



From mountain to sea



Aberdeenshire Profile 2023

Aberdeenshire is a predominantly rural area in North East Scotland and includes the Cairngorm mountains, rich agricultural lowlands and varied coastal landscapes. Traditionally, Aberdeenshire has been economically dependent on the primary sectors of agriculture, forestry and fishing. Over the past 50 years development of the oil and gas industry has repositioned the economic focus, which in future will increasingly turn towards energy transition.



Area 6,339 km²

Population Density 41 people per km²

Population



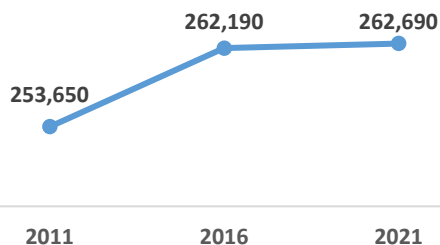
262,690 population 2021

4% net increase 2011–2021

5% of Scotland's population

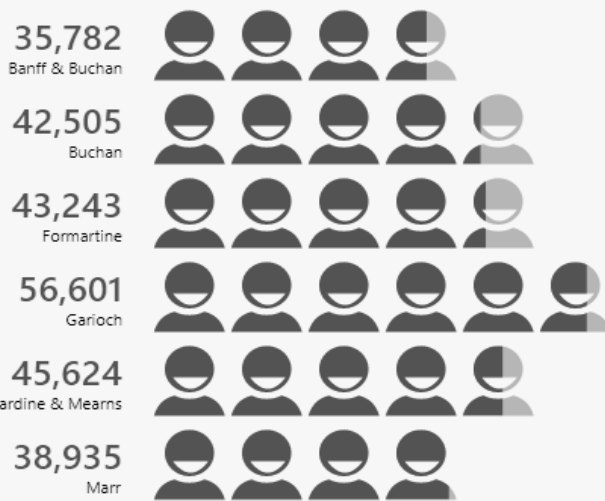
Source: National Records of Scotland (NRS) 2021

10 Year Trend

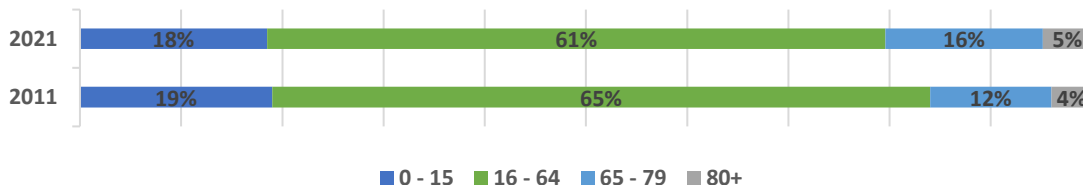


Source: NRS 2021

Population by Administrative Area



Age Structure



Population of Largest Towns

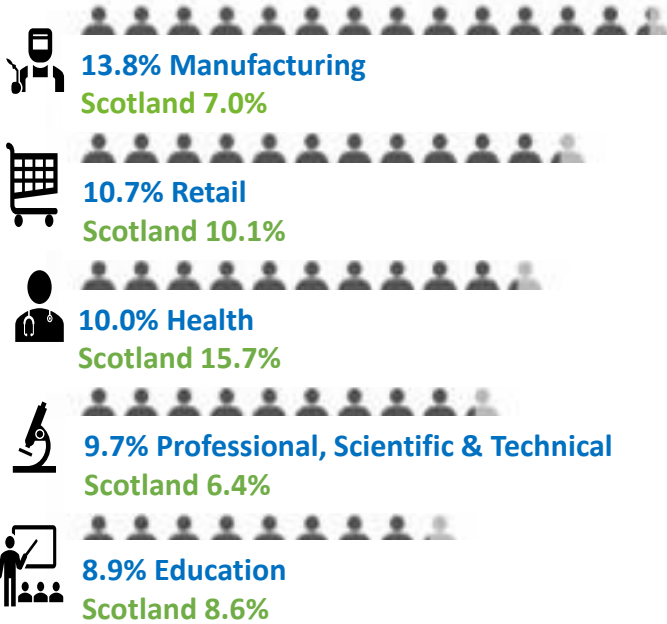
19,060 Peterhead	12,110 Westhill	8,940 Portlethen	4,700 Kintore
14,660 Inverurie	11,150 Stonehaven	7,440 Banchory	4,550 Huntly
12,570 Fraserburgh	10,070 Ellon	4,700 Turriff	4,000 Banff

Source: NRS 2020

Economy

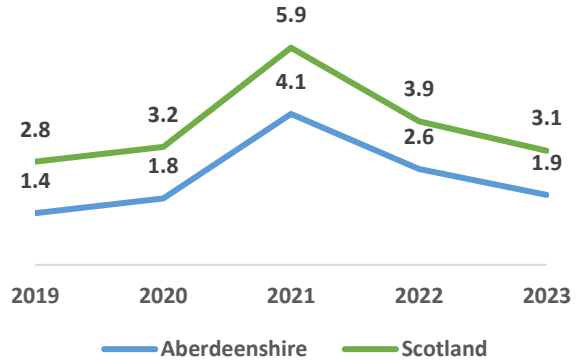


Employment: Top 5 Sectors 2021 (%)



Source: Business Register and Employment Survey 2021

Unemployment: Claimants as a Proportion of Residents aged 16-64



Source: ONS Data from January in each year.



Median Household Income 2022

£40,007

Scotland **£33,095**

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Housing



Average House Price 2021



£222,671

Scotland **£201,160**



5% increase 2016 - 2021

18% increase Scotland

Source: Scottish Government/Residential Properties Sales and Price

Housing Stock 2021



120,946

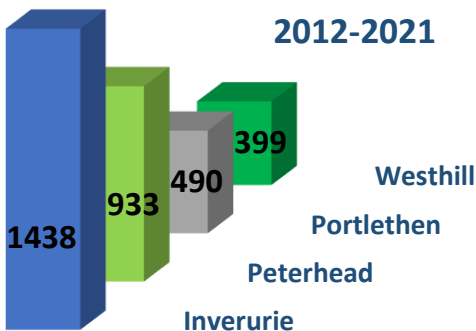
5% of Scotland Total



9% increase since 2011

Source: NRS, Dwellings by Council Tax Band

Top 4 Settlements for New Homes Built 2012-2021



Source: Housing Land Audit 2022

New House Building



4,732 new homes built 2017 - 2021

5% of new homes built in Scotland 2017-2021



6,067 new homes projected 2022-2026

Source: Housing Land Audit 2022, Scottish Government Housing Statistics