



Bosta, Bernera, Isle of Lewis

Outer Hebrides Facts

Fiosrachadh mu Innse Gall

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More Gaelic speakers than any other local authority area in Scotland with 61% of the population speaking Gaelic ...

More than 100 islands and 97 named beaches spread throughout the chain...

The islands of St Kilda are the only world heritage site in the UK to have dual status of both natural & cultural significance ...

Increase in passengers on flights from Barra of 43% from 1999 to 2009

Significant car increases on all island routes from 1999 to 2009

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Womens Cancer Challenge 5k, Lews Castle Grounds, Stornoway

Population/Àireamh-sluaigh Population Summary Tables

Population By:	Census Results				
	1861	1901	1981	1991	2001
Outer Hebrides	36,319	46,172	30,702	29,600	26,502
Births	-	-	378	326	222
Deaths	-	-	498	432	340
Net Migration	-	-	62	-304	-162
Age Group (%)	-	-	-	-	-
0-4 yrs	-	-	7	6	5
5-19 yrs	-	-	25	21	18
20-44 yrs	-	-	29	32	30
45-64 yrs	-	-	21	22	27
65-84 yrs	-	-	17	16	17
Aged 85+	-	-	1	2	3
Island Areas	-	-	-	-	-
Lewis	-	-	20,720	20,159	18,489
Harris	-	-	2,489	2,222	1,984
North Uist	-	-	1,803	1,815	1,657
Benbecula	-	-	1,887	1,803	1,249
South Uist	-	-	2,432	2,285	1,951
Barra & Vatersay	-	-	1,371	1,316	1,172

Source: General Register Office for Scotland Note: www.gro-scotland.gov.uk Figures may not exactly add due to rounding.

Population By:	Mid Year Estimates					Projections	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2018	2033
Outer Hebrides	26,370	26,350	26,300	26,200	26,180	25,763	25,136
Births	220	245	279	250	252	212	201
Deaths	355	375	368	349	333	332	370
Net Migration	245	110	39	-1	61	100	100
Age Group (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0-4 yrs	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
5-19 yrs	18	17	17	17	17	15	14
20-44 yrs	29	28	28	28	27	24	22
45-64 yrs	28	29	29	29	30	31	26
65-84 yrs	18	18	18	18	19	22	27
Aged 85+	2	2	2	3	3	3	6
Island Areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewis	18,565	18,565	18,579	18,554	18,557	-	-
Harris	1,994	1,953	1,921	1,884	1,882	-	-
North Uist	1,565	1,551	1,548	1,542	1,548	-	-
Benbecula	1,213	1,237	1,223	1,189	1,159	-	-
South Uist	1,884	1,892	1,865	1,883	1,875	-	-
Barra & Vatersay	1,149	1,152	1,164	1,148	1,159	-	-

Source: General Register Office for Scotland www.gro-scotland.gov.uk Note: Figures may not exactly add due to rounding.



Inshore Fishing



Dining in the Outer Hebrides

Economy/Eaconamaidh Outer Hebrides GDP/GRDP, 2003

Region	Source	Year of Data	GRDP/GRVA (£m)	GRDP/GRVA per head £	GDP/GRDP per head indices (UK=100)
Outer Hebrides	2003 Regional SAM	2003	263	10,078	66
Scotland	ONS, 2004	2003	77,929	15,409	96
UK	ONS, 2004	2003	976,148	16,383	100

Sectoral Contributions to the Outer Hebrides Economy, 2003

Sector	% employment		% value added	
	1997	2003	1997	2003
Agriculture, fishing and fish farming	16.8	8.0	12.5	9.0
Electricity, gas, water	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.7
Extraction (of ores, etc)	1.3	1.2	1.8	1.1
Textiles, pottery and jewellery	4.7	3.5	1.8	1.5
Food and fish processing	2.9	2.9	3.6	4.8
Other manufacturing	3.4	3.4	2.0	1.8
Construction	8.9	11.9	8.2	7.1
Distribution	11.6	11.0	11.7	12.5
Hotels and Catering	6.5	5.1	3.7	4.4
Transport	3.6	6.7	7.4	10.8
Banking and insurance	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.3
Private services	9.1	14.6	8.9	11.5
Public services	28.2	29.1	35.8	29.9
Total	100	100	100	100
Total (Real Terms)	9777 FTE*	9908 FTE*	£221,024,000	£263,127,000

Note: Figures may not exactly add to totals due to rounding *FTE = Full Time Equivalent Jobs
Source: Western Isles Regional Accounts 1997 and 2003 www.cne-siar.gov.uk



