

Polbeth, West Lothian

Population 2,341

Polbeth is located in west Lothian. It developed as an oil shale mining town. Public housing was built for workers. Today it is primarily residential. Mullholland (civil engineering and groundwork) have a plant in the town.

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.

Polbeth is an interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are [Leslie](#), [Sanquhar](#), and [Brora](#).

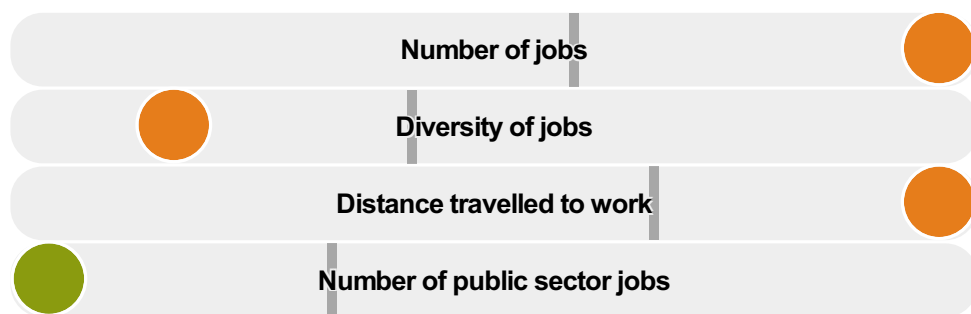
To gain more insight into Polbeth, compare it to any of the other towns included in USP.

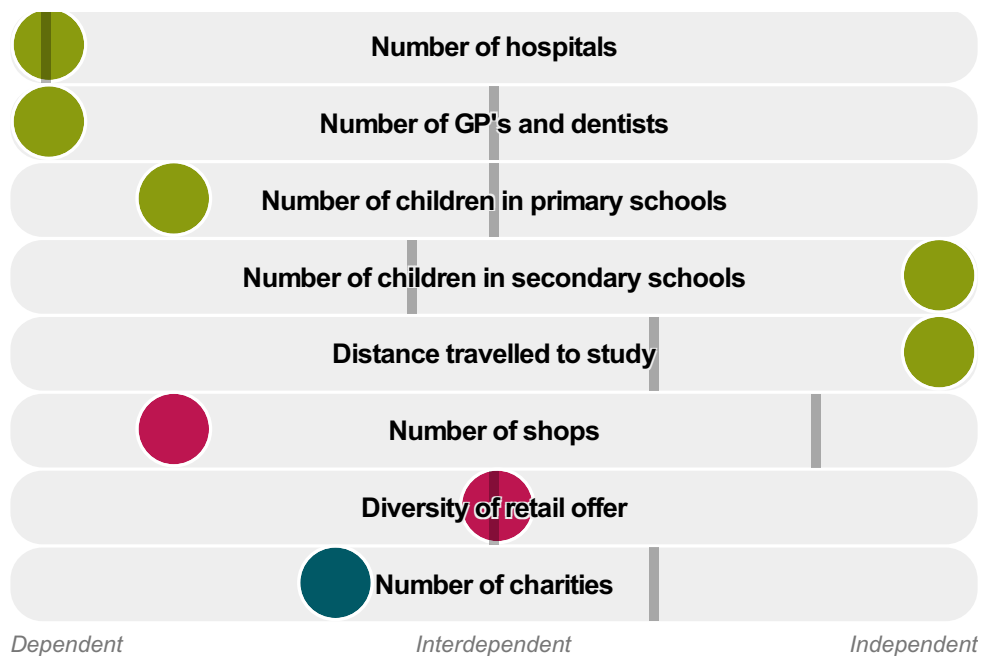
Inter-relationships

Dependent

Interdependent

Independent





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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Polbeth is grouped with 3 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of hospitals, and diversity of retail offer.

It differs in terms of the number of charities, children in primary schools, children in secondary schools, jobs, and shops. It also differs in the diversity of jobs, the distance travelled to work, and the distance travelled to study. Polbeth differs most from its group in the number of public sector jobs, and GP's and dentists.

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

Change

Population change 2001 to 2011

-4%

Less than similar towns per head of population

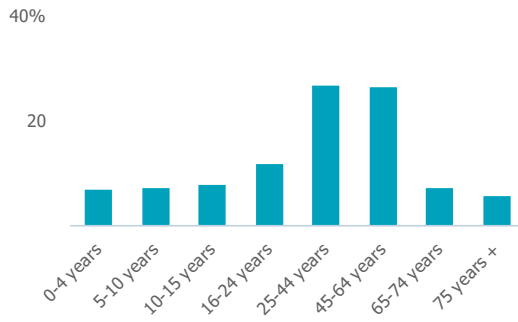
Population

Population 2011

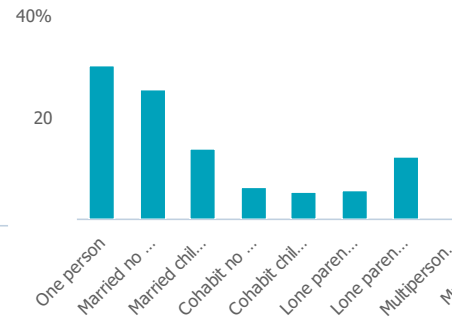
2k

More than similar towns

Age



Household composition



Employment

Jobs

3k

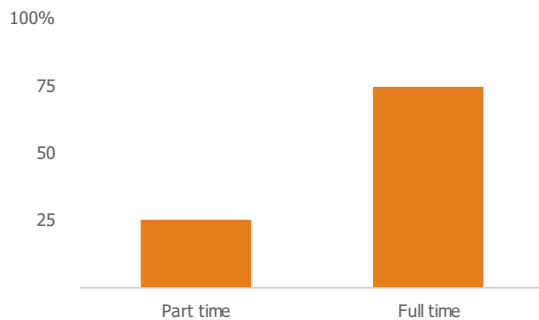
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Jobs change 2009 to 2014

