%) though has fluctuated over the time period. Although the number of live births has been decreasing since 2015, there have been increases in the last two years, and levels are now above the Glasgow average.

Percentage of babies exclusively breast-fed*



Selected indicators compared to Glasgow



The number of babies exclusively breast-fed at 6–8 weeks varies over time but remains lower than the Glasgow average, at 30% in 2024. The percentage of children living in relative poverty, lone-parent households, and under-25s from a minority ethnic background are all above the Glasgow average.

Notes

1. Data sources: Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020; Census (2001, 2011 and 2022); National Records of Scotland (NRS); Scottish Morbidity Records (SMR01 and SMR02); Child Health Systems Programme (CHSP) and CHSP Schools; Department for Work and Pensions (DWP); HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).
2. All count figures of less than 5 (denoted as *) have been suppressed to avoid any potential identification.
3. This publication has used small area population estimate data published by the NRS on 24 February 2026. This is presented in the population trend chart and used to calculate life expectancy estimates. The NRS update their small area population estimates and previous estimates on an annual basis therefore this data is only representative of the data published upon this date. For further information see: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/publications/small-area-population-estimates-mid-2023-and-mid-2024-2011-data-zones/>
4. Life expectancies are calculated based on population estimates and death registrations. 95% confidence intervals have been added on the graphs to the neighbourhood data to give an indication of their accuracy. The 95% confidence interval for the Glasgow and/or Scotland comparison line has been removed due to the size of the population. This resulted in the confidence interval sitting on the data line making it unreadable. The x-axes of the life expectancy graphs give the mid-year for each life expectancy estimate e.g. 2020 represents the life expectancy estimate for the period 2018–2022.
5. A notes and definitions document providing further information on the variables presented in the profile can be found in the Profiles section of the Understanding Glasgow website: <https://www.understandingglasgow.com/profiles/children-young-people-s-profiles>.