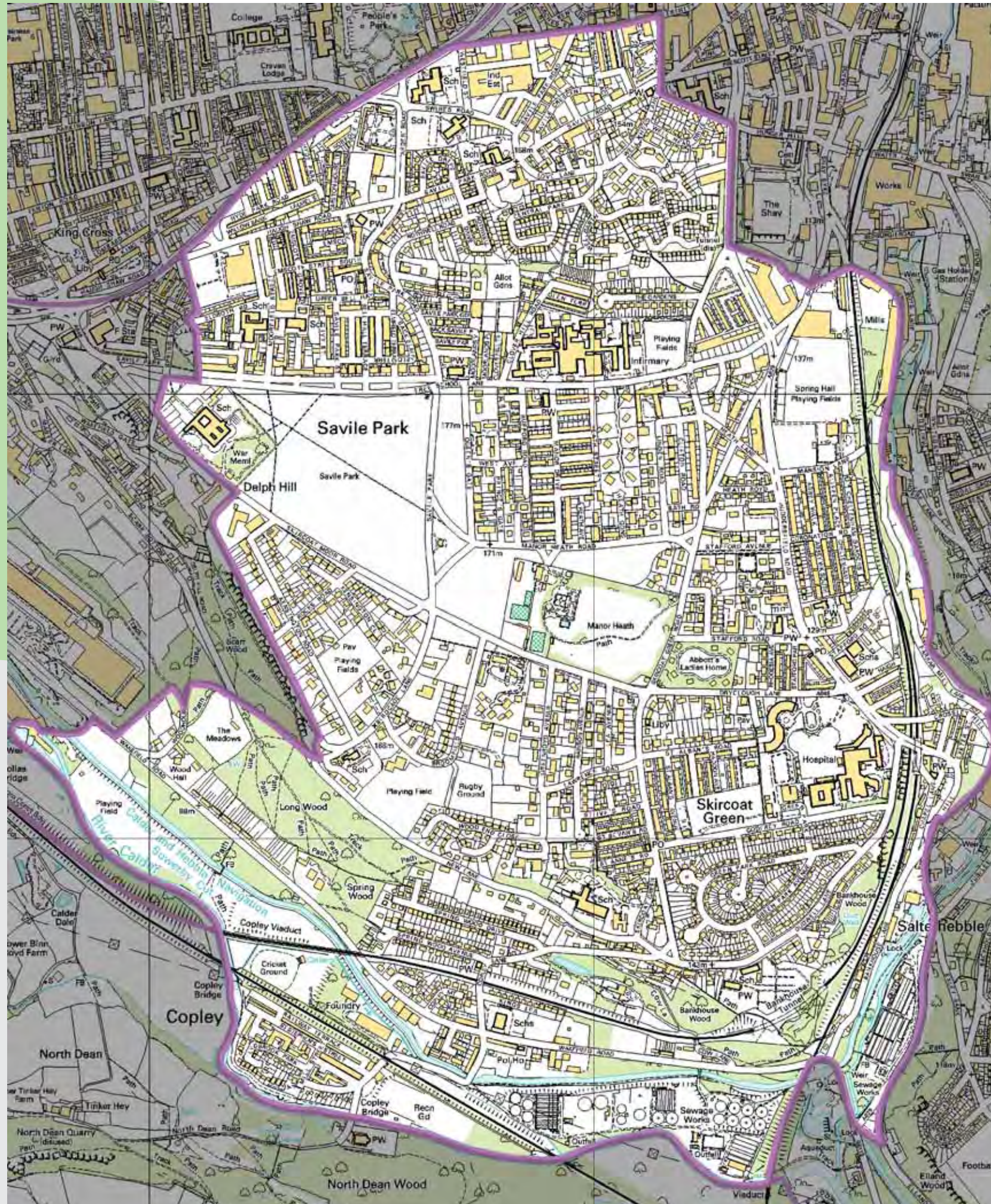


**SKIRCOAT**  
ward profile





## SKIRCOAT WARD

Skircoat ward is situated to the south of Halifax town centre and is mainly residential, containing the neighbourhoods of Bell Hall, Manor Drive, Huddersfield Road, Skircoat Green and Copley. It includes the large open spaces of Savile Park, Manor Heath and Spring Hall as well as Long Wood on the escarpment overlooking the Calder valley. The Royal Hospital is also located in the ward and there are local retail centres at Bell Hall and Skircoat Green.

