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Welcome to the 43rd edition of Shetland in Statistics

First published in 1972, as a guide to record facts and figures about Shetland, the publication has grown and changed over the years, reflecting changes in the islands.

Shetland in Statistics now provides a body of work with statistics on Shetland's economy, climate, population and much more over many decades.

Whilst every care is taken in the production of this publication, Shetland Islands Council cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions therein.

Anyone wishing to use these statistics for anything but general interest should refer to the original source data, quoted throughout this booklet.

We hope you find the publication useful. If you have any comments or amendments please contact Shetland Islands Council Economic Development Department.

1 People

Population

After decades of decline the population of Shetland, which had fallen to nearly 17,000 in the mid 1960s, rose by 31% between 1971 and 1981 as a direct result of oil related activity. Since the 1980s, the population has been fairly stable around 22,000 - 23,000.

| Annual Mid-Year Population Estimates | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Shetland | 23,200 | 23,220 | 23,200 | 23,200 | 23,080 |

Source: National Records of Scotland: [Shetland Islands Council Area Profile \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk)

| Population of Shetland By Area (based on Census) | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| Area | 1931 | 1961 | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 |
| Brae* | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 756 | 660 | 856 |
| Bressay | 452 | 269 | 251 | 334 | 352 | 384 | 368 |
| Burra | 767 | 648 | 565 | 850 ^e | 929 | 850 | 852 |
| Cunningsburgh** | n/a | 411 | 410 | n/a | n/a | 658 | 694 |
| Delting | 958 | 598 | 580 | 2,110 | 1,105 | 970 | 931 |
| Dunrossness | 1,089 | 857 | 848 | 1,591 | 1,502 | 1,471 | 1,484 |
| Fair Isle | 108 | 64 | 65 | 69 ^e | 67 | 69 | 68 |
| Fetlar | 217 | 127 | 88 | 101 | 90 | 86 ^e | 61 |
| Foula | 118 | 54 | 33 | 45 ^e | 42 | 32 | 38 |
| Gulberwick/Quarff | 1,518 | 385 | 171 | 579 ^e | 398 | 662 | 827 |
| Lerwick | 4,221 | 5,913 | 6,127 | 6,899 | 7,336 | 6,833 | 6,928 |
| Muckle Roe | n/a | 103 | 94 | 101 | 115 | 104 | 130 |
| Nesting | 822 | 434 | 380 | 506 | 512 | 570 | 624 |
| Northmavine | 1,343 | 816 | 696 | 898 | 878 | 841 | 741 |
| Papa Stour | 100 | 55 | 24 | 35 ^e | 35 ^e | 24 | 15 |
| Sandsting | 1,552 | 957 | 873 | 1,002 | 891 | 945 | 831 |
| Sandwick | 1,507 | 761 | 710 | 1,303 ^e | 1,352 | 774 | 970 |
| Scalloway*** | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1,160 | 802 | 1,129 | 1,479 |
| Skerries | 110 | 108 | 101 | 88 ^e | 87 | 76 | 74 |
| Tingwall | 1,440 | 1,603 | 1,671 | 1,080 | 1,431 | 1,405 | 1,477 |
| Trondra | 91 | 20 | 17 | 88 | 117 | 133 | 135 |
| Unst | 1,341 | 1,151 | 1,127 | 1,140 | 1,055 | 720 | 632 |
| Vaila | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Walls & Sandness | 884 | 561 | 483 | 573 | 554 | 601 | 923 |
| Whalsay | 900 | 764 | 870 | 1,025 | 1,041 | 1,034 | 1,061 |
| Yell | 1,883 | 1,155 | 1,143 | 1,191 | 1,075 | 957 | 966 |
| Total | 21,421 | 17,814 | 17,327 | 22,768 | 22,522 | 21,988 | 23,167 |

^e Estimated

* From 1931 to 1981 the figures for Brae are included in the figures for Delting

** In 1931, 1981 and 1991 the figures for Cunningsburgh are included in the figures for Sandwick

*** From 1931 to 1971 the figures for Scalloway are included in the figures for Tingwall

Populations were enumerated on a slightly different basis at the 1981 and 1991 censuses, and are therefore not strictly comparable

1981 Census – Resident population **excluding** absent households

1991 – 2011 Census – Resident population **including** absent households

| Shetland Population Breakdown By Age & Sex | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Age Group | 1991 | | | 2001 | | | 2011 | | | 2017 | | |
| | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total |
| 0-4 | 830 | 797 | 1,627 | 669 | 659 | 1,328 | 741 | 648 | 1,389 | 652 | 627 | 1,279 |
| 5-9 | 815 | 743 | 1,558 | 813 | 721 | 1,534 | 712 | 614 | 1,326 | 727 | 622 | 1,349 |
| 10-14 | 903 | 837 | 1,740 | 820 | 822 | 1,642 | 711 | 739 | 1,450 | 707 | 651 | 1,358 |
| 15-19 | 831 | 790 | 1,621 | 700 | 605 | 1,305 | 792 | 659 | 1,451 | 653 | 626 | 1,279 |
| 20-24 | 838 | 757 | 1,595 | 645 | 546 | 1,191 | 671 | 624 | 1,295 | 658 | 549 | 1,207 |
| 25-29 | 883 | 785 | 1,668 | 695 | 656 | 1,351 | 653 | 600 | 1,253 | 689 | 647 | 1,336 |
| 30-34 | 857 | 792 | 1,649 | 792 | 778 | 1,570 | 707 | 696 | 1,403 | 693 | 664 | 1,357 |
| 35-39 | 917 | 795 | 1,712 | 883 | 843 | 1,726 | 782 | 751 | 1,533 | 690 | 667 | 1,357 |
| 40-44 | 933 | 787 | 1,720 | 802 | 772 | 1,574 | 836 | 834 | 1,670 | 782 | 726 | 1,508 |
| 45-49 | 767 | 713 | 1,480 | 862 | 767 | 1,629 | 952 | 889 | 1,841 | 806 | 842 | 1,648 |
| 50-54 | 614 | 556 | 1,170 | 888 | 737 | 1,625 | 833 | 796 | 1,629 | 928 | 854 | 1,782 |
| 55-59 | 500 | 491 | 991 | 715 | 660 | 1,375 | 824 | 769 | 1,593 | 846 | 778 | 1,624 |
| 60-64 | 439 | 454 | 893 | 537 | 516 | 1,053 | 842 | 715 | 1,557 | 745 | 769 | 1,514 |
| 65-69 | 415 | 474 | 889 | 420 | 448 | 868 | 601 | 629 | 1,230 | 737 | 678 | 1,415 |
| 70-74 | 295 | 439 | 734 | 335 | 406 | 741 | 450 | 463 | 913 | 603 | 579 | 1,182 |
| 75-79 | 261 | 396 | 657 | 260 | 407 | 667 | 304 | 383 | 687 | 400 | 447 | 847 |
| 80-84 | 165 | 314 | 479 | 139 | 277 | 416 | 204 | 287 | 491 | 250 | 314 | 564 |
| 85-89 | 72 | 182 | 254 | 78 | 188 | 266 | 102 | 194 | 296 | 119 | 188 | 307 |
| 90+ | 24 | 61 | 85 | 18 | 109 | 127 | 44 | 116 | 160 | 46 | 121 | 167 |
| Total | 11,359 | 11,163 | 22,522 | 11,071 | 10,917 | 21,988 | 11,761 | 11,406 | 23,167 | 11,731 | 11,349 | 23,080 |

Sources: 1991, 2001, and 2011 figures from population census. 2017 figures mid-year estimates from National Records of Scotland: www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates/mid-year-population-estimates/population-estimates-time-series-data

Births & Deaths

Between 2015 and 2016 Shetland experienced a 13.7% increase in the number of births, during the same time period the total number of births in Scotland fell by 1.1%. In relation to the Scottish standardised birth rate, Shetland's rate is consistently higher.

| Number of births and birth rates per 1,000 population | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| Year | Shetland Number of Births by Sex | | | Standardised Birth Rate | |
| | Male | Female | Total | Shetland | Scotland |
| 2002 | 124 | 85 | 209 | 10.5 | 10.1 |
| 2011 | 131 | 111 | 242 | 11.7 | 11.1 |
| 2014 | 114 | 139 | 253 | 12.6 | 10.6 |
| 2015 | 122 | 112 | 234 | 11.6 | 10.3 |
| 2016 | 141 | 125 | 266 | 13.3 | 10.1 |

Source: National Records of Scotland: [Shetland Islands Council Area Profile \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://Shetland Islands Council Area Profile (nrscotland.gov.uk))

| Number of deaths and death rates per 1,000 population | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| Year | Shetland Number of Deaths by Sex | | | Standardised Death Rate | |
| | Male | Female | Total | Shetland | Scotland |
| 2002 | 104 | 110 | 214 | 10.2 | 11.5 |
| 2011 | 103 | 128 | 231 | 10.2 | 10.1 |
| 2014 | 105 | 120 | 225 | 9.7 | 10.1 |
| 2015 | 143 | 113 | 256 | 11.0 | 10.7 |
| 2016 | 122 | 110 | 232 | 10.0 | 10.5 |

Source: National Records of Scotland: [Shetland Islands Council Area Profile \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk)

Migration

| Migration by type and net migration rates per 1,000 people* | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----|------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Year | Shetland Migration by Type | | | Net Migration Rate (per 1,000) | |
| | In | Out | Net | Shetland | Scotland |
| 2002/03 | 690 | 810 | -120 | -5.4 | 1.11 |
| 2011/12 | 670 | 730 | -70 | -2.9 | 2.4 |
| 2015/16 | 680 | 690 | -20 | -0.6 | 5.9 |
| 2016/17 | 540 | 670 | -130 | -5.8 | 4.4 |

*Migration by type rounded to the nearest 10 at council level and nearest 100 at national level; Migration estimates include asylum seekers and refugees, but exclude movements of prisoners and armed forces personnel

| Shetland Total Net Migration Breakdown By Age & Sex | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-------|
| Age Group | 2002/03 | | | 2011/12 | | | 2015/16 | | | 2016/17 | | |
| | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total | M | F | Total |
| 0-4 | 12 | -19 | -7 | -1 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 | -3 | 7 |
| 5-9 | -8 | 7 | -1 | -9 | -9 | -18 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10-14 | -6 | -2 | -8 | -4 | -1 | -5 | 4 | 5 | 9 | -4 | 1 | -3 |
| 15-19 | -29 | -78 | -107 | -30 | -31 | -61 | -17 | -44 | -61 | -31 | -28 | -59 |
| 20-24 | -4 | 0 | -4 | -16 | 9 | -7 | -2 | -9 | -11 | -18 | -18 | -36 |
| 25-29 | -11 | 0 | -11 | -12 | -5 | -17 | 8 | 6 | 14 | -14 | -1 | -15 |
| 30-34 | 10 | 9 | 19 | -2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 12 | -1 | 11 |
| 35-39 | -3 | 3 | 0 | -1 | -9 | -10 | 0 | -3 | -3 | -11 | -3 | -14 |
| 40-44 | -6 | 0 | -6 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 8 | -1 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 45-49 | -14 | 0 | -14 | 0 | -2 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | -9 | -7 |
| 50-54 | 6 | -3 | 3 | -4 | 7 | 3 | 5 | -1 | 4 | -12 | -7 | -19 |
| 55-59 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 8 | -1 | 7 |
| 60-64 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 6 | -4 | 2 | -3 | 2 | -1 | -7 | 0 | -7 |
| 65-69 | 3 | -2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | -7 | 1 | -6 | -7 | 2 | -5 |
| 70-74 | 0 | -1 | -1 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 3 | 2 |
| 75-79 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | -2 | 1 | 3 | -1 | 2 | -1 | -1 | -2 |
| 80-84 | 4 | 3 | 7 | -1 | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 85-89 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -2 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| 90+ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | -1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | -41 | -77 | -118 | -56 | -12 | -68 | 12 | -27 | -15 | -72 | -61 | -133 |

Source: National Records of Scotland: [Shetland Islands Council Area Profile \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](http://nrscotland.gov.uk)

2 Economy

Employment & Economic Activity

| Employee Jobs in Shetland, excluding self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Total Jobs | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Full-time | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Part-time* | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |

*Part-time posts are 30 or fewer hours per week

Source: ONS [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](http://nomisweb.co.uk)

| Shetland Employee Jobs by Industry* | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | Shetland % | Scotland % | GB % |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------------|------------|------|
| B: Mining & quarrying | 75 | 100 | 75 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| C: Manufacturing | 900 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 8.2 |
| D: Electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning supply | 75 | 75 | 75 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| E: Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| F: Construction | 2,250 | 1,500 | 1,250 | 8.9 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| G: Wholesale & retail trade, repair of motor vehicles/cycles | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,500 | 10.7 | 14.4 | 15.1 |
| H: Transportation and storage | 1,250 | 1,250 | 1,250 | 8.9 | 4.4 | 4.8 |
| I: Accommodation and food service activities | 1,250 | 1,000 | 900 | 6.4 | 7.8 | 7.5 |
| J: Information and communication | 175 | 225 | 200 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 4.4 |
| K: Financial and insurance activities | 50 | 45 | 50 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| L: Real estate activities | 50 | 75 | 75 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 1.7 |
| M: Professional, scientific and technical activities | 450 | 500 | 600 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 8.5 |
| N: Admin & support service activities | 800 | 700 | 800 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 9.1 |
| O: Public admin & defence; compulsory social security | 700 | 700 | 800 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 4.3 |
| P: Education | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,250 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 8.9 |
| Q: Human Health and Social Work | 2,250 | 2,250 | 2,250 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 13.3 |
| R: Arts, entertainment and recreation | 450 | 500 | 450 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| S: Other service activities | 400 | 450 | 450 | 3.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 |

* Data excludes farm-based agriculture, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces

Source: ONS [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](http://nomisweb.co.uk)

| Unemployment* - ONS model-based estimates | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Shetland % | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| Eilean Siar % | 18.0 | 20.1 | 14.5 | 4.9 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| Highland % | - | - | - | 3.1 | 5.3 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| Orkney % | 3.9 | 9.0 | 5.5 | 2.2 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| Scotland % | 5.5 | 13.5 | 9.0 | 4.2 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| Great Britain % | - | - | - | 2.5 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 |

* % figures are a proportion of economically active, those aged 16-64

Source: ONS [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](http://nomisweb.co.uk)

| Economic Activity | | | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2004 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Shetland (%) * | | | | | |
| Economically Active | 86.3 | 82.0 | 87.4 | 90.7 | 85.4 |
| In Employment | 85.1 | 81.1 | 87.4 | 86.5 | 82.7 |
| Employees | 72.2 | 69.9 | 77.8 | 77.3 | 73.3 |
| Self Employed | 10.8 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 7.8 | 9.0 |
| In Employment (%) * | | | | | |
| Eilean Siar | 77.8 | 63.5 | 77.9 | 78.0 | 81.1 |
| Highland | 81.0 | 78.3 | 81.0 | 77.1 | 81.0 |
| Orkney | 83.4 | 79.3 | 86.8 | 86.1 | 88.3 |
| Shetland | 85.1 | 81.1 | 87.4 | 86.5 | 82.7 |
| Scotland | 72.6 | 70.5 | 73.1 | 73.0 | 74.2 |
| Great Britain | 72.6 | 69.9 | 73.6 | 74.0 | 74.9 |

* % figures are a proportion of economically active, those aged 16-64

Source: ONS [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](http://nomisweb.co.uk)

| Number of New Business Start-ups* | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2008 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Aberdeen City | 1,345 | 1,651 | 1,243 | 1,474 | 1,501 |
| Aberdeenshire | 1,327 | 1,493 | 1,383 | 1,610 | 1,830 |
| City of Edinburgh | 2,463 | 3,600 | 3,527 | 3,338 | 3,410 |
| Glasgow City | 2,535 | 4,066 | 3,982 | 3,930 | 3,928 |
| Highland | 915 | 1,200 | 1,473 | 1,363 | 1,504 |
| Eilean Siar | 89 | 143 | 128 | 128 | 166 |
| Orkney Islands | 57 | 90 | 140 | 112 | 126 |
| Shetland Islands | 63 | 128 | 144 | 133 | 131 |
| Total Above | 8,794 | 12,371 | | | |
| All Scottish Local Authorities | 20,641 | 29,632 | 28,682 | 28,292 | 29,965 |
| Business Start-up Rate - Number of business start-ups/(working age population/10,000) | | | | | |
| Shetland | 37.8 | 85.6 | 98.5 | 91.3 | 91.2 |
| Scotland | 53.0 | 85.0 | 82.5 | 81.1 | 85.8 |

*Business numbers reflect openings of first current accounts from banks small business product ranges. This represents businesses new to banking or previously operated through a personal account. Figures exclude businesses operating through personal accounts, those which have switched business accounts to a new bank, those without banking relationships or those banking with other institutions.

