2011 Census Statistics
North Uist

Key Statistics

Population - 1,619
Households - 791
Average household size - 2.05 people

Broad age groups:
Under 16 - 12.2%
16 to 64 - 61.7%
65 and over - 26.1%

Able to speak Gaelic aged 3 and over - 61%
Economically active - 70%

Source: National Records of Scotland
www.scotlandsbattle.gov.uk
**Age Structure**

As with other island areas, the highest percentage of people is to be found in the 45 to 59 age group, this is 4.3 percentage points higher than that of the Outer Hebrides.

In general the younger age groups are slightly lower and older age groups slightly higher than for the Outer Hebrides as a whole.

**Marital Status**

Out of the 1,422 people aged 16 and over in North Uist, the largest group (47%) were married.

The marital status of the people in North Uist was similar to the marital status of people in the Outer Hebrides, but North Uist had the lowest percentage of people who were separated in all island areas.
Population

Age by Sex

As illustrated in the graph above the difference between the sexes varied greatly within age groups in North Uist. This was particularly so in the 12 to 14 age group where there were 20 more males than females. The variation in sexes was similar to the pattern for the Outer Hebrides as a whole, where there were more males in the younger age groups and more females in the older age groups. Up to the age of 69 there were more males than females in most age groups. From the age of 70 onwards there were more females than males, reflecting the higher life expectancy of females in the Outer Hebrides.

Overall, 50% of the population in North Uist was male, while 50% was female. As illustrated below, there was a higher percentage of males in the under 16 age group and 16 to 30 age group while in the 31 to 64 and 65 and over age group there was a higher percentage of females.
Household Tenure

Out of the 791 households in North Uist, 602 (76%) were owned. Of those owned, 415 (52.5%) were owned outright, while 187 (23.6%) were owned with a mortgage or loan. North Uist had the highest percentage of houses which were owned in all island areas.

In the rented sector, 117 (15%) were social rented, while 58 (7%) were private rented. 14 households (2%) were living rent free. North Uist had the lowest percentage of social rented houses in all island areas.

The average household size in North Uist was 2.05 in comparison to 2.17 in the Outer Hebrides.

Car/Van Availability

In the 791 households in North Uist there were a total of 1,030 cars and vans.

The percentage of households in North Uist with cars or vans, and without, was similar to that of the Outer Hebrides as illustrated in the adjacent graph. In island areas North Uist had the highest percentage of households with 2 cars/vans, 3 cars/vans and 4 or more.

The average number of cars/vans per household was 1.3 in comparison to 1.2 for the Outer Hebrides as a whole.
In North Uist one person households were the largest household type at 40.8% as illustrated in the adjacent chart. This was higher than that of the Outer Hebrides as a whole which was 37.2%. In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of married couple households with dependent children.

All other household types were broadly similar to those in the Outer Hebrides as a whole.

Travel to work/study Method

Travel to work/study methods in North Uist were similar to those in the Outer Hebrides as illustrated in the chart below. In island areas North Uist had the highest percentage of people working or studying at home and the highest percentage driving to work by car or van.
Ethnic Identity

North Uist had a slightly lower percentage of those identifying themselves as White Scottish than in the Outer Hebrides. In island areas North Uist, along with Harris, had the lowest percentage of those identifying as White: Scottish. North Uist had the highest percentage of White: Other British. Other ethnic groups were broadly similar to the Outer Hebrides.

National Identity

The majority of those living in North Uist (67.2%) identified themselves as having a Scottish identity only, less than the Outer Hebrides average.

In island areas North Uist had the highest percentage of those with any other combination of UK identities. All other identities were broadly similar to the Outer Hebrides.

Ethnic Groups in North Uist & Outer Hebrides

(1) Includes "White: Gypsy/Traveller", "White: Polish" and "White: Other White".
Identity, Religion and Language

Religion

The majority of people in North Uist stated that their religious denomination was Church of Scotland. This was the highest percentage in all island areas and much higher than the Outer Hebrides average of 42.5%.

North Uist, along with Lewis, also had the highest percentage of those stating that they had no religion.