## SKIRCOAT WARD PROFILE

### AREA AND POPULATION

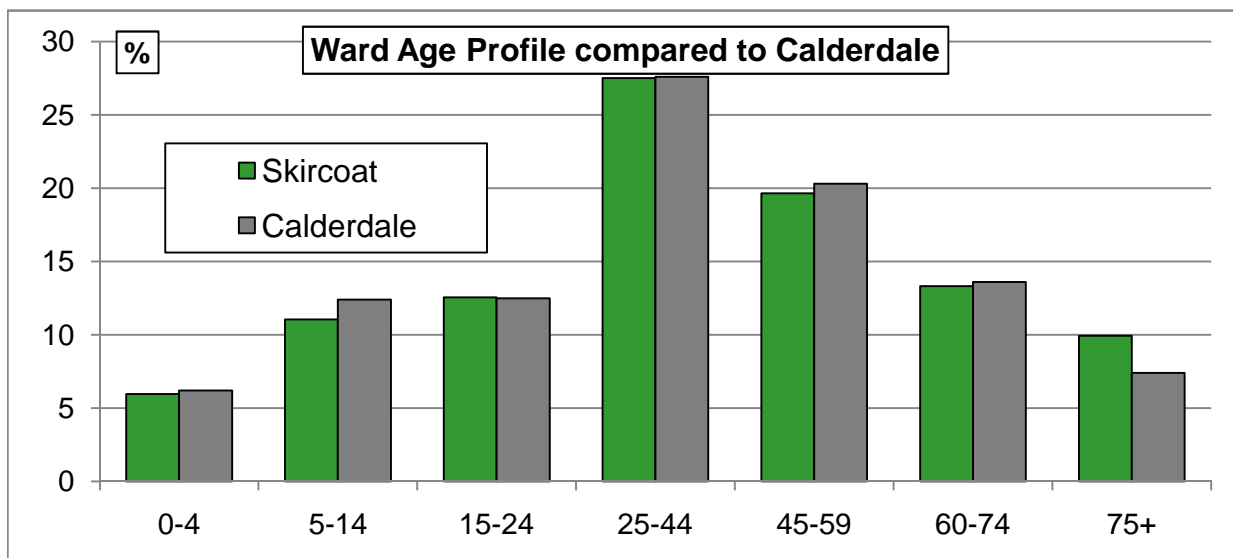
<b>Area:</b>	367 hectares 1.4 sq miles
<b>Total Population:</b>	12,413
<b>Males:</b>	49.0 %
<b>Females:</b>	51.0 %
<b>Population density:</b>	33.8 persons per hectare
<b>Number of Electors:</b>	9,679 (December 2009)

### POPULATION STRUCTURE

Total Population	Ward		District
Age Group	No.	%	%
0-4	742	6.0	6.2
5-14	1,371	11.0	12.4
15-24	1,559	12.6	12.5
25-44	3,414	27.5	27.6
45-59	2,439	19.6	20.3
60-74	1,654	13.3	13.6
75+	1,234	9.9	7.4

The Ward has an older age profile than the District as a whole, but has changed little since 2001.

Source: ONS 2007 mid-year estimates



### ETHNICITY

Total Population	Ward		District
Ethnic Group	No.	%	%
White	10,383	91.1	93.0
Asian	790	6.9	5.7
Black	47	0.4	0.2
Mixed	114	1.0	0.8
Chinese/Other	74	0.6	0.3

According to the 2001 Census, 10% of the population was non-white, which was above the District figure of 7%.

