

## People born in the European Economic Area (EEA) living and working in FALKIRK

### *Demographic and Census Analysis*

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*EEA countries include EU member countries at March 2011 (excluding the UK in this data) and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Within the EEA area there is free movement of people, goods, services and capital in the European Single Market.*

### Key points

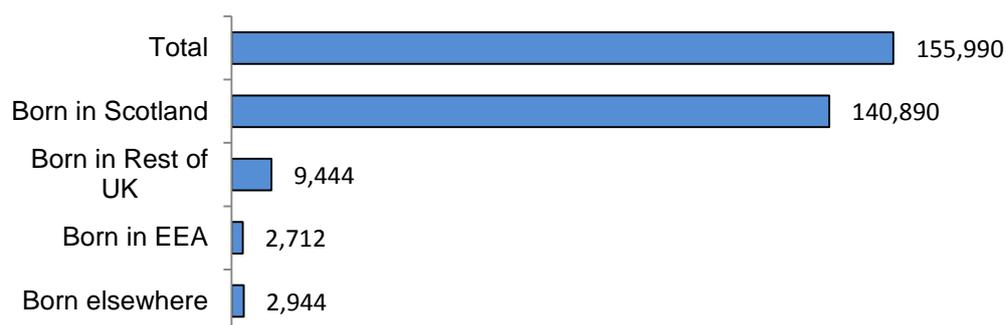
- In the 2011 Census, 1.7% (2,700 people) of Falkirk's population was born in a country in the EEA.
- Net migration to Falkirk from overseas has been mostly positive for the last 12 years. Most recently in 2015/16, there was a net gain of 150 people from overseas.
- In 2011, a higher proportion of the EEA-born population in Falkirk was of working age (16-64 years) (78%; 2,110 people), compared with 66% of its overall population.
- Falkirk is projected to have an ageing population over the next 25 years, with a projected increase of 66% for those aged 65 or over. In contrast, the working age population (aged 16-64 years) is projected to fall by 5% between 2014 and 2039.
- In 2011, a greater proportion of EEA-born residents of Falkirk aged 16 and over were in employment (71%; 1,700 people) compared with the total population aged 16 and over of the council area (60%).
- The proportion of EEA-born residents of Falkirk aged 16-74 with a degree level qualification in 2011 was 38% (850 people). The proportion of all people aged 16-74 in the council area with a degree level qualification was lower at 21%.

## Number of EEA-born residents

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According to the 2011 Census, 1.7% (2,700 people) of Falkirk's population was born in the EEA. The corresponding proportion for the whole of Scotland was 3.0%.