Source: BankSearch

| Business Registrations: VAT and/or PAYE registered private sector businesses - Shetland | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| No. Business registrations | 1,365 | 1,490 | 1,530 | 1,565 |
| Of which small businesses (0-49 employees) | 94% | 94% | 94% | 94% |

| Share of private sector jobs (%) |
|----------------------------------|
|----------------------------------|

| Small business (0-49 employees) | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shetland | 61.8 | 55.7 | 52.9 | 56.4 |
| Scotland | 35.2 | 36.7 | 36.1 | 36.3 |
| Island & remote rural areas | 62.3 | 60.0 | 59.0 | 60.3 |
| Mainly rural areas | 50.3 | 51.0 | 50.3 | 50.3 |
| Urban and substantial rural areas | 34.6 | 36.6 | 35.8 | 36.2 |
| Larger cities | 24.6 | 26.2 | 26.0 | 26.2 |
| Abroad-owned businesses | | | | |
| Shetland | 10.2 | 13.9 | 16.7 | 13.4 |
| Scotland | 15.7 | 16.6 | 16.5 | 16.6 |
| Island & remote rural areas | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 8.2 |
| Mainly rural areas | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 11.6 |
| Urban and substantial rural areas | 17.9 | 17.8 | 17.2 | 17.7 |
| Larger cities | 17.1 | 19.4 | 19.7 | 19.3 |
| EU abroad-owned businesses | | | | |
| Shetland | 6.3 | 8.7 | 12.9 | 9.5 |
| Scotland | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 |
| Island & remote rural areas | 2.0 | 2.7 | 4.3 | 3.2 |
| Mainly rural areas | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.8 |
| Urban and substantial rural areas | 7.1 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 6.7 |
| Larger cities | 6.4 | 7.2 | 8.0 | 7.8 |

Source: [Sub-Scotland Economic Statistics Database - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

| Gross Weekly Pay - Fulltime Workers (£) (Median) | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Eilean Sair | 383.00 | 436.10 | 495.5 | 482.0 | 479.8 |
| Highland | 339.70 | 458.00 | 490.7 | 529.6 | 544.5 |
| Orkney | # | 427.40 | 518.3 | 557.0 | 520.6 |
| Shetland | 367.30 | 545.20 | 592.6 | 637.2 | 607.7 |
| Scotland | 369.30 | 487.20 | 527.0 | 536.0 | 547.4 |
| Great Britain | 392.70 | 500.20 | 529.0 | 540.9 | 552.3 |

Sample size too small for reliable estimate

Source: ONS [Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics \(nomisweb.co.uk\)](http://nomisweb.co.uk)

| 2017 Household Average Annual Income by Area (£) (Median) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Shetland Areas | Households | 0-10k | 10-20k | 20-30k | 30-40k | 40-50k | 50-60k | 60-70k | 70-80k | 80-90k | 90-100k | 100k+ |
| Central Mainland | 1,715 | 118 | 297 | 310 | 275 | 216 | 159 | 115 | 71 | 56 | 25 | 73 |
| Lerwick & Bressay | 3,471 | 370 | 775 | 678 | 529 | 377 | 256 | 174 | 102 | 78 | 34 | 99 |
| North Isles | 843 | 100 | 211 | 176 | 130 | 86 | 54 | 34 | 18 | 13 | 5 | 14 |
| North Mainland | 1,411 | 120 | 291 | 278 | 227 | 165 | 114 | 78 | 46 | 35 | 15 | 41 |
| South Mainland | 1,696 | 108 | 271 | 291 | 268 | 218 | 166 | 123 | 78 | 63 | 28 | 82 |
| West Mainland | 837 | 76 | 173 | 166 | 137 | 100 | 68 | 46 | 26 | 19 | 8 | 19 |
| Whalsay & Skerries | 413 | 39 | 97 | 87 | 67 | 46 | 30 | 19 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 6 |
| Central Mainland - Burra & Trondra, Scalloway, and Tingwall, Whiteness & Weisdale; North Isles - Unst, Yell, Fetlar; North Mainland - Northmavine, Nesting & Lunnasting, and Delting; South Mainland - Dunrossness, Sandwick, and Gulberwick, Cunningsburgh & Quarff; West Mainland - Sandness & Walls, and Sandsting & Aithsting | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wider Areas | Total households | | Mean Income | | | | Lower Quartile | | | | | |
| Shetland | 10,386 | | £37,669 | | | | £18,041 | | | | | |
| Scotland | 2,493,075 | | £36,031 | | | | £15,568 | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 28,277,508 | | £39,073 | | | | £17,424 | | | | | |

Source: CACI Paycheck 2017

| Gross Value Added (balanced) per head of population at current basic prices (£) | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1998 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Shetland | 16,744 | 18,626 | 29,763 | 31,728 | 30,510 | 32,998 |
| Highlands & Islands | 12,377 | 14,097 | 20,733 | 22,684 | 22,879 | 24,609 |
| Scotland | 13,781 | 15,442 | 21,796 | 24,533 | 24,790 | 25,907 |
| United Kingdom | 15,388 | 17,443 | 23,455 | 26,249 | 27,037 | 28,132 |

Source: [Regional gross value added \(balanced\) per head and income components - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

Fish Catching

| Fish Landings in Shetland* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Whitefish | | Shellfish | | Herring | | Mackerel | | Other Pelagic | |
| | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 |
| 1971 | 17,688 | 1,058 | 770 | 159 | 22,453 | 584 | 190 | 3.3 | 114 | 2.1 |
| 1981 | 52,175 | 4,386 | 695 | 328 | 871 | 57.2 | 826 | 49.6 | 0 | 0 |
| 1991 | 18,858 | 12,261 | 1,005 | 1,402 | 41,961 | 3,991 | 38,092 | 4,784 | 4,908 | 273 |
| 2001 | 12,481 | 12,777 | 1,234 | 1,634 | 12,087 | 2,977 | 23,895 | 10,312 | 10,373 | 500 |
| Change in data collection method – from UK only vessels to landings by UK and Foreign vessels | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 13,480 | 24,676 | 1,965 | 4,647 | 9,440 | 4,608 | 44,136 | 56,113 | 2,146 | 1,120 |
| 2014 | 16,303 | 27,131 | 2,010 | 4,119 | 6,057 | 1,546 | 51,601 | 42,086 | 69 | 8.5 |
| 2015 | 15,963 | 25,983 | 1,991 | 4,070 | 13,194 | 4,835 | 41,243 | 25,899 | 88 | 50.9 |
| 2016 | 18,766 | 32,915 | 3,091 | 5,207 | 9,471 | 5,801 | 40,229 | 35,225 | 0 | 0.8 |

*1971-2001 figures: total landings by UK vessels only; 2011-2016 figures: total landings by UK and foreign vessels

| Included in Whitefish Total* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|---------|--------|
| | Cod | | Haddock | | Monkfish | | Sandeels | | Whiting | |
| | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 |
| 1971 | 498 | 35.3 | 13,834 | 856 | 40.6 | 2.3 | 0 | 0 | 3,646 | 190 |
| 1981 | 915 | 309 | 5,089 | 1,396 | 134 | 78.2 | 40,733 | 1,174 | 4,839 | 1,308 |
| 1991 | 2,220 | 2,740 | 2,132 | 2,447 | 1,544 | 3,545 | 8,248 | 393 | 2,365 | 1,437 |
| 2001 | 2,313 | 3,106 | 3,340 | 2,768 | 1,696 | 3,753 | 1,264 | 55 | 1,362 | 1,001 |
| Change in data collection method – from UK only vessels to landings by UK and Foreign vessels | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 2,631 | 5,743 | 2,728 | 3,425 | 1,846 | 6,210 | 0 | 0 | 1,794 | 2,149 |
| 2014 | 3,222 | 6,608 | 4,449 | 6,765 | 2,429 | 2,661 | 0 | 0 | 1,300 | 3,893 |
| 2015 | 3,535 | 7,097 | 3,350 | 4,995 | 2,368 | 2,692 | 0 | 0 | 1,636 | 4,223 |
| 2016 | 4,200 | 8,754 | 4,436 | 5,847 | 2,154 | 2,496 | 0 | 0 | 2,360 | 6,696 |

*1971-2001 figures: total landings by UK vessels only; 2011-2016 figures: total landings by UK and foreign vessels

Source: [Sea fisheries statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/sea-fisheries-statistics)

| Weight and Value of Catch by Species for 2016 (UK and Foreign Vessels) | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Species | Weight (Tonnes) | Value (£) | Species | Weight (Tonnes) | Value (£) |
| Catfish | 60 | 106,990 | Herring | 9,471 | 5,800,788 |
| Cod | 4,200 | 8,754,201 | Mackerel | 40,229 | 35,224,463 |
| Red Gurnard | 29 | 9,156 | Other Pelagic | 0 | 808 |
| Haddock | 4,436 | 5,847,327 | | | |
| Hake | 907 | 1,509,218 | Edible Crab | 279 | 338,033 |
| Lemon Sole | 213 | 968,023 | Velvet Crab | 117 | 349,094 |
| Ling | 964 | 1,385,048 | Lobster | 45 | 608,858 |
| Megrim | 573 | 1,866,699 | Scallops | 1,130 | 2,416,192 |
| Monkfish | 2,360 | 6,696,273 | Queen Scallops | 1,126 | 879,495 |
| Plaice | 680 | 739,726 | Squid | 72 | 329,675 |
| Pollack | 87 | 206,000 | Whelks | 313 | 262,216 |
| Saithe | 1,773 | 1,771,987 | Other Shellfish | 9 | 23,000 |
| Skates & Rays | 198 | 226,000 | | | |
| Whiting | 2,154 | 2,495,854 | Total Demersal | 18,766 | 32,915,143 |
| Witch | 55 | 96,641 | Total Pelagic | 49,700 | 41,026,059 |
| Other demersal | 75 | 236,000 | Total Shellfish | 3,091 | 5,206,563 |
| | | | Grand Total | 71,557 | 79,147,765 |

Source: [Scottish sea fisheries statistics 2016 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/scottish-sea-fisheries-statistics-2016)

| Average Quay Price per Tonne (£) - Shetland | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Cod | 337.31 | 1,236.31 | 1,570.87 | 2,181.88 | 2,399 | 2,349 | 2,439 |
| Haddock | 274.25 | 1,143.52 | 961.40 | 1,247.73 | 1,778 | 1,743 | 1,539 |
| Whiting | 270.31 | 583.52 | 830.47 | 1,207.85 | 1,266 | 1,311 | 1,337 |
| Monkfish | 584.69 | 2,487.35 | 2,833.34 | 3,379.73 | 3,654 | 3,150 | 3,461 |

Source: Marine Analytical Unit, Marine Directorate, Scottish Government

| Total Wetfish Landed in Shetland* | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Tonnes | 40,445 | 53,872 | 103,819 | 58,836 | 69,202 | 74,030 | 70,488 | 68,466 |
| Value (£) | 1,647,400 | 4,492,453 | 21,308,400 | 26,566,000 | 86,517,000 | 70,771,500 | 56,767,900 | 73,941,202 |

*1971-2001 figures: total landings by UK vessels only; 2011-2016 figures: total landings by UK and foreign vessels

Source: [Sea fisheries statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

| Landings by Shetland Vessels Outwith Shetland | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Tonnes | 3,322 | 28,805 | 38,953 | 61,210 | 51,171 | 106,235 | 84,886 | 86,688 |
| Value (£) | 382,056 | 2,741,617 | 8,077,129 | 23,075,860 | 48,525,688 | 67,601,153 | 50,018,395 | 67,843,374 |

Source: Marine Analytical Unit, Marine Directorate, Scottish Government

| Total Fish Landings by Scottish Port* | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1991 | | 2001 | | 2011 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
| | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 | Tonnes | £ '000 |
| Shetland | 104,824 | 22,710 | 60,070 | 28,201 | 71,167 | 91,165 | 72,479 | 60,837 | 71,557 | 79,148 |
| Peterhead | 119,256 | 81,130 | 76,501 | 57,994 | 128,295 | 154,549 | 138,076 | 123,891 | 161,235 | 174,127 |
| Scrabster | - | - | - | - | 15,761 | 32,281 | 17,587 | 31,767 | 19,713 | 39,417 |
| Fraserburgh | 25,051 | 20,697 | 40,395 | 31,529 | 25,907 | 50,122 | 20,449 | 27,344 | 22,968 | 37,787 |
| Lochinver | 6,133 | 8,211 | 8,609 | 12,044 | 19,533 | 33,921 | 15,544 | 30,050 | 16,431 | 35,535 |
| Ullapool | 62,089 | 9,818 | 9,025 | 10,279 | 6,738 | 15,959 | 8,917 | 22,511 | 9,510 | 21,937 |
| Ayr | 17,022 | 12,558 | 7,990 | 6,881 | 13,554 | 13,000 | 6,644 | 10,607 | 7,129 | 14,693 |
| Kinlochbervie | 10,483 | 11,944 | 8,655 | 10,372 | 6,534 | 12,487 | 7,148 | 11,367 | 8,245 | 15,180 |
| Campbeltown | 5,478 | 7,887 | 5,505 | 8,768 | 6,044 | 15,139 | 4,584 | 12,242 | 5,265 | 14,356 |
| Stornoway | 5,984 | 9,569 | 4,368 | 9,518 | 3,108 | 9,445 | 3,457 | 10,523 | 4,136 | 13,121 |
| Orkney | 1,086 | 1,942 | 3,063 | 4,166 | 3,945 | 7,580 | 4,400 | 7,428 | 4,936 | 9,135 |
| Eyemouth | 5,385 | 7,603 | 2,737 | 3,893 | 2,213 | 6,944 | 2,021 | 6,505 | 2,249 | 7,246 |
| Oban | 4,685 | 7,391 | 5,161 | 8,846 | 3,160 | 7,836 | 2,513 | 7,491 | 2,574 | 8,505 |
| Anstruther | 2,346 | 3,178 | 1,137 | 1,884 | 1,401 | 4,589 | 1,170 | 3,891 | 1,487 | 4,760 |
| Mallaig | 9,792 | 14,005 | 8,251 | 10,937 | 4,421 | 10,127 | 4,393 | 9,183 | 5,953 | 11,892 |
| Portree | - | - | 2,841 | 7,756 | 1,968 | 7,887 | 2,138 | 8,804 | 2,335 | 10,136 |
| Buckie | 2,658 | 3,601 | 2,563 | 3,695 | 1,014 | 3,273 | 1,139 | 3,301 | 1,737 | 5,253 |
| Aberdeen | 32,996 | 26,427 | 22,532 | 16,049 | 1,269 | 3,990 | 1,208 | 3,746 | 1,101 | 4,154 |

