

FORT WILLIAM PROFILE

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INTRODUCTION

The Fort William profile uses 2011 Census data and other available data sources to present an up-to-date analysis of its population and labour market.

The analysis is structured under the thematic headings of:

- Population.
- Labour market.
- Education and qualifications.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Ethnicity and migration.

To help contextualise the 2011 findings, the area profile includes corresponding figures where available for:

- Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, the Highlands and Islands area and Scotland as a whole.
- The 2001 Census, to show how Fort William has changed over the last 10 years.

The profile has been constructed using best fit data zones – and a map illustrating the specific datazones used is provided at the end of the profile.

HEADLINE FINDINGS

The headline findings for Fort William are:

- Total population was 10,437 in 2011, an increase of 4.6 per cent from 2001.
 - By industry of employment, a higher share of employment in wholesale and retail, transport and storage, and accommodation and food services than the Highlands and Islands and Scotland.
 - By occupation, a higher share of employment in managers, directors and senior officials, process, plant and machine operative, and elementary occupations than the Highlands and Islands and Scotland.
 - Unemployment rates lower than across Scotland as a whole but marginally above the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross and Highlands and Islands rates. The annualised Jobseekers Allowance claimant count rate in 2013 was 2.9 per cent in Fort William, 2.5 per cent in Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, 2.4 per cent in Highlands and Islands and 3.7 per cent across Scotland.
 - A larger proportion of the adult population with no qualifications compared to Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, the Highlands and Islands and Scotland, and fewer qualified with degree-level qualifications.
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POPULATION

In 2011, Fort William had a total population of 10,437. This was an increase of 4.6 per cent from 2001, which was below the population increases across Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (5.8 per cent) and the Highlands and Islands (7.5 per cent) (see Figure 1).

FIGURE 1: TOTAL POPULATION	2001	2011	% CHANGE
Fort William	9,980	10,437	+4.6
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	36,962	39,107	+5.8
Highlands and Islands	433,524	466,112	+7.5
Scotland	5,062,011	5,295,403	+4.6

Source: Census 2001 and 2011



By age breakdown, Fort William has a younger age profile than Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross as a whole.

- In 2011, some 55.8 per cent of the Fort William population was aged 0-44 years old, compared with 47.9 per cent across Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross. The proportions for the Highlands and Islands and Scotland were 50.8 per cent and 55.7 per cent respectively.
- Between 2001 and 2011, there has been an ageing of the population across Scotland. For example the Fort William 65 years and over population increased from 15.6 per cent in 2001 to 16.8 per cent in 2011, while the population aged 45-64 years old increased from 25.6 per cent to 27.4 per cent.

FIGURE 2: AGE BREAKDOWN OF 2001 AND 2011 POPULATION

		0-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Fort William	2001	19.5	10.7	28.8	25.6	15.6
	2011	18.7	11.4	25.7	27.4	16.8
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	2001	18.4	9.6	26.7	28.2	17.2
	2011	16.3	9.6	22.0	32.6	19.5
Highlands and Islands	2001	18.3	10.3	27.4	26.7	17.2
	2011	16.3	10.8	23.7	29.7	19.4
Scotland	2001	17.9	12.5	29.2	24.5	15.9
	2011	16.1	13.1	26.5	27.5	16.8

Source: Census 2001 and 2011

By gender, some 48.3 per cent of Fort William's population was male in 2011, which was in line with the proportions across Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, Highlands and Islands and Scotland.

FIGURE 3: GENDER BREAKDOWN OF 2001 AND 2011 POPULATION

		Male	Female
Fort William	2001	47.5	52.5
	2011	48.3	51.7
Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross	2001	48.9	51.1
	2011	49.0	51.0
Highlands and Islands	2001	49.1	50.9
	2011	49.0	51.0
Scotland	2001	48.1	51.9
	2011	48.5	51.5

Source: Census 2001 and 2011

LABOUR MARKET

The labour market data available at the settlement level provides an analysis of the resident population. It has been structured under the sub-headings of:

