

East Lothian Partnership

East Lothian by Numbers

A Statistical Profile of East Lothian

10. Neighbourhood and Place

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Neighbourhood & Place

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Neighbourhood & Place

The rural nature of much of East Lothian means that the majority of the population live in geographically distinct towns and villages – each with their own strengths and differing needs.

While each of the East Lothian wards is geographically clustered around one of six major towns it does mean that people across the county have different levels of access to local services and facilities. These variations not only impact on local quality of life and the opportunities available to local residents, but also on the strength and resilience of local communities. As to how people feel about their own neighbourhoods can also influence how much they choose to become involved.

**Summary:**

- A high percentage of residents rate their neighbourhood and East Lothian as good places to live. However, far fewer feel very strongly about belonging to their immediate neighbourhood.
- Road and pavement repairs was the service that most residents felt was in need of improvement.
- Only 27% of East Lothian residents strongly agreed/agreed that they could influence decision making in their local area, however 76% stated that they would like to be more involved.
- 33% of people volunteered in East Lothian in the last year – 13% did this more than once per week.
- The European 2014, UK 2015 and Scottish 2016 elections all showed increases in electorate turnout when compared to previous years.
- The majority of residents stated that they strongly agreed/agreed that their neighbours supported each other.
- 442 charities were registered with OSCR in 2016.
- 11 datazones in East Lothian are amongst the 10% most access deprived in Scotland
- Access to the internet in East Lothian has risen from 46% in 2003/04 to 79% in 2014.

Local Neighbourhood

Table 10.1 shows that 59.3% of residents in East Lothian regard their neighbourhood as a ‘very good’ place to stay, whilst 37.2% rate their neighbourhood as a ‘fairly good’ place to stay. An even higher percentage (73.8%) regard East Lothian as being a ‘very good’ area to live in.

Far fewer people feel very strongly about belonging to their immediate neighbourhood.

Table 10.1: Percentage of people reporting their perceptions of neighbourhood and area as a place to stay in East Lothian (Citizens Panel 2015).

Perceptions of place	Very Good	Fairly Good	Fairly Poor	Very poor
Neighbourhood as a place to stay	59.3%	37.2%	2.2%	1.4%
East Lothian as an area to live	73.8%	25.1%	1.0%	0.1%

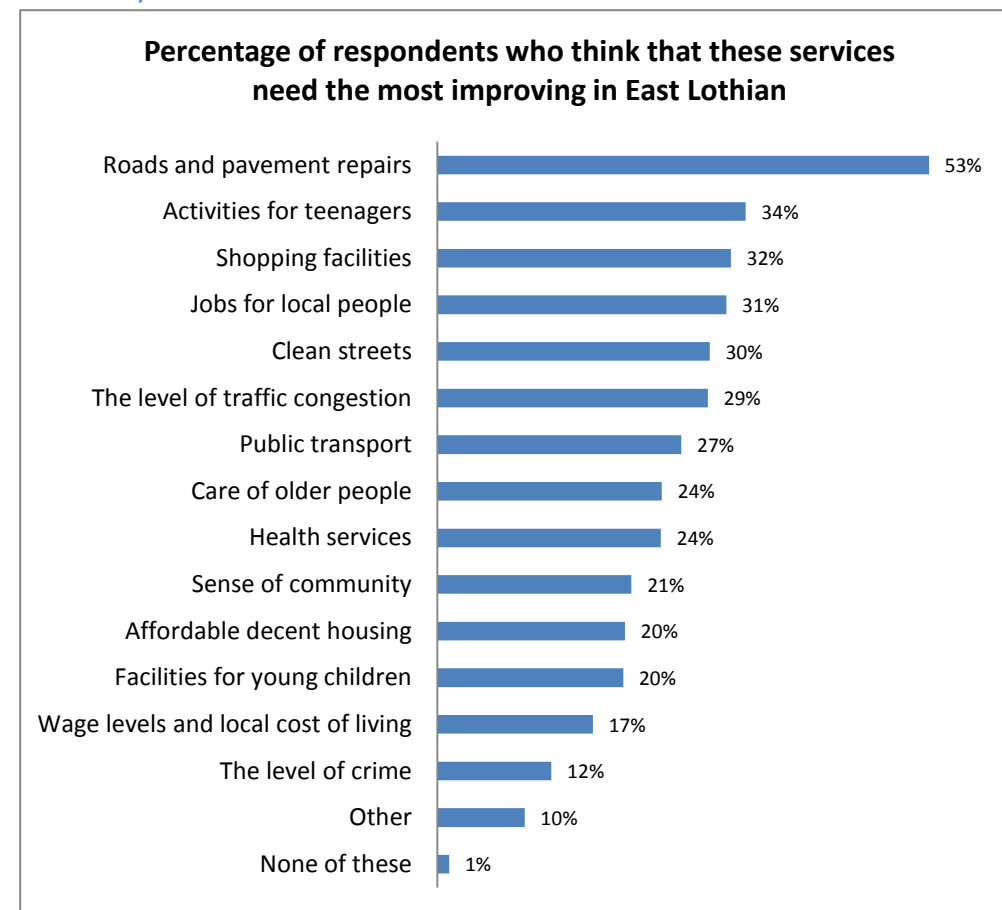
Table 10.2 demonstrates people’s perceptions of how much they can influence decisions made by public sector organisations providing services in their local area. Only 27% strongly agreed/agreed that they could influence decisions, and 76% strongly agreed/agreed that they would like to be more involved in decision making.

Table 10.2: Perceptions of being involved in decision making in the local area (Citizens Panel 2015).

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
I can influence decisions affecting my local area	3%	24%	32%	19%	23%
I would like to be more involved in decisions that are made affecting my local area	19%	57%	8%	1%	15%

Figure 10.1 shows that the category most citizens panel respondents thought needed improvement was roads and pavement repairs (53%).

Figure 10.1: Which of the things below do you think need most improving (Citizens Panel 2015).