Source: 2001 census

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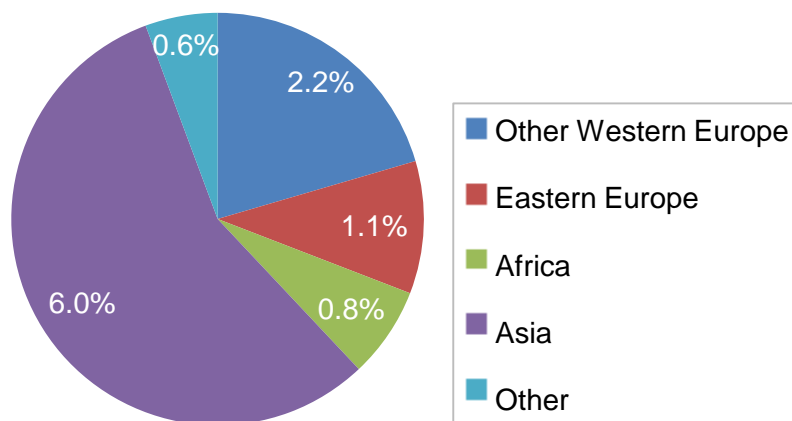
### COUNTRY OF BIRTH (2008)

Country	Ward		District
	No.	%	%
UK	11,499	89.4	92.7
Other Western	278	2.2	1.9
Eastern Europe	141	1.1	0.8
Africa	97	0.8	0.4
Asia	765	6.0	3.7
Other	77	0.6	0.4

Of the 10.5% of the population born outside the UK, by far the greatest number originate in Asia (6% of the Ward population).

Source: CACI Country of Birth files

### Place of Birth of the 10.5% of the Ward Population born outside the UK



### HEALTH

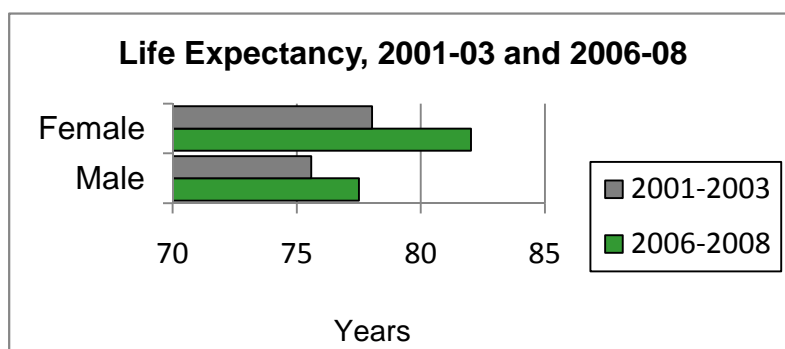
	Ward		District
	No.	%	%
People with a long-term illness <sup>1</sup>	2,060	18.1	18.4
Life expectancy 2006-08 <sup>2</sup>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Years</b>
Male	77.5	77.1	
Female	82.0	81.5	
SMR <sup>3</sup> all causes 2004-08 <sup>2</sup>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Rate</b>
age < 65	91.2	105.4	
age < 75	95.7	106.5	

Life expectancy for men and women are around the overall Calderdale figures, but both have risen in recent years.

Mortality rates (age-standardised) for ages under 65 and under 75 are lower than the District and national figures.

Sources: <sup>1</sup> 2001 Census, <sup>2</sup> NHS Calderdale

<sup>3</sup>SMR (Standardised Mortality Ratio) is the ratio of the observed to the expected level of mortality and takes account of an area's age profile. 100 is the national average, so numbers above 100 are worse, below 100 better, than average.



