Plains, North Lanarkshire

Population 2,696

Plains is in North Lanarkshire. The village grew to be a town as mining attracted more workers. The Ardenrigg Colliery closed in late 20th century but open cast mining continues. New public housing was built in the 20th century. Geest (bananas) used to have a distribution depot in the town. The site is now a timber yard. Beecham also had a distribution depot in the town. The lack of current employment opportunities has meant more people have become commuters.

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

Plains is a dependent to interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are Tarbolton, Plean, Catrine, and Whitecraig.

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

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**Inter-relationships**

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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Plains is grouped with 16 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of hospitals, children in secondary schools, shops, GP's and dentists, and diversity of retail offer. It also has similarities in the diversity of jobs.

It differs in terms of the number of children in primary schools, and public sector jobs. It also differs in the distance travelled to work. Plains differs most from its group in the number of jobs.

Employment
Public
Commercial
Social
Average for the category

Change

Population change 2001 to 2011

18%

More than similar towns per head of population

Population

Population 2011

3k
More than similar towns

**Age**

**Household composition**

**Employment**

**Jobs**

220

Less than similar towns per head of population

**Jobs change 2009 to 2014**

30%

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

240

More than similar towns per head of population

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

180
Less than similar towns per head of population

**Social**

Distance travelled to study

![Distance travelled to study chart]

- At home: 5
- Up to 5km: 10
- 5 to 10km: 2
- 10 to 30km: 1
- 30km and over: 0

**Number of residents per charity**

3k

More than similar towns per head of population

**Connectivity and environment assets**

Average download speed (MBs)

53

More than similar towns per head of population

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