



Fort William

HIGHLAND

POPULATION **5,757**

Fort William in Highland was, as the name suggest, originally a fort where troops were garrisoned in the 17th century. The town developed on the adjacent site. The coming of the railway and the Caledonian Canal made it a transport node. It remains an important station on the West Highland line. The town retains some industry including an aluminium smelter and distillery as well as smaller local services. Tourism is key to the local economy (including being the end of the West Highland Way and of the access to Ben Nevis).

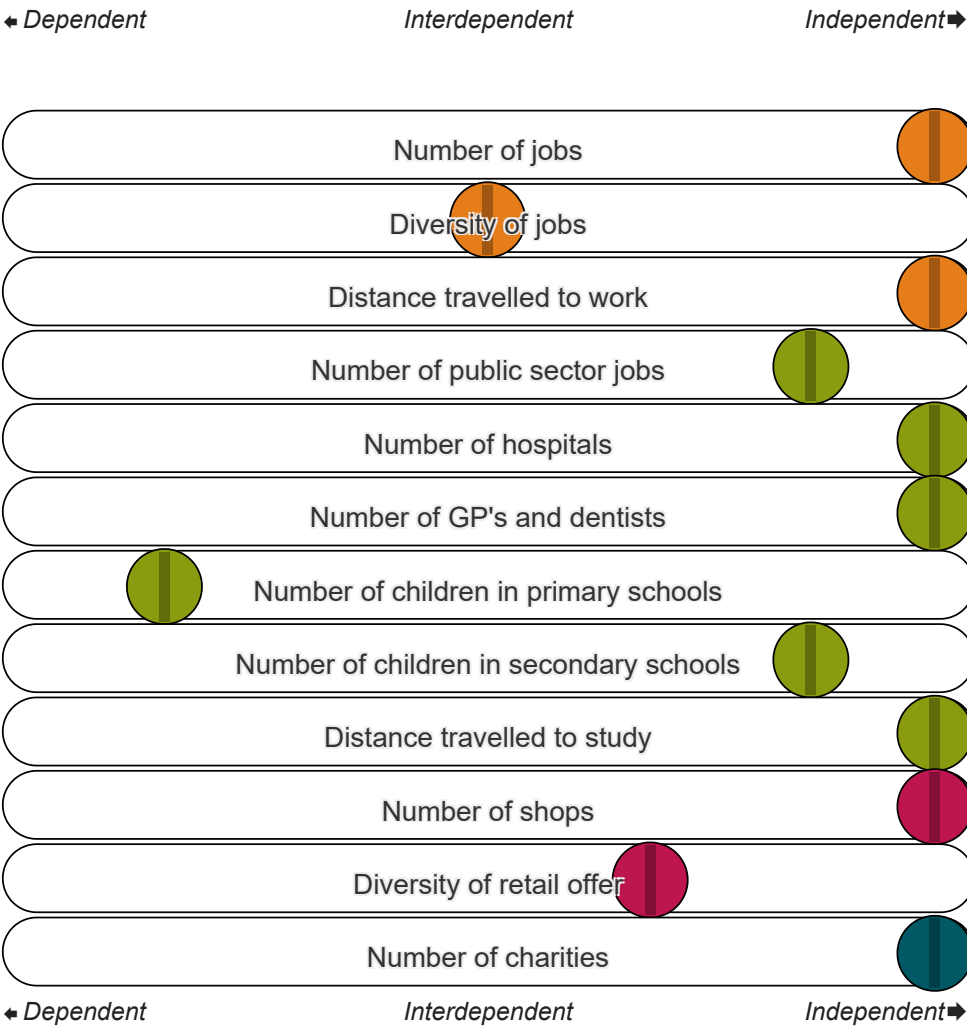
In medium towns like this one, people experience more challenging circumstances with higher rates of unemployment, poorer health, lack of a car, lower levels of education and lower social grades than other groups. A higher proportion live in social rented housing. There is a higher proportion of single person households and lone parents.

Fort William is an independent town.

It is in a group of its own according to USP analysis, which combines typology and assessment of inter-relationships.

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

Inter-relationships



Fort William is an **independent** town.

Combining inter-relationships and typology, Fort William is grouped with 0 other towns.

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

Population change 2011 to 2022**-2%**

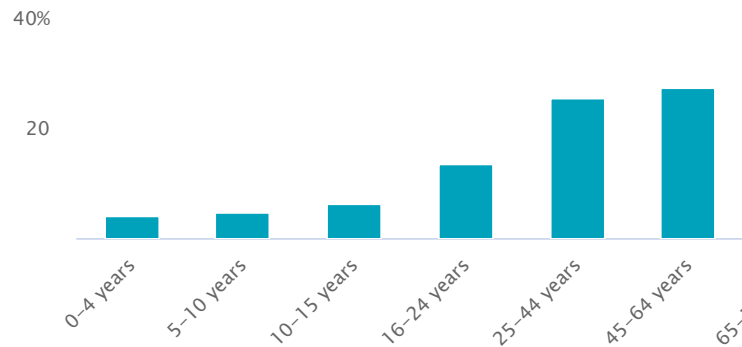
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Household change 2011 to 2022**10%**