*1971-2001 figures: total landings by UK vessels only; 2011-2016 figures: total landings by UK and foreign vessels

Source: [Sea fisheries statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

| Distribution of Licensed vessels by Shetland District | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | |
| Creek 1 – South Mainland | 13 | 11 | 3 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 12 | |
| Creek 2 – Lerwick/Bressay | 13 | 17 | 7 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 49 | 52 | |
| Creek 3 – Whalsay | 49 | 33 | 21 | 42 | 30 | 31 | 30 | 33 | |
| Creek 4 – Out Skerries | | | 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | |
| Creek 5 – Yell/Fetlar/Unst | 29 | 14 | 5 | 23 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | |
| Creek 6 – Northmavine | 14 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | |
| Creek 7 – Central Mainland | - | - | 5 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 14 | |
| Creek 8 - West Mainland | 30 | 28 | 10 | 26 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 25 | |
| Creek 9 – Scalloway/Burra/Trondra | 68 | 45 | 32 | 55 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 | |
| Total | 216 | 155 | 91 | 235 | 175 | 179 | 184 | 188 | |

Source: Marine Analytical Unit, Marine Directorate, Scottish Government

| Shetland Licensed Vessel Size - as at 31 st December | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| | 80ft and over | 40-79.9ft | Under 40ft | Total |
| 1971 | 0 | 64 | 152 | 216 |
| 1981 | 8 | 52 | 95 | 155 |
| | Over 24m | Over 10m-24m | 10m and Under | Total |
| 1991 | 10 | 49 | 30 | 89 |
| 2001 | 27 | 31 | 177 | 235 |
| 2011 | 17 | 26 | 132 | 175 |
| 2014 | 17 | 26 | 136 | 179 |
| 2015 | 18 | 26 | 140 | 184 |
| 2016 | 21 | 24 | 143 | 188 |

Source: [Sea fisheries statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/sea-fisheries-statistics)

| Employment in the Shetland Fishing Industry – total number of posts, regularly and irregularly employed | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Catching | 636 | 542 | 486 | 598 | 433 | 386 | 399 | 448 |

Source: [Sea fisheries statistics - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/sea-fisheries-statistics)

Marine Protection

The enforcement of UK and EU Common Fisheries Policy regulations is the responsibility of Marine Compliance – Scotland through inspections and observations by its protection vessels and sightings by surveillance aircraft.

The statistics below relate to activity in UK waters north of 59°30'N, and between 4°W and the UK/Norwegian median line.

| Vessel Nationality | Fisheries protection vessel boardings | | | | Fisheries protection vessel sightings | | | | Fisheries protection aircraft sightings | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|---|------|------|------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Denmark | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 43 | 20 | 49 | 41 |
| Ireland | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 54 | 31 | 4 | 10 |
| Faroe | 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 22 | 14 | 6 | 7 |
| France | 1 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 18 | 34 | 65 | 65 |
| Germany | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 12 | 36 | 31 |
| Iceland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 32 | 10 | 19 | 27 |
| Norway | 10 | 3 | 14 | 13 | 29 | 29 | 48 | 45 | 129 | 127 | 122 | 175 |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweden | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| UK | 45 | 43 | 47 | 49 | 139 | 248 | 176 | 182 | 452 | 252 | 302 | 433 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 66 | 68 | 80 | 84 | 221 | 304 | 276 | 271 | 771 | 504 | 604 | 790 |

Source: Marine Scotland

Shellfish Aquaculture

The annual Scottish Shellfish Farm Production Survey collates regional data on the production of Mussels, Pacific Oyster, Native Oyster, Queens and Scallops. Only data on mussel production is presented for the tonnage and value produced per year, as Shetland does not produce any significant volume of other species.

| Mussel Production by Scottish Marine Region | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| | 2009 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | |
| Marine Region | Tonnage | Value (£)* | Tonnage | Value (£)* | Tonnage | Value (£)* | Tonnage | Value (£) |
| Argyll | 511 | 580,496 | 301 | 376,852 | 532 | 707,028 | 565 | 692,690 |
| Clyde | 395 | 448,720 | 190 | 237,329 | 83 | 110,307 | 66 | 81,161 |
| Outer Hebrides | 955 | 1,084,880 | 718 | 898,548 | 727 | 966,183 | 396 | 485,496 |
| West Highlands, Moray Firth & North Coast | 1,197 | 1,359,792 | 496 | 620,992 | 704 | 935,616 | 558 | 684,108 |
| Shetland | 3,698 | 4,200,928 | 5,565 | 6,967,787 | 5,686 | 7,556,694 | 6,647 | 8,149,222 |
| Scotland | 6,756 | 7,674,816 | 7,270 | 9,101,508 | 7,732 | 10,275,828 | 8,232 | 10,092,677 |

*Average prices (real) have been adjusted for inflation based on 2017 price estimates

Figures for the West Highlands, Moray Firth & the North Coast have been merged for commercial confidentiality

Source: [Scottish shellfish farm production survey 2017 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/scottish-shellfish-farm-production-survey-2017)

| Mussel Production (tonnes) & Shetland production as a percentage of total Scottish production | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|
| | 2001 | | 2011 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | |
| | Table | On-growing | Table | On-growing | Table | On-growing | Table | On-growing | Table | On-growing |
| Shetland | 822 | 0 | 4,567 | 178 | 5,565 | 1,768 | 5,686 | 2,331 | 6,647 | 3,314 |
| Scotland | 2,988 | 4 | 6,996 | 282 | 7,270 | 1,841 | 7,732 | 2,619 | 8,232 | 4,437 |
| Percent | 27.5% | 0% | 65.3% | 63.1% | 76.5% | 96.0% | 73.5% | 89.0% | 80.7% | 74.7% |

| Active and Producing Shellfish Farm Sites 2017 (all species) | | | | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Region | Highland | Orkney | Shetland | Strathclyde | Western Isles | All Scotland |
| Active | 79 | 2 | 133 | 69 | 49 | 332 |
| Producing | 29 | 0 | 98 | 32 | 17 | 176 |

| Shetland - No of Shellfish Businesses / Employment (all species) | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| No, of Businesses | 37 | 29 | 26 | 25 | 23 |
| Full-time Staff | 21 | 61 | 50 | 56 | 61 |
| Part-time Staff | 37 | 46 | 35 | 26 | 22 |
| Casual Staff | 27 | 15 | 19 | 20 | 17 |
| Total Staff | 85 | 122 | 104 | 102 | 100 |

Source: [Scottish shellfish farm production surveys - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot/scottish-shellfish-farm-production-surveys)

Finfish Aquaculture

| Manpower and Production by Region | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|-----|-----------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Region | Year | Staff | | Annual Prod. (Tonnes) | Prod. (T/man) | Grilse | | Pre-salmon | | Salmon | |
| | | F/T | P/T | | | Tonnes | Mean Wt. (kg) | Tonnes | Mean Wt. (kg) | Tonnes | Mean Wt. (kg) |
| Shetland | 1991 | 202 | 102 | 10,614 | 35 | 826 | 2.8 | 4,322 | 3.1 | 5,466 | 3.9 |
| | 2001 | 227 | 52 | 39,745 | 142 | 4,905 | 3.7 | 16,441 | 4.3 | 18,269 | 4.4 |
| | 2011 | 189 | 22 | 35,493 | 168 | 4,611 | 4.7 | 16,071 | 5.1 | 14,693 | 4.5 |
| | 2014 | 224 | 24 | 46,369 | 187 | 6,196 | 5.7 | 17,604 | 5.5 | 22,569 | 5.6 |
| | 2015 | 228 | 19 | 42,786 | 173 | 11,134 | 5.4 | 14,939 | 5.0 | 16,713 | 5.5 |
| | 2016 | 200 | 23 | 37,464 | 168 | 11,844 | 4.4 | 12,906 | 4.9 | 12,714 | 4.8 |
| Scotland | 1991 | 1,014 | 272 | 40,593 | 32 | 7,449 | 2.1 | 13,577 | 2.6 | 19,567 | 3.2 |
| | 2001 | 1,066 | 191 | 138,520 | 110 | 42,066 | 3.8 | 54,473 | 4.7 | 40,754 | 4.5 |
| | 2011 | 923 | 90 | 158,018 | 156 | 35,146 | 4.6 | 55,959 | 5.0 | 66,606 | 4.8 |
| | 2014 | 1,191 | 134 | 179,022 | 135 | 46,686 | 5.2 | 55,311 | 4.9 | 76,305 | 5.6 |
| | 2015 | 1,256 | 107 | 171,722 | 126 | 53,930 | 4.8 | 60,182 | 4.7 | 56,984 | 5.2 |
| | 2016 | 1,379 | 107 | 162,817 | 110 | 59,853 | 4.4 | 51,310 | 4.6 | 51,321 | 4.7 |

| Survival and Production in Smolt Year Classes | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Region | Yr. Smolts put to Sea | Smolt Input (000's) | Harvest in Year 0 | | Harvest in Year 1 | | Harvest in Year 2 | | Total Harvest | |
| | | | No. (000's) | % | No. (000's) | % | No. (000's) | % | No. (000's) | % |
| Shetland | 1996 | 6,234 | - | - | 3,828 | 61.4 | 1,141 | 18.3 | 4,969 | 79.7 |
| | 2001 | 17,398 | 123 | 0.7 | 6,465 | 37.2 | 7,973 | 45.8 | 14,561 | 83.7 |
| | 2011 | 11,206 | 49 | 0.4 | 4,911 | 43.8 | 2,709 | 24.2 | 7,669 | 68.4 |
| | 2014 | 11,309 | 0 | 0 | 5,042 | 44.6 | 2,663 | 23.5 | 7,705 | 68.1 |
| | 2015 | 9,040 | 0 | 0 | 5,322 | 58.9 | 1,592 | 17.6 | 6,914 | 76.5 |
| | 2016 | 10,640 | 0 | 0 | 6,012 | 56.5 | | | | |
| Scotland | 1996 | 34,908 | 315 | 0.9 | 20,245 | 58.0 | 5,148 | 14.7 | 25,708 | 73.7 |
| | 2001 | 48,643 | 557 | 1.1 | 23,528 | 48.4 | 15,619 | 32.1 | 39,704 | 81.6 |
| | 2011 | 42,733 | 109 | 0.3 | 21,502 | 50.3 | 11,283 | 26.4 | 32,894 | 77.0 |
| | 2014 | 48,112 | 286 | 0.6 | 24,038 | 50.0 | 10,940 | 22.7 | 35,266 | 73.3 |
| | 2015 | 45,465 | 223 | 0.5 | 24,633 | 54.2 | 11,094 | 24.4 | 35,963 | 79.1 |
| | 2016 | 42,957 | 114 | 0.3 | 25,596 | 59.6 | | | | |

| Salmon Production by Scottish Marine Region | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Marine Region | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2015 | | 2016 | |
| | Tonnage | Value £ '000* | Tonnage | Value £ '000* | Tonnage | Value £ '000* | Tonnage | Value* £ '000 |
| Argyll & Clyde | 34,924 | 153,875 | 34,976 | 146,410 | 35,911 | 137,072 | 31,022 | 148,999 |
| Orkney | 11,479 | 50,576 | 13,029 | 54,539 | 11,074 | 42,269 | 14,752 | 70,854 |
| Outer Hebrides | 36,817 | 162,216 | 33,775 | 141,382 | 27,210 | 103,861 | 32,662 | 156,876 |
| North Coast & West Highlands | 43,320 | 190,868 | 50,873 | 212,954 | 54,741 | 208,946 | 46,917 | 225,342 |
| Shetland | 36,694 | 161,674 | 46,369 | 194,101 | 42,786 | 163,314 | 37,464 | 179,940 |
| Scotland | 163,234 | 719,209 | 179,022 | 749,386 | 171,722 | 655,463 | 162,817 | 782,010 |

*Average prices (real) have been adjusted for inflation based on 2016 price estimates

Source: [Scottish fish farm production surveys - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Agriculture

| Main and Minor Holdings | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Land Use (ha): | | | | | | | |
| Tillage | 1,410 | 1,062 | 740 | 437 | 257 | 263 | 237 |
| Grassland & Crops | 8,407 | 8,400 | 14,304 | 22,016 | 26,789 | 27,918 | 27,856 |
| Rough/Common grazing | 129,019 | 133,160 | 130,943 | 124,021 | 121,934 | 121,262 | 121,420 |
| No of holdings | 2,439 | 2,240 | 2,311 | 2,076 | 2,048 | 1,789 | 1,925 |
| No of common grazings | 93 | 93 | 100 | 141 | 160 | 162 | 162 |
| Area Under Crops (ha): | | | | | | | |
| Grass (Ex. Rough grazing) | 6,998 | 7,338 | 13,563 | 21,580 | 26,532 | 27,655 | 27,619 |
| Barley & oats | 857 | 511 | 214 | 50 | 107 | 17 | 12 |
| Turnips & swedes | 134 | 103 | 106 | 40 | 11 | n/a | n/a |
| Kale & cabbage | 73 | 34 | 30 | 15 | 6 | n/a | n/a |
| Potatoes | 256 | 232 | 144 | 53 | 17 | 12 | 12 |
| All other crops | 17 | 25 | 126 | 112 | 90 | 143 | 127 |
| Livestock | | | | | | | |
| Beef cows & heifers | 2,492 | 1,896 | 2,129 | 2,172 | 2,793 | 2,641 | 2,097 |
| Dairy cows & heifers | 791 | 593 | 655 | 617 | 634 | 493 | 478 |
| Total cattle | 6,945 | 5,103 | 5,701 | 5,756 | 5,410 | 4,682 | 4,500 |
| Breeding ewes & gimmers | n/a | n/a | 210,630 | 215,480 | 150,847 | 150,100 | 149,719 |
| Total sheep | 264,779 | 297,558 | 387,468 | 393,686 | 280,364 | 279,943 | 284,831 |
| Pigs | 9 | 83 | 28 | 112 | 135 | 190 | 136 |
| Poultry | 12,950 | 8,672 | 4,428 | 4,972 | 5,426 | 4,952 | 4,655 |
| Ponies & Horses | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1,328 | 1,037 | 993 |
| Goats & kids | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 58 | 64 | 40 |
| Registered slaughterhouses | 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Imports | | | | | | | |
| Cattle | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 75 | 64 | 100 |
| Horses | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 92 | 50 | 47 |
| Pigs | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 6 | 31 | 46 |
| Sheep | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 648 | 659 | 748 |
| Exports | | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 1,974 | 2,066 | 2,117 | 1,031 | 1,983 | 1,149 | 1,262 |
| Horses | 417 | 407 | 239 | 232 | 200 | 129 | 151 |
| Pigs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Sheep | 43,464 | 60,542 | 99,404 | 114,251 | 92,569 | 85,917 | 89,124 |
| Employment | | | | | | | |
| F/T & P/T employees | 222 | 204 | 244 | 336 | 240 | 268 | 286 |
| F/T & P/T occupiers | 439 | 457 | 637 | 599 | 411 | 496 | 489 |
| Others (including occupiers less than half time, wives/husbands of occupiers and casual/seasonal labour) | 584 | 718 | 1,591 | 1,655 | 1,475 | 1,180 | 1,225 |