- Economically active
- In employment
- Unemployment
- Economically inactive

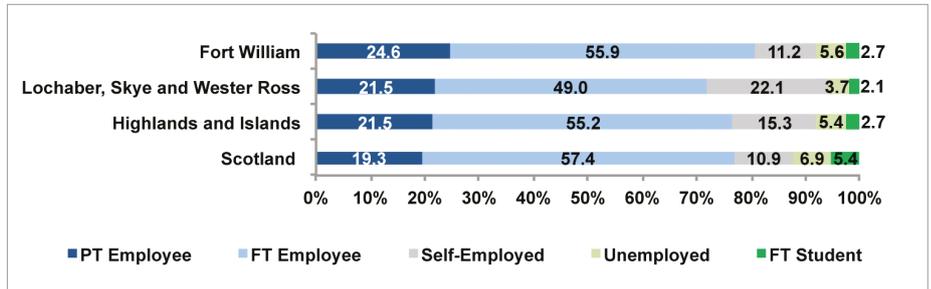
ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE

In 2011, some 73.7 per cent of the Fort William population aged 16 to 74 were economically active. This was above the rates for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross and Highlands and Islands both with 71.3 per cent and Scotland (69.0 per cent).

Figure 4 provides a breakdown of the economically active population in terms of their employment status. Compared to Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, Fort William had proportionately:

- More in full-time and part-time employment and unemployment.
- Fewer in self-employment.

FIGURE 4: BREAKDOWN OF ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE 16 TO 74 POPULATION (%), 2011



Source: Census 2011

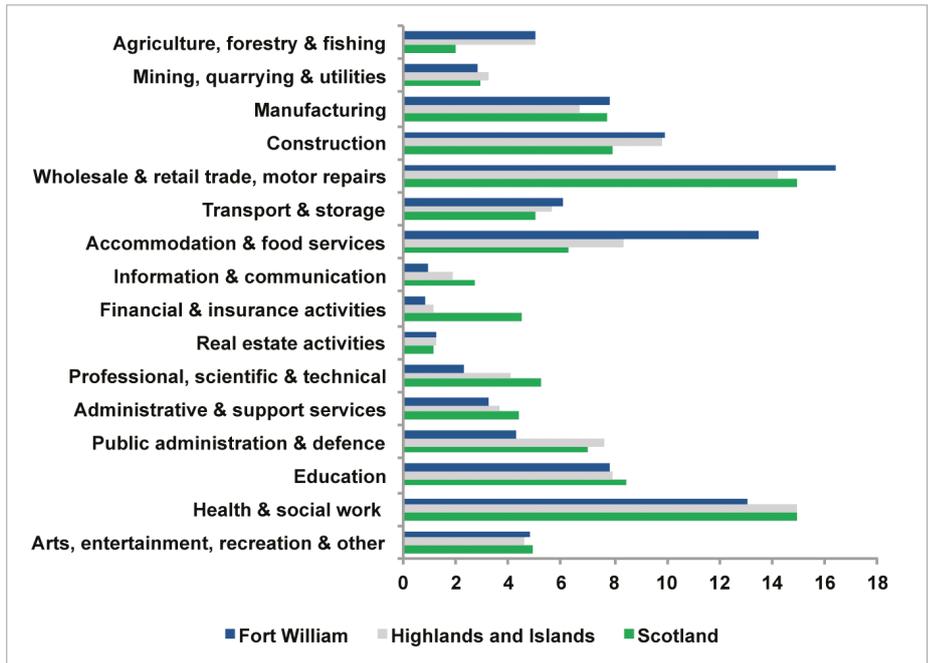
IN EMPLOYMENT

For those in employment, the Census provides information on the industry of employment, type of occupation and the number of hours worked per week.

By industry of employment in 2011, Figure 5 shows that compared to the Highlands and Islands and Scotland, Fort William had:

- A higher share of employment in wholesale and retail, transport and storage, and accommodation and food services.
- A lower share of employment in information and communication, professional, scientific and technical, public administration and defence, and health and social work.

