



# West Calder

WEST LOTHIAN

POPULATION **3,407**

West Calder in West Lothian was an oil shale town in the 19th and early 20th centuries by Young's Paraffin Light and Mineral Oil Co. Ltd.. Much of the housing dates from the mid 20th century when public housing was built with oil shale being exploited until 1962. The development of Livingston mitigated the decline of employment in West Calder.

In this and similar medium towns, this population comprises families with a higher proportion of adults in the 25–44 age grouping. Higher rates of full time employment are found.

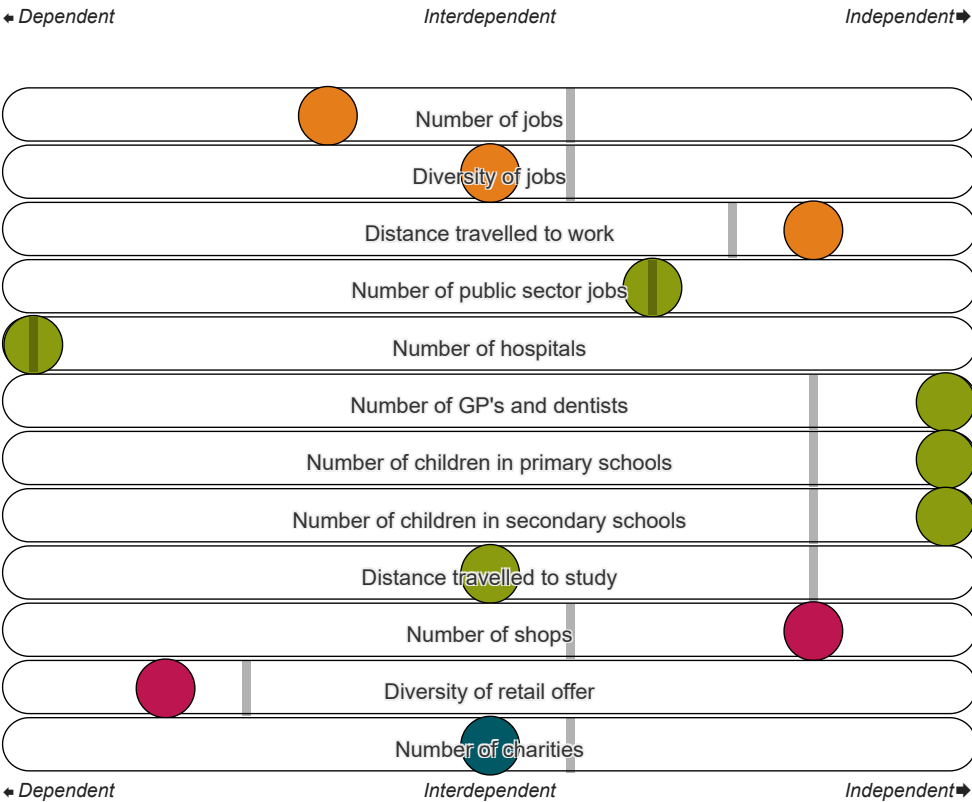
West Calder is an interdependent to independent town.

Its most similar towns are [Culloden](#), [Laurencekirk](#), [Lossiemouth](#), and [Thornliebank](#).

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

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# Inter-relationships



West Calder is an **interdependent to independent** town.

Combining inter-relationships and typology, West Calder is grouped with 4 other towns. It has similarities to these towns in terms of the number of charities, hospitals, children in secondary schools, public sector jobs, GP's and dentists, and diversity of retail offer. It also has similarities in the diversity of jobs, and the distance travelled to work.

It differs in terms of the number of shops. West Calder differs most from its group in the distance travelled to study.

- Orange Employment
- Green Public
- Pink Commercial
- Teal Social
- Grey Average for the category

**Population change 2011 to 2022****8%**

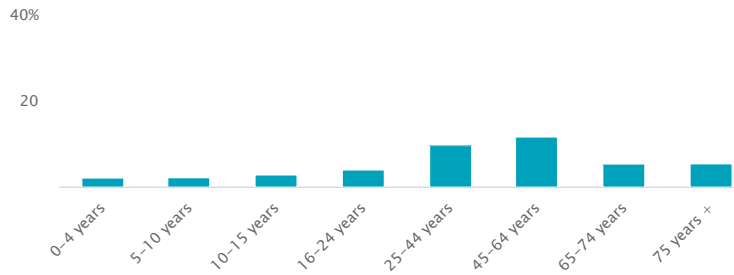
▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

**Household change 2011 to 2022****11%**

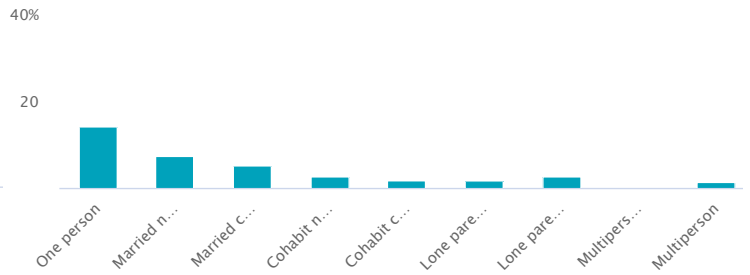
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# Population