Sources: Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division (SGRPID); Import & export data: Lerwick Port Authority

| Scottish Gov & EU Assistance (£) - Shetland | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2017 |
| Total | 2,220,000 | 4,900,000 | 6,970,000 | 9,130,000 | 7,220,610 |

Source: Scottish Government Rural Payments and Inspections Division (SGRPID)

Visitors/Tourism

The 2017 visitor survey captured independent travellers entering Shetland through Holmsgarth Ferry Terminal or Sumburgh Airport, and did not include cruise ship passengers.

| Volume, Average Number of Nights and Value of Visitors* - 2017 Visitor Survey | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|----|----------------|-------------|----|
| Purpose of Visit | Stay - Av. No. Nights | Visitors | | Av. Spend/trip | Total Spend | |
| | | No. | % | £ | £(M) | % |
| Leisure | 6.6 | 38,096 | 52 | 343.32 | 13.08 | 56 |
| VFR** | 6.8 | 8,791 | 12 | 191.48 | 1.68 | 7 |
| Business | 9.3 | 26,374 | 36 | 320.40 | 8.45 | 37 |
| Total | | 73,261 | | | 23.21 | |

| Origin of Leisure Visitors to Shetland (%)* - 2017 Visitor Survey | | | |
|---|---------|-------|----------|
| Place of Residence | Leisure | VFR** | Business |
| Scotland | 30 | 54 | 65 |
| Rest of UK | 37 | 35 | 24 |
| Europe | 19 | 6 | 9 |
| North America | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Other Overseas | 7 | 4 | 1 |

*Excludes cruise ship passengers **VFR = Visiting Friends and Relatives

Source: 2017 Visitor Survey: [PowerPoint Presentation \(shetland.gov.uk\)](#)

| Cruise Ships (Lerwick Harbour) | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Cruise Ship Arrivals | x | 21 | 42 | 50 | 49 | 41 | 79 | 70 |
| Cruise Ship Passengers | 3,564 | 5,240 | 11,601 | 30,747 | 43,723 | 30,430 | 50,723 | 50,768 |

x - data not available

Source: Lerwick Port Authority

| Economic Impact of Tourism Visitors (£'000) | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Visitor Type | 2012 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Staying visitor | 29,650 | 39,330 | 41,310 | 41,070 |
| Day visitor | 938 | 825 | 1,390 | 1,384 |
| All Visitor Types (£'000) | 30,590 | 40,150 | 42,700 | 42,460 |

Source: Global Tourism Solutions (UK) Ltd. STEAM Report

| Paid Accommodation Supply | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Accom. Type | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | | 2015 | | 2016 | | 2017 | |
| | Beds | Beds | Beds | No. | Beds | No. | Beds | No. | Beds | No. | Beds |
| Hotels | 573 | 595 | 544 | 37 | 776 | 41 | 791 | 44 | 815 | 46 | 829 |
| Guest houses /B&Bs | 306 | 429 | 369 | 50 | 382 | 26 | 271 | 17 | 224 | 20 | 246 |
| Self-Catering | 271 | 538 | 322 | 168 | 1,034 | 220 | 1,351 | 212 | 1,331 | 196 | 1,270 |
| Hostel/touring /camp | 81 | 217 | 390 | 8 | 501 | 13 | 489 | 12 | 540 | 13 | 543 |
| Total | 1,231 | 1,779 | 1,625 | 263 | 2,693 | 300 | 2,902 | 285 | 2,910 | 275 | 2,888 |

No. = No. of Establishments; Beds = No. of bed spaces

Sources: 1981-2001 – VisitShetland; 2011-2017: Global Tourism Solutions (UK) Ltd. STEAM Report

Oil & Gas

Sullom Voe Terminal

The Sullom Voe Terminal is situated at Calback Ness on a site of approximately 400 hectares (1,000 acres) on the shores of Sullom Voe, 46km (29 miles) north of Lerwick. Historically operated by BP Exploration Operating Company on behalf of companies participating in the regional pipeline groups, the terminal's operation was passed to mature asset specialist EnQuest in late 2017.

The terminal has a throughput design capacity of 1.2 million barrels of crude oil per day, and reached a peak in 1984 with a total receipt of 439,434,656 barrels (58,328,785 tonnes). Although throughput has declined in recent years, the terminal remains strategically important for the UK oil and gas industry and has the potential to handle output from new oilfields developing to the west of Shetland.

| | Foreign Traffic | | Domestic Traffic | | All Traffic |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------|-------------|
| | Imports | Exports | Inwards | Outwards | |
| Crude Oil | 0 | 4,576.6 | 0 | 598.8 | 5,175.4 |
| Dry bulk /other general cargo | 0 | 0 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| All Traffic | 0 | 4,576.6 | 0.2 | 602 | 5,178.8 |

Source: [Port and domestic waterborne freight statistics: data tables \(PORT\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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| | 1978 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2006 | 2013 | 2017 |
|-----------------|---------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Brent Pipeline | 856,991 | 23,116,490 | 38,692,099 | 20,263,701 | 13,368,931 | 6,369,416 | 4,085,132 | 2,253,590 |
| Ninian Pipeline | 92,186 | 15,545,240 | 16,875,047 | 15,576,512 | 5,994,252 | 4,525,451 | 1,258,300 | 1,591,058 |
| Clair | - | - | - | - | - | 1,244,317 | 551,364 | 986,924 |
| SGP (Laggan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 321,547 |
| Total | 949,177 | 38,661,730 | 55,567,146 | 35,840,213 | 24,804,651 | 15,421,006 | 6,057,537 | 5,153,119 |

| | 1978 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2006 | 2013 | 2017 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Brent Pipeline | 177,526 | 478,094 | 800,134 | 419,864 | 277,732 | 131,859 | 84,327 | 47,008 |
| Ninian Pipeline | 23,439 | 317,083 | 346,513 | 322,592 | 124,520 | 93,695 | 25,979 | 33,189 |
| Clair | - | - | - | - | - | 24,804 | 10,427 | 18,655 |
| SGP (Laggan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6,709 |
| Total | 200,965 | 795,177 | 1,146,647 | 742,456 | 513,218 | 313,291 | 123,843 | 105,560 |

| | 1978 | 1981 | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2006 | 2013 | 2017 |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Brent Pipeline | 6,391.0 | 174,504.3 | 292,048.8 | 176,442.3 | 101,372.2 | 48,128.7 | 30,779.2 | 17,157.7 |
| Ninian Pipeline | 679.7 | 155,735.5 | 110,640.2 | 108,654.8 | 45,450.0 | 34,198.8 | 9,482.4 | 12,114.0 |
| Clair | - | - | - | - | - | 9,053.6 | 3,806.0 | 6,808.9 |
| SGP (Laggan) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,448.7 |
| Total | 7,070.7 | 330,239.8 | 402,689.0 | 285,097.1 | 187,324.8 | 114,351.5 | 45,202.9 | 38,529.3 |

| | 1979 | 1981 | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2006 | 2013 | 2017 |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Oil | 270 | 432 | 654 | 423 | 295 | 199 | 87 | 65 |
| Gas | 0 | 0 | 112 | 45 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 |

Source: Enquest – Sullom Voe Terminal

Shetland Gas Plant, operated by TotalEnergies

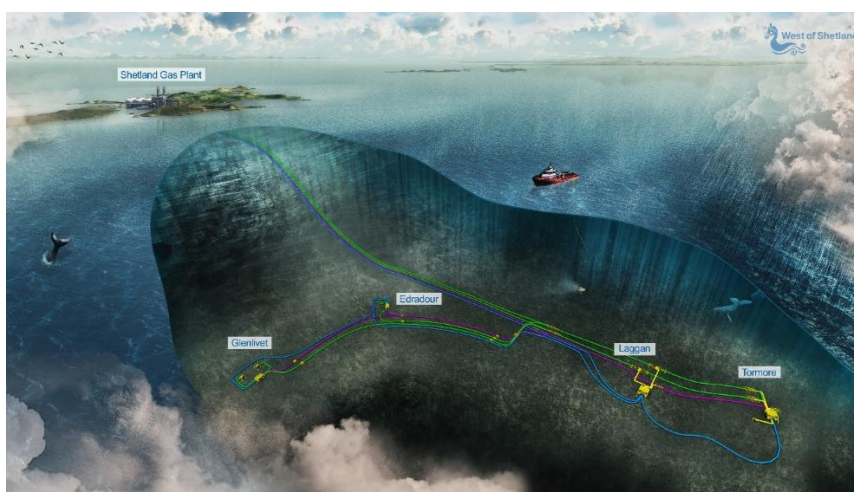
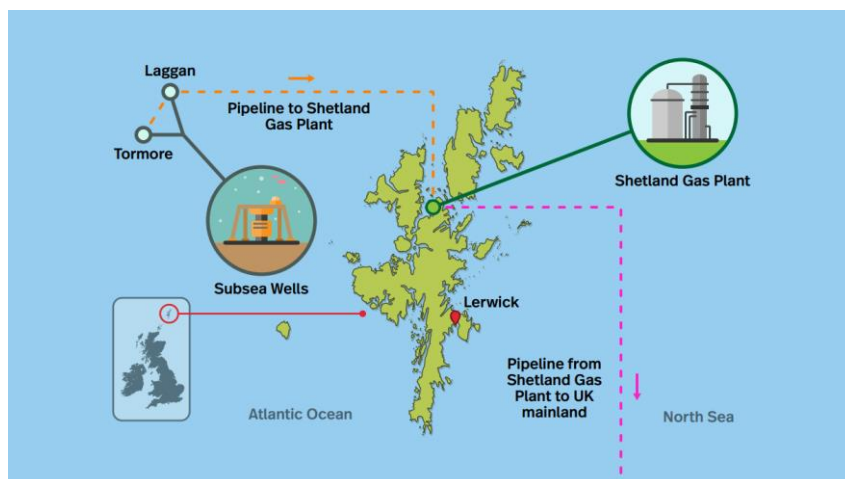
The Shetland Gas Plant (SGP) is located adjacent to the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal, 45kms (28 miles) north of Lerwick, and occupies approximately 78 hectares (192 acres). TotalEnergies west of Shetland developments involved the drilling of subsea wells in deep waters and the installation of the longest subsea pipeline network ever seen on the UK continental shelf.

Under development from 2010, first gas from west of Shetland was produced from the Laggan and Tormore fields in February 2016. In August 2017, the Edradour and Glenlivet fields came on stream, tying into the Laggan-Tormore lines and bringing up to 56,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day on additional production capacity.

The plant is able to process 500 million cubic feet of gas per day – which is greater than the volumes currently produced. The UK Government estimates that as much as 17% of the UK’s undiscovered gas reserves are located west of Shetland. Acting as a hub, the SGP can help enable the development of other gas fields in this area, and bring that gas to the country’s grid.

Gas arrives at the SGP through two pipelines. Upon arrival, liquids are removed in the slug catchers before gas is dried, chilled, re-heated and metered. It is then exported via pipeline to the St Fergus Gas Terminal, north of Aberdeen, where the gas enters the main UK grid. Condensate produced by the process at the SGP is transported via pipeline to EnQuest’s neighbouring Sullom Voe Oil Terminal.

The diagrams below outline TotalEnergies’ West of Shetland gas development, encompassing the Laggan, Tormore, Edradour and Glenlivet offshore fields, and the onshore Shetland Gas Plant.



Third Sector

There are approximately 1,000 voluntary and Community and Third Sector organisations in Shetland, of which 280 are registered charities. There is a strong tradition of self-help and volunteering and almost all community and social activity in the rural areas relies on volunteers to make it happen.

The Third Sector generates value across a number of areas including community engagement, improved wellbeing, skills development, employment opportunities and levering in additional finance. Therefore, this sector is very important both socially and economically to Shetland.

While important to our community, it is a sector which is hard to quantify. Therefore, there is no overall data source for the sector. Presented below is a snapshot of some statistics from the 2017 Scottish Household Survey, Voluntary action Shetland and Shetland Charitable Trust.

| Annual Volunteering Rates - volunteers aged 16+ who provided unpaid help to organisations or groups | | | |
|---|------|------|------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Eilean Sair | 36% | 52% | 35% |
| Highland | 40% | 48% | 39% |
| Orkney | 19% | 35% | 32% |
| Shetland | 50% | 56% | 55% |
| Scotland | 27% | 27% | 28% |

Source: Scottish Household Survey [SHS Data Explorer \(shinyapps.io\)](https://shinyapps.io)

Voluntary Action Shetland is the recognised representative for community planning in Shetland and owns the voluntary sector hub, Market House. While it is there to support, promote and advise all third sector organisations in Shetland, it also manages some local third sector projects and national award schemes - such as the Saltire Awards.

