

## Kelso

SCOTTISH BORDERS

POPULATION **5,639**

Kelso is located in Scottish Borders. It was the site of a 12th century Benedictine abbey and an important religious centre until the Reformation. Traditional industries were shoemaking, brewing and textiles. As a bridging point on the River Tweed it became a market town with a livestock market and agricultural services. Names such as Woodmarket and Horsemarket reflect this. Today there are some light industries including a soft drinks wholesaler and a manufacturer of plastic tanks. The town retains its role as a market and service centre.

In this medium town, population includes older people, some still in work often in less well paid sectors. It also includes a significant inactive population, some in poorer health. There is a higher proportion of single households and car ownership is lower.

Kelso is an independent town.

Its most similar towns are [Castle Douglas](#), [Kirkcudbright](#), [Kirkwall](#), and [Lerwick](#).

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

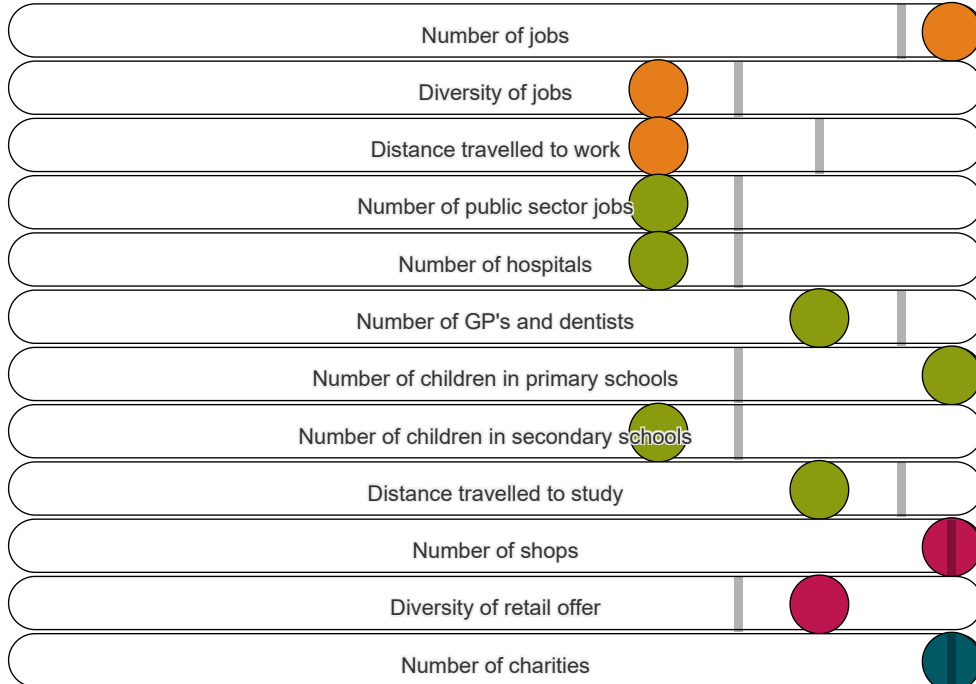
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# Inter-relationships

← *Dependent*

*Interdependent*

*Independent* →



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Combining inter-relationships and typology, Kelso is grouped with 6 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of charities, hospitals, 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

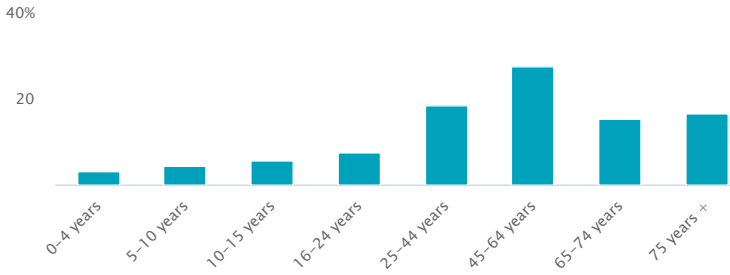
**Household change 2011 to 2022**

**30%**

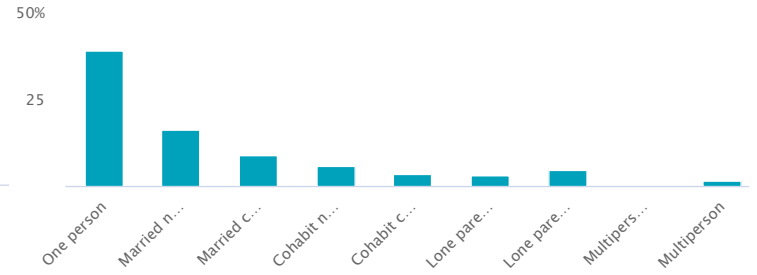
▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