FIGURE 5: EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (%), 2011



Source: Census 2011

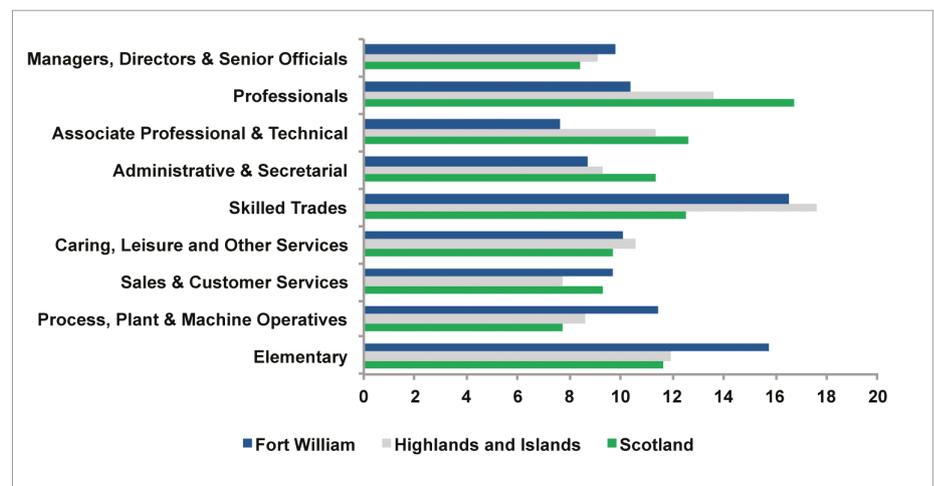
By occupation of employment, Figure 6 presents the share of 2011 employment by occupation and shows that, relative to the Highlands and Islands and Scotland, Fort William had:

- A higher share of employment in managers, directors and senior officials, process, plant and machine operatives, and elementary occupations.
- A lower share of employment in professionals, and associate professional and technical, administrative and secretarial occupations.

HOURS WORKED

By hours worked, the 2011 Census finds that working more than 49 hours per week was less common in Fort William (12.8 per cent) than Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (18.5 per cent) and the Highlands and Islands (16.1 per cent), but above the Scotland average (11.7 per cent).

FIGURE 6: EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION (%), 2011



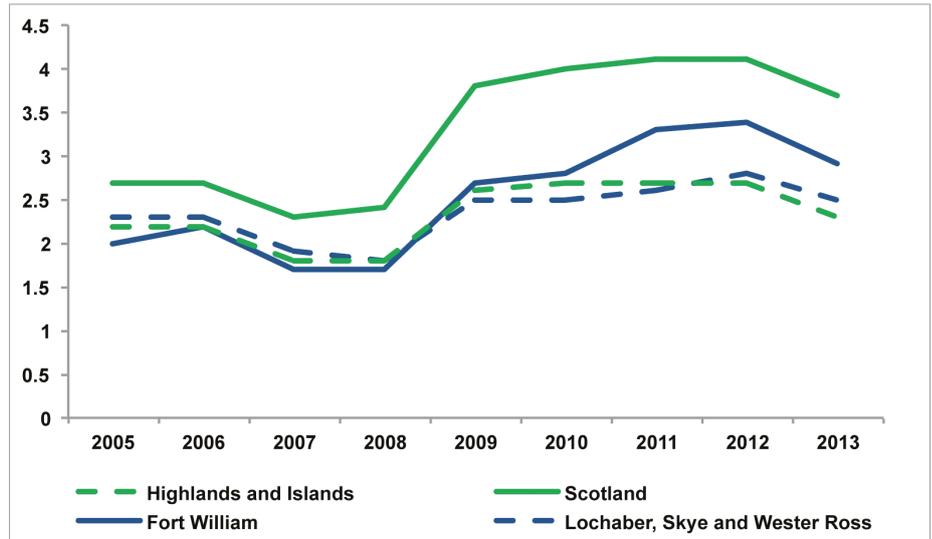
Source: Census 2011

UNEMPLOYMENT

Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) Claimant Count data has been used to analyse unemployment levels. Figure 7 shows the annualised Claimant Count rate from 2005 to 2013.

- Fort William had a Claimant Count rate that was in line with the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross and Highlands and Islands rates. Since 2010, however, Fort William's rate went above the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross and Highlands and Islands rates. The Fort William rate has always been below the Scotland rate.
- In 2013, the Fort William Claimant Count rate was 2.9 per cent; Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross 2.5 per cent; the Highlands and Islands 2.4 per cent; and Scotland 3.7 per cent.