Saltire Awards

Saltire awards are national awards designed to recognise and reward those aged 12-25 years volunteering in their community. Awards are presented annually to individuals who complete 10 to over 500 hours volunteering. The numbers below do not represent all young volunteers in Shetland, just those registered with Saltire.

| Saltire Awards (Awarded to young volunteers registered with Saltire in Shetland) | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | Volunteers Registered | No. achieving Saltire Award | Total voluntary hours completed by all Awardees |
| 2014 | 540 | 123 | 11,370 |
| 2015 | 674 | 163 | 16,400 |
| 2016 | 814 | 143 | 21,435 |
| 2017 | 949 | 159 | 22,780 |

Source: Voluntary Action Shetland

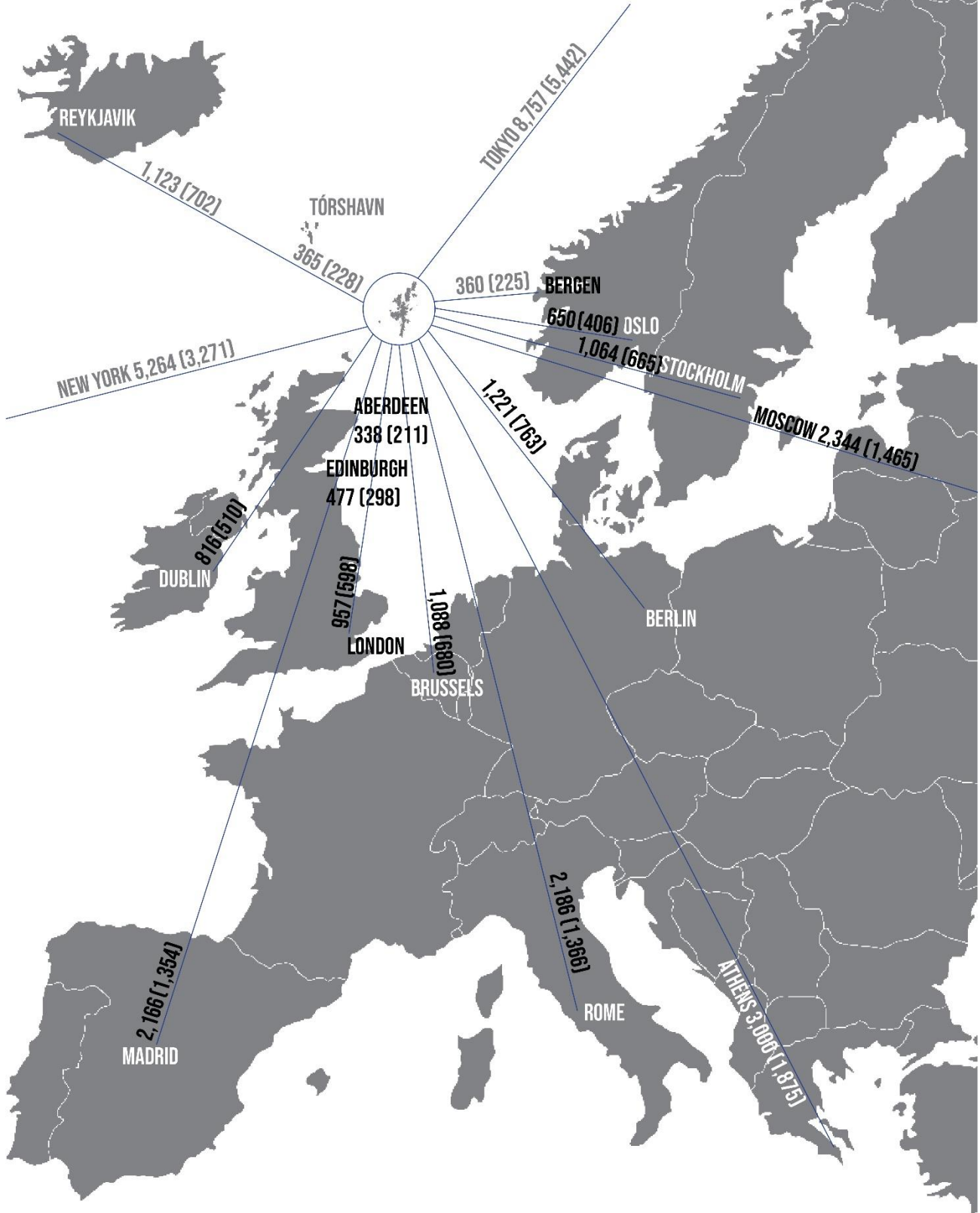
Funding

Third sector organisations in Shetland attract grant funding from many local, national and international sources annually, involving hundreds of funding organisations. There are no central records of the amount of income generated for third sector organisations, but it is many millions of pounds per year. One of the largest local funding bodies for third sector organisations is the Shetland Charitable Trust, a charity set up to benefit the people of Shetland.

| Shetland Charitable Trust funding for third sector organisations in Shetland | |
|--|------------|
| 2015/16 | £6,226,311 |
| 2016/17 | £6,001,324 |

APPROXIMATE DISTANCES FROM SHETLAND

In kilometres (statute miles)



Physical Characteristics Map

Shetland: Physical Characteristics

Distance by road in kilometres (miles) from Lerwick:

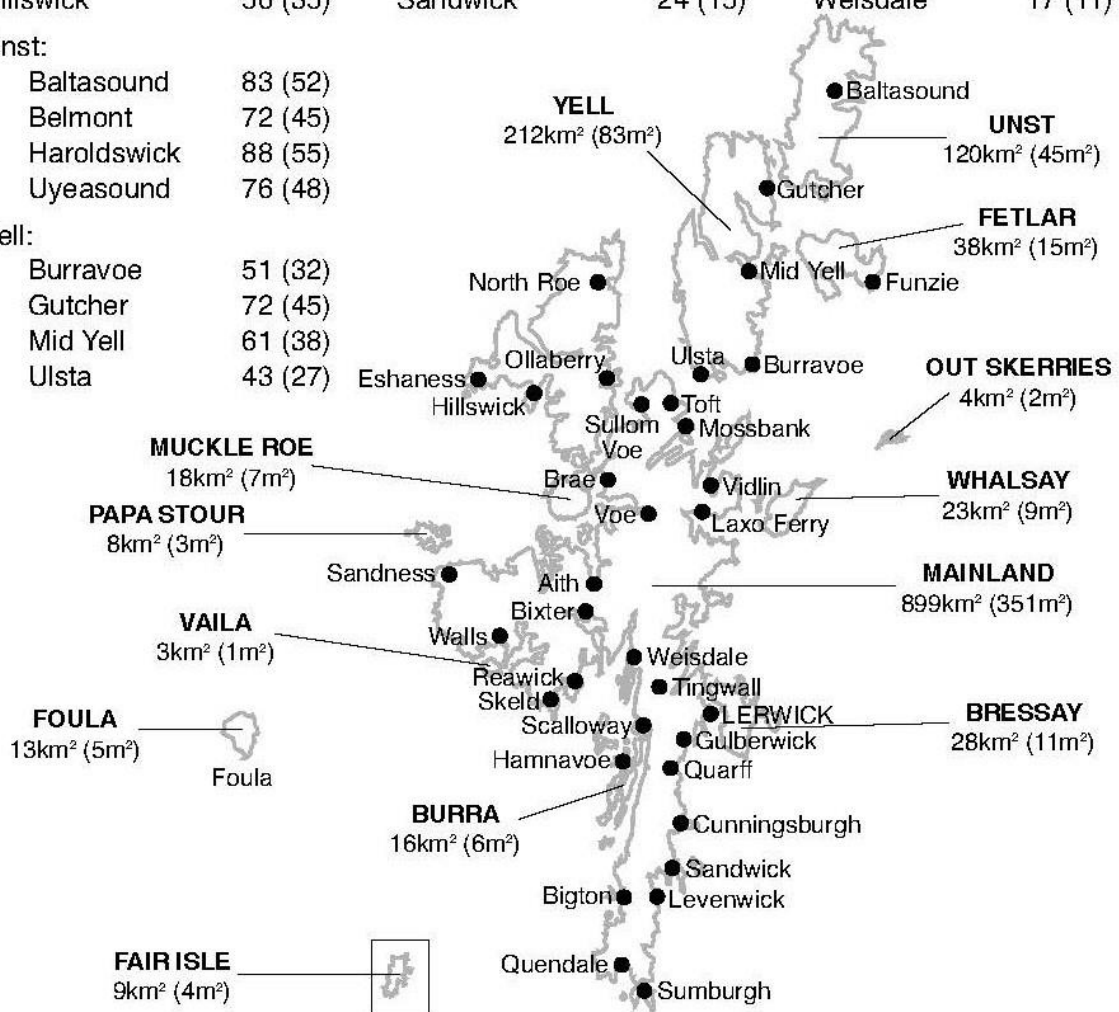
| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Aith | 34 (21) | Laxo Ferry | 35 (22) | Scalloway | 13 (8) |
| Bigton | 30 (19) | Levenwick | 28 (18) | Skeld | 40 (25) |
| Bixter | 27 (17) | Mossbank | 43 (27) | Sullom Voe | 46 (29) |
| Brae | 35 (22) | North Roe | 61 (38) | Sumburgh | 40 (25) |
| Cunningsburgh | 18 (11) | Ollaberry | 53 (33) | Tingwall | 10 (6) |
| Eshaness | 62 (39) | Quarff | 11 (7) | Toft Ferry | 43 (27) |
| Girlsta | 16 (10) | Quendale | 38 (24) | Vidlin | 38 (24) |
| Gulberwick | 6 (4) | Reawick | 38 (24) | Voe | 29 (18) |
| Hamnavoe, Burra | 16 (10) | Sandness | 46 (29) | Walls | 40 (25) |
| Hillswick | 56 (35) | Sandwick | 24 (15) | Weisdale | 17 (11) |

Unst:

| | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Baltasound | 83 (52) | | | | |
| Belmont | 72 (45) | | | | |
| Haroldswick | 88 (55) | | | | |
| Uyeasound | 76 (48) | | | | |

Yell:

| | | | | | |
|----------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Burravoe | 51 (32) | | | | |
| Gutcher | 72 (45) | | | | |
| Mid Yell | 61 (38) | | | | |
| Ulsta | 43 (27) | | | | |



Total Area of Shetland: 1,468 square kilometres (567 square miles)*

Total Length of coastline: approx 2,702 kilometres (1,697 miles)**

* Ordnance Survey, 1988

** Dr Lorraine Gray, 2007

Number of islands: 100+

Number of inhabited islands: 15

4 Weather/Climate

Observations are recorded in Shetland by staff employed by the Meteorological Office in Lerwick. There are also Auxiliary Synoptic Stations in Fair Isle and Foula. Observations from the Lerwick Observatory began in 1921, although the first full year of recordings were 1922. The following data was recorded at the Lerwick Observatory (60°08'N, 01°11'W; Wind vane 93m above sea level).

| 2017 Weather Readings | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Month | Monthly Average (°C) | | Days with air frost | Rainfall | Sunshine |
| | Max | Min | Days/month | mm/month | hours/month |
| Jan | 7.0 | 3.5 | 3 | 116.0 | 11.5 |
| Feb | 6.7 | 2.8 | 7 | 99.4 | 55.8 |
| Mar | 7.5 | 3.5 | 3 | 133.3 | 79.3 |
| Apr | 8.2 | 3.6 | 1 | 81.4 | 136.0 |
| May | 11.5 | 7.2 | 0 | 35.8 | 157.7 |
| Jun | 13.3 | 9.0 | 0 | 86.4 | 79.8 |
| Jul | 14.5 | 10.2 | 0 | 64.4 | 184.2 |
| Aug | 14.7 | 10.3 | 0 | 106.6 | 129.4 |
| Sept | 13.7 | 10.0 | 0 | 132.6 | 69.2 |
| Oct | 11.3 | 7.8 | 0 | 235.0 | 52.4 |
| Nov | 6.8 | 3.0 | 2 | 165.4 | 33.6 |
| Dec | 6.4 | 2.3 | 8 | 159.3 | 24.6 |
| Year | 10.1 | 6.1 | 24 | 1,415.6 | 1,013.5 |

| 2016 Weather Readings | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------|------------|----------|-------------|
| Month | Monthly Average (°C) | | Air frost | Rainfall | Sunshine |
| | Max | Min | Days/month | mm/month | hours/month |
| Jan | 5.4 | 1.2 | 7 | 187.0 | 34.6 |
| Feb | 5.1 | 0.5 | 10 | 119.6 | 86.5 |
| Mar | 7.4 | 3.5 | 2 | 79.2 | 84.2 |
| Apr | 7.9 | 2.8 | 3 | 55.1 | 156.6 |
| May | 10.8 | 5.7 | 0 | 46.0 | 183.2 |
| Jun | 12.9 | 8.5 | 0 | 48.4 | 199.3 |
| Jul | 14.5 | 10.4 | 0 | 115.2 | 80.5 |
| Aug | 14.2 | 10.4 | 0 | 108.4 | 92.2 |
| Sept | 14.2 | 10.5 | 0 | 110.0 | 106.6 |
| Oct | 11.4 | 7.2 | 0 | 56.2 | 126.5 |
| Nov | 7.7 | 3.5 | 1 | 133.4 | 48.0 |
| Dec | 9.2 | 4.9 | 0 | 159.4 | 11.5 |
| Year | 10.1 | 5.8 | 23 | 1,217.9 | 1,209.7 |

Air frost: Minimum air temperature less than 0.0°C at any time of day

Source: The Met Office, Lerwick

| Ozone Values (Dobson Units) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------|------|--------------------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|
| | Monthly mean | | | Lowest Daily Value | | | Highest Daily Value | | |
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Jan | 409 | 334 | 284 | 384 | 271 | 255 | 440 | 367 | 339 |
| Feb | 381 | 325 | 329 | 291 | 240 | 262 | 537 | 439 | 423 |
| Mar | 391 | 363 | 360 | 326 | 260 | 333 | 468 | 434 | 482 |
| Apr | 392 | 400 | 353 | 318 | 344 | 307 | 480 | 461 | 429 |
| May | 407 | 372 | 355 | 368 | 351 | 317 | 471 | 417 | 393 |
| Jun | 376 | 354 | 340 | 305 | 305 | 319 | 437 | 384 | 395 |
| Jul | 358 | 348 | 352 | 317 | 312 | 326 | 379 | 381 | 383 |
| Aug | 323 | 308 | 313 | 280 | 273 | 290 | 380 | 366 | 364 |
| Sept | 309 | 287 | 298 | 257 | 242 | 292 | 342 | 317 | 347 |
| Oct | 287 | 292 | 279 | 224 | 260 | 234 | 328 | 327 | 350 |
| Nov | 323 | 295 | 317 | 286 | 247 | 267 | 359 | 367 | 364 |
| Dec | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Average | 360 | 334 | 325 | 305 | 282 | 291 | 420 | 387 | 388 |

-- December values are not available due to low elevation of the sun in mid-winter

Sources: <https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/ozone-data.php>

5 Transport

Internal Transport Services

| Inter-Island Ferries – operated by Shetland Islands Council | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Route | Passengers | | | Vehicles – Domestic & Commercial | | |
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Bressay | 170,666 | 176,303 | 181,035 | 65,926 | 69,526 | 69,943 |
| Skerries | 5,502 | 5,146 | 4,562 | 2,727 | 2,541 | 2,213 |
| Unst/Fetlar | 137,809 | 146,940 | 149,025 | 78,171 | 84,467 | 81,741 |
| Whalsay | 163,423 | 169,802 | 162,641 | 78,720 | 81,833 | 79,950 |
| Yell | 261,027 | 273,205 | 273,141 | 139,565 | 147,278 | 147,534 |
| Fair Isle | * | 713 | 634 | * | 191 | 86 |
| Papa Stour | * | 2,756 | 2,656 | * | 1,258 | 1,001 |
| Total | 738,427 | 774,865 | 773,694 | 365,109 | 387,094 | 382,468 |

* These figures were unavailable at time of going to print

Note: All interisland ferry routes are operated by Shetland Islands Council apart from the Foula service, which is why there are no figures for this route.

