

Shetland Fishing Facts

In 2015:

- ◆ An estimated **73,000 tonnes** of fish and shellfish, worth **£60 million** were landed in Shetland, by local and visiting fishing boats.
- ◆ More than **one quarter** of all fish landed in Scotland was landed in Shetland (26%).
- ◆ More than **one fifth** of all fish landed in the UK was landed in Shetland (22%).
- ◆ **More fish was landed in Shetland than in any other port in the UK**, except Peterhead. Landings in Shetland were almost three times those in the 3rd ranked port (Fraserburgh).
- ◆ **More fish were landed in Shetland than in all of England, Wales and Northern Ireland combined.**
- ◆ Lerwick was the 2nd ranked port in the UK for landings of fish, Scalloway was 11th and Cullivoe (Yell) 17th.
- ◆ Shetland boats landed an estimated **123,000 tonnes** of fish and shellfish, worth **£82 million**, in Shetland and elsewhere.

In 2014:

- ◆ There were **179 active commercial fishing boats** in Shetland, virtually all owned by local shareholder crewmen.
- ◆ **386 people** were directly employed in fish catching. Hundreds more jobs depended on fishing, in fish processing, marketing, transport, supply and engineering, for example.
- ◆ Shetland boats accounted for almost **one third** of all fish landed by Scottish boats (32%), and **one fifth** of all landings by UK boats (22%).

In 2013:

- ◆ **Almost half** of British landings of fish were caught within 100 miles of Shetland (46%).
- ◆ **Three quarters** of British landings of fish from the North Sea were caught within 100 miles of Shetland (75%).

Notes

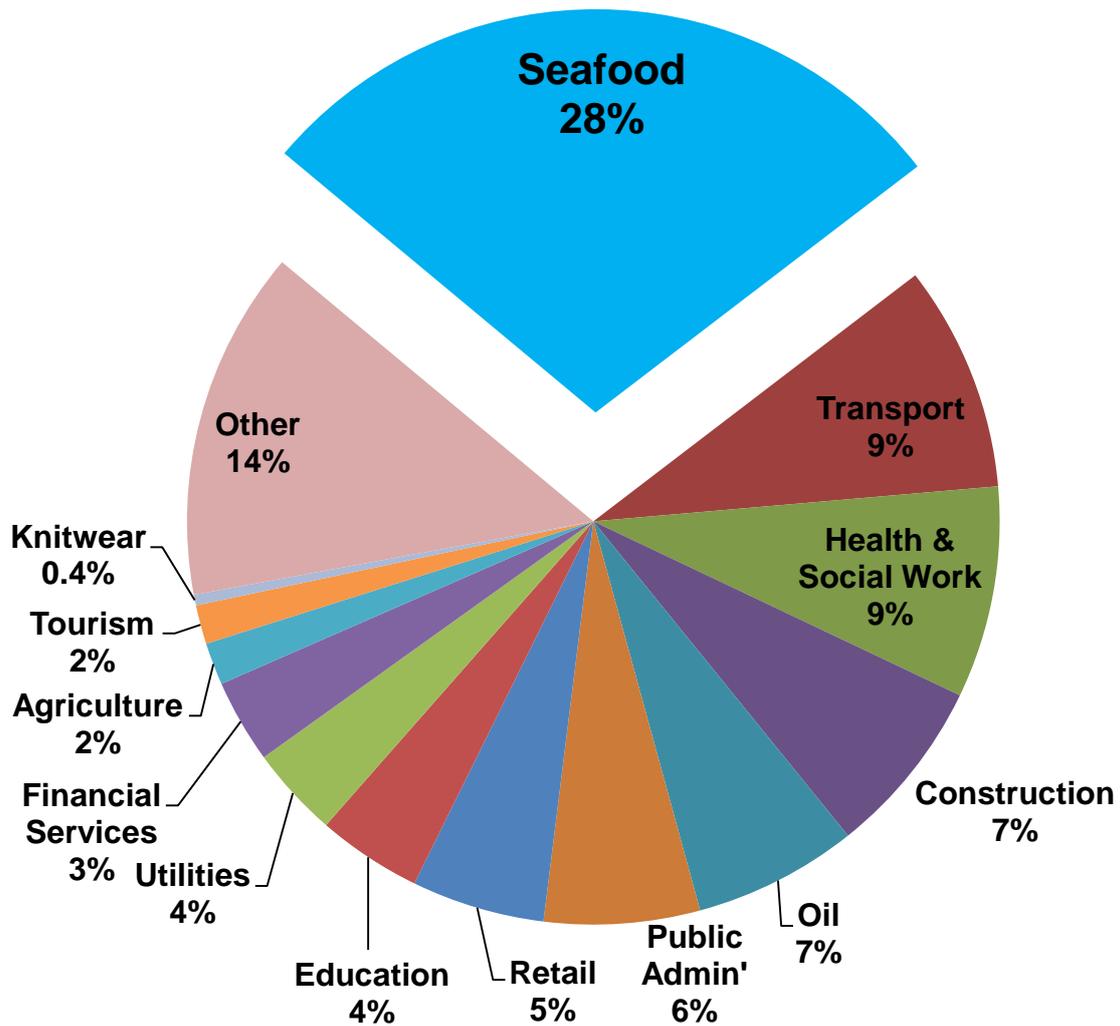
Fish = demersal (whitefish) and pelagic fish.

'British landings' = total landings in the UK by UK and foreign boats, and by UK boats abroad.

Figures are based on published fisheries statistics and on analysis of data supplied by the Marine Analytical Unit of Marine Scotland Science and by the Shetland Fish Producers Organisation.

Shetland Economy

Sectoral Shares of Total Output



Total = £1,091 million

Figures are for 2010/11, the last year for which data are available, and are taken from:

Dyer, et al. (2013). An Analysis of the Shetland Economy; Based on Regional Accounts for 2010-11. Report commissioned by Shetland Islands Council's Economic Development Service from the Hutton Institute (Macaulay Scientific Consulting Ltd.)