Ferry Terminal, Stornoway



North Ford Causeway, Uist

Commerce and Transport/Malairt agus Còmhdail

Commerce

Indicator	Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Business Start Ups, 2009 per 1,000 of the population ¹	2.7	3.0
Residents estimated spend on imported goods, 2003 ²	£100.10m	-
Variance in price of goods & services to urban areas, 2001-03 ³	3.70%	-
Tourism— visits to Outer Hebrides in 2009 ⁴	0.08 million	-
Economic migrant national insurance no. applications 2004-10 ⁵	305	90,150
Average house price December 2010 ⁶	£119,512	£159,737

Source:¹Committee of Scottish Clearing Bankers using GROS 2009 estimates ²2003 Regional Accounts ³ 2003 Rural Price Survey ⁴Visit Scotland Regional Statistics ⁵Workers Registration Scheme ⁶Scottish Government Housing Statistics

Aircraft Movements

Airport (Daily inter-island connections)	Total Flights [~]			Passengers [*]			Number of Direct Daily Flights to: (summer week day—mainland connections)			
	1999	2004	2009	1999	2004	2009	Glasgow	Inverness	Edinburgh	Aberdeen
Barra	1,280	1,358	1,356	7,000	9,000	10,000	1	-	-	-
Benbecula	3,617	4,209	4,779	33,000	30,000	33,000	2	-	-	-
Stornoway	7,779	9,508	11,627	88,000	111,000	122,000	4	5	2	1

Source: Scottish Transport Statistics No. 29 2010 Edition ([~]Total flights include both commercial and non commercial)

Ferry Transport

Route	1999	2004	2009
Oban-Castlebay/Lochboisdale	Thousand		
passengers	46.7	45.9	57.0
cars	11.6	13.1	18.3
commercial & bus	2.1	1.1	1.2
Uig-Tarbert/Lochmaddy			
passengers	128.8	152.0	185.8
cars	37.3	49.5	69.8
commercial & bus	7.9	6.3	6.9
Ullapool-Stornoway			
passengers	168.8	188.9	219.9
cars	34.0	48.5	66.7
commercial & bus	12.0	12.4	13.6
Otternish/Berneray-Leverburgh*			
passengers	39.3	51.8	58.2
cars	12.4	18.9	24.7
commercial & bus	2.1	1.5	2.2

Source: Scottish Transport Statistics No: 29, 2010 Edition www.scotland.gov.uk

*Note: Berneray-Leverburgh replaced the Otternish-Leverburgh service and started in 2002 (Figures in '000's)



Local Hairdressing business



Dance group at the Lewis Carnival



Local Electrical Business

Labour Market/Margaidh Obrach Labour Market Summary Tables

Indicator		Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Model based unemployment rate*	2009	^	6.6%
	2008	4.4%	4.9%
	2007	4.6%	4.7%
	2006	5.5%	5.2%
	2005	4.8%	5.3%
All people aged 16-64 - 2009	Number of persons	16,100	-
	% of total population	61.3%	65.7%
	% of total female population	58.8%	64.7%
	% of total male population	63.8%	66.8%
Qualifications*	% popn. 2009 with qualification NVQ4 and above	35.4%	33.9%
	No qualifications	10.4%	13.3%
Benefits	Employment Support Allowance & Incapacity Benefit August 2010 % of popn 16-64 yrs)	7.1%	8.3%
	Total population income deprived 2008/09	15	16
Economically active 2009/10 (all persons)*		73.9%	76.9%
Economically inactive 2009/10 (all persons)*		26.1%	23.1%
Mean gross weekly pay for all employees 2009 (full time)		£427.80	£455.50

Sources: National Statistics www.nomisweb.co.uk and www.sns.gov.uk and www.statistics.gov.uk
*Percentages are based on working age population

Percentage of Daytime Residents by "Daytime" Location, 2001

Island Group	On the island group which they live in	On a different island group	On the Scottish Mainland, or an offshore installation or outwith Scotland
Barra	90.7	3.6	5.7
Benbecula	88.3	9.0	2.6
Berneray	72.1	24.3	3.7
Eriskay	85.7	13.5	0.8
Great Bernera	76.0	21.0	3.0
Grimsay (North)	51.7	44.3	4.0
Lewis & Harris	95.9	1.0	3.1
North Uist	74.4	22.9	2.7
Scalpay (Harris)	85.1	13.0	1.9
South Uist	72.7	23.8	3.5
Vatersay	54.3	43.6	2.1

Source: 2001 Scottish Census Results www.scrol.gov.uk

Note: A residents 'daytime' location is where they travel to for their place of work / or study. People who do not work or study are classed as having their daytime location at home.