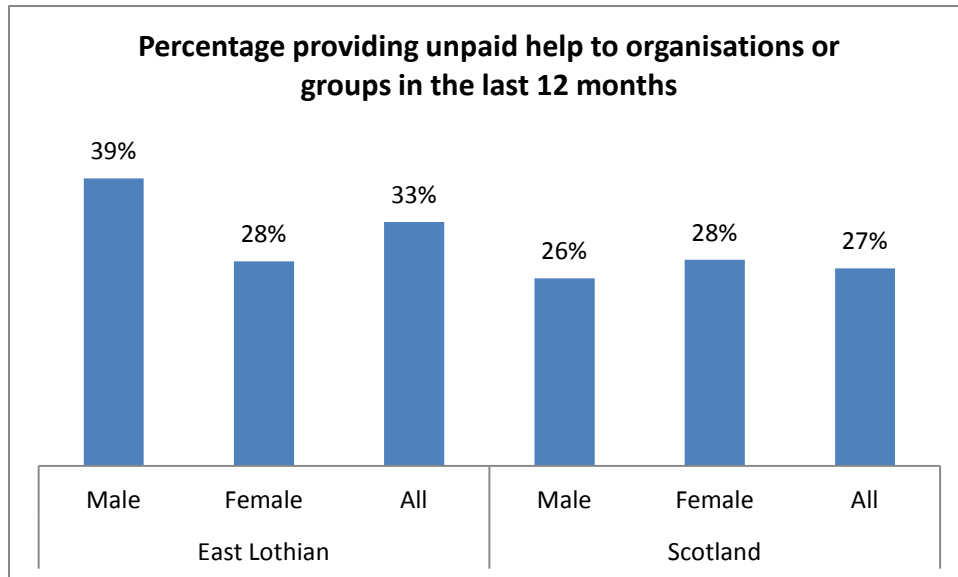


Active Citizens

The Scottish Household Survey asked people if they had volunteered or given any time during the last 12 months.

Figure 10.2 shows that overall 33% of people volunteered in East Lothian during the last 12 months. 39% of East Lothian males identified as having volunteered as opposed to only 28% of females.

Figure 10.2: Percentage of the population that have volunteered during the last 12 months, in East Lothian by sex and age. (Scottish Household Survey 2014).



The citizen's panel asked people if they had volunteered or given any time during the last 12 months to help any clubs, community centres, village halls, charities, campaigns or other organisations.

Figure 10.3 shows the percentage of people volunteering in the community by how often they do so. 49% of volunteers gave their free time at least a few hours a month or more, with 13% volunteering more than once a week.

Figure 10.3: Percentage of people volunteering in the community by how often they have given up time to do this in the last year (Citizens Panel 2015).

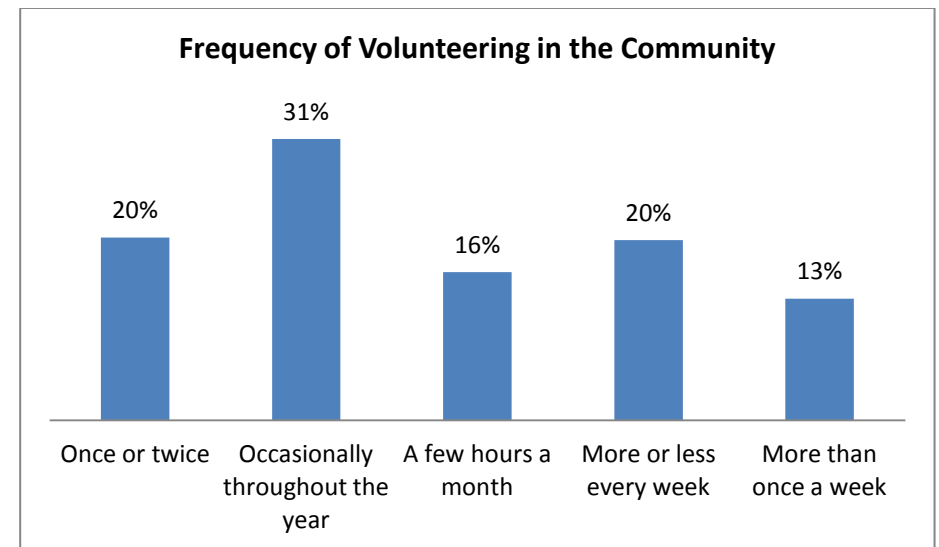


Table 10.3: Percentage of adults that provided unpaid help or work to various organisations or groups in the last year (Scottish Household Survey 2014).

Organisation or Group	East Lothian	Scotland
Youth / children	31	22
Local community or neighbourhood groups	28	18
Children's activities associated with schools	23	17
Religious groups	18	15
Sport / exercise (coaching or organising)	12	15
Health, disability and social welfare	10	21
Hobbies / recreation / arts / social clubs	10	15
The elderly	3	9
Environmental protection	3	4
Citizens groups	2	4
Justice and human rights	2	3
Domestic animal welfare	2	3
Education for adults	1	4
Wildlife protection	1	3
Political groups	1	3
Trade union activities	1	1
Safety, first aid	-	3

Levels of volunteering are quite high in East Lothian and there is a wide range of organisations that people give up their time to help. Table 10.3 shows the percentage of people that provided unpaid work for various types of organisation in the last year in East Lothian and Scotland. East Lothian has a higher percentage than Scotland four of these categories. Youth/children and Local community groups have the most interest in East Lothian.

Around 34% of people reported to the Citizens' Panel that they were members of a community group or organisation. In East Lothian there are a wide range of community groups and organisations including:

- 22 Tenants and Residents Associations.
- 20 Community Councils.
- 41 Parent Councils.
- 6 Area Partnerships.

People in East Lothian tend to be more civically engaged with their local community and, as a result, voter turnout is higher than the Scottish average. Table 10.4 and figure 10.4 show voter turnout for the most recent elections and referenda in Scotland.

