



Hills of Harris

Outer Hebrides Fact Card

Cairt Fiosrachaidh mu na h-Eileanan Siar

April 2009

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 ...

Most popular boy's name in 2008 was Calum...

Most popular girl's name in 2008 was Isla...

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Quad Bike Riding



Shawbost, Isle of Lewis

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 www.gro-scotland.gov.uk Note: Figures may not exactly add due to rounding.

Population by:	Mid Year Estimates					Projections	
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2016	2031
Outer Hebrides	26,260	26,370	26,350	26,300	26,200	26,058	24,892
Births	245	220	245	279	250	201	154
Deaths	400	355	375	368	349	347	364
Net Migration	315	245	110	39	-1	100	100
Age Group (%)							
0-4 yrs	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
5-19 yrs	18	18	17	17	17	16	14
20-44 yrs	29	29	28	28	28	24	22
45-64 yrs	28	28	29	29	29	31	28
65-84 yrs	18	18	18	18	18	21	27
Aged 85+	2	2	2	2	3	3	6
Island Areas							
Lewis	18,383	18,565	18,565	18,579	-	-	-
Harris	2,037	1,994	1,953	1,921	-	-	-
North Uist	1,598	1,565	1,551	1,548	-	-	-
Benbecula	1,195	1,213	1,237	1,223	-	-	-
South Uist	1,889	1,884	1,892	1,865	-	-	-
Barra & Vatersay	1,158	1,149	1,152	1,164	-	-	-

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

Economy / Eaconamaidh

Outer Hebrides GDP/GRDP, 2003

**It is anticipated that a Regional Accounts study will be carried out for 2008.*

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	100.0	100.0	100.0
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



Kisimul Castle, Isle of Barra



Stornoway, Isle of Lewis



Plane on Beach, Isle of Barra



Berneray Causeway



Comhairle Offices, Stornoway

Commerce and Transport / Malairt agus Còmhdail

Commerce

Indicator	Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Business Start Ups, 2002-03 per 1,000 of the population ¹	4.3	3.7
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 - number of visitors, 2006 ⁴	165,147.00	-
Economic migrant National Insurance No. applications 2001-05 ⁵	150	-
Average house price July to September 2008 ⁶	£102,264	£160,155

Source: 1. Western Isles Economic Report 2003 2. 2003 Regional Accounts 3. 2003 Rural Price Survey
4. Outer Hebrides Tourism Update 2007 5. HIE Migrant Workers Study 05 6. BBC House Price Survey

Aircraft Movements

Airport (Daily inter-island connections)	Total Flights [^]			Passengers [*]			Number of Direct Daily Flight to: (summer week day – mainland connections)			
	1997	2002	2007	1997	2002	2007	Glasgow	Inverness	Edinburgh	Aberdeen
Barra	-	1,307	1,296	8,000	8,000	10,000	2	-	-	-
Benbecula	3,925	4,068	4,810	35,000	32,000	35,000	2	-	-	-
Stornoway	7,305	8,092	12,716	94,000	93,000	126,000	4	5	2	1

Source: Scottish Transport Statistics No. 27 2008 Edition ([^]Total flights include both commercial and non commercial)
(*passengers are rounded to the nearest thousand) www.scotland.gov.uk

Caledonian Macbrayne Ferry Transport Figures

Route	1997	2002	2007
Oban-Castlebay/Lochboisdale	Thousand		
<i>passengers</i>	46.2	47.4	46.5
<i>cars</i>	10.9	13.2	13.7
<i>commercial & bus</i>	2.6	2.0	1.0
Uig-Tarbert/Lochmaddy			
<i>passengers</i>	129.3	142.7	160.3
<i>cars</i>	37.3	44.7	55.3
<i>commercial & bus</i>	7.2	6.1	6.9
Ullapool - Stornoway			
<i>passengers</i>	173.0	183.0	185.5
<i>Cars</i>	35.0	42.2	49.0
<i>commercial and bus</i>	13.0	12.5	12.5
Otternish / Berneray – Leverburgh*			
<i>passengers</i>	30.6	44.7	53.8
<i>cars</i>	10.0	14.6	21.5
<i>commercial and bus</i>	0.9	1.7	2.3