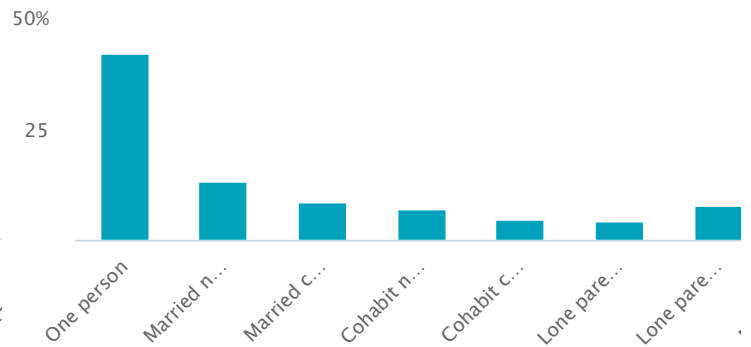
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Population

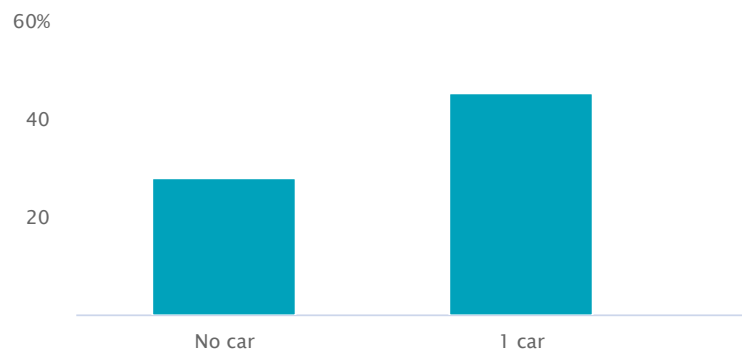
Age



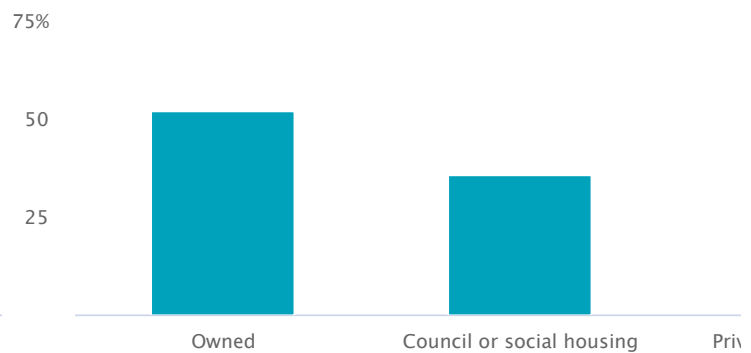
Household composition



Car ownership



Tenure



Population 2022

6k

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Households 2022

3k

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Household change 2011 to 2022

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Very bad health

2%

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No central heating

4%

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Occupancy rating of bedrooms 1 or less



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Disabled



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Employment

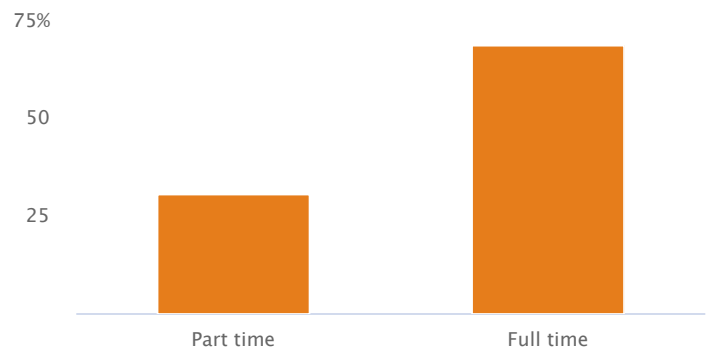
Jobs

4k

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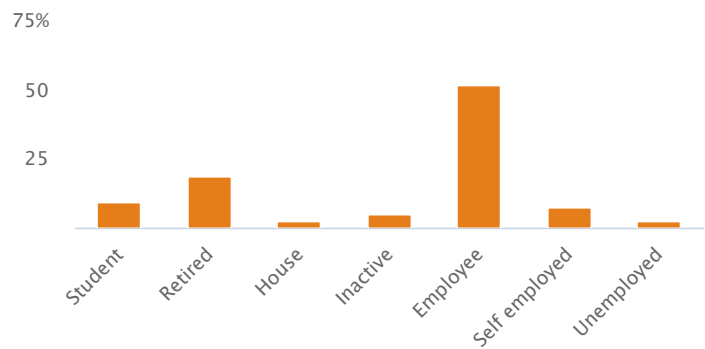
Employment type

