

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2016 Briefing Note

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is the Scottish Government's official tool for identifying areas of deprivation across Scotland. SIMD16 is the Scottish Government's fifth edition since 2004. It is used by the Scottish Government to target resources and policies at small areas and feeds into work looking at inequalities across Scotland. Amongst other local authorities and community planning partnerships, Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership use the SIMD to focus resources as part of their Single Outcome Agreement, as do Health Boards and other public and private organisations.

The SIMD combines seven different domains of deprivation: Income, Employment, Health, Education, Skills and Training, Geographic Access to Services, Crime and Housing. These seven domains are measured using a number of indicators to form ranks for each domain. Data zones are ranked from 1 being most deprived to 6,976 being least deprived. Each of the seven domain ranks are then combined to form the overall SIMD. This provides a measure of relative deprivation at data zone level, so it tells you that one data zone is relatively more deprived than another but not how much more deprived.

SIMD16 is based on new data zone boundaries, therefore, direct comparisons of indicators between 2016 and previous years are not possible.

There are 340 data zones in Aberdeenshire.

Key Findings from SIMD 2016: Aberdeenshire

Within the Scotland context (32 Council areas), Aberdeenshire has no data zones within the 5% most deprived in Scotland.

Aberdeenshire is one of five Council areas in Scotland with the 'most data zones without deprivation', but there are still some deprived areas.

Deprivation tends to be concentrated in Banff and Buchan and Buchan, primarily in parts of Fraserburgh and Peterhead. Almost all of the most deprived data zones in the overall SIMD16 were also classed as deprived in at least three individual domains showing concentrations of multiple deprivation.

Six of Aberdeenshire's 340 data zones are in the 20% overall most deprived zones in Scotland. Three of these are within the 10% most deprived. The most deprived data zone in Aberdeenshire is S01007126 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea - 02) with a rank of 536, followed by data zones S01007086 (Peterhead Harbour - 06) and S01007088 (Peterhead Harbour - 08) ranked 754 and 884.

A third of Aberdeenshire's data zones fall in the 20% overall least deprived in Scotland. Five of the ten overall least deprived data zones in Aberdeenshire are in Westhill.

There are three data zones in the 20% most income deprived zones in Scotland, two in the 15% most deprived S01007126 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea - 02) and S01007086 (Peterhead Harbour - 06) and the third in the 20% band S01007088 (Peterhead Harbour - 08).

Three data zones are in the 20% most employment deprived in Scotland, one in the 15% most deprived S01007126 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea - 02) and two in

the 20% band S01007086 (Peterhead Harbour - 06) and S01007083 (Peterhead Harbour - 03).

Over half of Aberdeenshire's data zones fall in the 20% least employment deprived in Scotland.

Aberdeenshire has one data zone, S01007126 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea - 02), in the 20% most health deprived data zones in Scotland. 47% of Aberdeenshire data zones fall in the 20% least health deprived in Scotland.

Twenty two of Aberdeenshire's data zones are in the 20% most educationally deprived data zones in Scotland. Eight of these data zones fall in the top 5% most educationally deprived and are in Peterhead and Fraserburgh.

There are seven data zones in Aberdeenshire within the 20% most housing deprived in Scotland with one data zone in the 5% most housing deprived, S01007127 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea - 03). The other six are all within Peterhead and Fraserburgh.

Almost a third of Aberdeenshire's data zones fall within the 20% least housing deprived in Scotland. Data zone S01006829 (Stonehaven South – 07) is one of a shared rank of the least housing deprived data zones in Scotland.

Aberdeenshire has a high number of data zones, in the 20% most deprived in Scotland for geographical access to services, which is a reflection of its rurality. These data zones are not concentrated in any one area of Aberdeenshire.

Eighteen of Aberdeenshire's data zones are in the 20% most crime deprived in Scotland. Four of these are in the 5% most crime deprived. The most crime deprived data zone is S01007086 (Peterhead Harbour - 06), with a rank of 35. This is followed by data zones S01007127 (Fraserburgh Harbour and Broadsea – 03), S01006907 (Inverurie South – 06) and S01007085 (Peterhead Harbour – 05).

Maps will be prepared to present the data for the overall SIMD rankings for Aberdeenshire, the six administrative areas, some settlements and for the individual domains.

A full report on the main findings for Aberdeenshire will follow.

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/SIMD>