Table 10.4: Eligible Electorate and turnout in East Lothian (Electoral Commission 2016).

Election	Year	Turnout (%)	Main Counting Area*
UK Election	2005	64.9	UK Constituency
Scottish Election	2007	57.9	SP Constituency
Local Council Elections	2007	57.8	Local Authority
European Election	2009	28.9	Local Authority
UK Election	2010	67.1	UK Constituency
Scottish Election	2011	57.3	SP Constituency
Alternative Vote Referendum	2011	57.3	SP Constituency
Local Council Elections	2012	44.1	Local Authority
European Election	2014	35.9	Local Authority
Independence Referendum	2014	87.6	Local Authority
UK Election	2015	74.2	UK Constituency
European Union Referendum	2016	71.7	Local Authority
Scottish Election	2016	62.3	SP Constituency

Figure 10.4: Voter Turnout in East Lothian and Scotland (Electoral Commission 2016).

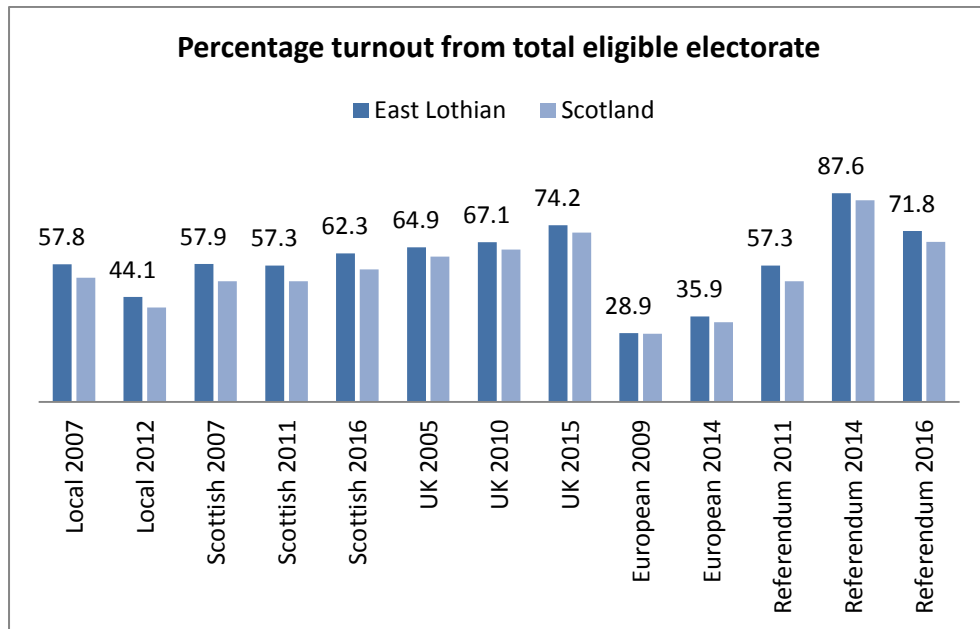


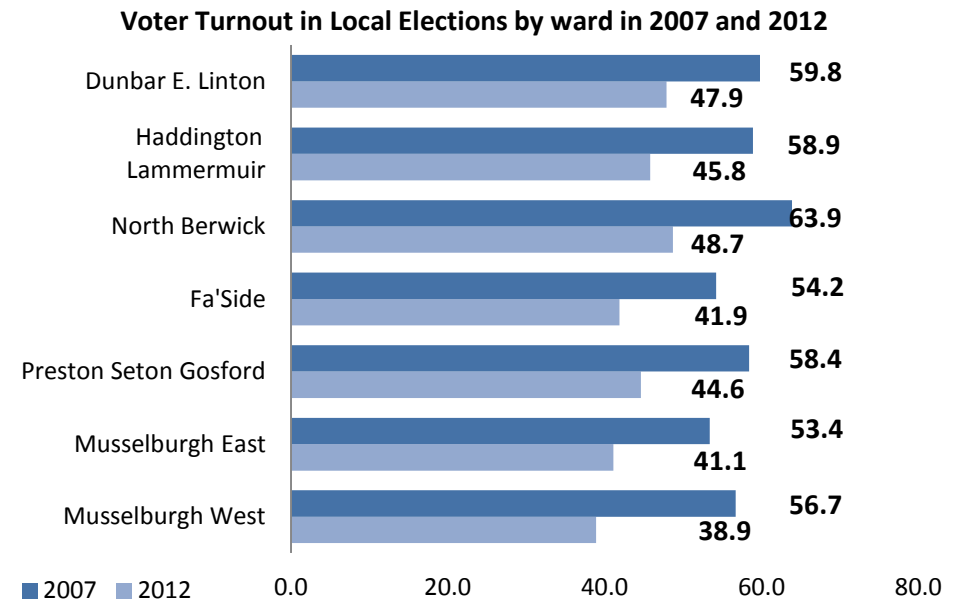
Figure 10.4 shows that the highest electoral turnout was for the 2014 Scottish Independence election. The European 2014, UK 2015 and Scottish 2016 elections all showed an increase when compared to previous years.

Voter turnout was far higher for the 2007 local elections than the 2012 local elections – perhaps due to the Scottish Parliament election being held on the same day in 2007. However, differences in participation between wards remain in both elections. Figure 10.5 shows the percentage of voter

Electoral boundaries differ from year-to-year and from election-to-election. Whilst constituencies are broadly similar to the local authority area, these boundaries change over time. For the purpose of these turnout figures only votes within the election *counting area* are included.

turnout at both the 2007 and 2012 local council elections by ward. A 10.5% point difference in turnout existed between North Berwick Coastal (highest) and Musselburgh East & Carberry (lowest) in 2007. There was a 9.8% difference in 2012 between North Berwick Coastal (highest) and Musselburgh West (lowest).

Figure 10.5: Voter turnout for local council elections in 2007 and 2012 by multimember ward (Electoral Commission 2014; East Lothian Council 2014).