Note: There are causeways / bridges linking: Barra to Vatersay; South Uist to Eriskay; Benbecula to Grimsay and North Uist; North Uist to Berneray; Scalpay to Harris; Lewis to Bernera



Keose, Lochs, Isle of Lewis

Households/Taighean Households in the Outer Hebrides

Outer Hebrides	Census	Household Estimates			Change	Projections	
	2001	2005	2007	2009	2001-2009	2018	2033
No. of households	11,283	11,486	11,706	11,893	5.4	12,590	13,400
All Dwellings	13,462	13,676	13,893	14,101	4.8	-	-
Vacant Dwellings & 2nd Homes	1,865	1,866	1,848	1,876	0.6	-	-
Occupied Dwellings	11,597	11,810	12,045	12,225	5.4	-	-
Mean Household Size	2.26	2.3	2.25	2.20	-0.06	2.02	1.84

Source: GROS Household Estimates 2009 and 2008 Based Household Projections www.gro-scotland.gov.uk
Note: All figures are estimates and should be used with caution

Household Composition

Household Composition	Estimates			Change	Projections	
	2004	2006	2008	2008-2033	2018	2033
One adult	3940	4090	4,310	41%	5,070	6,060
One adult plus children	470	510	530	33%	600	710
Two adults plus children	2340	2270	2,180	-50%	1,630	1,100
Two or more adults	4590	4680	4,790	15%	5,290	5,530

Source: GROS 2008 Based Household Projections www.gro-scotland.gov.uk
Note: All figures are estimates and should be used with caution



North Tolsta, Lewis



Bunnavoneadar, Harris



Playing Football
West Side v Westford



Surfing at Traigh
Mhor, Tolsta, Lewis



Health/Slàinte

Life Events Summary Table

	Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Life Expectancy at Birth		
Males (2007-2009)	73.5	75.4
Females (2007-09)	82.0	80.1
% Change for Males (1997/99-2007/09)	3.6	3.7
% Change for Females (1997/99-2007/09)	3.1	2.5
Vital Events Statistics		
live births, per 1,000 population (2010)	9.0	11.3
deaths, per 1,000 population (2010)	13.7	10.4
fertility, births per 1,000 women aged 15-44	53.8	56.6

Source: GROS Vital Events (2007-09) and GROS 2009 and 2010 Preliminary Returns

Patient Activity (1 April 2009—31 March 2010)

Patient Activity	Outer Hebrides
Admissions 2009/10 in Western Isles Hospitals	6755
Admissions to mainland hospitals—Western Isles Residents 2009/10	2412
No. new outpatient clinic attendances 2009/10	7638
Total Operations Performed 2009/10 in Western Isles Hospital (Stornoway)	8221
Total Operations Performed 2009/10 in Uist & Barra Hospitals	552

Notes: Admissions data from SMR01. Outpatient Clinic Appointments from SMR00 – for Western Isles Clinics only - figure includes DNAs and CNWs (patients that Did Not Attend and did not give prior notice, and patients that attended but Could Not Wait to be seen)
Procedures - note that several procedures may be carried out within one episode/theatre visit – the figures above count each individual procedure carried out.
The figure for WIH for 2008/09 includes outpatient procedures which were previously not recorded (446 OP procedures at WIH) - Sources: SMR00 and

Health Services (GP/Consultant Data as at March 2011)

Service	Location	GPs/Consultants
Western Isles Hospital	Lewis	17 WTE*
Uist and Barra Hospital	Benbecula	GP led
St Brendans Hospital	Barra	GP led
The Group Practice	Lewis	8
Broadbay Medical Practice	Lewis	6
Uig & Bernera Medical Practice	Lewis	1
North Lochs Medical Practice	Lewis	4
Pairc Medical Practice	Lewis	1
Westside Medical Practice	Lewis	5
North Harris Medical Practice	Harris	3
South Harris Medical Practice	Harris	2
North Uist Medical Practice	North Uist	3
Benbecula Medical Practice	Benbecula	4
South Uist Medical Practice	South Uist	1
Barra Medical Practice	Barra	1

Consultant WTE – “Whole Time Equivalents” (figure also includes locum consultant posts)
GP numbers from Primary Care also include locums - NHS Western Isles www.show.scot.nhs.uk/wihb/



