



Thurso

HIGHLAND

POPULATION **7,426**

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 substantial local employment.

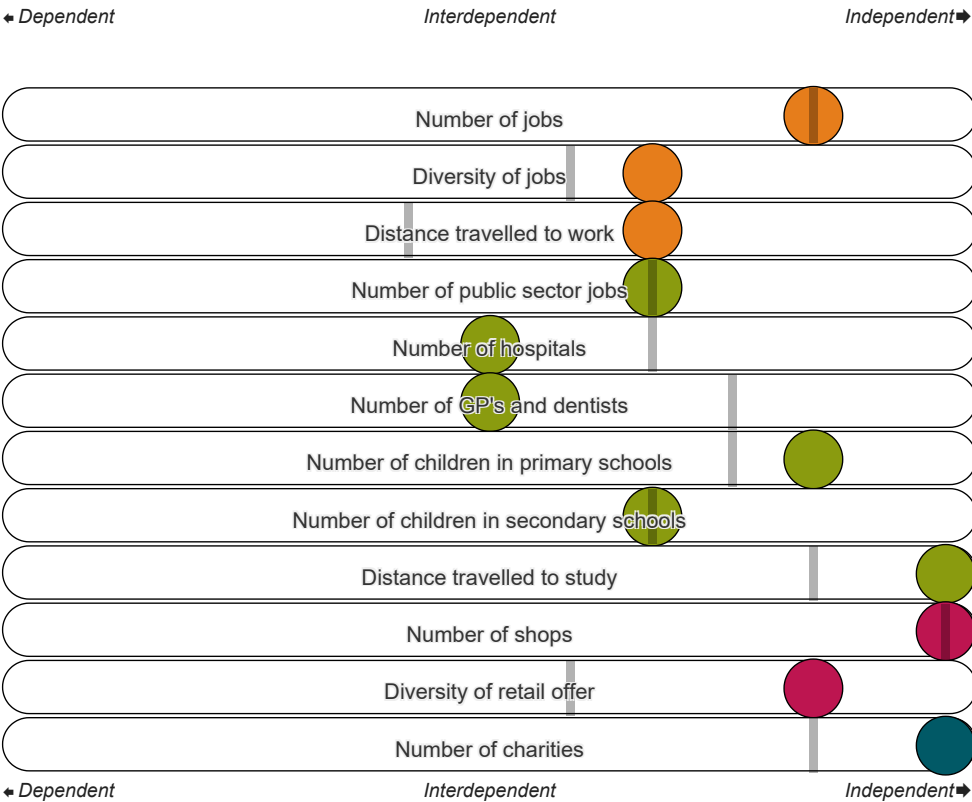
In this medium town, population includes older people, some still in work often in less well paid sectors. It also includes a significant inactive population, some in poorer health. There is a higher proportion of single households and car ownership is lower.

Thurso is an independent to interdependent town.

Its most similar towns are [Banff](#), [Buckie](#), [Crieff](#), and [Cupar](#).

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

Inter-relationships



Thurso is an **independent to interdependent** town.

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, public sector jobs, and shops. It also has similarities in the diversity of jobs, 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

Population change 2011 to 2022**-6%**

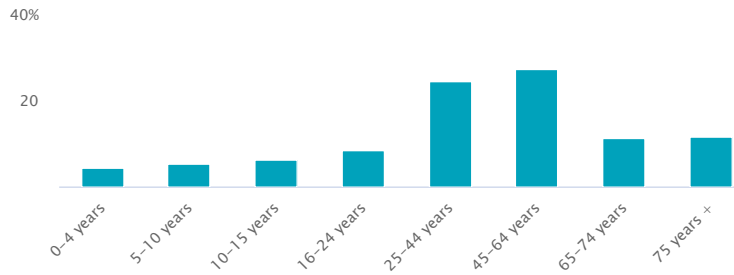
▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Household change 2011 to 2022**0%**

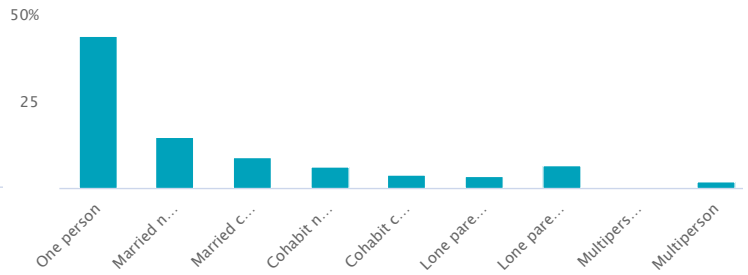
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Population

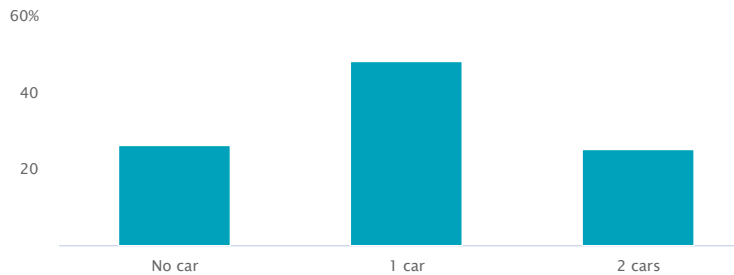
Age



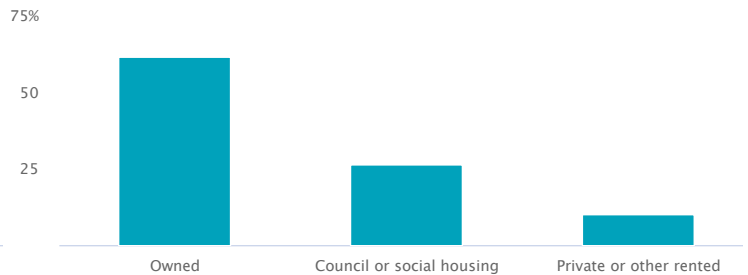
Household composition



Car ownership



Tenure



Population 2022

7k

▲ More
than similar towns

Households 2022

4k

▲ More
than similar towns

Population change 2011 to 2022

-6%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Household change 2011 to 2022

