

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IN SCOTLAND: KEY FACTS 2024



6,103

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES CURRENTLY
OPERATING IN SCOTLAND



33%

OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES ARE IN
RURAL AREAS



60%

OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES ARE LED
BY A FEMALE



61%

WOULD USE THE TERM 'SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE' TO DESCRIBE
THEMSELVES



£5.2bn

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME OF
SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN
SCOTLAND



£346m

OF FINANCIAL SURPLUS
GENERATED BY THE SECTOR



£3.9bn

OF INCOME GENERATED
THROUGH TRADING



£2.89bn

OF GROSS VALUE ADDED TO THE
SCOTTISH ECONOMY



90,050

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
EMPLOYEES IN THE SECTOR



£8bn

NET WORTH OF SCOTTISH
SOCIAL ENTERPRISES



88%

REPORT PAYING AT LEAST THE
REAL LIVING WAGE



£4.9bn

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF
SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN
SCOTLAND



25%

REPORT OPERATING IN A SINGLE
NEIGHBOURHOOD OR
COMMUNITY



61%

REPORT AN INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY
SUPPORT



8%

REPORT EXPORTING OVERSEAS



16%

REPORT WINNING A PUBLIC
CONTRACT BIDDING ALONE