Galston, East Ayrshire

Population 4,670

Galston is located in East Ayrshire. Historically it was a manufacturing and mining town developing from the 17th century. Textile industries include the manufacture of cotton blankets and the lace industry. Today food canning and engineering are sources of local employment.

This type of medium-sized town is extremely mixed in terms of demographics. There is a particularly wide range of people, housing and activities. The number of older couples with no children are higher than average. 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 town and there is a mix of professionals and nonprofessionals, those with higher and lower educational attainment.

Galston is an interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are Loanhead, Bonnybridge, Stewarton, and Bannockburn.

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

Inter-relationships

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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Galston is grouped with 13 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of charities, hospitals, children in primary schools, public sector jobs, shops, GP’s and dentists, and diversity of retail offer. It also has similarities in the distance travelled to work.

It differs in terms of the number of children in secondary schools. It also differs in the diversity of jobs, and the distance travelled to study. Galston differs most from its group in the number of jobs.

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### Change

**Population change 2001 to 2011**

-7%

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### Population

**Population 2011**
Less than similar towns

### Age

- Household composition

### Employment

- Jobs
  - 550
  - Less than similar towns per head of population
  - Jobs change 2009 to 2014
  - 4%
  - More than similar towns per head of population
  - 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

360

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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

104
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Social

Distance travelled to study

![Distance travelled to study chart]

Number of residents per charity

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Connectivity and environment assets

Average download speed (MBs)

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