There was a much lower percentage stating their religion as Roman Catholicism than in the Outer Hebrides as a whole.

Length of Residence in the UK

Out of the 1,619 people living in North Uist, 46 were born outside the UK.

The majority of those born outside the UK had been resident for 10 years or more, similar to the Outer Hebrides average.

All other groups were also broadly similar to the Outer Hebrides average, but with a much lower percentage resident for less than 2 years.
Identity, Religion and Language

Country of Birth - North Uist

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Out of the 1,619 people living in North Uist, 1,573 were born in the UK. The majority of people in North Uist were born in Scotland, while the next largest group is those born in England at 14% (226).

21 people were born in Africa, Middle East and Asia, The Americas and the Caribbean and Antartica and Oceania and other countries. 25 people were born in other EU countries.

For all the groups North Uist was broadly similar to the Outer Hebrides, but with a higher percentage of those born in England and lower percentage of those born in Scotland. North Uist had the highest percentage in island areas of those born in England.

Language

Of the 1,579 people aged 3 and over in North Uist, a total of 1,077 people (68.2%) had some Gaelic ability while 502 (31.8%) had no Gaelic skills.

The combinations of Gaelic skills, within those who have some ability, are shown in the adjacent graph. The largest group are those who speak, read and write Gaelic at 40%. This was above the Outer Hebrides average of 30.3% while those with no skills in Gaelic was below the Outer Hebrides average of 38.8%.

Gaelic Skills in North Uist

- Understands only
- Speaks, reads and writes Gaelic
- Speaks/does not read or write Gaelic
- Speaks and reads/does not write Gaelic
- Reads/does not speak or write Gaelic
- Other combination of skills in Gaelic
- No skills in Gaelic
Economy and Labour Market

**Economically Active**

Out of the total of 1,235 people in North Uist aged 16-74 a total of 867 (70%) were economically active.

Of those who were economically active, most people were in full time employment, less than the Outer Hebrides average, while 15% were in part time employment.

In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of unemployed.

**Economically Inactive**

Out of the 1,235 people in North Uist aged 16-74 a total of 368 (30%) were economically inactive.

Of those who were economically inactive the majority of people were retired, slightly more than the Outer Hebrides average.

In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of those looking after home or family and the lowest percentage of long-term sick or disabled.
Economy and Labour Market

Economic Activity

As illustrated in the adjacent graph more women than men were in part-time work and more men than women were in full-time work. More men than women were self-employed and more men than women were unemployed. Economic activity was broadly similar in North Uist to that of the Outer Hebrides, but full-time employment was lower and self-employment was higher in North Uist. In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of unemployed males.

Economic Inactivity

As illustrated in the adjacent graph a higher percentage of women than men were retired and a higher percentage of women than men were looking after home or family. Economically inactive groups were broadly similar in North Uist in comparison to the Outer Hebrides, however, the percentage of those retired was higher. In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of males looking after home or family and the lowest percentage of females long-term sick or disabled.
The chart above illustrates industry of employment in North Uist and the Outer Hebrides. There was very little difference between industries in North Uist and the Outer Hebrides with the greatest difference in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry which was 6.1 percentage points higher in North Uist than in the Outer Hebrides. The highest percentage of people in North Uist were employed in Human Health and Social Work activities.
Health

Day to day activities, general health and provision of unpaid care were broadly similar to that of the Outer Hebrides.

In island areas North Uist had the lowest percentage of people stating that their general health was bad and, along with South Uist, the highest percentage of people stating their health was very bad.

In island areas North Uist had the highest percentage of those providing care for 1 to 19 hours and 20 to 49 hours per week. North Uist had the lowest percentage providing care for 50 or more hours per week.
Education

There was very little variation between the different groups of qualification levels in North Uist and the Outer Hebrides.

Level 4 qualifications and above were held by 28.3% of the population, higher than the Outer Hebrides average. In island areas North Uist had the highest percentage of those with level 4 and above qualifications. The percentage with no qualifications was slightly below the Outer Hebrides average.