Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh

Population 459,366

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital city. It is a city with a long history dominated by the changing roles of Scotland politically and commercially. It is the political centre with the Scottish Parliament and associated government functions. The economy has a service orientation with a significant finance and banking sector, a tourist sector (including the Edinburgh Festival), a large creative industries sector and education and scientific research. It is known as the Athens of the North and is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

This type of city-sized town is extremely mixed in terms of demographics. There are particularly wide ranges of people, housing and activities. The number of older couples with no children is higher than average in this group. There is a mix of professional and non-professional jobs, and part-time and self-employment are both important for a significant proportion of residents. Socioeconomic status is higher than in other kinds of city-sized town and there is a mix of professionals and nonprofessionals, those with higher and lower educational attainment.

Edinburgh is an independent to interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are Aberdeen, and Livingston.

To gain more insight into Edinburgh, compare it to any of the other towns included in USP.

Inter-relationships

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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Edinburgh is grouped with 2 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of charities, hospitals, children in primary schools, children in secondary schools, jobs, public sector jobs, shops, GP’s and dentists, and diversity of retail offer. It also has similarities in the diversity of jobs, and the distance travelled to work.

Edinburgh differs most from its group in the distance travelled to study.

- **Employment**
- **Public**
- **Commercial**
- **Social**
- Average for the category

### Change

**Population change 2001 to 2011**

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**Population**
Population 2011

459k

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Age

Household composition

Jobs...

306k

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Jobs change 2009 to 2014

3%

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Employment type (% working full time vs part time aged 16-74)

Occupation (% aged 16-74)
Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)

Sector Diversity

Distance travelled to work

Public

Education (% all people aged 16 and over)
Children in primary schools

30k

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Commuter Flow Map

Coloured and grey lines/pins show the main and smaller commuter flows, respectively, between this town and the other towns in Scotland.

Commercial

Number of people per shop

79
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Social

Distance travelled to study

![Bar chart showing distance travelled to study](chart.png)

Number of residents per charity

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Connectivity and environment assets

Average download speed (MBs)

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