

# Irvine, North Ayrshire

Population 33,698

Irvine is a new town in North Ayrshire built in the 1960s. However a settlement preceded the new town dating back to at least the 12th century. Coal mining was important to Irvine and the harbour at Irvine used for coal exports. With the decline in mining and other industrial decline the town experienced high unemployment. New industries such as Volvo and the Kymmene paper mill brought much needed jobs in the 1980s.

Social and council housing are the norm in these large towns. Manufacturing and construction are the dominant forms of employment. Health and social work services are particularly active. There is a relatively high level of unemployment. Educational attainment is low. Car ownership is low, meaning that many residents in these towns are reliant on public transport.

Irvine is an interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are [Wishaw](#), [Bellshill](#), [Ardrossan](#), and [Blantyre](#).

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

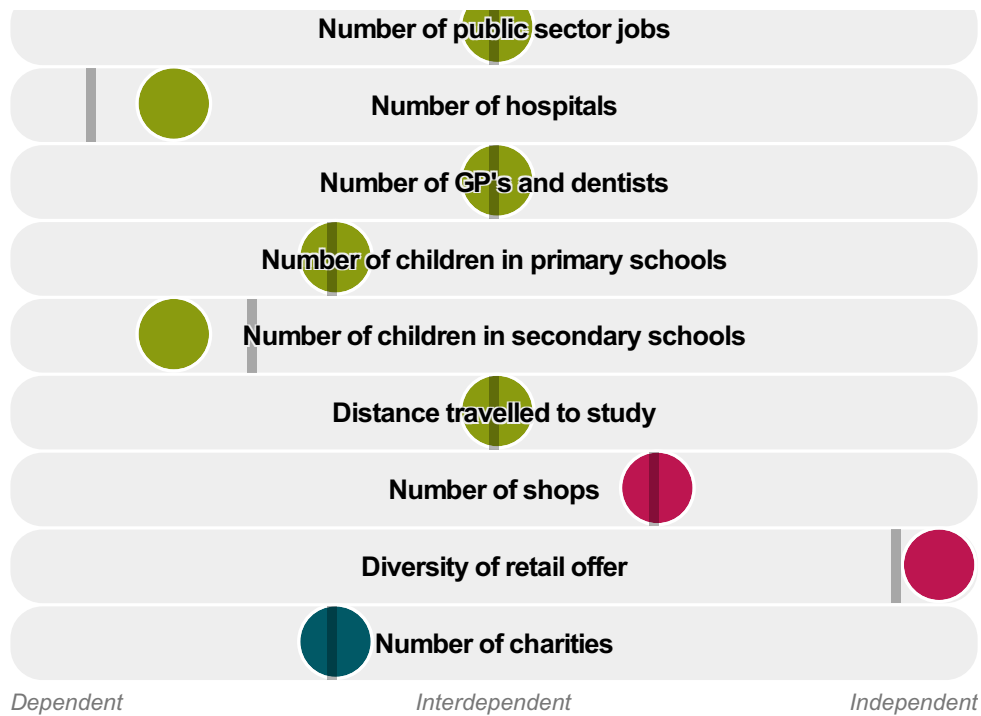
## Inter-relationships

*Dependent*

*Interdependent*

*Independent*





Irvine is an **interdependent** town.

Combining inter-relationships and typology, Irvine is grouped with 11 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, the distance travelled to work, and the distance travelled to study.

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

## Change

### Population change 2001 to 2011

0%

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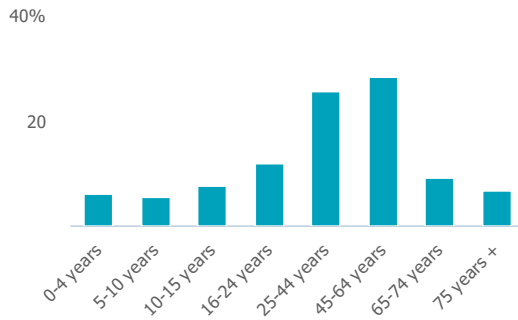
## Population

### Population 2011

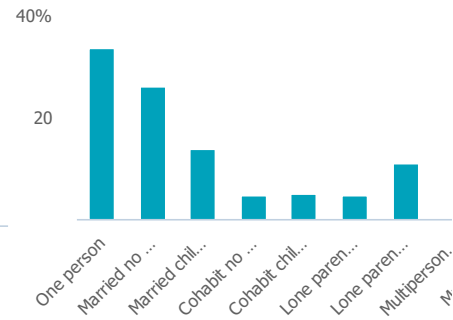
34k

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## Age



## Household composition



# Employment

## Jobs

11k

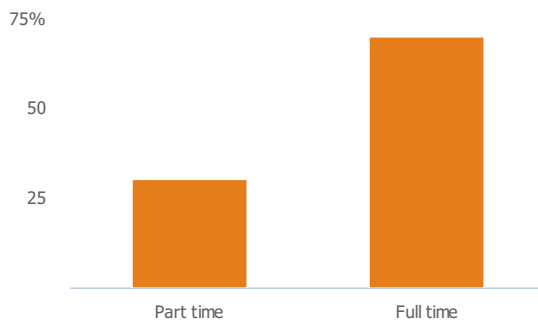
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## Jobs change 2009 to 2014