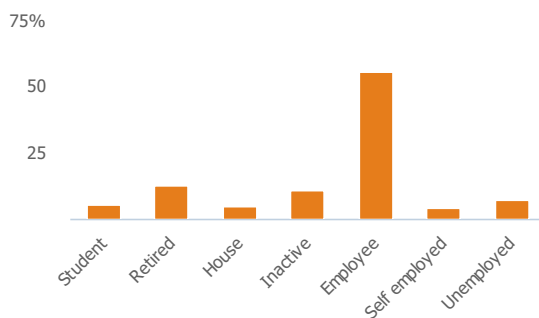
28%

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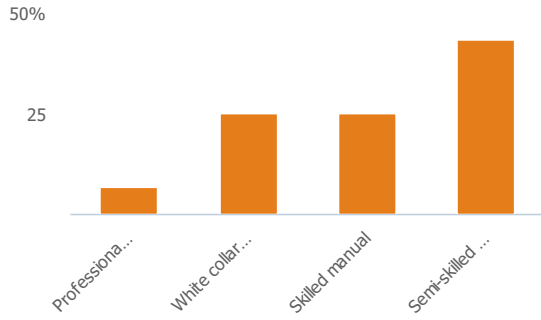
Employment type(% working full time vs part time aged 16-74)



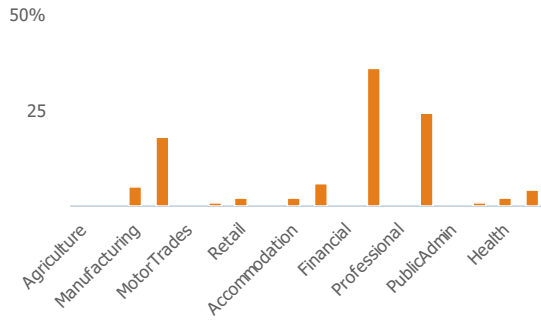
Occupation (% aged 16-74)



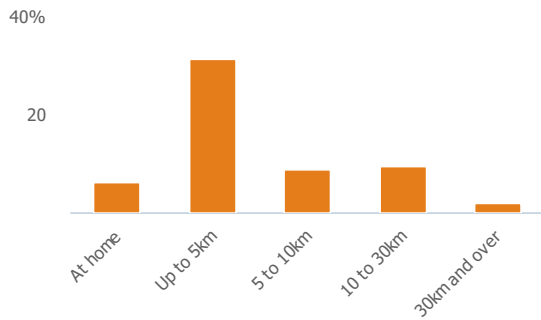
Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity

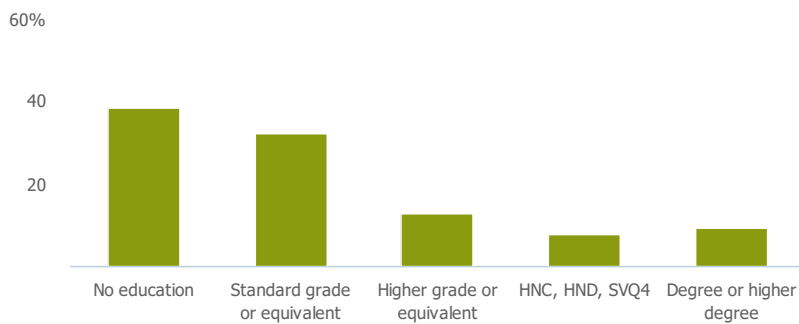


Distance travelled to work



Public

Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools

117

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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

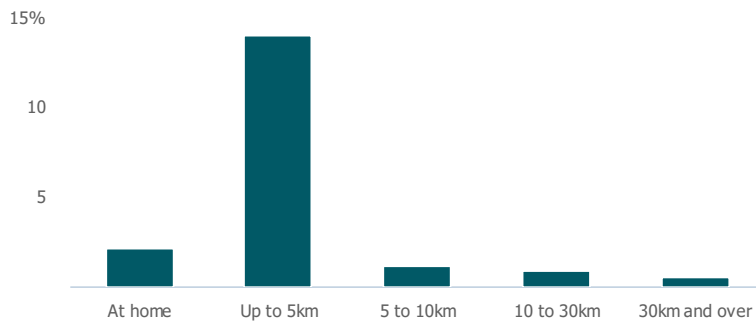
Number of people per shop

468

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Social

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity

585

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Connectivity and environment assets

Average download speed (MBs)

8

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