

# Shetland in Statistics

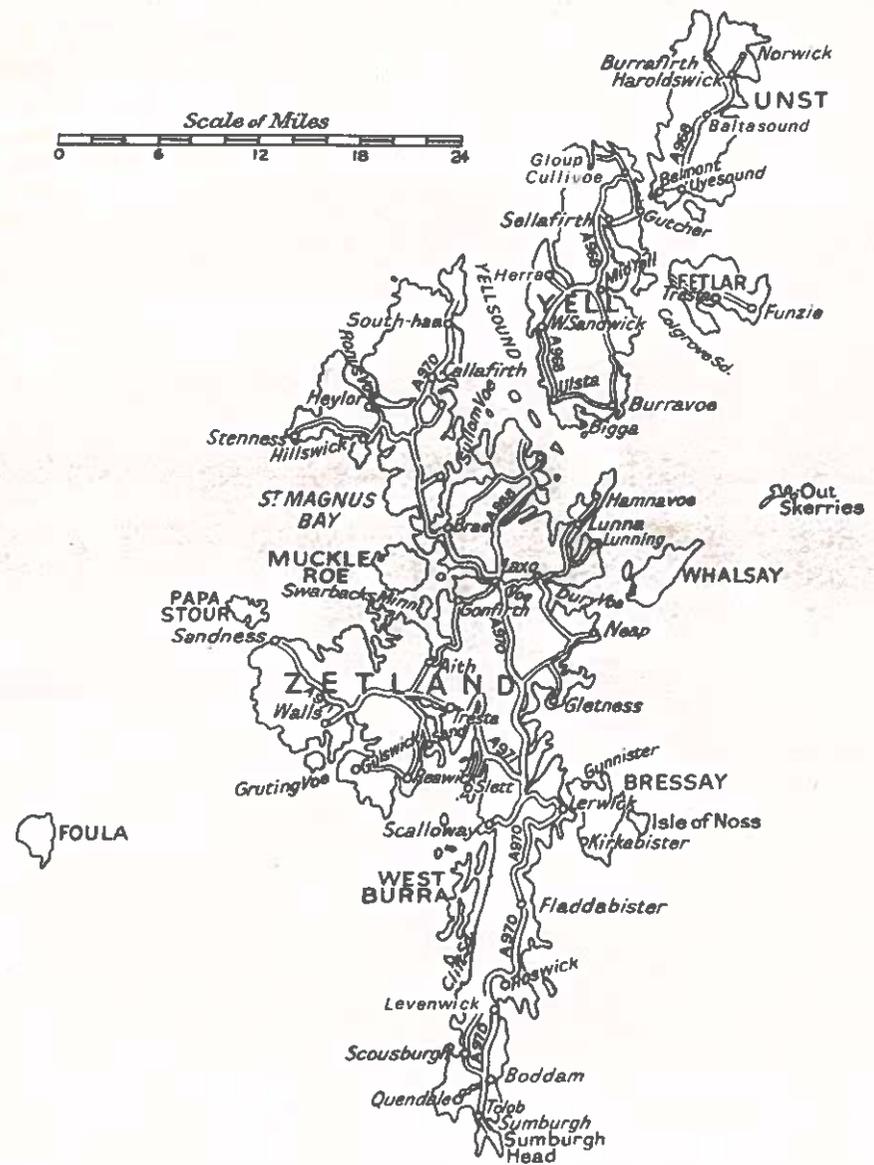
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## CLIMATE

The recorded meteorological observations from Lerwick Observatory for 1974 are as follows:

	mean monthly values		monthly totals			
	maximum temperature	minimum temperature	rainfall mm	sunshine hours	days of gales	days of air frost
Jan	6.4	3.8	134	16.2	11	0
Feb	6.0	3.1	93	44.4	2	4
Mar	6.5	2.5	44	124.2	0	2
Apr	8.7	4.1	2	107.6	0	0
May	10.2	6.1	55	131.7	0	0
Jun	12.5	7.6	38	190.9	0	0
Jul	13.4	8.6	83	163.1	0	0
Aug	14.2	9.8	47	160.8	0	0
Sep	12.2	8.1	94	135.8	1	0
Oct	8.6	4.6	91	83.1	1	1
Nov	6.9	4.1	128	40.8	1	1
Dec	5.9	2.6	197	15.5	11	6

(Lerwick Observatory: 60° 08' N, 01° 11' W. 82m. above sea level)

## POPULATION

The population of Shetland at the time of the 1971 census was 17,327. Since 1971 there has been no accurate assessment of the population but an estimate can be obtained from the registrations under the National Health Scheme. In December 1973 the population was estimated as 18,205 persons and the increase up to December 1974 is as follows:

In-migrants	804
Out-migrants	434
Migration balance	+370
Births	279
Deaths	231
Natural increase	+ 48
Total increase	418

Population estimate December 1973 18,205

Population estimate December 1974 18,623

The increase of 1296 persons since 1971 gives an average increase of 2.49% per annum.