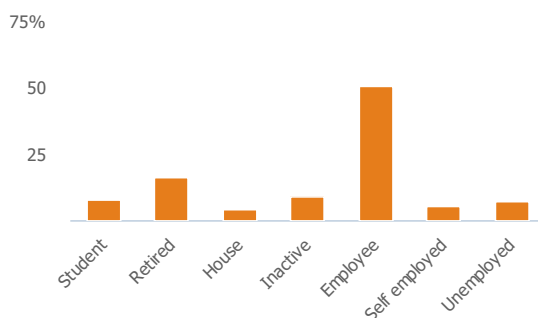
3%

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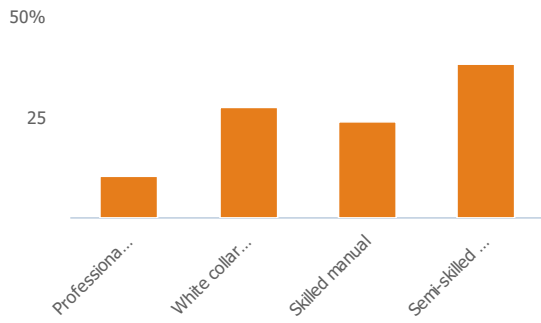
## Employment type(% working full time vs part time aged 16-74)



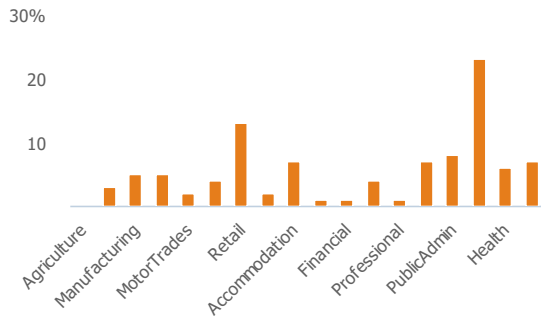
## Occupation (% aged 16-74)



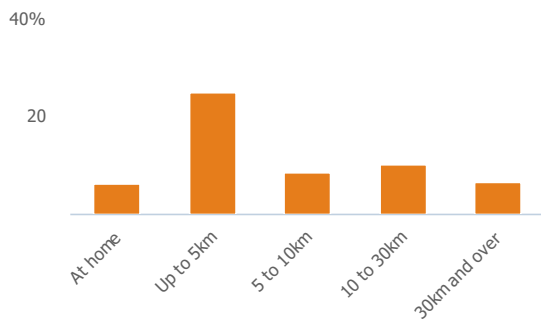
## Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



### Sector Diversity

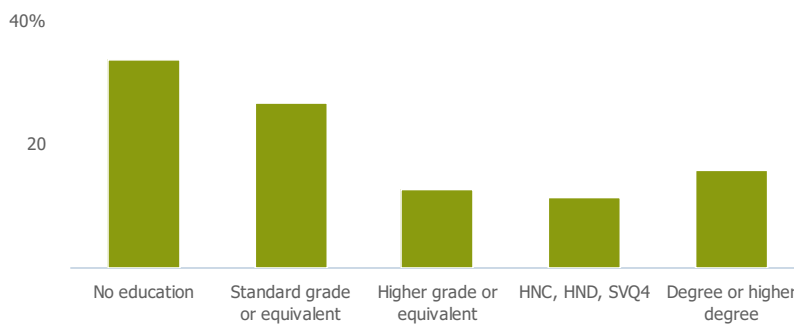


### Distance travelled to work



## Public

### Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



### Children in primary schools

3k

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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

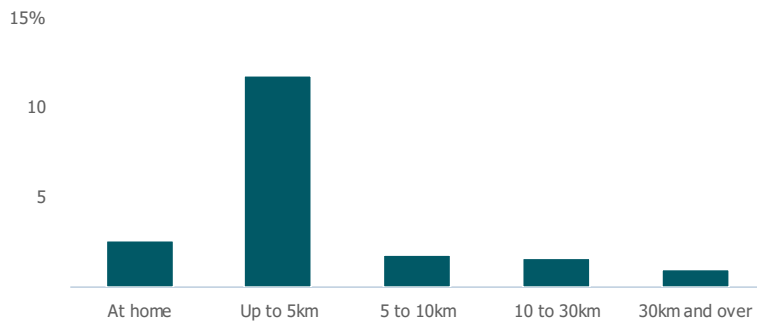
Number of people per shop

88
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## Social

Distance travelled to study



### Number of residents per charity

396

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## Connectivity and environment assets

### Average download speed (MBs)

44

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