**Figure 1: Number of residents by country of birth, Falkirk, 2011**

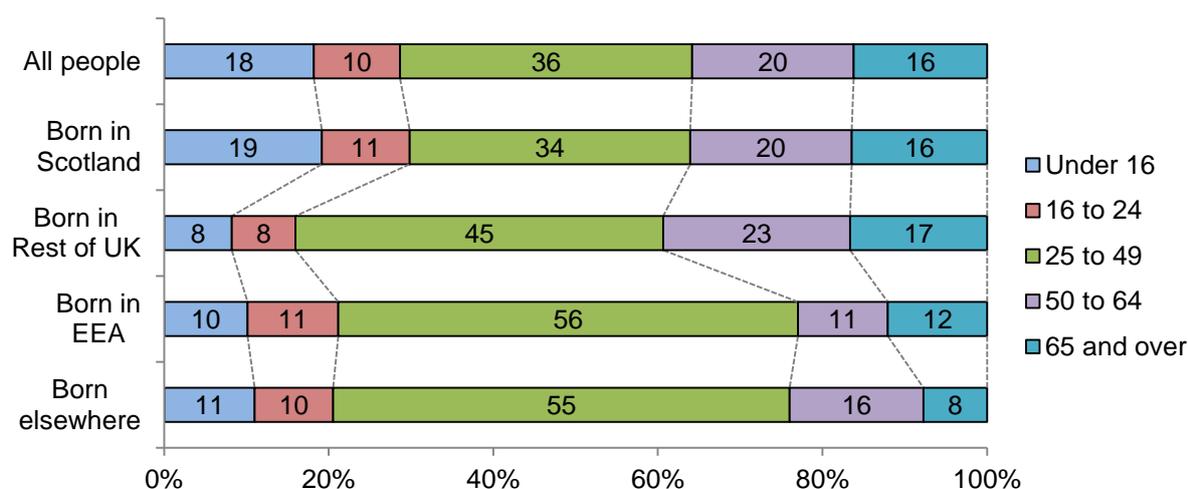


Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

## Age profile of EEA-born residents

In 2011, 78% of EEA-born residents 2,100 people were aged 16-64, compared with 66% of the whole Falkirk population. 12% of EEA-born residents (330 people) were aged 65 years or over, compared with 16% for the whole population.

**Figure 2: Percentage of the population in each age group by country of birth, Falkirk, 2011**



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

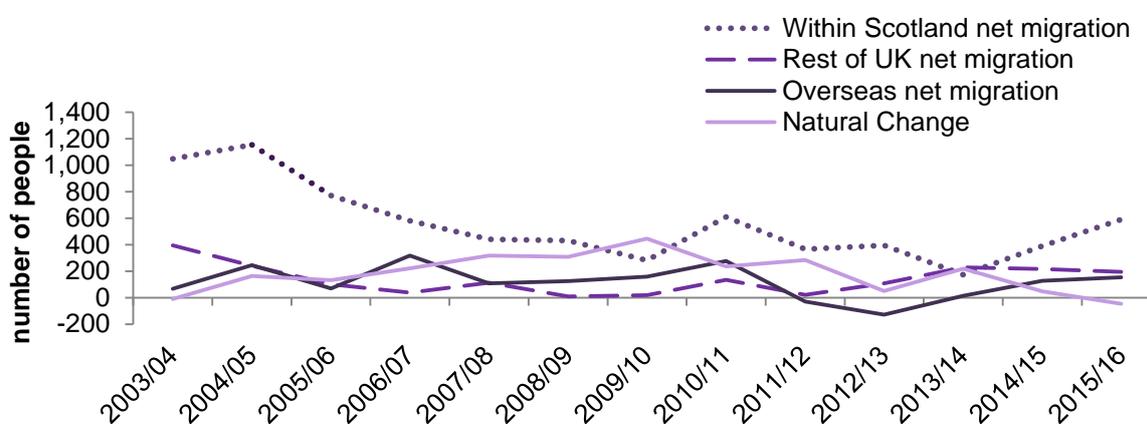
## Migration trends

The migration estimates at local level do not allow the overseas component of migration to be broken down into individual countries or groups of countries. The charts start from 2003/04 as the Treaty of Accession came into force in 2003 followed by an enlargement of the EU in 2004.

Over the past 12 years, Falkirk has experienced a decrease in net migration from within Scotland. In 2015/16 there was a net gain of 500 people from within Scotland compared with 1,000 people in 2003/04.

Net migration from overseas has fluctuated over the last 12 years although has generally been positive. In 2015/16, there was a net gain of 150 people from overseas.

Figure 3: Components of population change, Falkirk, 2003/04 - 2015/16



Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

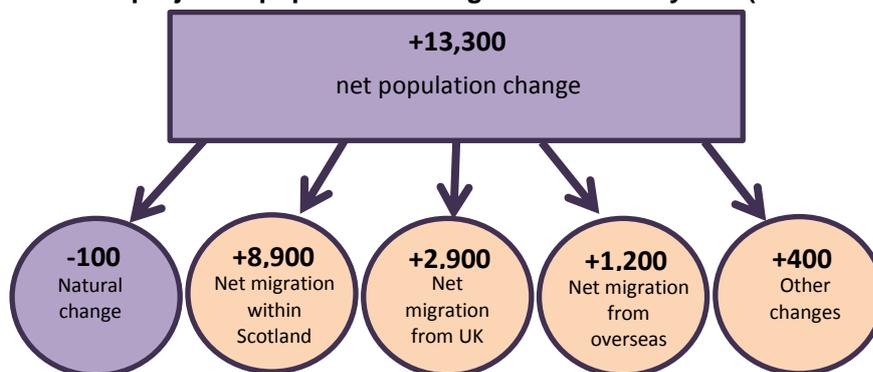
## Population projections

These are trend-based and do not take into account shifts in government policy and other social and economic factors that influence population change, including the UK's decision to leave the EU.