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## HOUSING

The current position as regards housing is as follows:

### NUMBER COMPLETED 1974

Local Authority	76
Private	94
Scottish Special Housing Association	0

### NUMBER UNDER CONSTRUCTION December 1974

Local Authority and being built for Local Authority:

Lerwick	109
Bressay	15
Skeld	14
Whalsay	16
Ollaberry	18
Weisdale	10
Mid Yell	2
Bixter	16
Brae	10
Hamnavoe	26
Uyeasound	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

Scottish Special Housing Association:

Lerwick	36
Weisdale	16
Hamnavoe	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

Scottish Airports Housing Association:

Scatness	15
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Police Authority:

Lerwick	4
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Private Housing: 171

Total housing under construction: 496

### CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

Lerwick	272
County	348
<b>Total</b>	<b>620 (1973: 618)</b>

## EDUCATION

School Rolls as at December 1974:

	Secondary	Primary
Anderson High School (comprehensive) .. . . . . .	736	—
Baltsound Junior High .. . . . . .	44	92
Mid Yell Junior High .. . . . . .	62	74
Brae Junior High .. . . . . .	60	65
Symbister House Junior High .. . . . . .	51	145
Aith Junior High .. . . . . .	70	74
Scalloway Junior High .. . . . . .	118	135
Sandwick Junior High .. . . . . .	86	75
Haroldswick Primary .. . . . . .	—	35
Uyeasound Primary .. . . . . .	—	30
Cullivoe Primary .. . . . . .	—	20
Burravoe Primary .. . . . . .	—	27
Fetlar Primary .. . . . . .	—	4
North Roe Primary .. . . . . .	—	17
Ollaberry Primary .. . . . . .	—	14
Urafirth Primary .. . . . . .	—	26
Olnafirth Primary .. . . . . .	—	32
Lunnasting Primary .. . . . . .	—	20
South Nesting Primary .. . . . . .	—	17
Skerries Primary .. . . . . .	6	13
Foula Primary .. . . . . .	—	4
Sandness Primary .. . . . . .	—	8
Happyhansel Primary .. . . . . .	—	39
Gruting Primary .. . . . . .	—	9
Skeld Primary .. . . . . .	—	25
Whiteness Primary .. . . . . .	—	37
Hamnavoe Primary .. . . . . .	—	57
Gott Primary .. . . . . .	—	40
Cunningsburgh Primary .. . . . . .	—	68
Dunrossness Primary .. . . . . .	—	137
Fair Isle Primary .. . . . . .	—	12
Quarff Primary .. . . . . .	—	22
Bressay Primary .. . . . . .	—	36
Lerwick Primary .. . . . . .	—	748

Compared with the 1973 figures there has been an increase of 3.3% in Secondary and 4.4% in Primary pupils.

## AGRICULTURE

Statistics for holdings having more than 40 standard man days of agricultural activity:

tillage .. .. .	2,428.50 acres
grassland and crops .. .. .	15,988.75 acres
rough grazing including common grazing .. .. .	309,830 acres
woodland .. .. .	230.25 acres
roads, buildings, etc. .. .. .	361.75 acres
	328,839.25 acres
number of holdings .. .. .	1,070
	(+ 93 common grazings)
total area rented .. .. .	74,906.50 acres
total area owned .. .. .	64,053.25 acres
total area rented/owned excluding common grazings .. .. .	138,959.75 acres
grass (other than rough grazing) .. .. .	13,560.25 acres
barley .. .. .	31.25 acres
oats .. .. .	1,531.25 acres
turnips and swedes for stock feeding .. .. .	249.25 acres
kale and cabbage .. .. .	118.50 acres
potatoes .. .. .	403.50 acres
rape .. .. .	69.50 acres
other crops .. .. .	23.25 acres
beef cows and heifers .. .. .	2,797
dairy cows and heifers .. .. .	790
total cattle .. .. .	7,459
sheep .. .. .	225,357
pigs .. .. .	31
poultry .. .. .	8,755
ponies, registered and unregistered ..	c. 1,000

## KNITWEAR

The fragmented nature of the Shetland knitwear industry renders the collection of accurate statistics very difficult; there is no representative organisation for the trade as a whole, which ranges from fourteen businesses with premises and permanent staff, to dozens of smaller operators. It is estimated that the trade turnover for 1974 was well in excess of £1,000,000.