Community Resilience

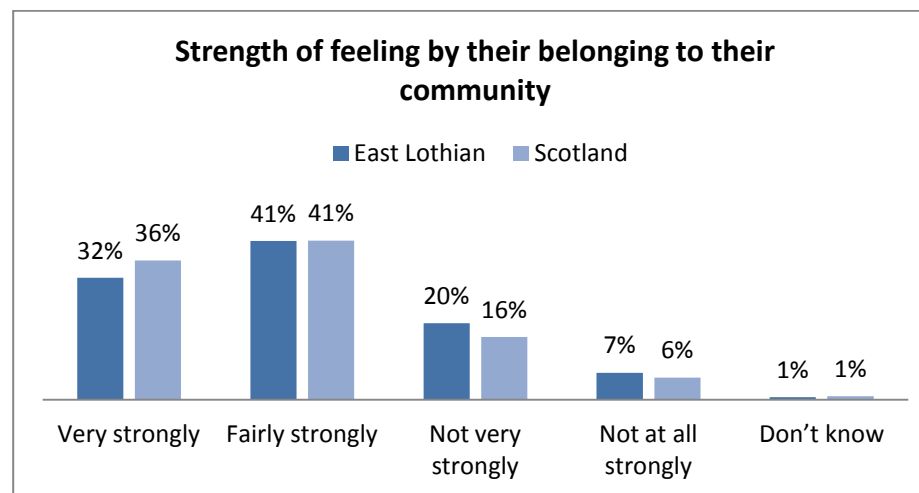
Table 10.5 shows the percentage of people agreeing with statements on neighbours supporting each other. A majority 'agree' or 'strongly agree' that their neighbours would be able to help in these circumstances.

Table 10.5: Percentage of people agreeing with statements on support from neighbours and community in East Lothian (Citizens Panel 2014).

Support in the Community	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
If I was alone and needed help I could rely on someone in my neighbourhood to help me.	32	46	10	3	9
If my home was empty, I could count on someone in my neighbourhood to keep an eye on it.	39	45	8	3	5
I feel I could turn to someone in my neighbourhood for advice or support.	26	42	16	5	11
People in my neighbourhood would assist in responding to extreme weather events.	32	45	11	4	9
People from different backgrounds get on well together in my local area	21	70	8	1	0
I have the confidence in my ability to do things well	36	61	3	0	0

The Scottish Household Survey 2013 asked similar questions to the above table and the results were broadly similar; high proportions of people agreed or strongly agreed. The survey also asked about the strength of belonging to a community. A majority of respondents in East Lothian felt 'very' or 'fairly' strongly towards their community. Figure 10.6 shows the proportion of people by their strength of belonging to their local community. More people in East Lothian felt 'very strongly' and 'not strongly at all' in East Lothian than in Scotland. Fewer people felt 'fairly strongly'.

Figure 10.6: Proportion of people by their strength of belonging to their local community, in East Lothian and Scotland (SHS 2013).



Third Sector

The number of active charities registered with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) in East Lothian was 442 in March 2016. 379 charities had some form of income and 376 had declared expenditures. The total income of charities in East Lothian for 2015/16 was £137,106,750 whilst the expenditure was £107,363,878.

Two registered charities – Queen Margaret University and Loretto School – made up a significant proportion of both income and expenditure as shown in table 10.6. These two institutions had the highest levels of income and expenditure, some way above the other registered bodies.

Table 10.6: Total income and expenditure of charities in East Lothian and proportions of largest two charities (OSCR 2016).

	Total Amount	QMU Proportion	Loretto School Proportion	Other 427 Charities' Proportion
Income	£137,106,750	28.2%	9.1%	62.7%
Expenditure	£107,363,878	34.7%	11.5%	53.8%

Over half of the registered charities in East Lothian were registered in the 2000s or 2010. Figure 10.7 shows the number and proportion of charities by their year of establishment. Many of the charities in East Lothian have a very local focus. 218 were classed as having an outreach that encompassed a local neighbourhood or community whilst a further 111 covered the whole local authority. However, there are a number of charities registered in East Lothian that have a national and international outreach as shown in figure 10.8.

Figure 10.7: Number of active charities by their year of establishment (OSCR 2016).