Source: Shetland Islands Council

| Inter-Island Flights | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Tingwall Airport Traffic | | | | | | | | |
| Passengers | 12,180 | 15,453 | 4,747 | 5,181 | 3,591 | 4,175 | 4,438 | 4,139 |
| Aircraft Movements | 2,815 | 2,917 | 2,394 | 1,926 | 2,169 | 2,801 | 2,426 | 1,795 |
| Small Airfield - Passengers | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Isle | 841 | 2,048 | 2,030 | 3,316 | 2,526 | 2,417 | 3,276 | 2,944 |
| Foula | 1,175 | n/a | 1,296 | 1,299 | 971 | 1,063 | 1,235 | 1,298 |
| Papa Stour | n/a | n/a | 238 | 127 | 28 | 64 | 53 | 65 |
| Skerries | 271 | 900 | 840 | 484 | 132 | 69 | - | - |

Source: CAA [UK airport data](http://www.caa.co.uk) | [Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](http://www.caa.co.uk)

External Transport Services

Ferry

| Northlink Ferries Carryings 2017 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Route | Total Passengers | Total Cars | Total Coaches | Total commercial vehicle lane meterage |
| Aberdeen - Kirkwall | 33,477 | 4,621 | 22 | 126,014 |
| Aberdeen - Lerwick | 110,143 | 18,333 | 141 | 306,450 |
| Kirkwall - Lerwick | 17,479 | 3,160 | 86 | 25,118 |
| Stromness - Scrabster | 146,417 | 40,884 | 313 | 58,745 |
| Total | 307,516 | 66,998 | 562 | 516,327 |

Source: [NorthLink Statistics](http://www.northlink.co.uk) | [NorthLink Ferries](http://www.northlink.co.uk)

Air

| Sumburgh Airport Traffic | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Passengers (Terminal & Transit) | 541,761 | 473,626 | 168,281 | 142,615 | 262,626 | 270,126 | 249,050 | 256,393 |
| Aircraft Movements | 34,188 | 29,168 | 11,165 | 12,228 | 18,171 | 17,171 | 21,129 | 22,347 |
| Freight (Tonnes) | 3,488 | 1,448 | 981 | 315 | 335 | 382 | 306 | 329 |

Source: Pre 2011, Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd. 2011 onwards CAA [UK airport data | Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#)

| Scatsta Airport Traffic | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Passengers (Terminal & Transit) | 109,063 | 14,495 | 247,131 | 288,225 | 279,799 | 253,526 | 162,100 | 170,847 |
| Aircraft Movements | 5,758 | 630 | 11,223 | 14,475 | 13,778 | 12,221 | 7,894 | 8,224 |
| Freight (Tonnes) | n/a | n/a | n/a | 808 | 788 | 702 | 456 | 490 |

Source: CAA [UK airport data | Civil Aviation Authority \(caa.co.uk\)](#)

Vehicle Ownership

| Vehicles Licensed in Shetland on 31 st December | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Type/Year | 1976 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| Private & Light Goods | 5,076 | 7,048 | 8,933 | 10,806 | 13,556 | 14,234 | 14,400 | 14,500 |
| Goods/Crown & Exempt* | 640 | 801 | 310 | 251 | 1,481 | 1,540 | 1,600 | 1,600 |
| Public Transport | 171 | 164 | 121 | 81 | 108 | 170 | 200 | 100 |
| Motorcycles** | 397 | 545 | 287 | 271 | 495 | 506 | 500 | 500 |
| Other Vehicles | 826 | 831 | 967 | 992 | 153 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Total | 7,110 | 9,389 | 10,618 | 12,401 | 15,793 | 16,650 | 16,900 | 16,900 |

*Goods vehicles exclude heavy goods that are exempt from tax; Crown and Exempt include vehicles in the special concessionary group; **Includes all two wheeled motor vehicles

Source: Transport Scotland - [SCT01171871341-04 | Transport Scotland](#)

Lerwick Harbour

| Shipping in Lerwick Harbour | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| General | 316 | 418 | 738 | 796 | 763 | 721 | 706 | 634 |
| Oil Tankers | 51 | 140 | 114 | 105 | 78 | 90 | 77 | 83 |
| Oil Rig Tenders | 79 | 1,556 | 888 | 319 | 571 | 518 | 399 | 383 |
| Other Vessels | 489 | 430 | 522 | 1,277 | 1,246 | 1,246 | 1,493 | 1,321 |
| Yachts | | 112 | 366 | 415 | 531 | 452 | 509 | 529 |
| British Fishing* | 1,440 | 677 | 1,606 | 829 | 630 | 376 | 301 | 302 |
| Foreign Fishing | 1,580 | 246 | 216 | 103 | 207 | 132 | 113 | 235 |
| Total | 3,955 | 3,579 | 4,450 | 3,844 | 4,026 | 3,535 | 3,598 | 3,487 |

*Excludes local fishing fleet

| Tonnage Handled in Lerwick Harbour | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| General Cargo Imports | 45,760 | 200,077 | 226,715 | 409,088 | 453,272 | 506,814 | 466,158 | 443,132 |
| General Cargo Exports | 48,849 | 57,471 | 98,335 | 325,055 | 327,614 | 417,192 | 371,104 | 392,004 |
| Oil Related Imports | 342 | 288,999 | 238,684 | 211,681 | 17,903 | 42,982 | 32,477 | 19,949 |
| Oil Related Exports | 0 | 421,807 | 315,996 | 203,685 | 81,310 | 115,080 | 86,392 | 71,741 |
| Total | 94,951 | 968,354 | 879,730 | 1,149,509 | 880,099 | 1,082,068 | 956,131 | 926,826 |

Weight of containers excluded

| Foreign Fishing Vessels in Lerwick Harbour | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Denmark | 374 | 117 | 66 | 23 | 22 | 10 | 22 | 21 |
| Faroe | 242 | 14 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| France | 16 | 13 | 18 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Germany | 3 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Iceland | 215 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 0 | 0 | 20 | 20 | 60 | 35 | 20 | 30 |
| Netherlands | 12 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Norway | 551 | 96 | 50 | 30 | 105 | 63 | 67 | 159 |
| Russia | 60 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sweden | 100 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| Other* | 7 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 1,580 | 246 | 216 | 103 | 207 | 132 | 113 | 235 |

*Includes foreign vessels from Bulgaria, Finland, Greenland and Poland

| Lerwick Port Authority Revenue (£) | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 49,000 | 2,100,000 | 4,576,082 | 5,761,631 | 9,064,000 | 11,112,231 | 10,993,117 | 10,344,465 |

Source: Lerwick Port Authority

Scalloway Harbour

| Shipping in Scalloway Harbour (No. of vessels) | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2017 |
| UK Commercial | 11 | 0 | 61 | 13 | 114 | 184 |
| Foreign Commercial | 100 | 103 | 158 | 34 | 130 | 196 |
| UK Fishing | 163 | 207 | 68 | 99 | 62 | 135 |
| Foreign Fishing | 17 | 28 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 9 |
| Yachts | 9 | 33 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Salmon Cages | 0 | 0 | 87 | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| SIC Vessels | 0 | 0 | 15 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| Other | 5 | 1 | 83 | 78 | 22 | 2 |
| Total | 305 | 372 | 485 | 295 | 335 | 529 |

| Cargo Handling in Scalloway Harbour (Tonnes) | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | 1986 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Imports | 5,037 | 6,351 | 20,405 | 2,937 | 9,602 | 13,167 |
| Exports | 16,120 | 893 | 25,616 | 19,695 | 16,358 | 14,709 |

| Scalloway Harbour Revenue (£) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1986/87 | 1991/92 | 2000/01 | 2011/12 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| 160,838 | 202,598 | 218,086 | 592,325 | 445,456 | 412,202 |

Source: SIC Port Operations

6 Housing

Total Domestic Properties

| 1976 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 7,287 | 8,612 | 9,156 | 9,877 | 10,674 | 10,992 | 11,070 | 11,173 |

Source: Assessor & Electoral Registration Office, Lerwick

House Sales

| House Sales - Average Price (£)* | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Aberdeen City | 79,317 | 186,026 | 213,902 | 220,980 | 203,822 | 201,111 |
| Aberdeenshire | 83,822 | 207,204 | 226,788 | 233,625 | 211,768 | 210,545 |
| Eilean Sair | 50,815 | 97,405 | 101,445 | 104,373 | 106,654 | 104,403 |
| City of Edinburgh | 108,547 | 218,445 | 227,291 | 238,269 | 234,613 | 249,880 |
| Glasgow City | 71,147 | 133,032 | 130,214 | 137,988 | 140,884 | 151,790 |
| Highland | 69,675 | 155,279 | 163,002 | 167,656 | 169,181 | 174,358 |
| Orkney | 52,225 | 123,594 | 125,883 | 131,698 | 137,984 | 147,759 |
| Shetland | 61,161 | 120,424 | 138,344 | 142,274 | 153,357 | 159,316 |
| Scotland | 78,220 | 156,360 | 163,587 | 168,809 | 165,776 | 172,341 |

*Based on sales of residential properties where the selling price is between £20,000 and £1m

| Number of House Sales | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Shetland | 204 | 302 | 319 | 305 | 303 | 317 |

Source: Registers for Scotland: [House price statistics - Registers of Scotland \(ros.gov.uk\)](http://ros.gov.uk)

Building Completions/Planning Applications

The following tables display information regarding homes that have been constructed (completed) and those that have been granted planning permission, as well as business and Industry planning applications approved.

| House Build Completions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|----|-------|---------|----|-------|---------|----|-------|---------|----|-------|---------|----|-------|
| Building Type | 2011/12 | | | 2013/14 | | | 2014/15 | | | 2015/16 | | | 2016/17 | | |
| | A | P | Total | A | P | Total | A | P | Total | A | P | Total | A | P | Total |
| South Mainland | 0 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| Lerwick & Bressay | 20 | 6 | 26 | 22 | 3 | 25 | 25 | 7 | 32 | 18 | 8 | 26 | 26 | 15 | 41 |
| Central Mainland | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 24 | 8 | 32 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| West Mainland | 10 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| North Mainland | 2 | 14 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 28 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| North Isles | 6 | 10 | 16 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 38 | 67 | 105 | 30 | 32 | 62 | 59 | 52 | 111 | 18 | 43 | 61 | 26 | 54 | 80 |

A = Affordable housing (constructed by Shetland Islands Council and Hjaltland Housing Association)

P = Private housing (constructed by private sector developers or individual house builders)

Source: SIC Planning

| Total Number of Housing Planning Permissions Approved | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| South Mainland | 45 | 31 | 24 | 37 |
| Lerwick & Bressay | 14 | 9 | 47 | 42 |
| Central Mainland | 25 | 21 | 14 | 38 |
| West Mainland | 6 | 13 | 2 | 5 |
| North Mainland | 16 | 19 | 24 | 14 |
| North Isles | 6 | 8 | 11 | 5 |
| Total | 112 | 101 | 122 | 141 |

Source: SIC Planning

| All Business & Industry Planning Applications Approved | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Use Class 4 – Business | 8 | 10 | 11 | 9 |
| Use Class 5 – General Industry | 7 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| Use Class 6 – Storage & Distribution | 5 | 4 | 7 | 4 |
| Total | 20 | 23 | 30 | 22 |

Source: SIC Planning

7 Education

School Rolls & Staffing

| Nursery School Roll * | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Aith Junior High | 0 | 0 | 22 | 12 | 37 | 28 | 30 | 23 |
| Baltasound Junior High | 0 | 0 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 7 |
| Bell's Brae | 0 | 64 | 44 | 49 | 44 | 42 | 57 | 34 |
| Brae High | 51 | 60 | 27 | 20 | 34 | 29 | 44 | 35 |
| Bressay | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 | Closed 2014 | | | |
| Cunningsburgh | - | - | - | 22 | 17 | 13 | 15 | 15 |
| Dunrossness | 0 | 33 | 25 | 25 | 26 | 16 | 23 | 21 |
| Fair Isle | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Fetlar | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Foula | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Happyhansel | 0 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 16 | 19 | 15 |
| Isles Haven | Opened 2013 | | | | 36 | 27 | 42 | 30 |
| Lunnasting | Opened 2009 | | | 9 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 10 |
| Mid Yell | 0 | 0 | 16 | 22 | 15 | 13 | 21 | 17 |
| Mossbank | 0 | 23 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 9 | 11 |
| Papa Stour | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandwick Junior High | 0 | 38 | 26 | 24 | 37 | 34 | 28 | 22 |
| Scalloway | 0 | 0 | 18 | 20 | 29 | 32 | 33 | 19 |
| Skeld | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 |
| Skerries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sound | 60 | 60 | 40 | 38 | 57 | 44 | 48 | 40 |
| Urafirth | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 16 | 17 |
| Whalsay Junior High | 0 | 0 | 19 | 12 | 30 | 16 | 33 | 17 |
| Whiteness | 0 | 0 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 15 | 20 | 16 |
| Total | 111 | 278 | 325 | 331 | 453 | 370 | 463 | 358 |

*Does not include figures from private nurseries

| Primary School Roll | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1976 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2012 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Aith Junior High | 63 | 52 | 61 | 90 | 56 | 71 | 79 | 94 | 102 |
| Baltasound Junior High | 100 | 106 | 85 | 54 | 41 | 46 | 51 | 46 | 43 |
| Bell's Brae | 790 | 501 | 357 | 376 | 308 | 305 | 305 | 312 | 293 |
| Brae High | 68 | 171 | 139 | 105 | 102 | 102 | 99 | 105 | 109 |
| Bressay | 38 | 20 | 28 | 42 | 10 | Closed 2014 | | | |
| Burravoe | 31 | 36 | 32 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Cullivoe | 23 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29 | 25 |
| Cunningsburgh | 74 | 77 | 50 | 59 | 82 | 80 | 88 | 82 | 78 |
| Dunrossness | 152 | 209 | 146 | 138 | 100 | 112 | 112 | 104 | 113 |
| Fair Isle | 9 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Fetlar | 6 | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Foula | 4 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Gruting | 11 | 9 | Closed 1984 | | | | | | |
| Hamnavoe | 65 | 107 | 96 | 63 | 44 | 55 | 66 | 72 | 74 |
| Happyhansel | 40 | 48 | 57 | 48 | 40 | 44 | 37 | 41 | 40 |
| Haroldswick | 33 | 21 | 25 | Closed 1997 | | | | | |
| Lunnasting | 22 | 38 | 21 | 31 | 20 | 26 | 23 | 24 | 21 |
| Mid Yell Junior High | 76 | 65 | 48 | 49 | 46 | 40 | 38 | 36 | 39 |
| Mossbank | - | 136 | 70 | 73 | 31 | 36 | 31 | 28 | 28 |
| Nesting | 14 | 26 | 11 | 29 | 16 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 19 |
| North Roe | 16 | 23 | 20 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 9 |
| Ollaberry | 12 | 16 | 36 | 22 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 17 | 17 |
| Olnafirth | 30 | 46 | 31 | 28 | 13 | Closed 2014 | | | |
| Papa Stour | 0 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Quarff | 19 | 23 | 15 | 12 | Closed 2003 | | | | |
| Sandness | 7 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 15 | 19 | 19 | 21 |
| Sandwick Junior High | 81 | 96 | 69 | 86 | 97 | 98 | 95 | 108 | 113 |
| Scalloway | 136 | 150 | 117 | 83 | 104 | 124 | 132 | 142 | 142 |
| Skeld | 26 | 36 | 14 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 19 | 14 | 16 |
| Skerries | 12 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sound | - | 292 | 354 | 339 | 308 | 299 | 306 | 271 | 272 |
| Tingwall | 43 | 52 | 50 | 62 | 68 | 70 | 80 | 77 | 90 |
| Urafirth | 29 | 37 | 29 | 29 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 21 |
| Uyeasound | 27 | 16 | 9 | 17 | Closed 2011 | | | | |
| Whalsay Junior High | 149 | 146 | 125 | 98 | 83 | 78 | 86 | 92 | 98 |
| Whiteness | 56 | 87 | 85 | 89 | 82 | 93 | 90 | 86 | 94 |
| Total | 2,262 | 2,730 | 2,243 | 2,124 | 1,766 | 1,826 | 1,859 | 1,864 | 1,897 |

| Secondary School Roll* | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1976 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Aith Junior High | 65 | 61 | 61 | 83 | 102 | 73 | 69 | 64 | 65 |
| Anderson High | 770 | 915 | 878 | 820 | 899 | 903 | 907 | 910 | 877 |
| Baltasound Junior High | 58 | 75 | 33 | 37 | 26 | 22 | 17 | 22 | 25 |
| Brae High | 68 | 164 | 211 | 265 | 220 | 169 | 165 | 154 | 150 |
| Mid Yell Junior High | 58 | 48 | 44 | 47 | 37 | 43 | 44 | 37 | 45 |
| Sandwick Junior High | 87 | 121 | 144 | 173 | 169 | 140 | 128 | 137 | 136 |
| Scalloway Junior High | 129 | 132 | 179 | 129 | Closed 2011 | | | | |
| Skerries Junior High | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 4 | Closed 2014 | | | |
| Whalsay Junior High | 54 | 62 | 45 | 70 | 57 | 55 | 49 | 43 | 42 |
| Total | 1,295 | 1,583 | 1,597 | 1,631 | 1,514 | 1,405 | 1,379 | 1,367 | 1,340 |