# Population

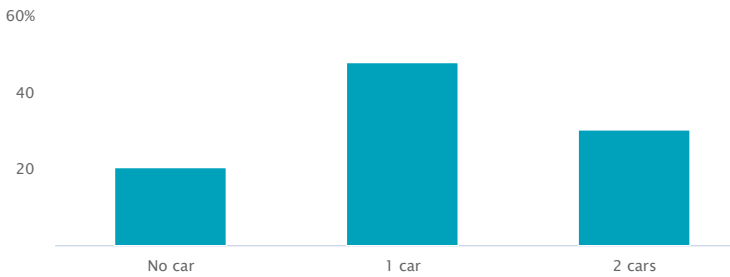
## Age



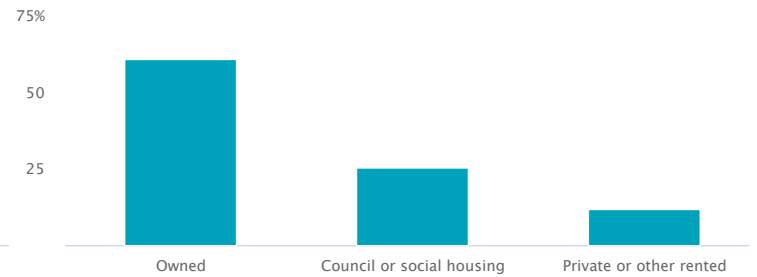
## Household composition



## Car ownership



## Tenure



## Population 2022

**6k**

▲ More than similar towns

## Households 2022

**4k**

▲ More than similar towns

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**30%**

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## Very bad health

**1%**

▼ Less than similar towns per head of population

## No central heating

**1%**

▼ Less than similar towns per head of population

## Occupancy rating of bedrooms 1 or less

**1%**

▼ Less than similar towns per head of population

## Disabled

**4%**

▼ Less than similar towns per head of population



# Employment

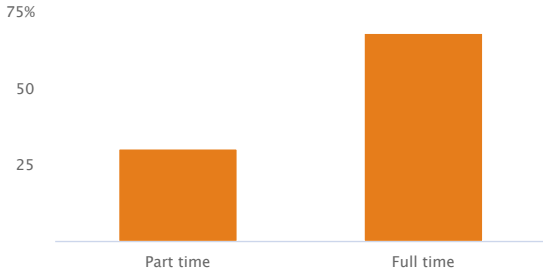
## Jobs

4k

▼ Less than similar towns per head of population

## Employment type

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



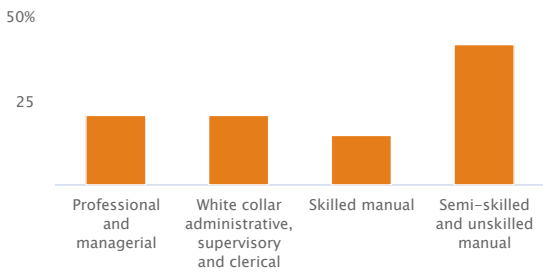
## Occupation

(% aged 16-74)

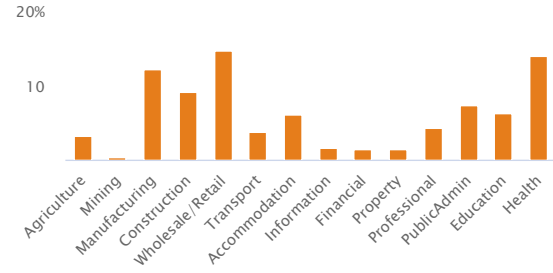


## Social Grade

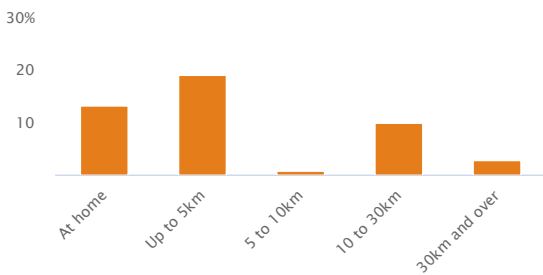
(% households aged 16-64)



## Sector Diversity

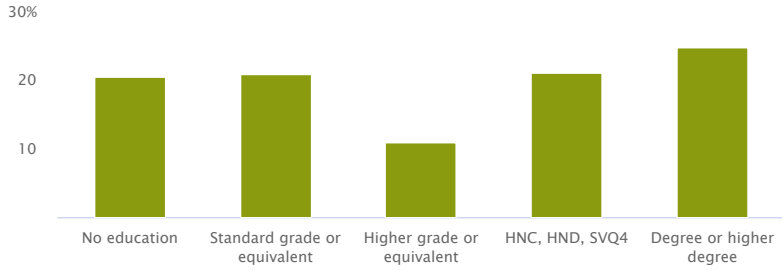


## Distance travelled to work



### Education

(% all people aged 16 and over)



### Children in primary schools

**646**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

### Children in secondary schools

**592**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

### Hospitals

**1**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

### GP's and dentists

**19**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

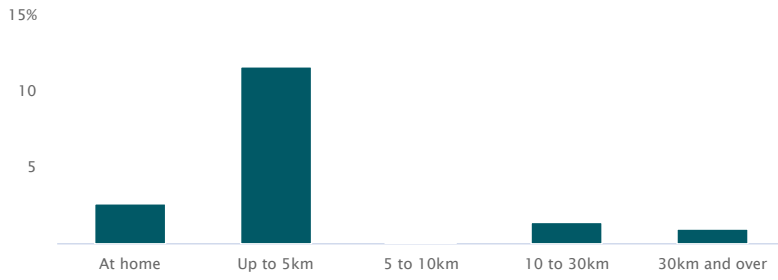
**Number of people per shop****47**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

**Diversity of retail offer (%)****17**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

### Distance travelled to study



### Number of residents per charity.

**157**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

# Environment Indicators

Households with D, E, F  
energy performance  
certificate rating

**25%**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

Households with green  
energy heating system

**0%**

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

Average house price (£)

**256k**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population