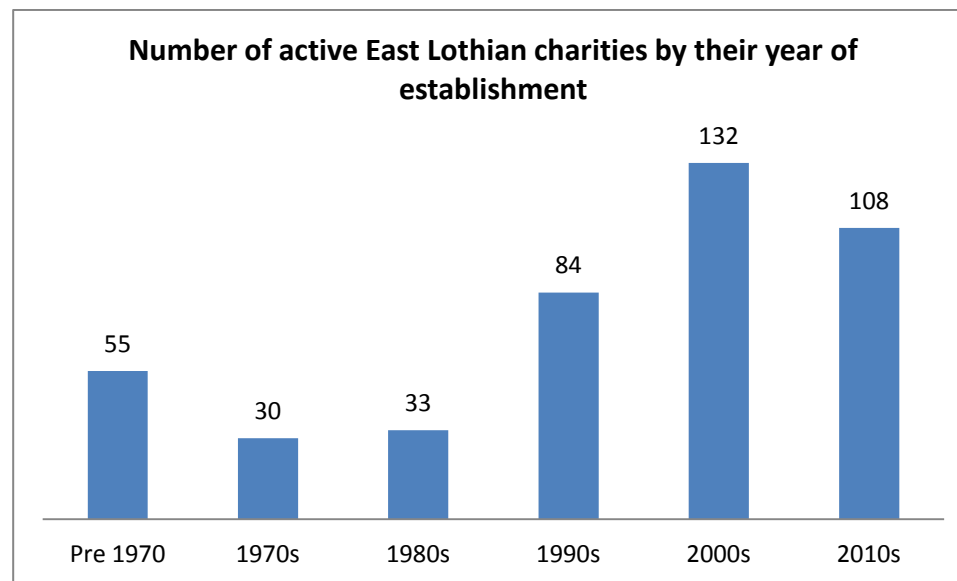
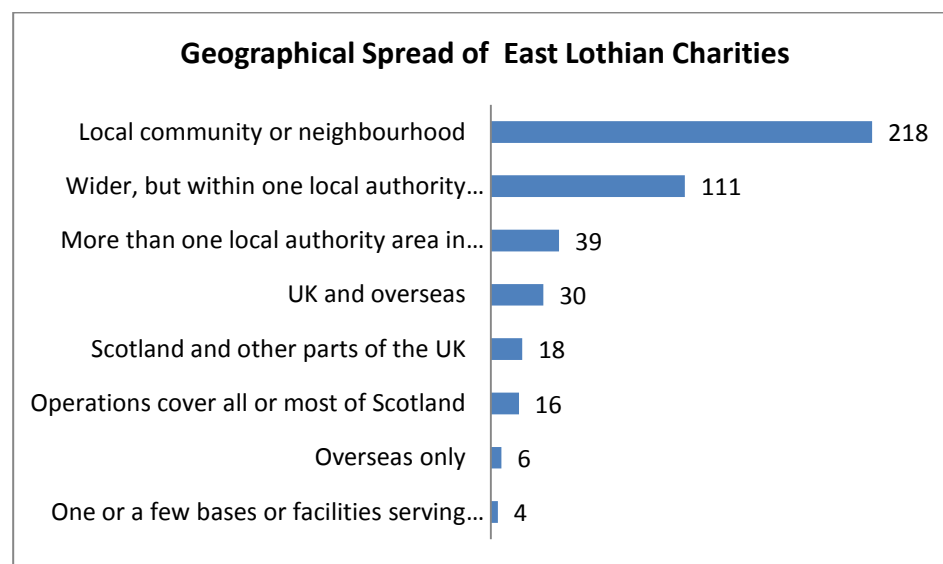


Figure 10.8: Number of East Lothian charities by their outreach in 2015 (OSCR 2016).



Cultural Events & Activities

Figure 10.9 shows the percentage of people in East Lothian and Scotland that have gone to a cultural event or a cultural place in the last year. East Lothian has higher participation than Scotland as a whole for attending these events.

Figure 10.9: Percentage of people that have gone along to a cultural event or a cultural place in the last year (Scottish Household Survey 2014).

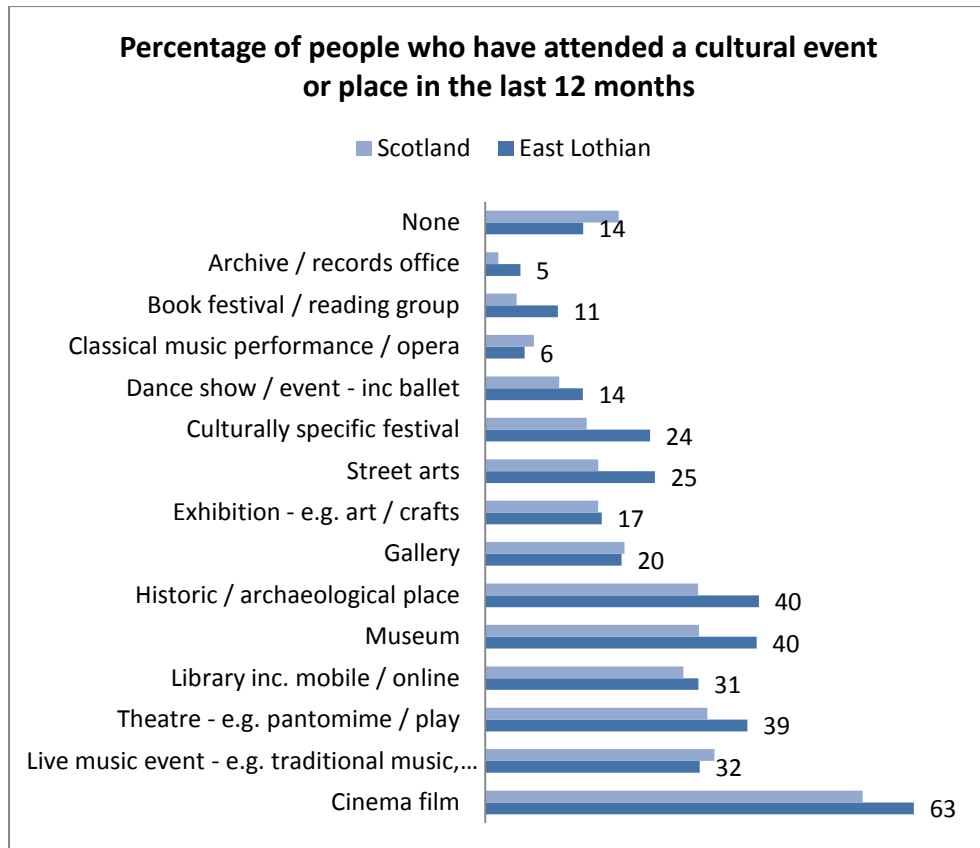
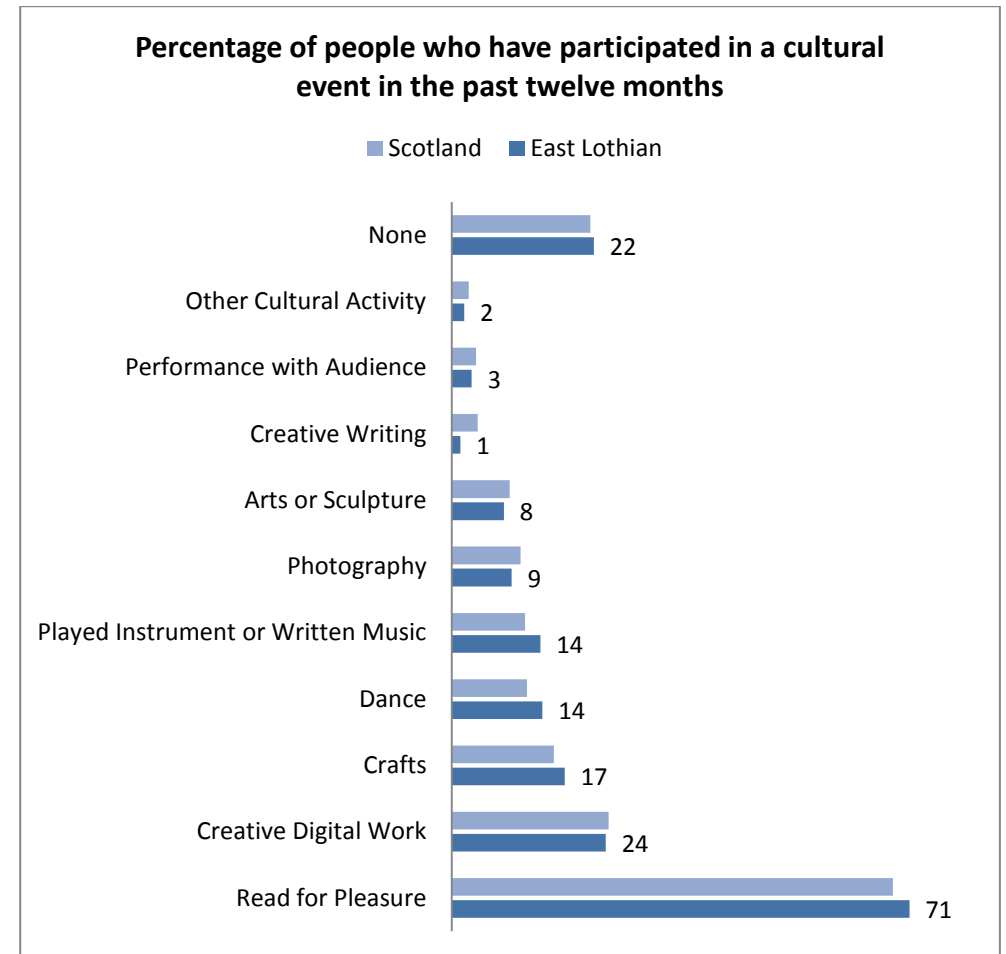