*From 2004 figures are taken from the September school roll, prior to that figures were taken from the January school roll

| Nursery & School Staffing* | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2012 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Nursery Teachers | ** | ** | ** | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Primary Teachers | 91 | 164 | 140 | 176 | 156 | 150 | 155 | 153 | 160 |
| Secondary Teachers | 88 | 142 | 189 | 206 | 176 | 163 | 157 | 154 | 153 |
| Total | 179 | 306 | 329 | 398 | 348 | 321 | 320 | 314 | 319 |

*Numbers are based on full time equivalent rather than head count, and have been rounded up

** Information not available

Source: Schools, SIC

Further Education/Modern Apprenticeships

| Enrolment on Shetland College courses 2015/16 | Further Education | | Higher Education | | Total |
|---|-------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Full-time | Part-time | Full-time | Part-time | |
| Shetland College | 73 | 701 | 76 | 162 | 1,012 |
| Train Shetland Courses | 0 | 236 | 0 | 0 | 236 |
| Total | 73 | 937 | 76 | 162 | 1,248 |

*Duration of part time courses range from under 10 hours to up to full time

Source: Shetland College

| Students enrolled on NAFC Marine Centre courses | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Aquaculture courses | 187 | 153 | 377 | 316 |
| Marine engineering | 129 | 145 | 146 | 177 |
| Maritime studies | 729 | 803 | 861 | 873 |
| Total | 1,045 | 1,101 | 1,384 | 1,366 |

Source: NAFC Marine Centre

| Further education lecturers - Shetland | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 2 | 9 | 18 | 61 | 46 | 40 | 43 | 44 |

Source: NAFC Marine Centre and Shetland College

| Modern Apprenticeships in Shetland | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| New enrolments (starts) | 129 | 139 | 142 | 135 | 157 |
| Already in training | 280 | 289 | 300 | 277 | 286 |
| Achievement rate, as a % of all leavers | 75% | 76% | 81% | 88% | 89% |
| Scottish average achievement rate, as % of all leavers | 77% | 74% | 76% | 78% | 78% |

Source: Skills Development Scotland - [Modern Apprenticeships statistics - Skills Development Scotland](#)

8 Health and Social Care

Shetland has one hospital, located in Lerwick, and 10 GP surgeries throughout Shetland. There are also 8 elderly care homes in the islands.

Staffing

| NHS Shetland Staffing | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1986 | 1996 | 2001 | 2011 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Medical (hospital community & public) | 12 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 27 | 33 | 29 | 25 |
| Hospital nursing & midwifery | 194 | 240 | 212 | 186 | 186 | 241 | 241 | 188 |
| Administration & clerical | 43 | 72 | 73 | 119 | 125 | 152 | 159 | 131 |
| Scientific & professional | 37 | 52 | 77 | 62 | 52 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Social care & support | 102 | 10 | 9 | 69 | 79 | 102 | 100 | 82 |
| General medical practitioners (GP'S) | 20 | 24 | 22 | n/a | 28 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Dental (hospital, community & public) & medical dentist support | 4 | 8 | 8 | 55 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 9 |
| Total | 412 | 420 | 420 | 515 | 508 | 586 | 585 | 435 |

n/a - Data not available

Source: IDS Scotland

| GP Practice Patient Registrations | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Bixter | 1,143 | 1,159 | 1,162 | 1,174 |
| Brae | 2,486 | 2,514 | 2,484 | 2,516 |
| Lerwick | 9,005 | 8,885 | 8,918 | 8,759 |
| Levenwick | 2,685 | 2,709 | 2,669 | 2,689 |
| Hillswick | 754 | 764 | 782 | 770 |
| Scalloway | 3,296 | 3,445 | 3,529 | 3,622 |
| Unst | 578 | 575 | 595 | 611 |
| Walls | 722 | 744 | 745 | 718 |
| Whalsay | 1,144 | 1,126 | 1,115 | 1,091 |
| Yell | 1,073 | 1,059 | 1,046 | 1,054 |
| Total | 22,886 | 22,980 | 23,045 | 23,004 |

Source: NHS Shetland

Hospital Activity

| Gilbert Bain Hospital (Board of Treatment - NHS Shetland) | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Inpatients | | | | | |
| Day Cases | 2,071 | 2,025 | 1,864 | 2,146 | 2,362 |
| Elective Inpatients | 309 | 439 | 581 | 265 | 281 |
| Emergency Inpatients | 2,259 | 2,132 | 2,180 | 2,104 | 1,907 |
| Transfers | 90 | 101 | 133 | 223 | 249 |
| All Inpatient Episodes | 4,729 | 4,697 | 4,758 | 4,738 | 4,799 |
| Outpatients | | | | | |
| All Outpatient attendances | 15,407 | 16,338 | 15,748 | 14,718 | 13,388 |

Source: IDS Scotland

Social Care

| Services are provided by the SIC Social Care Service, except where stated | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1984/5 | 1990/1 | 2001/2 | 2011/2 | 2014/5 | 2015/6 | 2016/7 |
| Local Authority beds for older people | 44 | 54 | 56 | 130 | 130 | 130 | 133 |
| Voluntary Sector beds for older people* | 56 | 56 | 86 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Day care places for older people** | - | - | 26 | 95 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| Shetland Welfare Trust day care places for older people | 25 | 25 | 66 | - | - | - | - |
| Day care places for adults with learning disabilities | - | - | - | - | 66 | 87 | 87 |
| Places in hostel for adults with learning disabilities | 6 | 16 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Supported living for adults with learning disabilities | - | - | 20 | 32 | 44 | 41 | 40 |
| Places in Children & Young Peoples Residential Services | 10 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Places for mentally/physically disabled children – respite care | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Meals delivered | 45,107 | 54,800 | 40,585 | 38,116 | 26,403 | 24,864 | 20,507 |
| Care at home – clients receiving domestic tasks | 584 | 576 | 573 | 301 | 287 | 283 | 261 |
| Care at home – clients receiving personal care*** | | | | 264 | 369 | 366 | 376 |
| Homes connected to community alarm system | 0 | 482 | 731 | 677 | 675 | 629 | 617 |

*Voluntary sector beds: 16 are provided by Church of Scotland, and the remainder up to 2011/12 were provided by The Shetland Welfare Trust

**The Church of Scotland provide 10 of the day care places for older people

***Data from 2011 onwards - Food preparation classed as personal care by Scottish Government

Source: Community Care Services, SIC

9 Recreation

Community Halls & Centres

There is a network of community halls and centres located throughout the isles which act as hubs for local communities and are host to a wide range of activities through the year. In addition to the list below, there are also a number of clubs, church halls and other buildings used by local communities.

| Lerwick & Bressay | West Mainland | North & Outer Isles | Central Mainland |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bressay Hall | Aith Hall | Fetlar Hall | Bridge End Hall - Burra |
| Islesburgh Community Centre | Bixter Hall | Skerries Hall | Hamnavoe Hall - Burra |
| Lerwick Town Hall | Gruting Community Centre | Baltasound Hall - Unst | Scalloway Hall |
| North Staney Hill Hall | Sandness Hall | Haroldswick Hall - Unst | Whiteness & Wiesdale Hall |
| Sound Hall | Skeld Hall | Uyeasound Hall - Unst | Tingwall Hall |
| | Walls Hall | Isbister Hall - Whalsay | |
| North Mainland | | Symbister Hall - Whalsay | Outdoor Education Centres |
| Brae Hall | South Mainland | Burravoe Hall - Yell | Bridge End - Burra |
| Eshaness Community Centre | Bigton Hall | Cullivoe Hall - Yell | Voxter - Brae |
| Hillswick Hall | Boddam Hall | East Yell Hall - Yell | |
| Lunnasting Hall | Bridge End Hall | Herra Hall - Yell | Youth Centres |
| Mossbank Hall | Bruce Memorial Hall - Virkie | Mid Yell Hall - Yell | Brae |
| Muckle Roe Hall | Carnegie Hall | North-a-Voe Hall - Yell | Germatwatt - Walls |
| North Nesting Hall | Cunningsburgh Hall | Sellafirth Hall - Yell | Livister - Whalsay |
| North Roe & Lochend Hall | Fair Isle Hall | North Ness Hall - Yell | Old School - Mossbank |
| Ollaberry Hall | Gulberwick Hall | West Sandwick Hall - Yell | Sandvien – Lerwick |
| Olnafirth Hall | Levenwick Hall | | Scalloway |
| South Nesting Hall | Quarff Hall | | Unst |
| Sullom & Gunnister Hall | | | |

Source: Community Planning & Development, SIC

Leisure activities

Shetland.org has a range of information on outdoor: [Outdoors and adventure | Shetland.org](https://www.shetland.org/outdoors-and-adventure), and indoor: [Leisure and things to do | Shetland.org](https://www.shetland.org/leisure-and-things-to-do), facilities/activities throughout the isles, as well as heritage sites: [History and heritage | Shetland.org](https://www.shetland.org/history-and-heritage).

Leisure Centre & Swimming Pool Admissions

| Leisure Centres - individual transactions/admissions | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Facility | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Clickimin - Lerwick | 217,567 | 377,377 | 346,734 | 343,893 | 400,803 | 471,909 |
| North Mainland | 46,659 | 37,377 | 51,674 | 53,756 | 59,234 | 45,784 |
| Scalloway | 13,180 | 30,153 | 41,152 | 47,027 | 42,835 | 49,421 |
| South Mainland | 11,047 | 22,671 | 34,460 | 37,883 | 32,442 | 35,855 |
| Unst | 21,259 | 23,755 | 29,307 | 29,491 | 30,414 | 27,933 |
| West Mainland | 47,278 | 38,391 | 43,691 | 52,973 | 53,939 | 68,069 |
| Whalsay | 46,321 | 47,928 | 52,875 | 44,331 | 44,576 | 44,069 |
| Yell | 34,948 | 36,052 | 37,399 | 36,365 | 37,801 | 38,955 |
| Total Admissions | 438,259 | 613,704 | 637,292 | 645,719 | 702,044 | 781,995 |

| Swimming Pools - individual transactions/admissions | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Facility | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Clickimin - Lerwick | 89,763 | 78,818 | 71,814 | 63,251 | 105,888 | 106,938 |
| North Mainland | 8,879 | 4,805 | 4,328 | 5,646 | 7,004 | 5,198 |
| Scalloway | 17,306 | 8,904 | 9,292 | 9,685 | 8,918 | 10,510 |
| South Mainland | 15,116 | 8,586 | 8,572 | 9,206 | 8,847 | 7,996 |
| Unst | 4,550 | 6,524 | 6,460 | 6,524 | 6,145 | 4,670 |
| West Mainland | 12,644 | 5,960 | 5,721 | 7,874 | 8,189 | 10,995 |
| Whalsay | 8,468 | 4,833 | 4,683 | 4,737 | 4,586 | 3,941 |
| Yell | 4,853 | 2,949 | 3,627 | 3,100 | 3,511 | 3,991 |
| Total Admissions | 161,579 | 121,379 | 114,497 | 110,023 | 153,088 | 154,239 |

Source: Shetland Recreational Trust

10 Services

Fire Service

There are 14 retained fire stations located in Shetland, a multi-pump station in Lerwick and 13 single pump stations in Bixter, Brae, Bressay, Fair Isle, Fetlar, Hillswick, Yell, Sandwick, Scalloway, Sumburgh, Unst, Walls and Whalsay.

| Scottish Fire & Rescue Service - Incidents Attended, Shetland | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Incident Type | | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Fire | Chimney Fire | 11 | 9 |
| | Dwelling Fire | 19 | 9 |
| | Non Residential Building Fire | 4 | 8 |
| | Other Residential Building Fire | 7 | 6 |
| | Outdoor Fire | 8 | 4 |
| | Refuse | 3 | 1 |
| | Vehicle Fire | 7 | 3 |
| Special Service | Animal Assistance | 2 | 0 |
| | Flooding / Water Rescue | 2 | 4 |
| | Hazardous Materials | 0 | 2 |
| | Humanitarian | 0 | 2 |
| | Inter-Agency | 4 | 6 |
| | Other Non-Fire | 10 | 11 |
| | Securing Scene | 4 | 4 |
| | Vehicle | 10 | 10 |
| False Alarm | Due to Apparatus | 93 | 91 |
| | Good Intent | 23 | 21 |
| | Malicious | 11 | 6 |
| Total Incidents - Shetland | | 218 | 197 |

Source: Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Police Service

| Crimes Recorded and per 10,000 population – Shetland Islands | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Crime Group | Number of Crimes Recorded | | | Crimes/Rate per 10,000 Population | | |
| | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
| Group 1 | 20 | 12 | 13 | 8.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Group 2 | 36 | 21 | 32 | 15.5 | 9.1 | 13.9 |
| Group 3 | 187 | 120 | 82 | 80.6 | 52 | 35.5 |
| Group 4 | 105 | 86 | 109 | 45.3 | 37.3 | 47.2 |
| Group 5 | 280 | 167 | 150 | 120.7 | 72.4 | 65.0 |
| Total Crimes (Gp1-5) | 628 | 406 | 386 | 270.7 | 176 | 167.2 |

Group 1 – Non sexual crimes of violence

Group 2 – Sexual crimes

Group 3 – Crimes of dishonesty

Group 4 – Fire-raising/vandalism etc.

Group 5 – Other crimes

Source: Police Scotland, [Council Area Quarterly Bulletin.pdf \(scotland.police.uk\)](#)

Digital Connectivity

To check broadband, 3G and 4G coverage across Shetland, follow the links below.