	Falkirk	Scotland
<b>Projected population change over the next 25 years</b>	<b>+8.4%</b>	<b>+6.6%</b>

Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

Figure 4: Components of projected population change over next 25 years (2014 – 2039)



Source: Population Projections for Scottish areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

The largest driver of the projected increase in Falkirk’s population over the next 25 years is positive net migration from within Scotland, although migration from the rest of the UK and overseas are also projected to contribute towards Falkirk’s population growth.

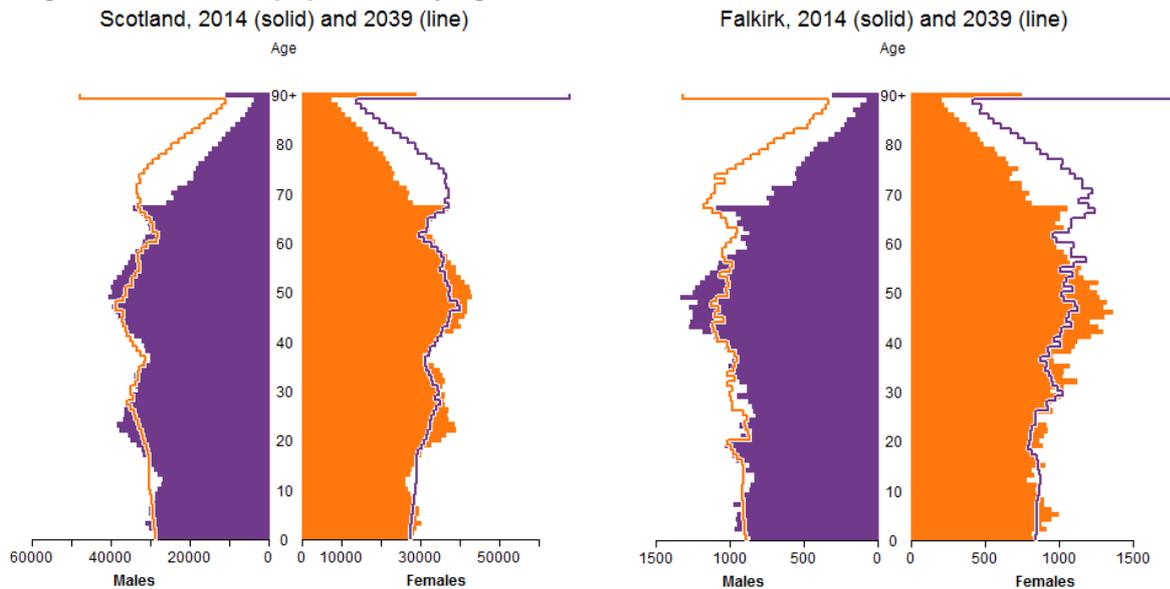
## Changing age structure

*The demographic resilience of local areas is affected by the changing age structure of new population and levels of migration. Working age migrants can play an important role in addressing the ageing population.*

Falkirk is projected to experience an increase in population aged 65 or over (+66%) between 2014 and 2039, with the male population projected to increase by 9,300 (74%) compared to 9,000 (58%) for females.