Figure 10.10 shows the percentage of people in East Lothian and Scotland that have taken part in a cultural activity in the last year. Reading for pleasure is the most popular activity.

Figure 10.10: Percentage of people who have participated in cultural activities in the last year (Scottish Household Survey 2014).



Local Services and Amenities

The 2016 Scottish Multiple Index (SIMD) identifies seven different domains of deprivation, one of which is geographic access to services. This is based on the following measures: drive time to GP, retail centre, petrol station, primary and secondary schools and post office; public transport time to GP, retail centre and post office.

Table 10.7 shows that East Lothian has 11 datazones amongst the 10% most access deprived in Scotland , 15 amongst the 15% most access deprived and 24 amongst the 20% most access deprived.

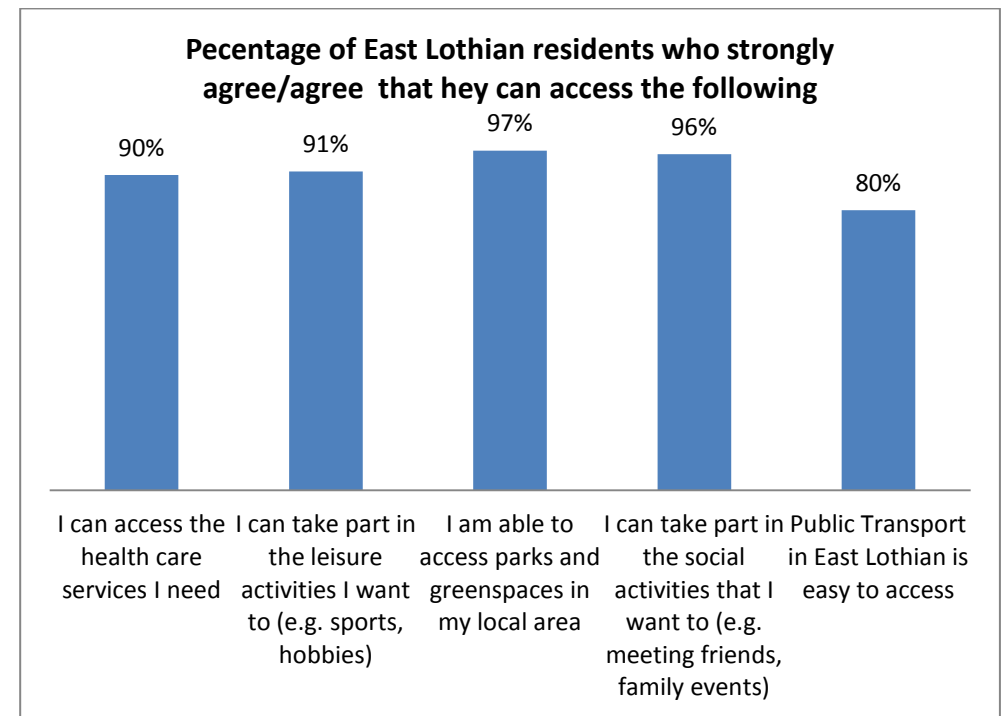
The Dunbar & East Linton ward has the highest number of datazones (7) amongst the 20% most access deprived in Scotland.

Table 10.7 Number of datazones that are access deprived (SIMD 2016).

Ward	10% most deprived in Scotland	15% most deprived in Scotland	20% most deprived in Scotland	Total
Dunbar & East Linton	3	2	2	7
Fa'side	0	2	1	3
Haddington & Lammermuir	4	0	0	4
Musselburgh East & Carberry	0	0	4	4
Musselburgh West	0	0	0	0
North Berwick Coastal	4	0	1	5
Preston Seton Gosford	0	0	1	1
Total	11	4	9	24

Access and use of public services in East Lothian is important to the local community. Figure 10.11 shows that 97% of Citizens Panel respondents strongly agree/agree that they can access greenspaces in their local area. 80% strongly agree/agree that public transport is easy to access.

