

Technical Appendix 13.1: Baseline Data

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1. SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT

TABLE 1.1 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND EMPLOYMENT

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND	UK
Economically active	77.6%	77.0%	78.5%
In employment	74.6%	74.5%	75.5%
Employees	61.0%	66.1%	65.9%
Self employed	13.4%	8.1%	9.3%
Unemployed	3.9%	3.3%	3.8%
Economically inactive	22.4%	23.0%	21.5%
Retired	22.3%	15.4%	12.8%
Student	17.2%	23.8%	27.0%
Looking after home or family	16.5%	16.1%	18.5%
Long-term sick	31.9%	33.7%	28.2%
Other	12.0%	11.0%	13.4%

Source: APS, 2024

TABLE 1.2 EARNINGS

MEDIAN WEEKLY WAGES	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND	UK
Residence-based	£667.10	£740	£728.30
Workplace based	£632.30	£739.70	£728.30

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, 2024

TABLE 1.3 GROSS ADDED VALUE

PRODUCTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND	UK
Total GVA	£2,810m	£183,471m	£2,464,587

PRODUCTIVITY	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND	UK
GVA per Head	£27,485	£37,192	£39,845

Source: ONS, 2025

TABLE 1.4 EMPLOYMENT PROFILE

EMPLOYEES BY SECTOR	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Agriculture, forestry & fishing (A)	12.4%	6.1%	1.6%
Mining, quarrying & utilities (B,D and E)	1.4%	0.4%	1.6%
Manufacturing (C)	6.9%	9.5%	8.0%
Construction (F)	3.3%	7.9%	7.3%
Wholesale and Retail trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles	6.9%	11.5%	11.2%
Transport & storage (inc postal) (H)	3.3%	3.4%	4.9%
Accommodation & food services (I)	6.1%	6.3%	6.9%
Information & communication (J)	2.5%	2.2%	2.9%
Financial & insurance (K)	4.4%	2.5%	4.3%
Property (L)	1.1%	1.4%	1.0%
Professional, scientific & technical (M)	5.5%	5.4%	5.8%
Business administration & support services (N)	6.1%	4.2%	4.7%
Public administration & defence (0)	8.5%	7.9%	9.1%
Education (P)	7.4%	7.6%	8.2%
Health (Q)	9.1%	15.3%	14.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services (R,S,T and U)	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%

2. WIDER SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONTEXT

TABLE 2.1 OCCUPATIONS

OCCUPATIONS	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Managers, directors and senior officials	11.3%	9.2%	8%
Professional occupations	18.7%	18.1%	20.6%
Associate professional and technical occupations	14.1%	12.0%	13.9%
Administrative and secretarial occupations	9.1%	8.7%	9.6%
Skilled trades occupations	16.5%	14.8%	11.2%
Caring, leisure and other service occupations	8.0%	10.1%	9.5%
Sales and customer service occupations	3.0%	7.0%	8.2%
Process, plant and machine operatives	2.8%	7.7%	7.6%
Elementary occupations	13.0%	12.4%	12%

Source: Census, 2022

TABLE 2.2 QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Other Qualifications	N/A	N/A	N/A
Apprenticeships	7.7%	8.3%	7.7%
No Qualifications	13.6%	17.3%	16.7%
Level 1 and entry level qualifications	17.2%	19.6%	18.9%
Level 2 qualifications	11.7%	11.0%	11.1%
Level 3 qualifications	12.2%	11.8%	13.24%
Level 4 qualifications or above	36.6%	32.0%	32.5%

3. SOCIO-CULTURAL CONTEXT

TABLE 3.1 AGE PROFILE

AGE PROFILE	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Aged 4 years and under	3.5%	4.1%	4.6%
Aged 5 to 9 years	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%
Aged 10 to 15 years	5.4%	6.6%	6.6%
Aged 16 to 19 years	2.8%	3.9%	4.4%
Aged 20 to 24 years	2.5%	4.2%	6.3%
Aged 25 to 34 years	9.0%	9.4%	12.8%
Aged 35 to 49 years	17.9%	16.3%	18.6%
Aged 50 to 64 years	29.1%	25.9%	21.5%
Aged 65 to 74 years	15.5%	15.6%	11.0%
Aged 75 to 84 years	8.7%	9.0%	6.6%
Aged 85 years and over	1.5%	3.2%	2.4%