FIGURE 7: CLAIMANT COUNT RATE OF 16-64 YEAR OLDS (%), 2005-2013



Source: NOMIS Claimant Count data
Note: Annualised data.

Figure 8 presents annualised Claimant Count data by gender, age and duration of claim for 2013. It shows:

- The male Claimant Count rate in Fort William (3.8 per cent) was almost twice the female rate (2.0 per cent), which was the same differential as Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross. The Highlands and Islands and Scotland had more than twice the male claimant count rate compared to females.
- The 16-24 year old Claimant Count in Fort William (3.6 per cent) was above the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross rate, in line with the Highlands and Islands rate, and below the Scotland rate.
- Amongst 25-64 year olds the Fort William Claimant Count rate (2.4 per cent) was marginally above the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross and Highlands and Islands rates but below the Scotland rate.

FIGURE 8: BREAKDOWN OF JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE CLAIMANTS, 2013

	Fort William		Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross		Highlands and Islands		Scotland	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
Male	114	3.8	350	2.9	4,580	3.2	87,410	5.1
Female	58	2.0	210	1.7	2,170	1.5	41,250	2.3
16-24	38	3.6	100	3.1	1,570	3.5	34,350	5.4
25-64	132	2.4	460	2.2	5,160	2.1	93,980	3.3
Up to 6 months	121	-	360	-	3,980	-	69,570	-
6-12 months	20	-	80	-	1,040	-	22,000	-
1-2 years	20	-	80	-	890	-	18,700	-
2 years +	9	-	40	-	820	-	18,060	-
Total	172	2.9	570	2.5	6,750	2.4	128,670	3.7

Source: NOMIS Claimant Count data
Note: Annualised data

ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE

In 2011, some 26.3 per cent of Fort William 16 to 74 year olds were economically inactive, compared with 28.7 per cent across Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, 28.7 per cent across the Highlands and Islands and 31.0 per cent across Scotland.

Figure 9 provides a breakdown of the economically inactive population aged 16-74 years old. Compared to Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, Fort William had proportionately:

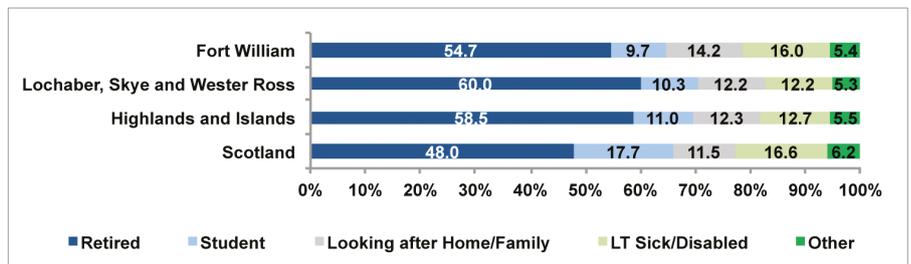
- More who were looking after home or family and long-term sick or disabled.
- Fewer who were retired.

OUT OF WORK BENEFITS

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) out of work benefits claimant data provides more recent information on working age out-of-work benefits claimants, of which many are economically inactive. In May 2013:

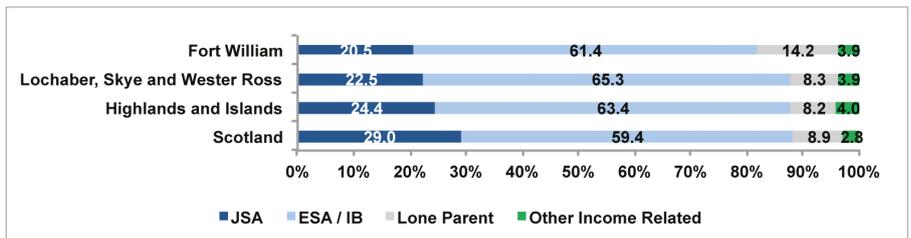
- There were 635 people aged 16 to 64 years old in Fort William claiming out-of-work benefits.
- This equates to 10.9 per cent of the working age population, which was above the rates for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (8.3 per cent) and the Highlands and Islands (9.2 per cent), but below the Scotland rate (12.9 per cent).
- Figure 10 shows the breakdown of out-of-work benefit claimants by statistical group.