Figure 10.11: Percentage of respondents who strongly agree/agree with accessing services and activities (Citizens Panel 2016).



Library Usage

The role of East Lothian libraries has changed greatly in recent years. Local residents are able to access a diverse range of services from traditional library services through to digitally sourced materials.

Residents can also access other community services including: computer assistance for to apply for jobs; health services such as the issue of hearing aid batteries; and support for people with sensory difficulties to use mobile technology.

Figure 10.12 shows the breakdown of physical library visits and the number of items issued. The number of number of physical visits has declined for the second consecutive year and the number of items issued has decreased for the third consecutive year.

Figure 10.12: Number of Library visits (physical and online), PC and Wi-Fi Sessions in East Lothian’s Libraries (East Lothian Council 2016).

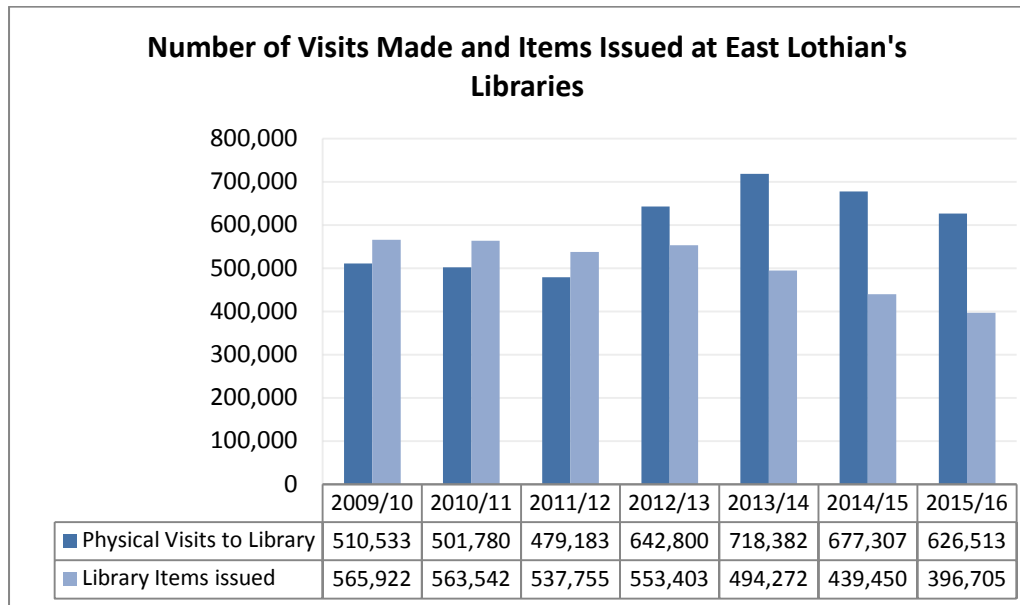
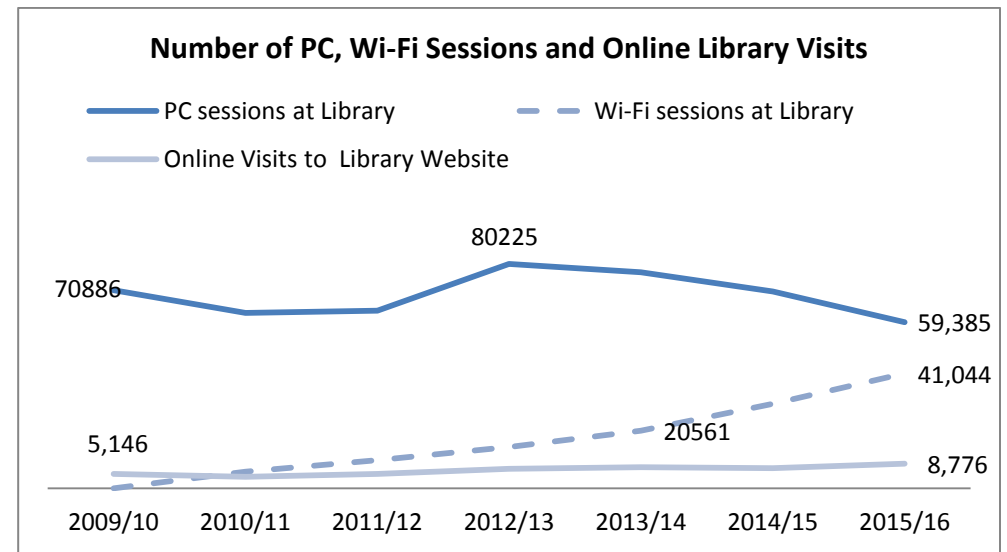


Figure 10.13 shows that the number of Wi Fi sessions has almost doubled over the last two years, whereas the number of PC sessions has decreased for the third consecutive year.

Visits made to the library website, online library catalogue and resources out with the library in 2015/16 are increasingly more slowly than the Wi-Fi sessions: 22.1% when compared to the previous year and by 70.5% since 2009/10.

Figure 10.13: Visits made to East Lothian library web site, online library catalogue and resources accessible out with the library (East Lothian Council 2016).



Internet Usage

An increasing number of people in East Lothian are internet users, and access to local government services online is increasing. Many people use the websites to find information about local issues, council services and other matters in the community. Figure 10.14 shows the percentage of people that have ever used various public services on local authority websites in East Lothian, whilst figure 10.15 shows the main services people access on government websites.

Figure 10.14: Percentage of people who have accessed public services on local authority websites in East Lothian and Scotland (SHS 2014).