Source: Scottish Transport Statistics No: 27, 2008 Edition www.scotland.gov.uk

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

Households / Taighean

Households in the Outer Hebrides

Outer Hebrides	Census	Household Estimates			Change	Projections	
	2001	2003	2005	2007	2001-2007	2016	2031
No. of Households	11,283	11,302	11,486	11,706	3.7%	12,410	13,230
All Dwellings	13,462	13,630	13,676	13,893	3.2%	-	-
Vacant Dwellings & 2nd Homes	1,865	2,022	1,866	1,848	-0.9%	-	-
Occupied Dwellings	11,597	11,628	11,810	12,045	3.9%	-	-
Mean Household Size	2.26	2.31	2.3	2.25	-0.4%	-	-

Source: GROS Household Estimates 2007 and 2006 Based Household Projections www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

Note: All figures are estimates and should be used with caution



Scaristavore, Isle of Harris



Earsary, Isle of Barra



Keose, Isle of Lewis

Household Composition

Household Composition	Estimates			Projections		Change
	2002	2004	2006	2016	2031	2006-31
One adult	3840	3940	4090	4890	5880	43%
One adult plus children	460	470	510	590	650	26%
Two adults plus children	2490	2340	2270	1720	1080	-53%
Two or more adults	4540	4590	4680	5210	5620	20%

Source: GROS 2006 Based Household Projections www.gro-scotland.gov.uk

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Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

Labour Market / Margaidh Obrach

Labour Market Summary Table

Indicator	Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Unemployment Rate*		
2006	3.3%	2.8%
2005	3.2%	2.7%
2004	3.8%	2.9%
2003	4.0%	3.2%
2002	4.7%	3.3%
2001	4.9%	3.4%
Working Age 2007		
number of persons	15,400	-
% of total population	58.4%	62.7%
% of total female population	52.2%	58.8%
% of total male population	64.8%	66.9%
Qualifications*		
% popn. 2007 with qualification NVQ4 and above	32.4%	33.2%
no qualifications	13.8%	13.5%
Benefits		
Income Support 2005 (% of popn 16yrs +)	4.7%	7.4%
Incapacity & Severe Disablement Benefit 2005 (% of popn 16-64 yrs)	6.3%	7.8%
Total population income deprived 2005 (% of popn 16-64 yrs)	14.3%	13.9%
Economically Active 2007/08 (all persons)*	80.8%	80%
Economically Inactive 2007/08 (all persons)*	19.2%	20%
Estimated Gross Weekly Pay 2008 (full time)	£464.10	£460.10

Sources: National Statistics www.nomisweb.co.uk and www.sns.gov.uk

*Percentages are based on working age population

Note: 'working age' includes males aged 16-64 and females aged 16-59 years.

Percentage of Residents by 'Daytime' Location, 2001

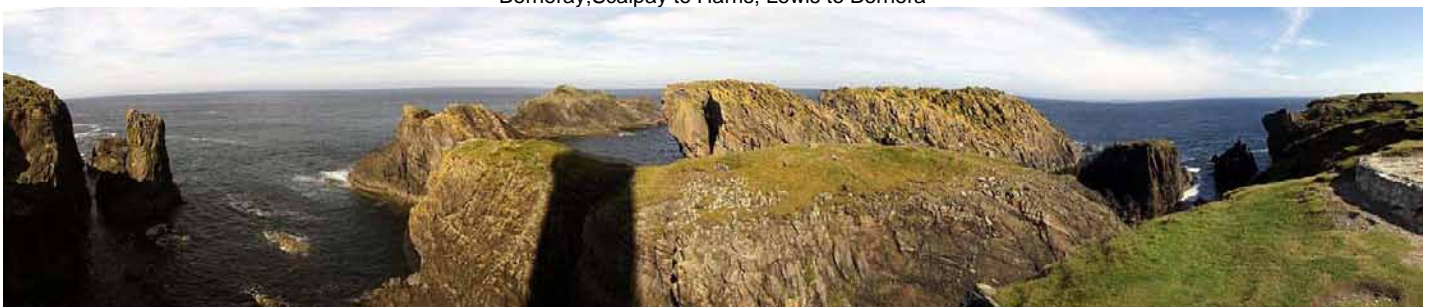
Island group	On the island group which they live in	On a different island group	On the Scottish Mainland, on an offshore installation or outwith Scotland
Barra	90.7	3.6	5.7
Benbecula	88.3	9.0	2.6
Berneray	72.1	24.3	3.7
Eriskay	85.7	13.5	0.8
Great Bernera	76.0	21	3.0
Grimsay (north)	51.7	44.3	4.0
Lewis & Harris	95.9	1.0	3.1
North Uist	74.4	22.9	2.7
Scalpay (Harris)	85.1	13	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



