

Thurso, Highland

Population 7,933

Thurso is located in Caithness in Highland. A Norse town it traded local goods with Scandinavia. In the 19th century the laird extended the town. It is a service centre for the surrounding area. In the mid 20th century it became home to the Dounreay nuclear plant which led to a substantial expansion of the town. Although now decommissioned clearing the site continues to offer 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.

Thurso is an independent town.

Its most similar towns are [Lockerbie](#), [Turriff](#), [Dingwall](#), and [Castle Douglas](#).

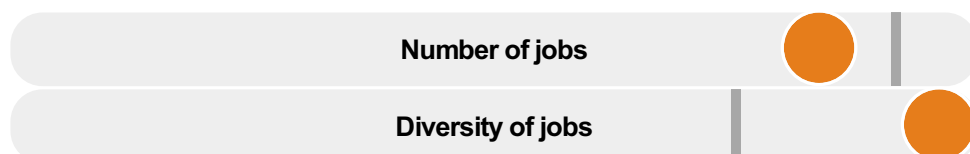
To gain more insight into Thurso, compare it to any of the other towns included in USP.

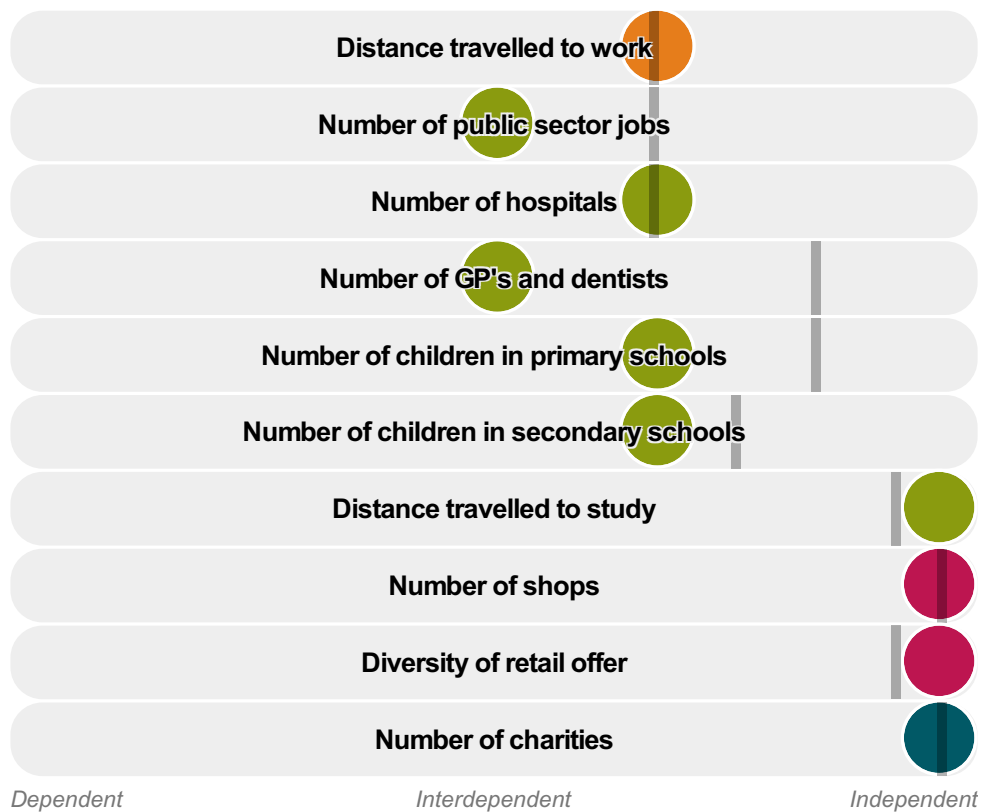
Inter-relationships

Dependent

Interdependent

Independent





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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Thurso 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, shops, and diversity of retail offer. It also has similarities in the distance travelled to work, and the distance travelled to study.

Thurso differs most from its group in the number of GP's and dentists.

