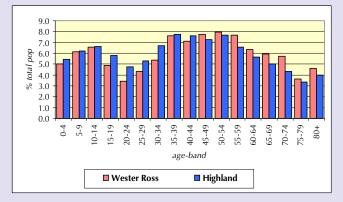
Appendix 1

WESTER ROSS FACTS and FIGURES*

POPULATION

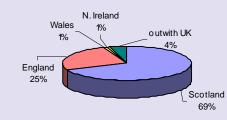
- Wester Ross has a population of 6,001 (50.1% male, 49.9% female)
- Since 1991 the population of Wester Ross has increased by 4.9%

Figure 1: Population by age group



- 19.9% of the Wester Ross population is aged 65 or above, compared with 16.7% in Highland
- Slightly less of the population are aged 0-19 in Wester Ross (22.6%) than in Highland (24.0%)

Figure 2: Country of birth of Wester Ross Residents



- Wester Ross has a higher proportion of pensioner households (27.1%) than Highland (23.4%)
- 15.5% of Wester Ross population can speak, read or write Gaelic, compared with 11.0% in 1991

HEALTH

- 19.2% of Wester Ross's population has a limiting long-term illness compared with 18.4% in Highland
- 9.5% of people provide unpaid care to others (due to physical/mental ill health, disability, old age)

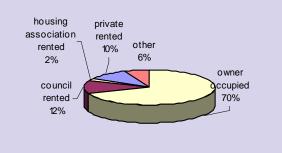
Figure 3: General health of the Wester Ross population



HOUSING

- There are 2,660 households in Wester Ross compared with 2,277 in 1991
- The percentage of owner occupation in Wester Ross (69.2%) is higher than in Highland (65.7%)
- 23.1% of all housing stock in Wester Ross is used as second/holiday homes, compared with 6.2% in
- Highland
- 3.6% of the housing stock is vacant
- 1.5% of households live in temporary accommodation (caravans, etc)
- It is anticipated that between 2003 and 2017 there will be a need for 740 new houses in Wester Ross

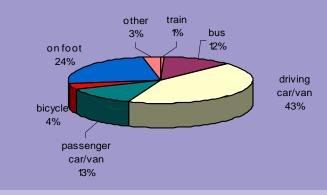
Figure 4: Housing tenure in Wester Ross



TRANSPORT

- 81.1% of households in Wester Ross have access to one or more cars
- Car ownership is higher than that in Highland (74.9%)
- There are 597km of roads in Wester Ross, of these, 40.5% is A road

Figure 5: Travel to work/study in Wester Ross



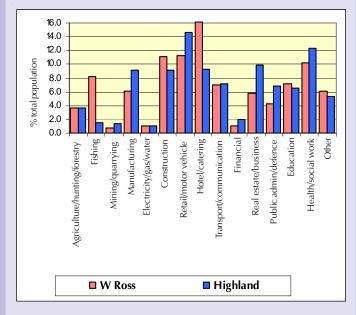
ENVIRONMENT

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest cover 19.5% of the land area
- 58% of the land area is covered by the Wester Ross National Scenic Area
- There are 83 listed buildings in the area

EMPLOYMENT

- 16.1% of Wester Ross's working population are employed in the distribution, hotels and catering sector, compared with 9.3% in Highland
- 65.1% of 16-74 year olds in Wester Ross are economically active, compared with 68.1% in Highland
- 18.1% of 16-74 year olds in Wester Ross are self-employed (10.2% in Highland)
- 15.9% of people work from home in Wester Ross compared with 9.8% in Highland

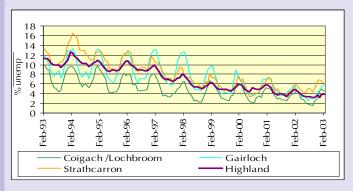
Figure 6: Employment by industry in Wester Ross



UNEMPLOYMENT

- Wester Ross consists of three 1991 District Wards for which unemployment data is reported. 4.6% of the residents of Coigach/Lochbroom Ward, 5.8% of Gairloch Ward and 6.1% of Strathcarron Ward are registered as unemployed compared with 3.8% of Highland residents
- Unemployment in the area has been following a declining trend since the mid 1990s

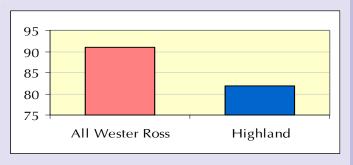
Figure 7: Unemployment



EDUCATION

- People in Wester Ross are better qualified than the Highland average (70.8% of people in Wester Ross have some qualifications compared with 67.4% in Highland)
- Nearly a quarter of the Wester Ross population are qualified to degree level (24.8%) compared with 19.6% in Highland

Figure 8: % S4 gaining 5+ awards at level 4 or better (2001/02)



SERVICES	
Service	Present
Food Shop	\checkmark
Bank	\checkmark
GP	\checkmark
Hospital	\checkmark
Primary School	\checkmark
Secondary School	\checkmark
Library	\checkmark
Petrol Filling Station	\checkmark
Post Office	\checkmark
Highland Council Service Point	\checkmark
Tourist Information Centre	\checkmark
Swimming Pool	✓
Sports Centre	✓

 Please note that some of these percentages are based on very small actual numbers and this should be remembered when interpreting the data

• Information in this pamphlet comes from the 2001 Census, The Highland Council and Nomis.