# SKIRCOAT WARD PROFILE

## HOUSEHOLDS

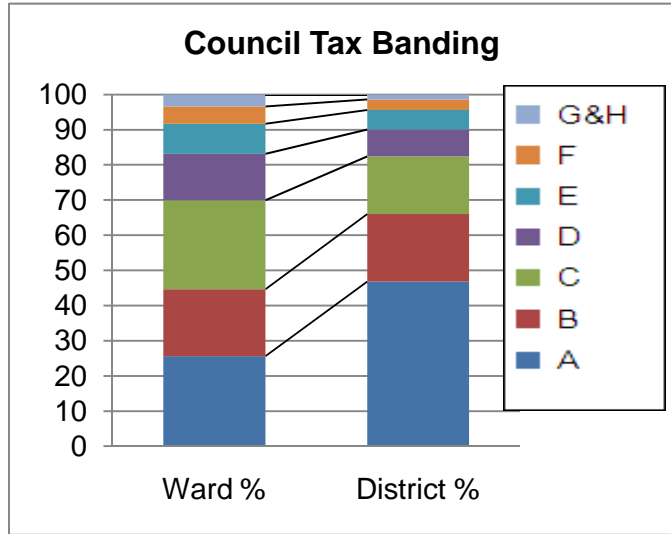
Total Households: 5,353

Average household size: 2.3

### COUNCIL TAX BANDING

Band	Ward		District
	No.	%	%
A	1,369	25.6	46.9
B	1,018	19.0	19.2
C	1,356	25.3	16.4
D	705	13.2	7.7
E	462	8.6	5.5
F	260	4.9	3.0
G&H	183	3.4	1.4

Source: Calderdale Council chargeable dwellings 2009 (occupied dwellings)



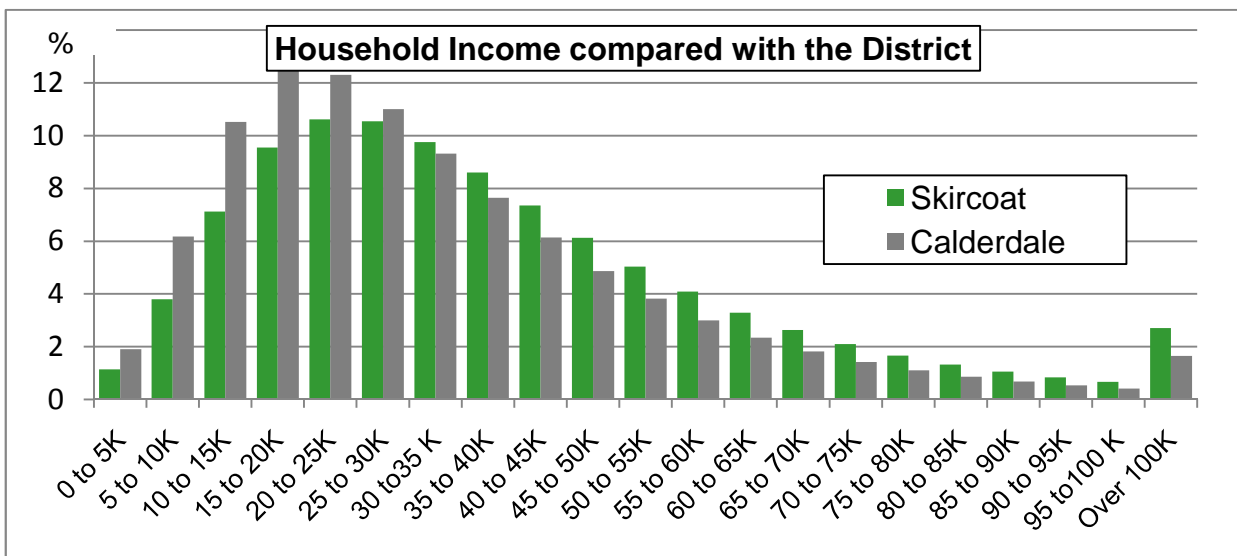
### HOUSEHOLD INCOMES 2009

Income Band £	Ward % of households	District
0 - 10,000	4.9	8.1
10 - 15,000	7.1	10.5
15 - 20,000	9.5	12.5
20 - 30,000	21.2	23.3
30 - 40,000	18.4	17.0
40 - 50,000	13.5	11.0
over 50,000	25.4	17.7

Source: CACI Paycheck 2009

The proportion of households in Council Tax Band A is far lower than the District average, whilst higher numbers are in Bands C and above.

Comparing household income in 2009 with 2003, a shift can be seen from lower to higher incomes. The distribution very closely mirrors the District average.