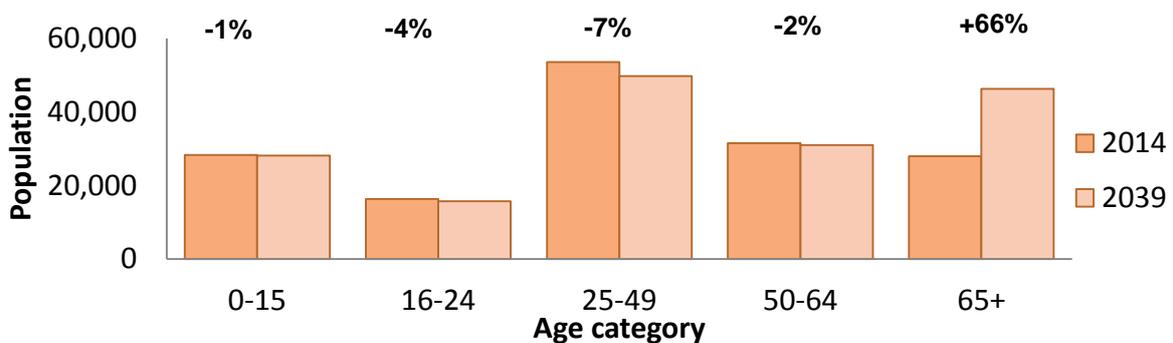
In contrast, the working age population (aged 16-64) in Falkirk is projected to decline by 5% over the next 25 years to 2039, with the biggest decline expected in those aged 25-49 years (down 7%).

**Figure 5: Estimated population by age and sex, 2014 and 2039**



Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

**Figure 6: Population projections by age from 2014 - 2039**



Source: Population Projections for Scottish Areas, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

## Nationalities of National Insurance Number (NINo) allocations to overseas nationals in 2015

A NINo is generally required by any overseas national looking to work or claim benefits / tax credits in the UK, including the self-employed or students working part time.

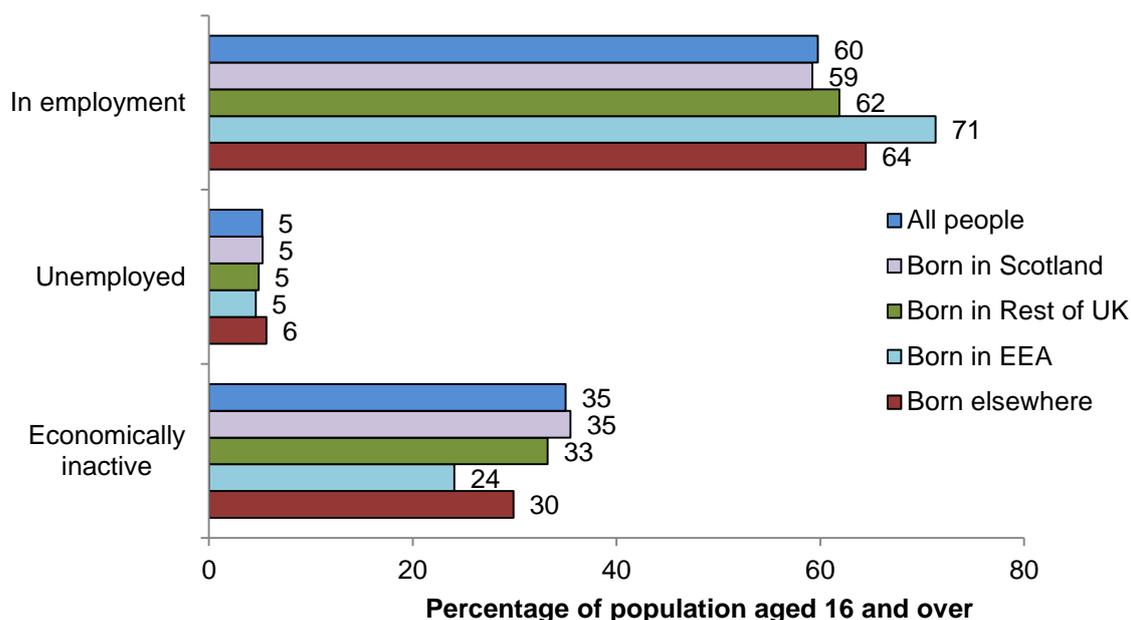
	Number of nationalities	Top five nationalities (NINo allocations)
Falkirk	20	Poland, Hungary, Portugal, Romania, Italy
Scotland	129	Poland, Romania, Spain, Italy, Bulgaria

Source: Local area migration tables, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

## Economic activity

According to the 2011 Census, a higher percentage of Falkirk's EEA-born residents aged 16 and over were employed (71%; 1,700 people) than of the total population aged 16 and over of the council area (60%). Fewer EEA residents were economically inactive<sup>1</sup> (24%; 590 people) compared with the total population (35%).