## FISHERIES

Fish landed by month, 1974:

1974	White Fish		Herring	
	cwt.	£	cwt.	£
Jan	15,598	120,162	4,599	16,199
Feb	60,954	311,714	20,451	93,991
Mar	82,645	297,295	—	—
Apr	38,985	167,553	—	—
May	27,735	191,535	6	18
Jun	60,397	185,769	5,581	22,902
Jul	98,684	242,633	40,427	169,503
Aug	98,140	181,493	84,376	297,643
Sep	68,344	152,395	23,947	41,831
Oct	69,280	159,881	29,282	64,538
Nov	96,095	197,374	512	1,869
Dec	12,192	32,187	—	—
Totals	729,049	2,239,991	209,181	708,494

The white fish figures include a total of approximately 500,000 cwts. of "industrial" fish valued at approximately £615,000, and the herring figures include mackerel.

Shellfish monthly landings (cwts.) 1974:

1974	Lobsters	Crabs	Escallops	Queens
Jan	20	10	10	2
Feb	37	42	57	34
Mar	67	253	384	268
Apr	112	447	172	91
May	53	591	551	4
Jun	33	723	442	37
Jul	27	447	674	92
Aug	70	789	138	26
Sep	38	974	171	154
Oct	53	1264	51	458
Nov	35	628	16	1469
Dec	82	7	—	124
Totals	627	6175	2666	2759

## OIL

The discovery of substantial oil and gas reserves in the sea areas to the east and north-east of Shetland has given rise to proposals to lay submarine pipelines to Shetland where facilities for the treatment, storage and shipment of crude oil are being planned.

The Zetland County Council Act 1974 provides the County Council with powers to licence all works in the coastal area, to exercise harbour authority jurisdiction, to establish a reserve fund to safeguard the community and to acquire land within a designated area at Sullom Voe where the oil terminal is to be developed.

#### OIL SERVICE BASES IN SHETLAND

	<i>Number of berths planned</i>	<i>Operational</i>
<b>Lerwick:</b>		
Norscot (Fred Olsen)	9	9
Sea Oil Services (P & O)	6	—
Harbour Trust (Shell and BP)	4	4
Ocean Inchcape	3 ( <i>subject to approval by Secretary of State</i> )	1
<b>Sandwick:</b>		
Hudsons	10	3
<b>Scalloway:</b>		
Northern Offshore Services	—	1
Blacksness Trust	4 ( <i>part of fishing harbour development</i> )	—
<b>Baltasound:</b>	3	—

#### OIL SERVICE VESSELS VISITING SHETLAND

	1973	1974
Lerwick	328	838
Sandwick	34	110
Scalloway	1	5

#### NUMBER OF SHETLANDERS DIRECTLY EMPLOYED BY OIL SERVICING COMPANIES:

	1973	1974
Lerwick	23	50
Sandwick	8	13
Scalloway	—	—

### TOURISM

Number of people calling at the Information Centre:	6702
Number of British visitors	18,124
Number of Foreign visitors	<u>1,592</u>
Total	19,716
Package tour visitors	232

### TRANSPORT VEHICLE OWNERSHIP

The total numbers of vehicles registered in 1973 and 1974 are given below:

	1973	1974	increase/decrease
Cars	4321	4514	+193
Motor cycles	396	384	- 12
Agricultural tractors	492	645	+153
Hackney vehicles	134	148	+ 14
General haulage	14	14	
Goods vehicles	531	609	+ 78
Others	<u>136</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>- 6</u>
Total	6024	6444	+420

#### SHIPPING IN LERWICK HARBOUR

	<i>general</i>	<i>H.M. ships</i>	<i>coal</i>	<i>oil</i>	<i>oil rig tenders</i>	<i>other vessels</i>
1973	387	20	14	59	328	473
1974	439	18	9	74	838	477
	<i>British fishing vessels</i>	<i>Foreign fishing vessels</i>	<i>total all shipping</i>	<i>net registered tonnage</i>		
1973	978	1223	3482	613,879		
1974	901	1275	4031	823,726		

These figures show an increase of 549 vessels and 209,847 net registered tons over 1973. The figures do not include the Shetland fishing fleet.

#### FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS

<i>Country</i>	1973	1974
Denmark	210	314
Faroes	343	220
Finland	4	1
France	11	8
Germany	7	7
Iceland	129	232
Netherlands	8	4
Norway	433	397
Poland	16	39
Sweden	24	26
U.S.S.R.	38	27

