

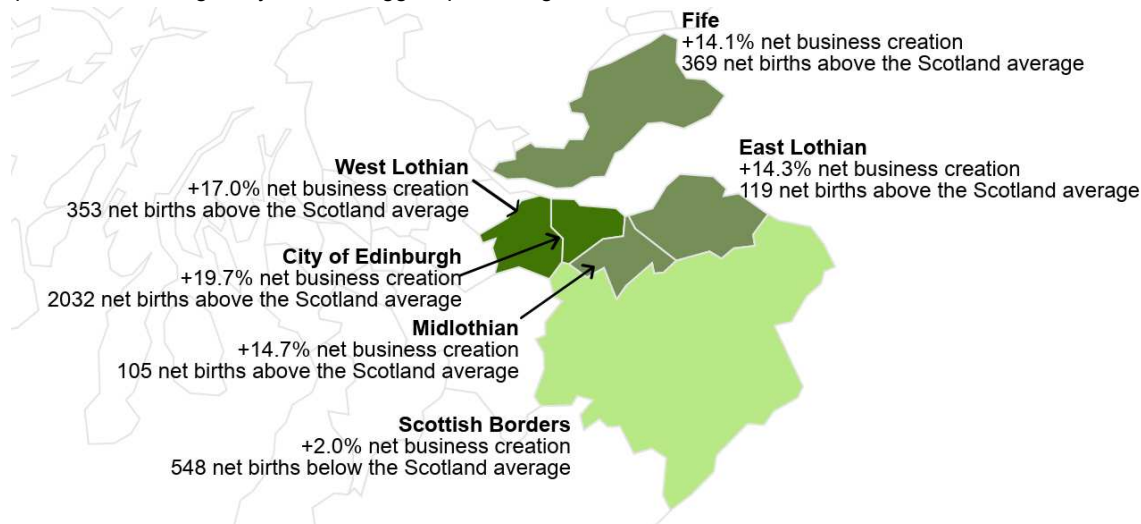
New business creation in Edinburgh & South East region

2010-17

December 2018

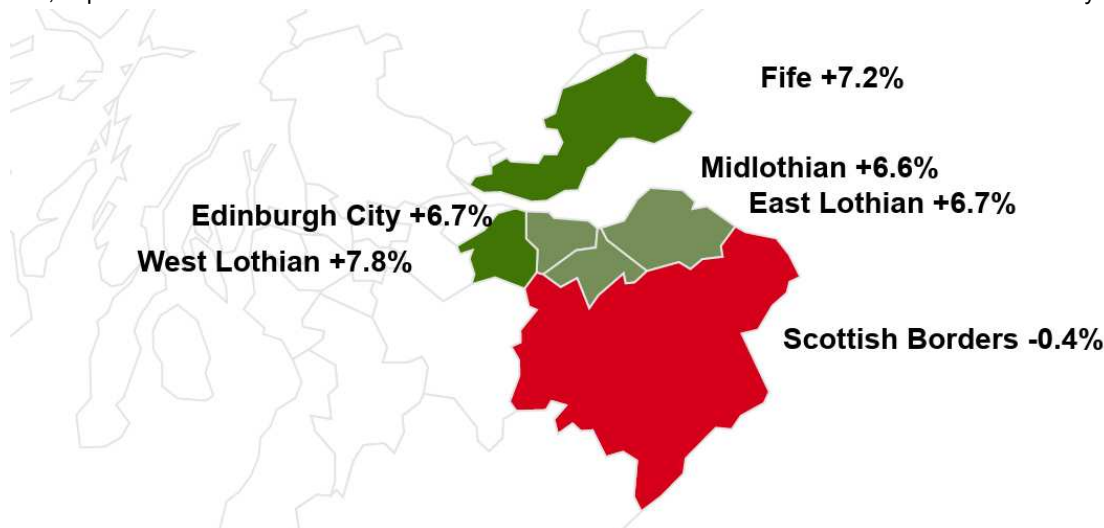
Total new business creation 2010-2017 as a percentage of the business base

Every authority in the region saw growth in its new business creation; all except the Borders exceeded expectations relative to its business population. Edinburgh City had the biggest percentage and overall net increase, ahead of West Lothian and Fife.



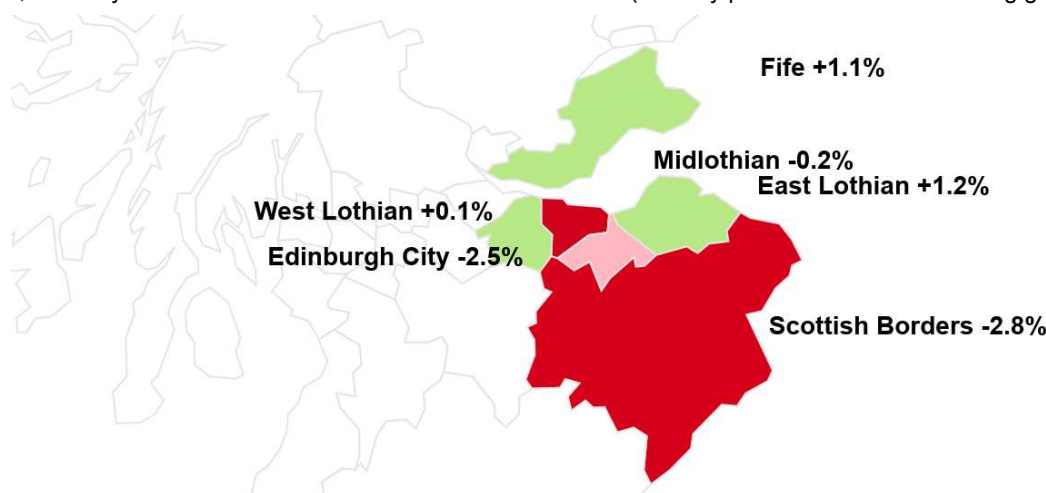
New business creation (as a percentage of the business base) 2015-2017

However, over the most recent three year period, the growth in Edinburgh City relative to its business base was outpaced by all neighbouring authorities, in particular West Lothian and Fife. The Borders saw more deaths than births over the last three years in contrast.



Change in new business creation (as a percentage of the business base) from 2012/14 to 2015/17

The most recent trend across the region shows that business creation is weakening. Edinburgh City in particular is down considerably, which because of its business base means there has been significant decline in new businesses. Midlothian, West Lothian and the Borders are also trending downwards, and only Fife and East Lothian saw moderate increases (the only places in Scotland showing growth 2015/17 to 2012/14).



Source: Analysis of ONS data by Scottish Enterprise's Economic Research team

New business creation is calculated by subtracting the number of business deaths from the number of business births. The percentage is then calculated by dividing the growth/decline by the business base