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

Change

Population change 2001 to 2011

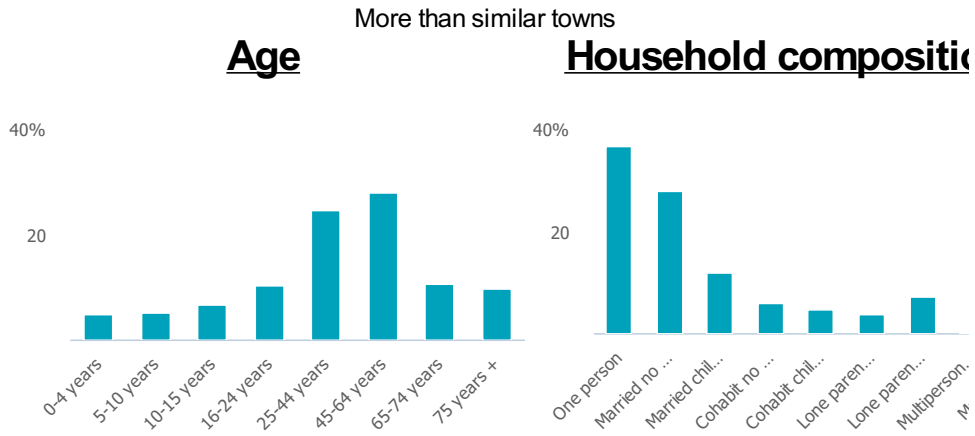
2%

Less than similar towns per head of population

Population

Population 2011

8k



Employment

Jobs

3k

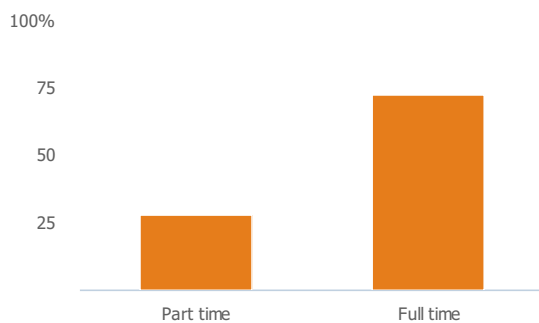
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Jobs change 2009 to 2014

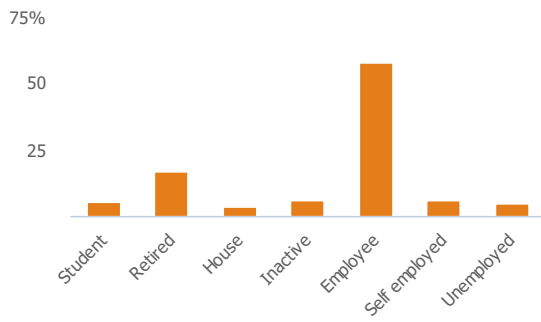
-6%

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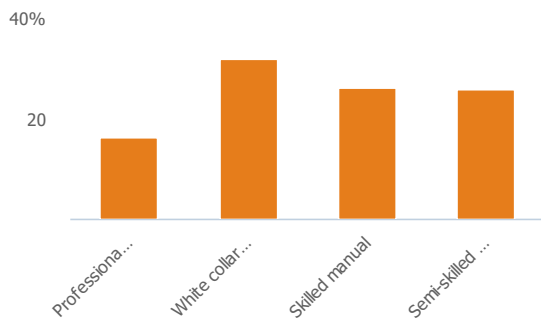
Employment type(% working full time vs part time aged 16-74)



Occupation (% aged 16-74)



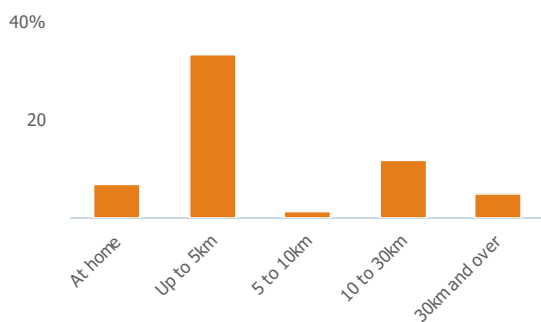
Social Grade (% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity

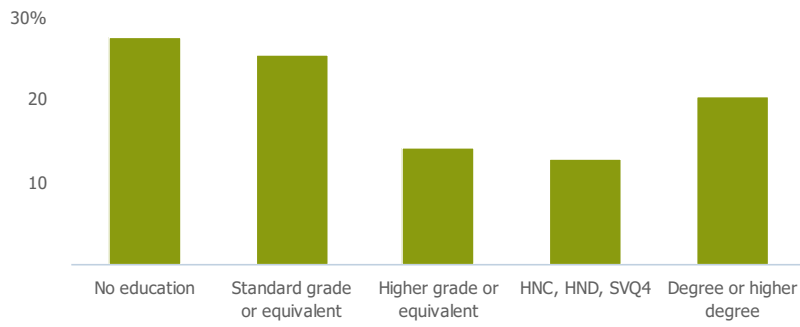


Distance travelled to work



Public

Education (% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools

762

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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

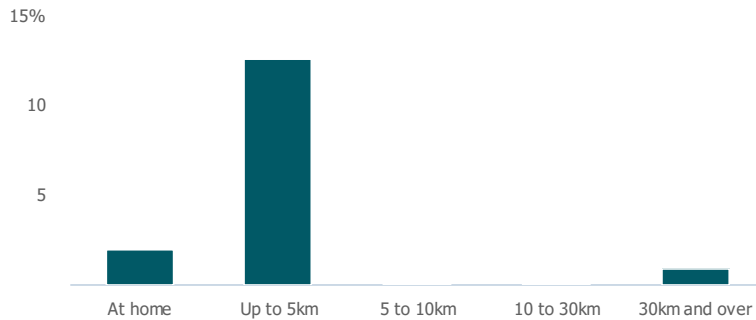
Number of people per shop

48

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Social

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity

109

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Connectivity and environment assets

Average download speed (MBs)

25

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