FIGURE 9: BREAKDOWN OF ECONOMICALLY INACTIVE 16 TO 74 POPULATION (%), 2011



Source: Census 2011

FIGURE 10: OUT-OF-WORK BENEFITS CLAIMANTS BY STATISTICAL GROUP (%), MAY 2013



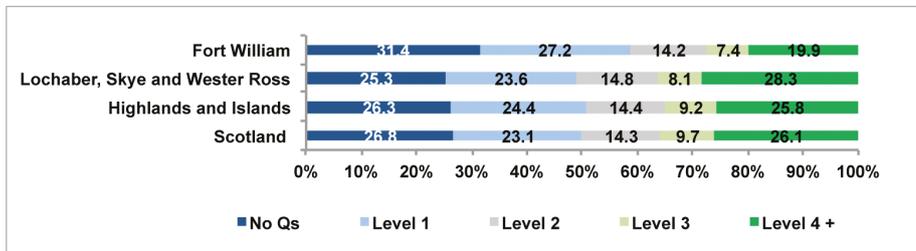
Source: NOMIS DWP WPLS data

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

The 2011 Census provides information on the highest qualification level held by people aged 16 and above. Figure 11 shows that Fort William had proportionately:

- More of its adult population (31.4 per cent) with no qualifications than Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (25.3 per cent), the Highlands and Islands (26.3 per cent) and Scotland (26.8 per cent).
- Fewer qualified at Level 4 (19.9 per cent) than Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (28.3 per cent), the Highlands and Islands (25.8 per cent) and Scotland (26.1 per cent).

FIGURE 11: HIGHEST QUALIFICATION HELD BY PEOPLE AGED 16 AND ABOVE, 2011



Source: Census 2011
 Note: Level 1 = Standard Grade, SVQ Level 1 or 2, or equivalent.
 Level 2 = Higher Grade, Advanced Higher Grade, SVQ Level 3 or equivalent.
 Level 3 = HNC, HND, SVQ Level 4 or equivalent.
 Level 4 = Degree, Postgraduate qualifications, SVQ Level 5 or equivalent.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Health and wellbeing are key contributors to an individual's economic activity. The main health statistics from the 2011 Census are outlined below.

- On perception of general health, some 83.4 per cent of the Fort William population stated that their health was 'very good' or 'good'. This was in line with the rates for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross, the Highlands and Islands (83.8 per cent) and Scotland (82.2 per cent).
- Some 18.5 per cent of the Fort William population reported a limiting long-term illness or health problem that affected their day-to-day activities. This was marginally below the rates for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (19.2 per cent), the Highlands and Islands (18.9 per cent) and Scotland (19.6 per cent).
- Some 8.0 per cent of the Fort William population provided unpaid care on a weekly basis. This was below the rates for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (9.5 per cent), the Highlands and Islands (9.1 per cent) and Scotland (9.3 per cent).

ETHNICITY AND MIGRATION

The Fort William profile concludes with the ethnicity and migration statistics from the 2011 Census. They show that:

- Some 98.8 per cent of the Fort William population were 'white'. This was in line with the proportions for Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (98.9 per cent) and the Highlands and Islands (98.8 per cent) but above the Scotland proportion of 96.0 per cent.
 - Of the 'white' population in Fort William, some 85.7 per cent were 'white Scottish', which was above the Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (76.5 per cent) and Highlands and Islands proportions (81.0 per cent). These wider geographic areas had 19.3 per cent and 15.4 per cent respectively defining themselves as 'white British'.
- Some 6.8 per cent of the Fort William population were born outside of the UK. This was above the proportions across Lochaber, Skye and Wester Ross (5.6 per cent) and the Highlands and Islands (5.2 per cent) and in line with the Scotland proportion (7.0 per cent).

MAP OF FORT WILLIAM DATAZONES USED



FURTHER INFORMATION

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