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



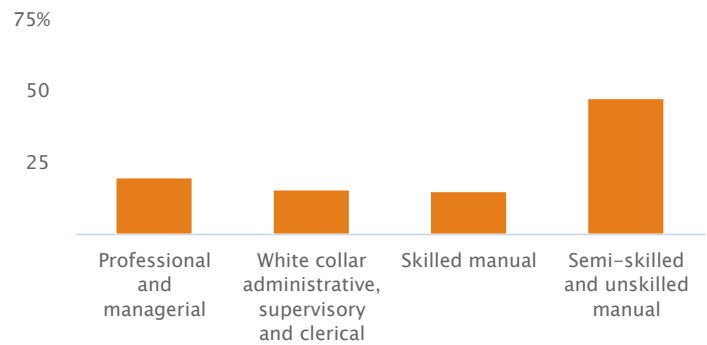
Occupation

(% aged 16-74)

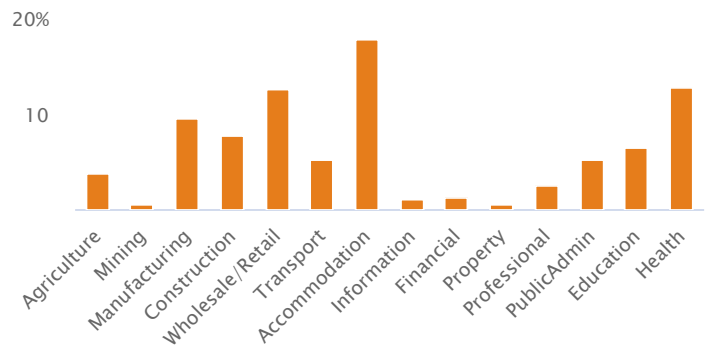


Social Grade

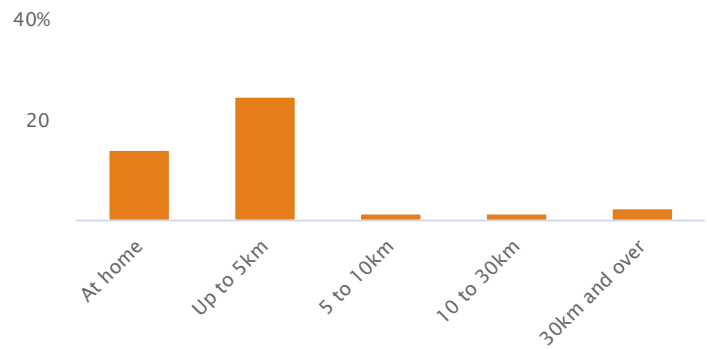
(% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity

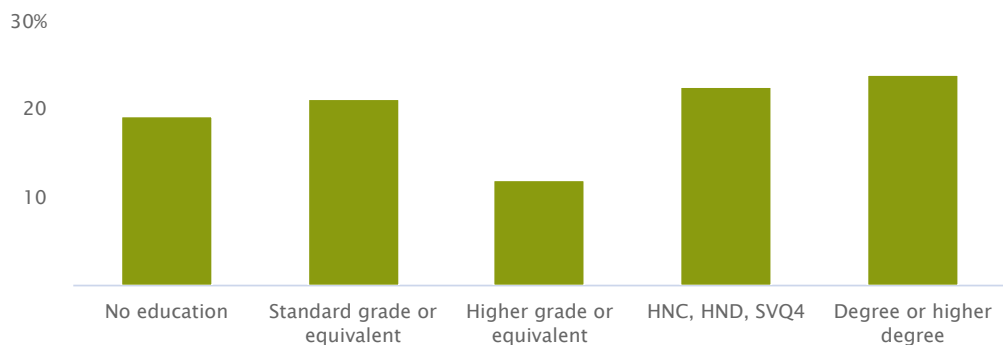


Distance travelled to work



Education

(% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools

360

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Children in secondary schools

839

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Hospitals

2

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GP's and dentists

29

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Commercial

Number of people per shop

65

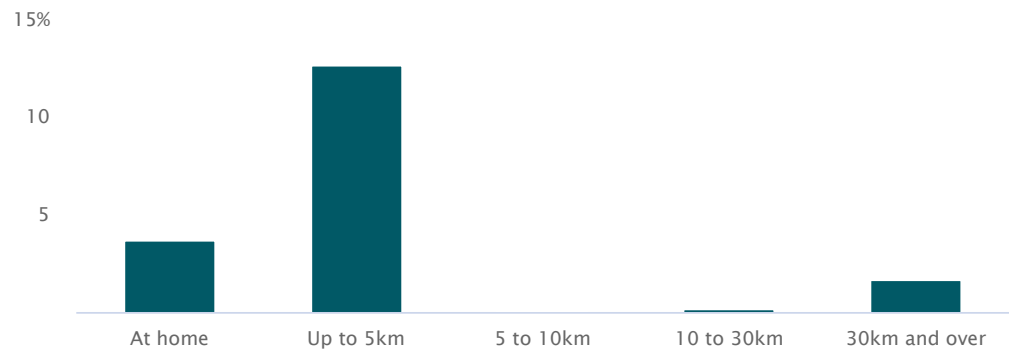
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Diversity of retail offer (%)

20

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Distance travelled to study.



Number of residents per charity.

148

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Environment Indicators

Households with D, E, F energy performance certificate rating

31%

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Households with green energy heating system

13%

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Average house price (£)

224k

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