0%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Very bad health

2%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

No central heating

2%

▼ 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

6%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Employment

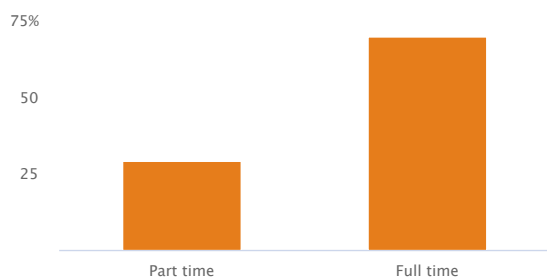
Jobs

3k

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than similar towns per head of population

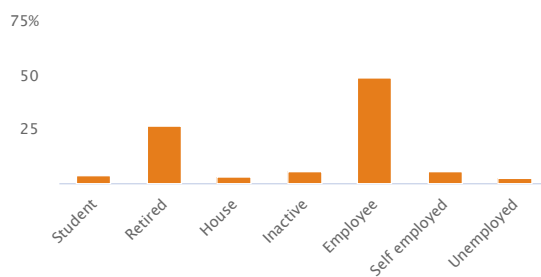
Employment type

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



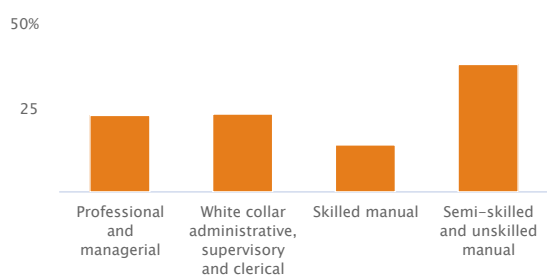
Occupation

(% aged 16-74)

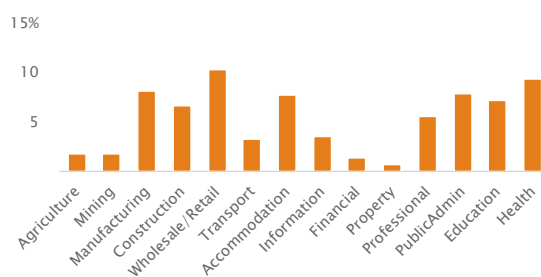


Social Grade

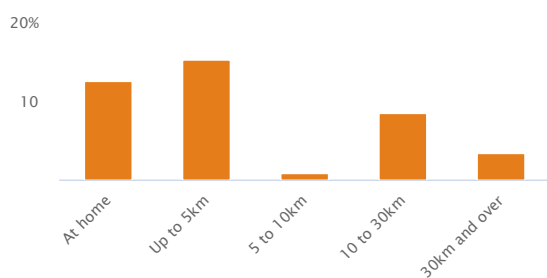
(% households aged 16-64)



Sector Diversity

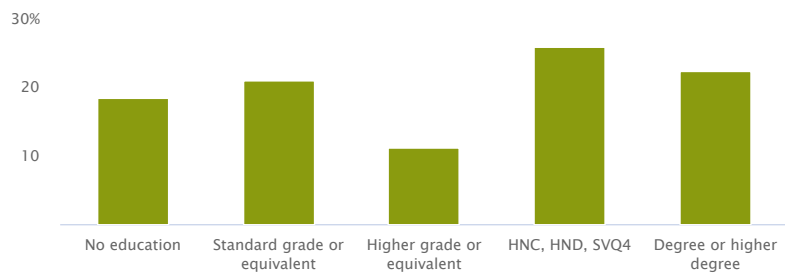


Distance travelled to work



Education

(% all people aged 16 and over)



Children in primary schools

757

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Children in secondary schools

753

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Hospitals

1

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

GP's and dentists

15

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

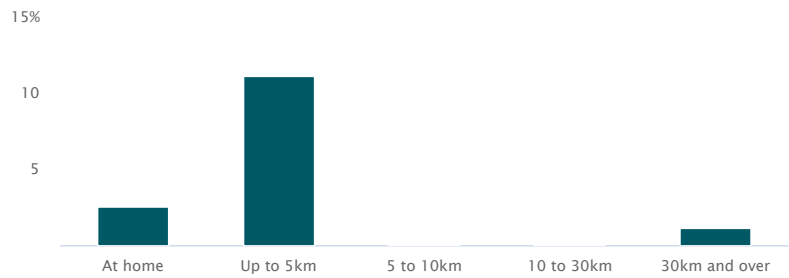
Number of people per shop**71**

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Diversity of retail offer (%)**18**

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity

169

▲ More
than similar towns per head of population



Environment Indicators

Households with D, E, F
energy performance
certificate rating

29%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Households with green
energy heating system

2%

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population

Average house price (£)

133k

▼ Less
than similar towns per head of population