**Figure 7: Percentage of people aged 16 and over in each category of economic activity by country of birth, Falkirk, 2011**



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

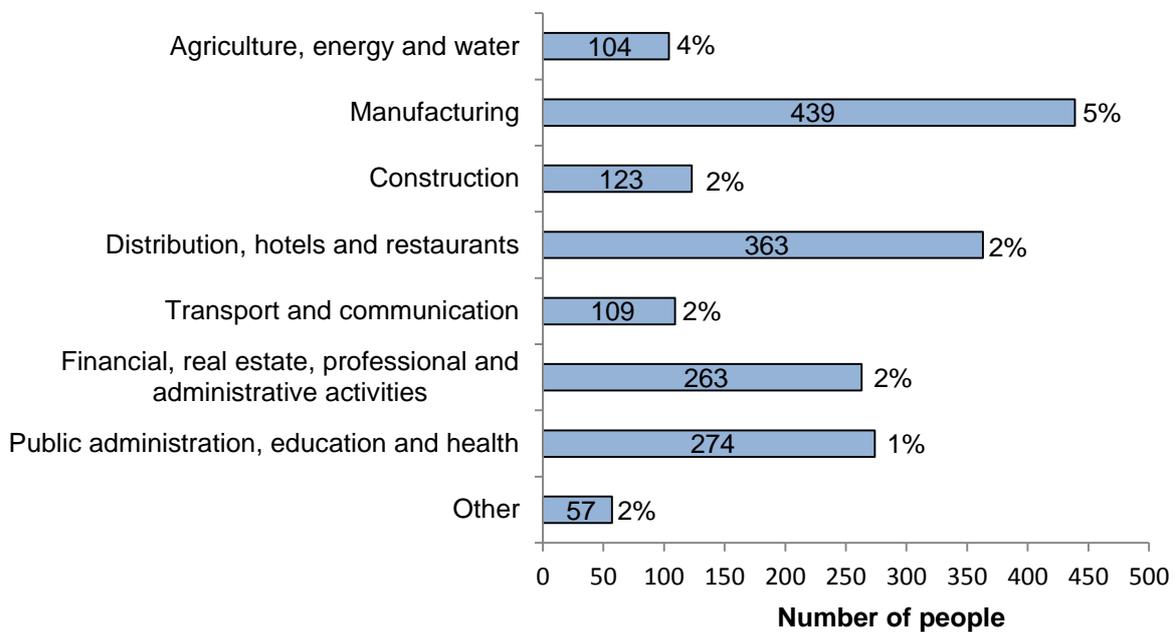
<sup>1</sup> Economic inactive people include: students not seeking employment, people who are retired, and other people not seeking employment (such as those who are long-term sick or disabled or who are looking after a home or family).

## Industry of employment

A total of 1,700 EEA-born people aged 16-74 were in employment in Falkirk at the time of the 2011 Census. The largest numbers by industrial sector were: Manufacturing (440 people), Distribution, hotels and restaurants (360) and Public administration, education and health (270).

In 2011, EEA-born people made up 2% of all residents of Falkirk aged 16-74 in employment. The industrial sector in which this proportion was highest was manufacturing (5%).

**Figure 8: Number of people aged 16-74 born in the EEA who work in each industrial sector and percentage of that sector's workforce, Falkirk, 2011**