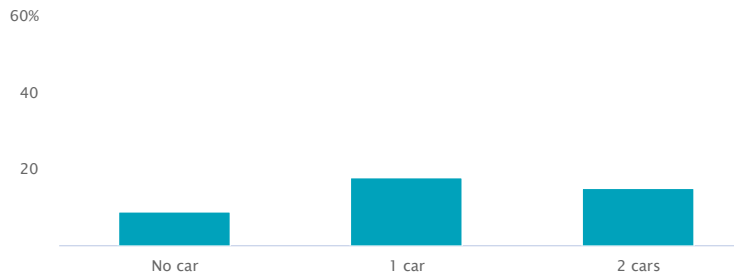
## Age



## Household composition



## Car ownership



## Tenure



## Population 2022

**3k**

▼ Less  
than similar towns

## Households 2022

**2k**

▼ Less  
than similar towns

## Population change 2011 to 2022

**8%**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

## Household change 2011 to 2022

**11%**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

## Very bad health

**2%**

▲ More  
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

**5%**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population



# Employment

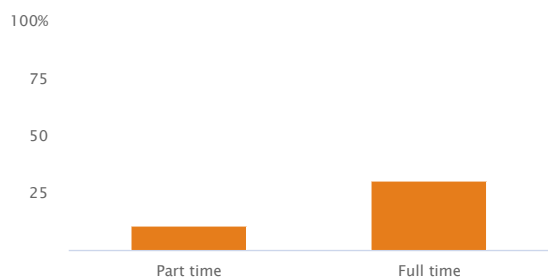
## Jobs

600

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

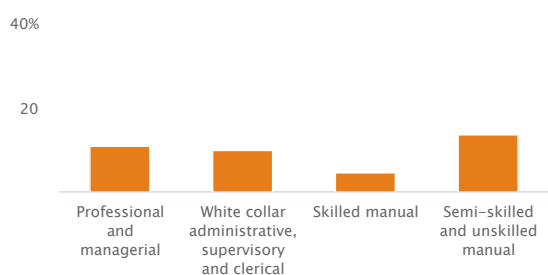
## Employment type

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



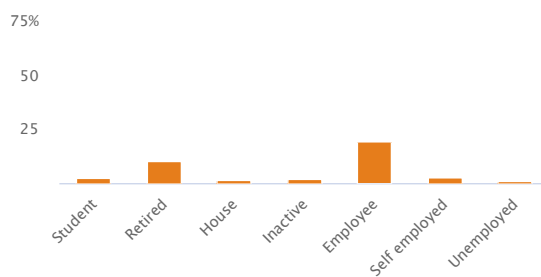
## Social Grade

(% households aged 16-64)

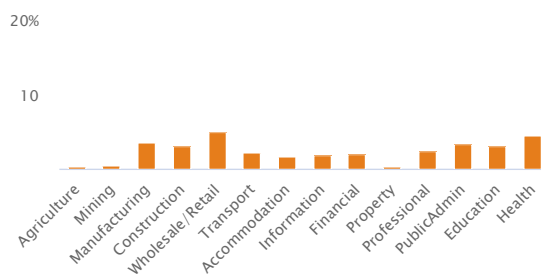


## Occupation

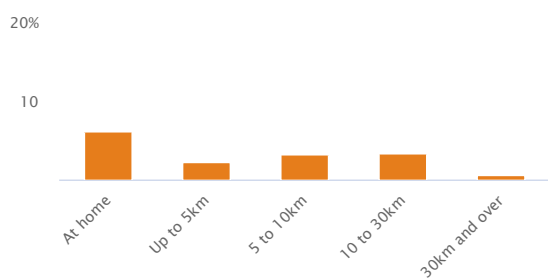
(% aged 16-74)



## Sector Diversity

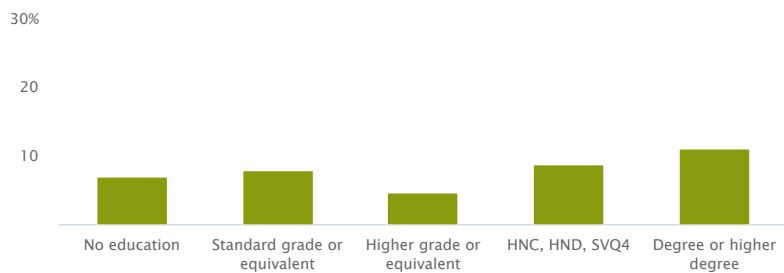


## Distance travelled to work



### Education

(% all people aged 16 and over)



### Children in primary schools

394

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

### Children in secondary schools

1k

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

### Hospitals

0

The same  
as similar towns per head of population

### GP's and dentists

15

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

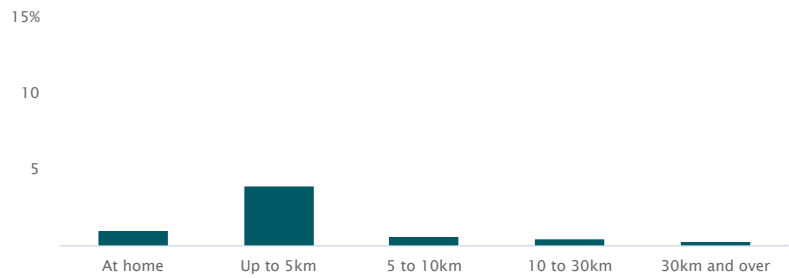
**Number of people per shop****106**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

**Diversity of retail offer (%)****50**

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population

Distance travelled to study



Number of residents per charity

379

▼ Less  
than similar towns per head of population

# Environment Indicators

Households with D, E, F  
energy performance  
certificate rating

16%

▼ 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 (£)

244k

▲ More  
than similar towns per head of population