## SKIRCOAT WARD PROFILE

The following three tables are all taken from 2001 Census data and cannot currently be updated. The main ways in which Skircoat ward differs from Calderdale overall are:

- very low numbers of lone parents and higher than average proportions of pensioner households
- high rates of owner-occupation and also somewhat high privately-rented proportions with very low rates of social housing
- high car ownership rates

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION			
Total Households		Ward	District
Type	No.	%	%
2+ adults and dependent child(ren)	1,164	24.5	24.1
Lone parent and dependent child(ren)	169	3.6	6.6
2+, All pensioners	500	10.5	8.8
One pensioner	792	16.7	15.0
Other 1-person	739	15.6	15.5
Others	1,393	29.3	30.1

Source: 2001 census

TENURE			
Total Households		Ward	District
Type	No.	%	%
Owner occupied	3,796	79.9	71.5
Social housing	336	7.1	16.9
Private rented/Other	631	13.3	11.6

Source: 2001 census

HOUSEHOLD AMENITIES			
Total Households		Ward	District
	No.	%	%
Overcrowded	373	7.9	7.0
No central heating	763	16.1	19.3
No car	1,198	25.2	31.0
2+ cars	1,329	28.0	25.3

Source: 2001 census

## SKIRCOAT WARD PROFILE

### DEPRIVATION

	Ward		District
	No.	%	%
Households with Benefit Claimants <sup>1</sup>	574	10.7	21.3
Households claiming Free School Meals <sup>1</sup>	60	1.1	3.3
Households affected by fuel poverty (2003) <sup>2</sup>	288	5.4	6.5
Pension Credit Recipients May 2009 <sup>3</sup>	455	15.8	22.8
<b>Indices of Deprivation 2007</b>			
	No.	%	%
People in 10% most deprived areas nationally	0	0	9.7
People in quite deprived areas (11-20%) nationally	0	0	11.5

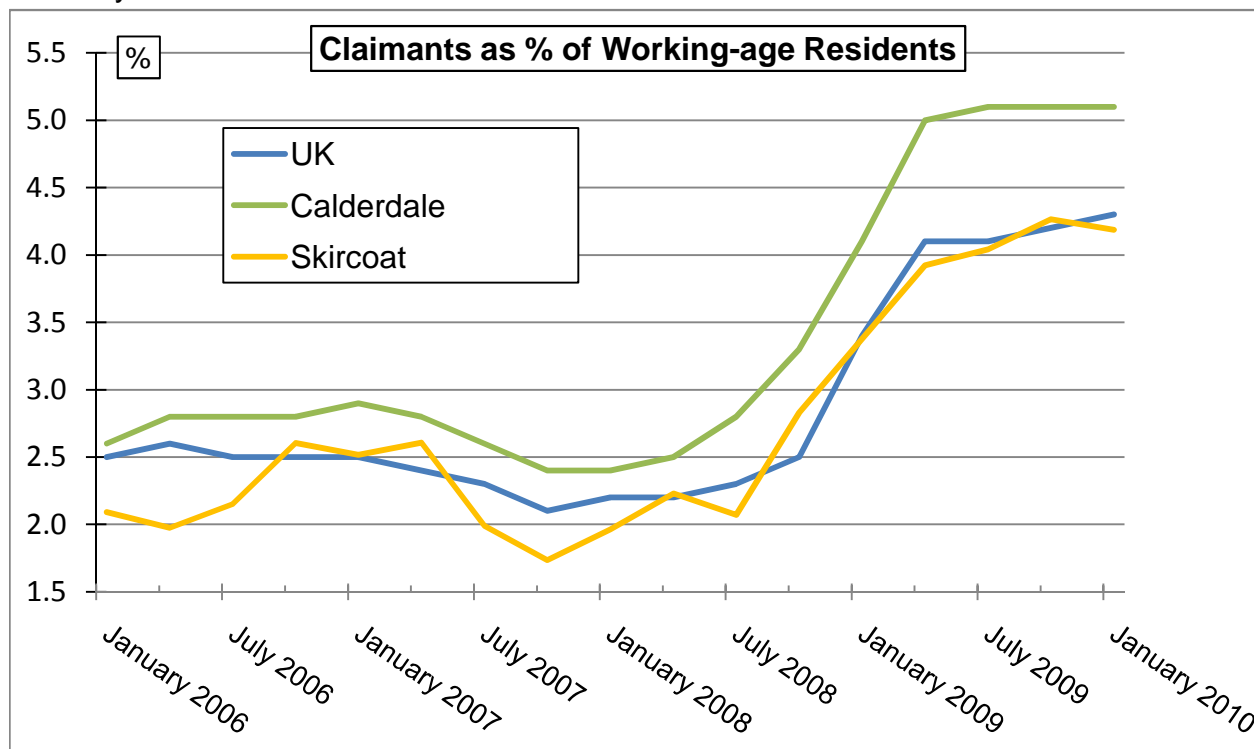
Sources: <sup>1</sup> CMBC, Safer & Stronger Communities, Benefits Service, <sup>2</sup> English Housing Conditions Survey, <sup>3</sup> Dept of Work & Pensions, % of 60+ population