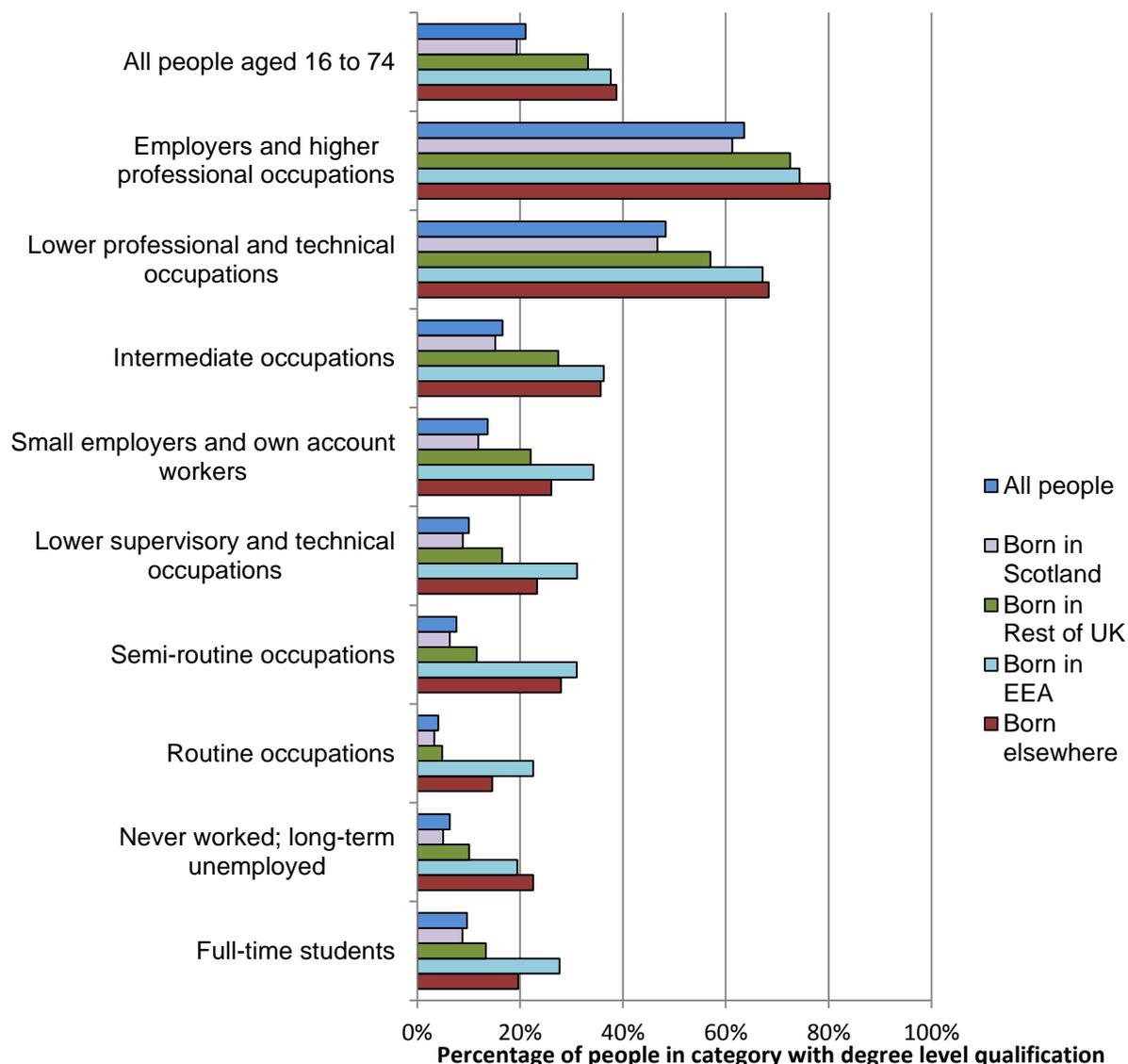


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## National Statistics Socio-economic classification (NS-SeC) and education

In 2011, the proportion of EEA-born residents of Falkirk aged 16-74 with a degree level qualification (38%; 850 people) was higher than for all people aged 16-74 in the council area (21%). This qualification gap tended to be greater at lower level occupation categories.

**Figure 9: Percentage of people aged 16-74 with a degree level qualification<sup>2</sup> in each NS-SeC<sup>3</sup> category by country of birth, Falkirk, 2011**



Source: Scotland's Census 2011, National Records of Scotland (NRS)

<sup>2</sup> In the 2011 Census, this is defined as Level 4 and above and includes: Degree, Postgraduate qualifications, Masters, PhD, SVQ level 5 or equivalent; Professional qualifications (for example, teaching, nursing, accountancy); Other Higher Education qualifications not already mentioned (including foreign qualifications).

<sup>3</sup> The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation. It is an Office for National Statistics standard classification.