Butt of Lewis Coastline

Health / Slàinte

Life Events Summary Table

	Outer Hebrides	Scotland
Life Expectancy at Birth		
<i>Males (2005-07)</i>	72.9	74.8
<i>Females (2005-07)</i>	80.2	79.7
<i>% Change for Males (1995/7 - 2005/7)</i>	3.6	3.6
<i>% Change for Females (1995/7 - 2005/7)</i>	1.9	2.4
Vital Events Statistics		
<i>live births, per 1,000 population (2008)</i>	9.7	11.7
<i>deaths, per 1,000 population (2008)</i>	13.2	10.8
<i>fertility, births per 1,000 women aged 15-44</i>	60.2	54.8

Source: GROS Vital Events (2005-2007) and GROS 2007 and 2008 Preliminary Returns

Patient Activity (1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008)

Patient Activity	Western Isles
<i>Admissions 2007/08 in Western Isles hospitals</i>	6151
<i>Admissions to mainland hospitals - Western Isles Residents 2007/08</i>	2152
<i>No. new outpatient clinic attendances 2007/08</i>	7732
<i>Total Operations Performed 2007/08 in Western Isles Hospital (Stornoway)</i>	5252
<i>Total Operations Performed 2007/08 in Uist & Barra Hospital</i>	438

Notes: Admissions data from SMR01

Outpatient Clinic Appointments from SMR00 – for Western Isles Clinics only
Total operations refers to the total number of procedures performed

Health Services (GP/Consultant Data as at 4 February 2009)

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	9
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	N.Uist	3
Benbecula Medical Practice	Benbecula	4
South Uist Medical Practice	S Uist	1
Barra Medical Practice	Barra	3

Consultant WTE – “Whole Time Equivalents” (figure also includes locum consultant posts)

GP Practice data source: Western Isles Health Board www.show.scot.nhs.uk/wihb/



Kite Flying



Askernish Golf Course, South Uist



School sports day



Sumo Wrestling at Fun Day



Climbing Beinn Bhragair, Lewis

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 1 st - 2 nd year		Primary Roll		Secondary Roll	
	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008	1998	2008
Barra	3	2	1	1	135	94	101	103
Benbecula	1	1	1	1	120	100	383	301
Harris	6	4	1	1	179	112	141	114
Lewis	24	22	7	6	1592	1357	1303	1243
North Uist	5	3	1	1	171	71	33	35
South Uist	4	4	2	1	252	169	21	25
Total:	43	36	13	11	2449	1903	1982	1821

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

Lews Castle College Enrolment for 2008/09 Session

College	Higher Education Full Time	Higher Education Part Time	Further Education Full Time	Further Education Part Time
Lews Castle	176 students	416 students	175 students	1021 students

Source: Lews Castle College as at January 2009 (further education includes enrolment for short courses and evening classes)

Crimes and Offences, 2007/2008

Crimes (rates per 10,000 population)	Outer Hebrides	Shetland	Scotland
All Crimes	369	344	749
Serious Assault	11	5	12
Offensive Weapons	5	5	17
Domestic Housebreaking	2	5	34
Vandalism	110	113	214
Percentage Cleared Up (%):	72%	70.7	48%

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



Bumblebee on Roseroot



Isle of Killegray



Puffins on Flannan Isles

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 yr +	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 Designation	Number	Total Area Covered
World Heritage Site (dual natural & cultural status)	1	Islands of St Kilda, 853ha
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's)	53	37,350.ha or 12.9%
National Nature Reserves (NNR's)	4	3,277ha or 1.1%
Special Protection Areas (SPA's)	15	90,475ha or 31.2%
Special Areas of Conservation (SAC's)	13	84, 947ha or *
National Scenic Areas (NSA's)	3	119,454ha or *
Local Nature Reserve (LNR's)	1	Loch Stiapabhat (Lewis), 14ha
Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAM's)	465	throughout island chain
Listed Buildings (Historic Scotland)	256	throughout island chain

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

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



Berneray Youth Hostel



Linginish, Isle of Harris



Miavaig, Uig, Isle of Lewis

Geographical Facts/ Fiosrachadh Mun Àite

Geography	Measurement
Number of Islands:	119 officially named Islands (approximate)
Number of Inhabited Islands:	11 islands (Lewis & Harris as one island)
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):	<i>Stornoway Tarbert Balivanich Castlebay</i>
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 2007:	
A,B and C Roads	689 km (428 miles)
Unclassified	502 km (312 miles)
Total:	1,191 km (740 miles)
Highest Point:	Clisham 799m Isle of Harris

Note: these figures are approximate and subject to variation



Bosta, Isle of Lewis

The Outer Hebrides Na h-Eileanan an Iar