Children at the Broch, Carloway



Playing traditional music

Community and Education/Coimhearsnachd agus Foghlam

School Rolls in the Outer Hebrides

Island Area	No. of primary schools		No. of secondary schools with at least 1st and 2nd year		Primary Roll		Secondary Roll	
	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
Barra	3	2	1	1	137	86	104	92
Benbecula	1	1	1	1	92	95	371	318
Harris	5	4	1	1	157	102	139	111
Lewis	24	22	7	5	1541	1354	1245	1204
North Uist	5	3	1	1	155	77	44	13
South Uist	4	4	1	1	207	156	25	0
Totals	42	36	12	10	2289	1870	1928	1738

Source: Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Education Department
As at September of the year stated

Lewis Castle College Enrolment

Session	Higher Education Full Time	Higher Education Part Time	Further Education Full Time	Further Education Part Time
2010/11	201 students	387 students	238 students	1018 students
2009/10	196 students	384 students	211 students	933 students

Source: Lewis Castle College as at February 2011
Further education includes enrolment for short courses and evening classes

Crimes and Offences 2009/10

Crimes (rate per 10,000 population)	Outer Hebrides	Shetland	Scotland
All Crimes	245	381	651
Serious Assault	8	5	10
Offensive Weapons	4	7	14
Domestic Housebreaking	3	12	32
Vandalism	87	114	165
Percentage Cleared Up (%)	71%	67%	49%

Source: Scottish Government Statistics www.scotland.gov.uk



Loch an Dùna, Bragar, Isle of Lewis



Orchid & Silverweed on Benbecula Machair© SNH

Culture and Environment/Cultar agus Àrainneachd

Gaelic Speaking - Outer Hebrides/Scotland (1991 & 2001)

Age	Population by age group speaking Gaelic (no.) Outer Hebrides		Population by age group speaking Gaelic (%) Outer Hebrides		Population by age group speaking Gaelic (%) Scotland	
	1991	2001	1991	2001	1991	2001
Outer Hebrides All ages 3+	19,546	15,723	68.4	61.1	1.4	1.2
Civil Parishes						
Barra	954	778	76.1	68.5	-	-
Barvas	3,024	2,281	86.6	74.7	-	-
Harris	1,861	1,447	81.7	69.9	-	-
Lochs	1,493	1,097	77.0	62.5	-	-
North Uist	1,211	1,022	75.8	68.6	-	-
South Uist	2,540	2,079	65.0	67.3	-	-
Stornoway	7,196	5,973	57.5	51.2	-	-
Uig	1,267	1,046	79.4	69.9	-	-

Source: GROS "Scotland's Census 2001 - Gaelic Report " www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

Environmental Designations

Environmental Designations	Number	Total Area Covered
World Heritage Site (dual natural & cultural status)	1	Islands of St Kilda, 25,270 ha
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's)	55	37,417 ha or 12.9%
National Nature Reserves (NNR's)	4	3,277ha or 1.1%
Special Protection Areas (SPA's)	15	90,475 ha or 31.2%
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC's)	13	84,947 or *
National Scenic Area (NSA's)	3	119,454 ha or*
Local Nature Reserve (LNR's)	1	Loch Stiapabhat (Lewis), 14 ha
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM's)	465	throughout island chain
Listed Buildings (Historic Scotland)**	256	throughout island chain

**some buildings have multiple listings

Source: Scottish Natural Heritage www.snh.org.uk

*not possible to calculate this figure due to high proportion of marine area included