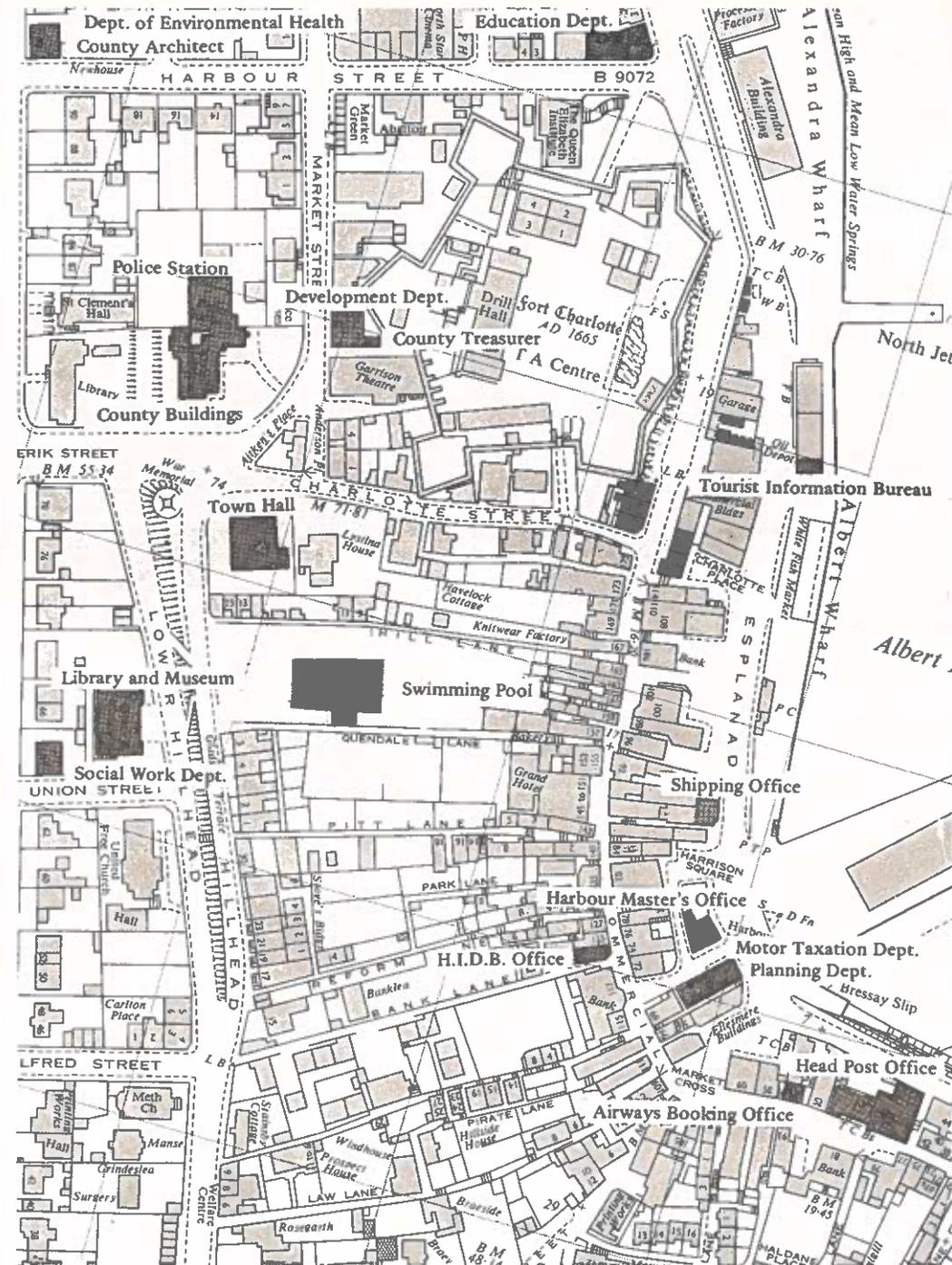
## SUMBURGH AIRPORT TRAFFIC

Year	Passengers	Aircraft Movements
1972	70,589	6,095
1973	94,312	9,114
1974	158,253	16,966
1974	Passengers	Aircraft Movements
Jan	8,802	947
Feb	9,104	845
Mar	10,304	955
Apr	9,846	966
May	14,760	1,671
Jun	15,203	1,598
Jul	17,934	1,768
Aug	17,851	2,100
Sep	14,085	1,690
Oct	14,342	1,528
Nov	12,576	1,580
Dec	13,446	1,318

Passengers 1973-74 +63,941 = 67.79%  
 Aircraft Movements 1973-74 +7,852 = 86.15%

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Climate: Meteorological Office, Lerwick Observatory.
- Population: 1971 census material, H.M.S.O. and figures from Shetland Health Board, Commercial Street, Lerwick.
- Housing: Figures from Lerwick Town Council, County Architect and Director of Environmental Health.
- Education: Figures from Education Offices, Brentham Place, Lerwick.
- Agriculture: Figures from Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Lerwick, and Mrs. Marie Brooker, Gord, Lerwick.
- Fisheries: Figures from Fisheries Office, Alexandra Wharf, Lerwick.
- Oil: Figures from oil service companies.
- Tourism: Figures from Tourist Information Office, Alexandra Wharf, Lerwick.
- Transport: Figures from Lerwick Harbour Master, Alexandra Buildings, Lerwick; Motor Taxation Department, Lerwick; Civil Aviation Authority, Sumburgh.



Central Lerwick, scale 1/2500  
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