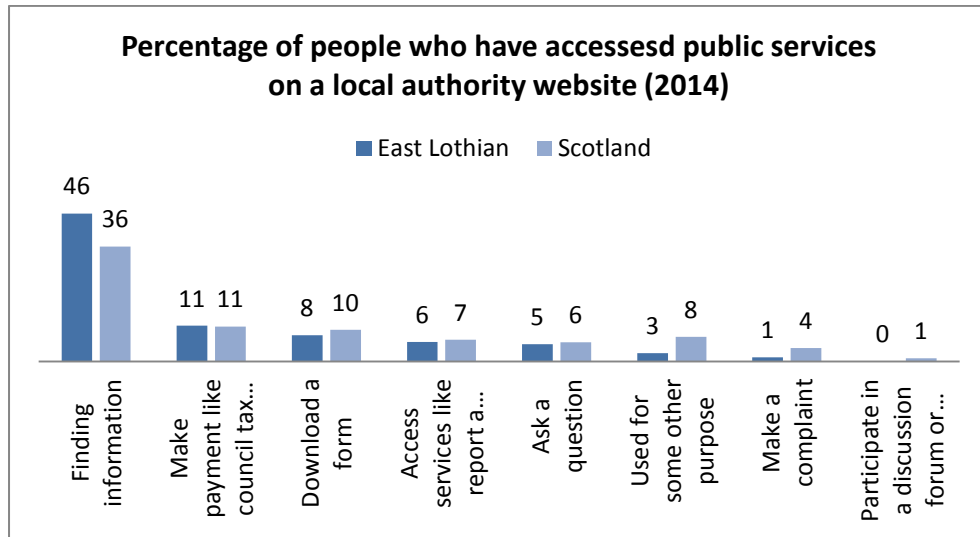


Table 10.8 shows the ways in which people in East Lothian access the internet. A significant proportion of people now access the internet on mobile phones or tablet devices using 3G, 4G or Wi-Fi. Table 10.9 shows the increase in people with internet access across 2003 – 2014.

Table 10.8: How people in East Lothian access the Internet (Citizens Panel 2014).

All People			Where people use the internet outside the home				
Don't Use	Use At Home	Outside Home	Work Computer	Public Computer	Internet Cafe	Mobile with 3G or 4G	Mobile with WIFI
10.8	50.9	55.8	67.1	11.3	2.5	75.3	53.5

Figure 10.15: Percentage of people who have accessed public services on government websites in East Lothian and Scotland (SHS 2014).

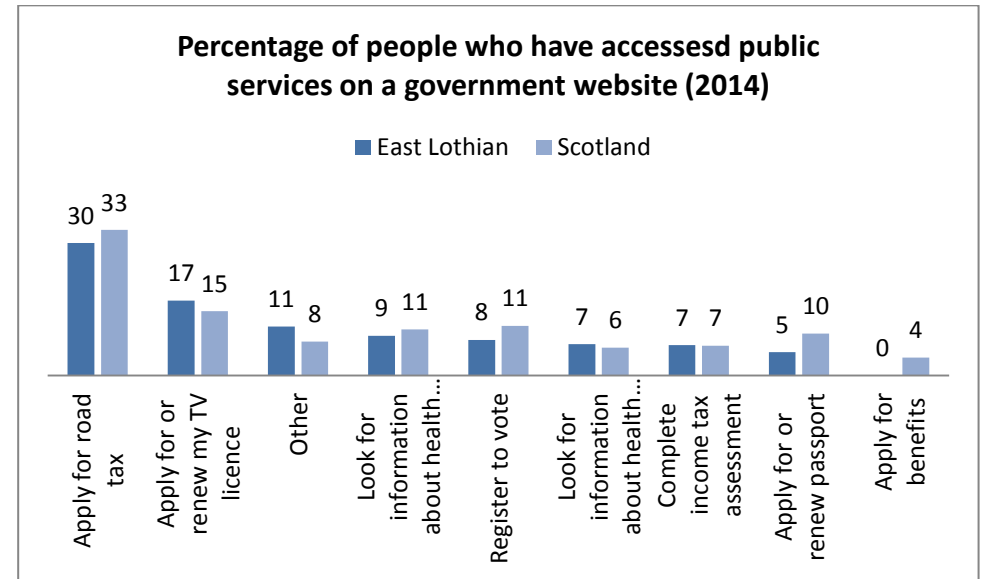


Table 10.9: Percentage of people with internet access in East Lothian and Scotland 2004/05 to 2013 (SHS 2013). Data for 2011 suppressed.

	2003-2004	2005-2006	2007-2008	2009-2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
East Lothian	46	51	65	65	*	75	80	79
Scotland	44	51	60	67	73	76	78	80

Enjoy Leisure

East Lothian has a variety of sports facilities across the area including: 22 golf courses; a surf school; and various leisure parks. Enjoy Leisure runs the seven leisure centres in East Lothian. Table 10.10 shows the number of times that Leisure Pass Plus cards were used at each leisure centre in East Lothian during 2013/14. These cards are available to individuals, juniors, senior citizens and families who are residents in East Lothian, on low income and in receipt of benefits. Categories include:

- Families or single parents on low income.
- Adults or children with a learning or physical disability.
- Adults diagnosed as long term sick.
- Unemployed persons over 18.
- Students in full-time education.

Table 10.10: Use of Leisure Pass Plus cards by leisure centre (Enjoy Leisure 2014).

Leisure Centre	Adult	Junior Pass	Senior Pass	Total Passes
	Pass			
Aubigny Sports Centre Haddington	1,040	5,760	1,904	8,704
Dunbar Leisure Pool	398	2,903	77	2,568
Loch Centre Tranent	117	372	293	782
Meadowmill Sports Centre Prestonpans	481	269	7	757
Mercait Gait Prestonpans	31	9	868	908
Musselburgh Sports Centre	1,481	2,748	312	4,541
North Berwick Sports Centre	896	4,055	113	6,064
East Lothian Total	4,444	15,306	3,574	24,324

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