Rates of benefit recipient households are much lower than the District average, as is the proportion of pensioners receiving Pension Credit. Fuel poverty is somewhat lower.

There are 7 areas in the ward, none in the worst 20% nationally on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

### UNEMPLOYMENT

Claimant count unemployment in Skircoat rose from **112 in January 2006 to 318 in January 2010**. This means a rise from 2.1% to 4.2% of the working-age population of the ward, which is in line with national figures but below the District figure of 5.1% in January 2010.



The 2008 - 2009 Annual Population Survey showed that 5.8% of the economically-active population were unable to find jobs, compared to 7.6% in the District and 6.9% nationally.

## SKIRCOAT WARD PROFILE

### EMPLOYMENT

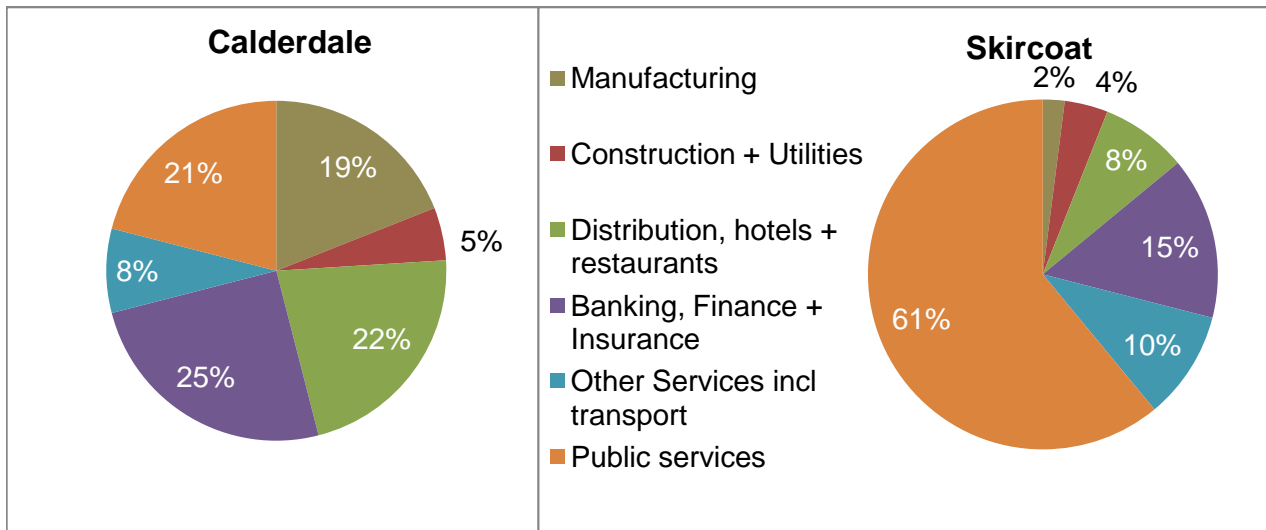
#### Numbers in each sector 2008

Sector	Ward		District
	No.	%	%
Manufacturing	100	2	19
Construction + Utilities	200	4	5
Distribution, hotels + restaurants	500	8	22
Banking, Finance + Insurance	900	15	25
Other Services including transport	600	10	8
Public services	3,900	61	21
<b>Ward Total</b>	<b>6,200</b>		

This page refers to *employment at workplaces in Skircoat ward*, which is the third largest ward in terms of employment in Calderdale.

About 60% work in the Public Sector, far above the District average. Total employment did not change between 2006 and 2008.

Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2008



#### Changes in Employment in Skircoat 2006 - 2008