Source: Census, 2022

TABLE 3.2 ETHNICITY

ETHNICITY	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	0.2%	0.7%	3.9%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	0.1%	0.2%	1.2%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1.3%	0.7%	1.1%
White	98.5%	98.1%	92.9%
Other ethnic group	0%	0.3%	0.9%

TABLE 3.3 SELF-REPORTED RATING OF HEALTH

SELF REPORTED RATING OF HEALTH	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Very bad health	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%
Bad health	3.3%	4.5%	5.3%
Fair health	14.0%	14.6%	14.2%
Good health	33.2%	31.7%	30.9%
Very good health	48.3%	47.9%	48.0%

Source: Census, 2022

TABLE 3.4 LONG-TERM HEALTH PROBLEM OR DISABILITY

HEALTH	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Not disabled under the Equality Act: No long term physical or mental health conditions	78.4%	76.4%	75.9%
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to- day activities limited a little	13.5%	14.1%	13.3%
Disabled under the Equality Act: Day-to- day activities limited a lot	8.4%	9.5%	10.8%

Source: Census, 2022

TABLE 3.5 HOUSEHOLDS

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Total no. households	339	55,583	2,509,269
Owned	71.7%	62.9%	63.2%
Private rented	11.5%	13.7%	12.9%
Social rented	14.2%	20.9%	22.5%
Lives rent free	2.7%	0.4%	1.4%

TABLE 3.6 PROPERTY PRICE

PROPERTY PRICES	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Median Property Price	-	175,598.0	188,807
Change in median property price	-	35.5%	47.9%

Source: Land Registry, UK House Price Index, 2025

TABLE 3.7 SERVICES

SERVICES	COCKBURNSPATH & AREA	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Patients		121,074	5,996,967
GPs		114	5,209.00
Patient: GP Ratio		1062	1151.27
Primary teachers	3	479	25,099
Primary pupils	41	7,653	384,725
Primary school Pupil: Teacher Ratio	14	16	15
Primary Capacity	-	-	527,016
Primary Capacity			73%
Secondary teachers	N/A	520	25,049
Secondary pupils	N/A	6,527	313,061
Secondary school pupil: teacher Ratio	N/A	13	12
Secondary Capacity	-	-	370,454
Secondary Capacity	-		85%

Source: Public Health Scotland, 2024

4. TOURISM AND RECREATION

TABLE 4.1 TOURISM AND RECREATION

TOURISM AND RECREATION	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Total overnight visits by international and domestic visitors	316,000	16.4 million
Total nights spend in accommodations by international and domestic visitors	980,000	63.8 million
Total spend by international and domestic visitors	£115 million	£6.53 billion
Average overnight visitor spend	£365	£258

Source: Visit Scotland, 2023

TABLE 4.2 DOMESTIC TOURISM

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT TOURISM	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Domestic visits	291,000	10,600,000
Domestic nights	729,000	29,500,000
Domestic spend	£79 million	£3 billion

Source: Visit Scotland, 2023

TABLE 4.3 INTERNATIONAL TOURISM

INTERNATIONAL OVERNIGHT TOURISM	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
International visits	26,000	~ 3,987,000
International nights	252,000	~ 34,354,000
International spend	£39 million	~£3,593 million

Source: Visit Scotland, 2023. International Passenger Survey (IPS)

TABLE 4.4 TOURIST ECONOMY

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE	SCOTTISH BORDERS	SCOTLAND
Tourism employment	4,500	229,000
Tourism employment as a percentage of all employment	8.7%	9.1%
Tourism business	425	15,830
Tourism businesses as a percentage of all businesses	8.1%	9.2%
Tourism turnover	£157 million	£3,366m
Total tourism GVA per head	£19,304	-

Source: Visit Scotland, 2023