Ruisgarry, Berneray, North Uist



Coilleag a Phrionnsa, Eriskay

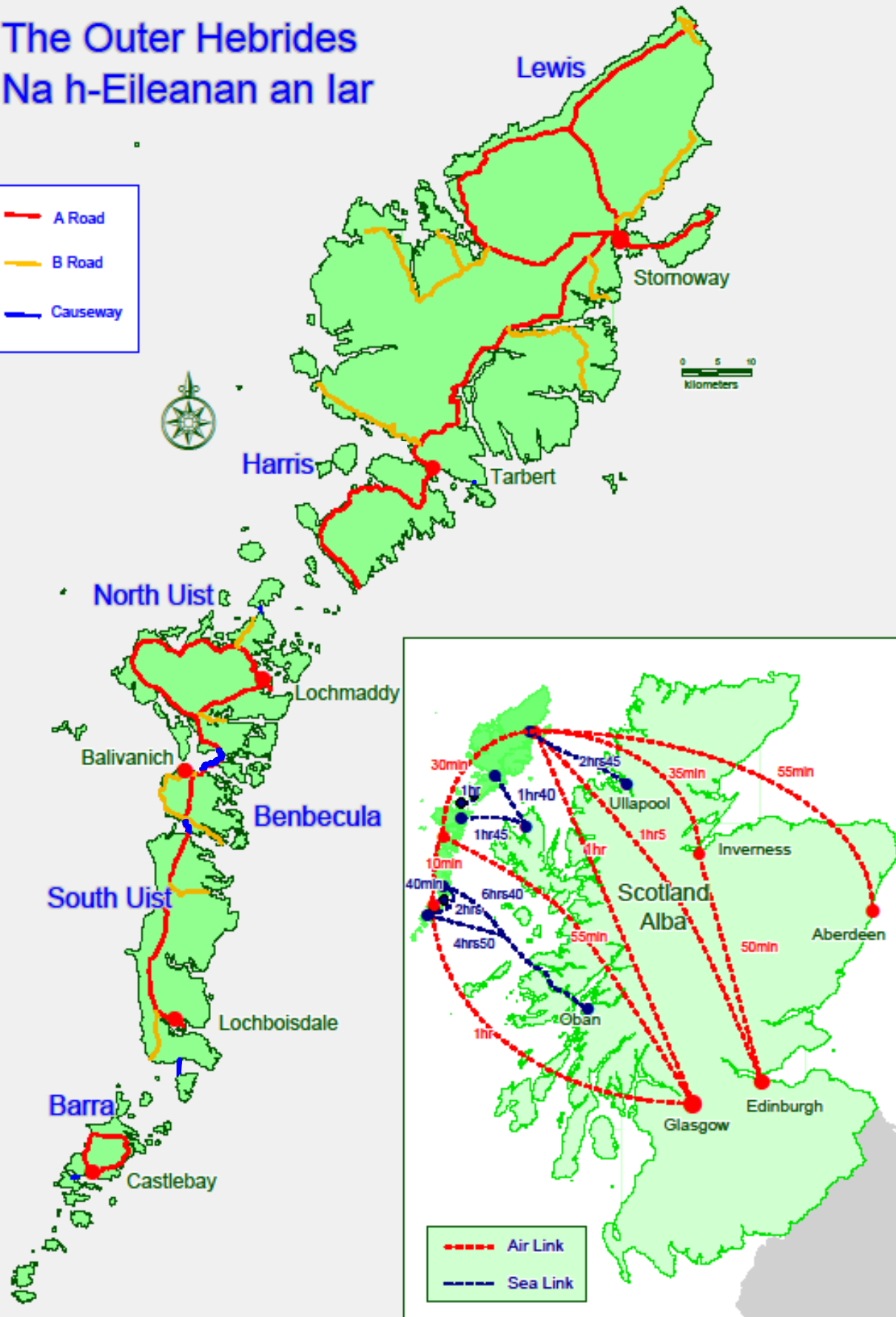
Geographical Facts/Fiosrachadh Mun Àite

Geography	Measurement
Number of islands	119 officially named islands (approximate)
Number of inhabited islands: 11 islands	Barra 6,173 ha
	Benbecula 8,498 ha
	Berneray 1,056 ha
	Eriskay 754 ha
	Great Bernera 2,240 ha
	Grimsay 1,146 ha
	Lewis and Harris 217,820 ha
	North Uist 35,479 ha
	Scalpay 702 ha
	South Uist 32,094 ha
	Vatersay 953 ha
Number of named beaches:	97 beaches (SNH Report No. 109, 1984)
Length of island chain:	209 km (130 miles)
Separated from mainland by:	The Minch, Little Minch, Sea of the Hebrides
Length of Coastline at high water mark:	2,687 km (1669 miles)
Land Area:	2,898 km ² (excludes freshwater and intertidal)
Percentage of Land in Crofting Tenure:	70% (approximately 6000 crofts)
Distance in miles (as crow flies):	Stornoway Tarbert Balivanich Castlebay
to Inverness:	94 m 99 m 117 m 127 m
to Glasgow:	180 m 171 m 164 m 145 m
to Edinburgh:	197 m 190 m 191 m 177 m
to Aberdeen:	174 m 182 m 199 m 202 m
Freshwater:	15% of UK's freshwater surface area
Distance between St Kilda & Benbecula:	66 km (41 miles)
Length of Public Roads 2009:	
A,B and C Roads	689 km (428 miles)
Unclassified	502 km (312 miles)
Total:	1,191 km (740 miles)
Highest Point:	Clisham 799 m Isle of Harris

Note: these figures are approximate and subject to variation

The Outer Hebrides Na h-Eileanan an Iar

- A Road
- B Road
- Causeway





Callanish Stones, Isle of Lewis

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Water Lilies at Dalmore, Isle of Lewis