Broadband coverage: [View broadband availability - Ofcom Checker title](#)

3G and 4G coverage: [View mobile availability - Ofcom Checker](#)

Source: Ofcom

11 Energy

Electricity Generation & Distribution

| Electricity Generation - Shetland | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Year | Units generated (Kilowatt hours) | Maximum demand (Megawatts) |
| 1971/72 | 32,319,000 | 11.69 |
| 1981/82 | 143,539,222 | 36.0 |
| 1991/92 | 170,023,850 | 41.2 |
| 2001/02 | 230,600,000 | 45.2 |
| 2012/13 | 214,185,500 | 44.7 |
| 2013/14 | 209,889,900 | 45.5 |
| 2014/15 | 208,419,900 | 45.6 |
| 2015/16 | 213,909,000 | 45.0 |
| 2016/17 | 198,896,200 | 42.6 |

| Electricity Distribution (Km) - Shetland | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1971 | 1981 | 1991 | 2001 | 2012 | 2016 | 2017 |
| 33,000 Volt overhead lines | 24.7 | 98.0 | 128.3 | 167.3 | 175.7 | 175.9 | 176.6 |
| 33,000 Volt underground cables | 0.0 | 3.7 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 14.5 | 16.5 |
| 11,000 Volt overhead lines | 705.9 | 756.2 | 843.0 | 812.2 | 845.5 | 862.0 | 865.0 |
| 11,000 Volt underground cables | 15.1 | 65.5 | 99.3 | 110.8 | 120.4 | 144.0 | 144.0 |
| Low Voltage overhead lines | 340.1 | 345.6 | 324.5 | 227.4 | 227.4 | 227.4 | 227.0 |
| Low Voltage underground cables | 18.9 | 65.6 | 122.7 | 219.0 | 242.0 | 285.0 | 290.0 |

Source: Scottish Hydro-Electric, Lerwick Power Station

Shetland has a number of small independent and community owned renewable projects. While there is no record of all of these, the table below outlines systems where data is accessible.

| Renewable Energy Sources Installed in Shetland | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Source | Number of projects | Installed capacity (Kilowatts) |
| Wind - registered with feed in tariff | 209 | 6,737 |
| Wind - commercial | 2 | 6,650 |
| Photovoltaics - registered with feed in tariff | 53 | 224 |
| Hydro - registered with feed in tariff | 2 | 19 |
| District Heating Scheme | 1 | 10,000 |
| Biomass - domestic | 16 | 19 |
| Biomass - commercial | 13 | 2,445 |
| Tidal | 1 | 300 |
| Total | 297 | 26,394 |

Sources: UK Government sub-regional feed-in tariffs statistics 2017, Q1 as at end of March

SIC Economic Development

Energy Consumption

| Electricity Consumption Rates - Shetland | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | No. of meters (000s) | | | Total consumption (GWh) | | | Mean consumption (kWh/meter) | | |
| | Domestic | Non-Domestic | Total | Domestic | Non-Domestic | Total | Domestic | Non-Domestic | Mean - All meters |
| 2005 | 16.3 | 1.8 | 18.1 | 107 | 102 | 210 | 6,608 | 55,430 | 11,573 |
| 2011 | 17.1 | 1.8 | 19.0 | 104 | 93 | 196 | 6,064 | 50,192 | 10,355 |
| 2016 | 17.0 | 1.8 | 18.8 | 99.9 | 93.2 | 193.1 | 5,886.5 | 51,210.9 | 10,274.0 |
| 2017 | 17.0 | 1.9 | 18.9 | 99.2 | 96.2 | 195.4 | 5,840.7 | 51,917.5 | 10,370.3 |

| Mean Domestic Consumption (kWh per household) | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| | 2007 | 2011 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Eilean Sair | 8,283 | 7,527 | 6,749.7 | 6,922.2 |
| Highland | 7,782 | 6,952 | 6,073.4 | 6,046.6 |
| Orkney | 9,515 | 8,591 | 7,812.7 | 7,886.4 |
| Shetland | 11,349 | 10,401 | 9,715.6 | 9,594.4 |
| Scotland | 5,186 | 4,692 | 4,175.1 | 4,088.6 |
| Great Britain | 4,662 | 4,339 | 3,990.4 | 3,923.1 |

Sources: [Regional and local authority electricity consumption statistics - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

| Total final energy consumption* | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | 2005 | | 2011 | | 2017 | |
| | ktoe | GWh | ktoe | GWh | ktoe | GWh |
| Eilean Sair | 55.3 | 643.1 | 50.2 | 583.8 | 51.1 | 594.3 |
| Highland | 648.9 | 7,546.7 | 640.6 | 7,450.2 | 598.5 | 6,960.6 |
| Orkney | 50.7 | 589.6 | 43.4 | 504.7 | 44.9 | 522.2 |
| Shetland | 56.9 | 661.7 | 48.9 | 568.7 | 50.4 | 586.2 |
| Scotland | 14,773.8 | 171,819.3 | 13,058.3 | 151,868.0 | 12,807.1 | 148,946.6 |
| Great Britain | 147,760.3 | 1,718,452.3 | 126,239.9 | 1,468,170.0 | 125,378.2 | 1,458,148.5 |

*Estimates produced from combining gas, electricity and transport consumption figures for local authority areas

ktoe = Thousands of tonnes of oil equivalent

GWh = Gigawatt Hour

Source: [Sub-national total final energy consumption data - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

12 Conservation

Built Heritage

There are currently has 339 listed buildings and 392 scheduled monuments recorded in Shetland.

| | Listed Buildings | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Category A | Category B | Category C | Total |
| Bressay | 1 | 10 | 3 | 14 |
| Delting | 0 | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| Dunrossness | 2 | 19 | 8 | 29 |
| Fetlar | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Lerwick | 3 | 57 | 47 | 107 |
| Lerwick Landward | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nesting | 0 | 14 | 8 | 22 |
| Northmavine | 0 | 10 | 8 | 18 |
| Sandsting & Aithsting | 1 | 7 | 6 | 14 |
| Tingwall | 1 | 8 | 29 | 38 |
| Unst | 2 | 9 | 12 | 23 |
| Walls & Sandness | 0 | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| Yell | 1 | 10 | 18 | 29 |
| Total | 12 | 170 | 157 | 339 |

| Scheduled Monument Categories | | | |
|---|-----|----------------|----|
| Prehistoric: ritual and funerary | 98 | Ecclesiastical | 22 |
| Prehistoric: domestic and defensive | 211 | Secular | 37 |
| Crosses and carved stones | 1 | Industrial | 11 |
| 20 th Century military and related | 12 | | |

Source: SIC Planning

| Sites & Monuments Record | | | |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|
| The current number of records in the Historic Environment Record is: 8,902 | | | |
| Broch/possible Broch | 147 | Longhouse | 102 |
| Burnt Mound | 361 | Military Remains | 460 |
| Chambered cairn | 141 | Souterrain | 27 |
| Fishing Station | 38 | Wheelhouse | 9 |

Source: Shetland Amenity Trust

Nature Conservation

| Statutory Conservation Sites in Shetland | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 National Nature Reserves (NNR): | Hermaness (Seabird colony) | 980.3ha |
| | Noss (Seabird colony) | 313.0ha |
| 78 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): | | |
| Geology: 33 sites | Marsh & Meadow: 7 sites | Rare Plants: 9 sites |
| Geomorphology: 7 sites | Limestone Grassland: 1 site | Seabirds: 18 sites |
| Montane Habitats: 1 site | Sand Dune Flora: 3 sites | Moorland Birds: 15 sites |
| Serpentine Vegetation: 4 sites | Trees & Woodland: 3 sites | Wildfowl: 2 sites |
| Other Heathland: 5 sites | Intertidal Habitats: 5 sites | Cliff Vegetation: 2 sites |
| Peatland: 5 sites | Aquatic Flora & Fauna: 8 sites | Mammals: 4 sites |
| Note: Some sites are notified for more than one feature of interest | | |

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|--|
| 12 Special Protection Areas, covering 17 of the ornithological SSSIs, have been designated under EC Birds Directive |
| 3 proposed Special Protected Areas in Marine Environment and 2 Nature Conservation Marine Protected Areas |
| A further 12 sites comprising 11 SSSIs and 1 non-SSSI area have been designated as Special Areas of Conservation under the EC Habitats Directive |

Source: NatureScot: <https://sitelink.nature.scot/>

| | | | |
|--|------|--|------|
| Total area covered by statutory conservation sites is 19,843 Hectares, which represents 13.5% of the total area of Shetland. | | | |
| Approximate area coverage: | | | |
| Foula: 2 sites | 100% | Noss: 1 site | 100% |
| Papa Stour: 1 site | 79% | Fetlar: 6 sites | 70% |
| Fair Isle: 1 site | 66% | Unst: 15 sites | 21% |
| Mainland & Uninhabited Islands: 43 sites (1 shared with Yell) | 9% | Yell: 8 sites (1 shared with Mainland) | 4% |
| Muckle Roe: 1 site | 0.1% | | |

Source: NatureScot

Wildlife

| Latest population estimates for selected species are as follows: | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Species | Est. Population | Est. Proportion of UK population |
| Red-Necked Phalarope | 45 breeding males | 95% |
| Whimbrel (Tang Whaup) | 200 Pairs | 95% |
| Great Skua (Bonxie) | 6,800 Pairs | 71% |
| Arctic Skua (Scootie Alan) | 200 Pairs | 30% |
| Red-Throated Diver (Raingoose) | 400 Pairs | 40% |
| Arctic Tern (Tirrick) | 3,000 Pairs | 25% |
| Fulmar (Maalie) | 180,000 Pairs | 38% |
| Black Guillemot (Tystie) | 16,000 Adults | 41% |
| Shag (Skarf) | 6,000 Pairs | 21% |
| Puffin (Tammie Norrie) | 50,000 Pairs | 10% |
| Gannet (Solan) | 41,000 Pairs | 12% |
| Grey Seal (Selkie) | 3,000 Adults | 2.5% |
| Otter (Dratsie)** | 800-1,000 Individuals | 12% |
| Common Seal (Selkie) | 3,500 + Adults | 15% |

Sources: Shetland Amenity Trust

13 Politics & Local Government

2014 European Parliamentary Elections

| Scottish Region | Votes | % | Shetland Region | Votes | % |
|-------------------------|---------|----|-------------------------|-------|----|
| Scottish National Party | 389,503 | 29 | Liberal Democrats | 1,755 | 34 |
| Labour Party | 348,219 | 26 | Scottish National Party | 897 | 17 |
| Conservative Party | 231,330 | 17 | Scottish Green Party | 638 | 12 |
| UK Independence Party | 140,534 | 10 | UK Independence Party | 616 | 12 |
| Scottish Green Party | 108,305 | 8 | Labour Party | 590 | 11 |
| Liberal Democrats | 95,319 | 7 | Conservative Party | 543 | 11 |
| Britain First | 13,639 | 1 | Britain First | 55 | 1 |
| British National Party | 10,216 | 1 | British National Party | 40 | 1 |
| No2EU | 6,418 | 0 | No2EU | 25 | 1 |

2017 General Election Results in the Orkney and Shetland UK Parliamentary Constituency

Percentage Turnout: 68.26%

Candidate Elected: Alistair Carmichael

2016 Scottish Parliamentary Election Results in the Shetland Constituency

Percentage Turnout: 62.3%

Candidate Elected: Tavish Scott

Shetland Islands Council Members/Wards 2017-2022

| | |
|--|---|
| Ward 1 - North Isles Turnout: 63.7% Candidates Elected: Alec Priest Duncan Simpson Ryan Thomson | Ward 5 – Shetland South Turnout: Uncontested seat Candidates Elected: Allison Duncan Robbie McGregor George Smith |
| Ward 2 - Shetland North Turnout: 48.1% Candidates Elected: Alastair Cooper Emma MacDonald Andrea Manson | Ward 6 - Lerwick North Turnout: 42.8% Candidates Elected: Malcolm Bell John Fraser Stephen Leask |
| Ward 3 - Shetland West Turnout: 60.4% Candidates Elected: Steven Coutts Catherine Hughson Theo Smith | Ward 7 - Lerwick South Turnout: 43.7% Candidates Elected: Peter Campbell Cecil Smith Amanda Westlake Beatrice Wishart |
| Ward 4 - Shetland Central Turnout: 40.9% Candidates Elected: Mark Burgess Davie Sandison Ian Scott | |

Source: Shetland Islands Council Legal & Administrative Services

Shetland Islands Council Structure/Departments

Management Structure: [About Your Council – Shetland Islands Council](#)

Contact information: [Contact us – Shetland Islands Council](#)

Community Councils

There are 18 community councils in Shetland, with a total of 163 seats. As of October 2017 84% of seats are filled.

| Shetland Community Council Seats | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| Community Council | Total seats | Quorum | Vacancies | Community Council | Total seats | Quorum | Vacancies |
| Bressay | 8 | 3 | 2 | Sandness & Walls | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| Burra & Trondra | 8 | 3 | 0 | Sandsting & Aithsting | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Delting | 12 | 4 | 2 | Sandwick | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Dunrossness | 12 | 4 | 0 | Scalloway | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| Fetlar | 6 | 3 | 0 | Skerries | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Gulberwick, Quarff & Cunningsburgh | 10 | 4 | 0 | Tingwall, Whiteness & Weisdale | 9 | 3 | 5 |
| Lerwick | 16 | 6 | 1 | Unst | 9 | 3 | 1 |
| Nesting & Lunnasting | 8 | 3 | 1 | Whalsay | 7 | 3 | 2 |
| Northmavine | 9 | 3 | 0 | Yell | 9 | 3 | 0 |

Source: SIC Community Planning

Shetland Islands Council Finance

| Shetland Islands Council Service and General Fund Expenditure: | 2014/15 £'000 | 2015/16 £'000 | 2016/17 £'000 | 2017/18 £'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Corporate & Executive Services | 12,684 | 11,369 | 14,251 | 13,570 |
| Development Services | 12,661 | 14,184 | 14,084 | 13,997 |
| Children's Services | 40,776 | 41,295 | 42,579 | 40,417 |
| Community Care Services | 19,310 | 19,274 | 19,322 | 19,230 |
| Infrastructure Services | 20,775 | 18,887 | 21,527 | 24,426 |
| Total Services Net Expenditure | 106,206 | 105,009 | 111,763 | 111,640 |
| Cost Pressures & Contingency | 91 | 0 | (13) | 1,079 |
| Economic Development Investment Income (net) | 0 | (840) | (1,625) | (1,527) |
| Interest in Revenue Balances | 0 | 0 | 0 | (14) |
| Recharges to Other Funds | (3,167) | (1,942) | (2,055) | (2,091) |
| Total Net General Fund Expenditure | 103,130 | 102,227 | 108,070 | 109,087 |
| | | | | |
| Financed by: | 2014/15 £'000 | 2015/16 £'000 | 2016/17 £'000 | 2017/18 £'000 |
| Grant Funding | (69,072) | (70,155) | (64,873) | (57,428) |
| NNDR | (17,602) | (16,882) | (17,823) | (23,272) |
| Council Tax & Rates | (8,350) | (8,492) | (8,541) | (9,042) |
| Draws on Reserves (Sustainable) | (6,353) | (6,632) | (16,834) | (19,345) |
| Draws on Reserves (Unsustainable) | (1,265) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spend to Save | (487) | (65) | 0 | 0 |
| Total Funding | (103,130) | (102,227) | (108,070) | (109,087) |

Source: SIC Finance