
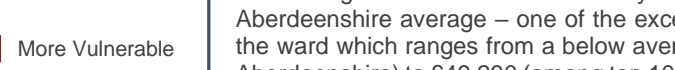

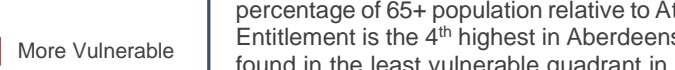

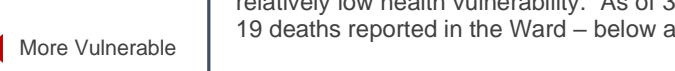

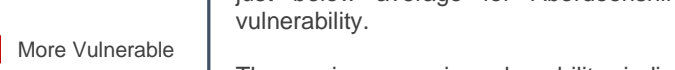

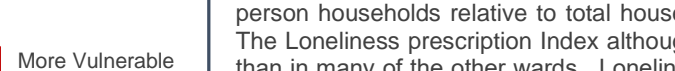


MEARNS STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Overall Vulnerability per Theme	MMW Summary
<p><u>COVID Vulnerability Spectrum (9th Best)</u></p> <p>Less Vulnerable  52.6  More Vulnerable</p> <p><u>AGE Vulnerability Spectrum (3rd Best)</u></p> <p>Less Vulnerable  47.4  More Vulnerable</p> <p><u>HEALTH Vulnerability Spectrum (6th Best)</u></p> <p>Less Vulnerable  31.6  More Vulnerable</p> <p><u>ECONOMIC Vulnerability Spectrum 12th Best)</u></p> <p>Less Vulnerable  63.2  More Vulnerable</p> <p><u>OTHER SOCIAL DATA Vulnerability Spectrum (11th Best)</u></p> <p>Less Vulnerable  57.9  More Vulnerable</p> <p>100 = Most Vulnerable MMW in Aberdeenshire</p>	<p>The overall COVID vulnerability score for Ward 19 Mearns ranks it just above the average for Aberdeenshire. Many of the indicators are at or below the Aberdeenshire average – one of the exceptions being the median income for the ward which ranges from a below average £35,768 (among bottom 40% in Aberdeenshire) to £49,290 (among top 10%). This ward has the highest overall vulnerability of the three wards within the Kincardine and Mearns Area.</p> <p>From a Demographics and Age perspective, Mearns and Laurencekirk is the most vulnerable of the four Intermediate Zones (IZ) in this Ward. The percentage of 65+ population relative to Attendance Allowance (AA) Cases with Entitlement is the 4th highest in Aberdeenshire at 12%. The other three IZs are found in the least vulnerable quadrant in terms of overall COVID vulnerability. Fetteresso, Netherley and Catter is the 4th lowest at 4.6%.</p> <p>In terms of overall Health vulnerability Ward 19 has little impact from its low Health vulnerability score – 31.6. All the Wards in Kincardine and Mearns have relatively low health vulnerability. As of 31st July, there has been four COVID-19 deaths reported in the Ward – below average for Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Again Ward 19 is ranked as one of the more vulnerable at 63.2, average score 52.6 when looking at economic vulnerability. Median income is just above the average. Income deprivation rate, unemployment rate (May 2020), pensioner poverty, and the proportion of people on Universal Credit suggests the Ward is just below average for Aberdeenshire in terms of COVID economic vulnerability.</p> <p>The socio-economic vulnerability indicators rank Ward 19 as 9th most vulnerable. As seen on page 7, it places the overall socio-economic ranking at a more vulnerable level than Age or Health. Key points to note include % of premises without access to superfast broadband is 23.9%, % of addresses with private outdoor space 87.6% and Bus Accessibility at 4.2%. The % of single person households relative to total households is 30.5% which is quite high. The Loneliness prescription Index although low, has a higher risk in Ward 19 than in many of the other wards. Loneliness arises when a person's required level of social interaction is not met. This could be due to less social interaction e.g. single person household, having a long-term disability, or being a care-giver. It can also increase the risk for some medical conditions.</p>

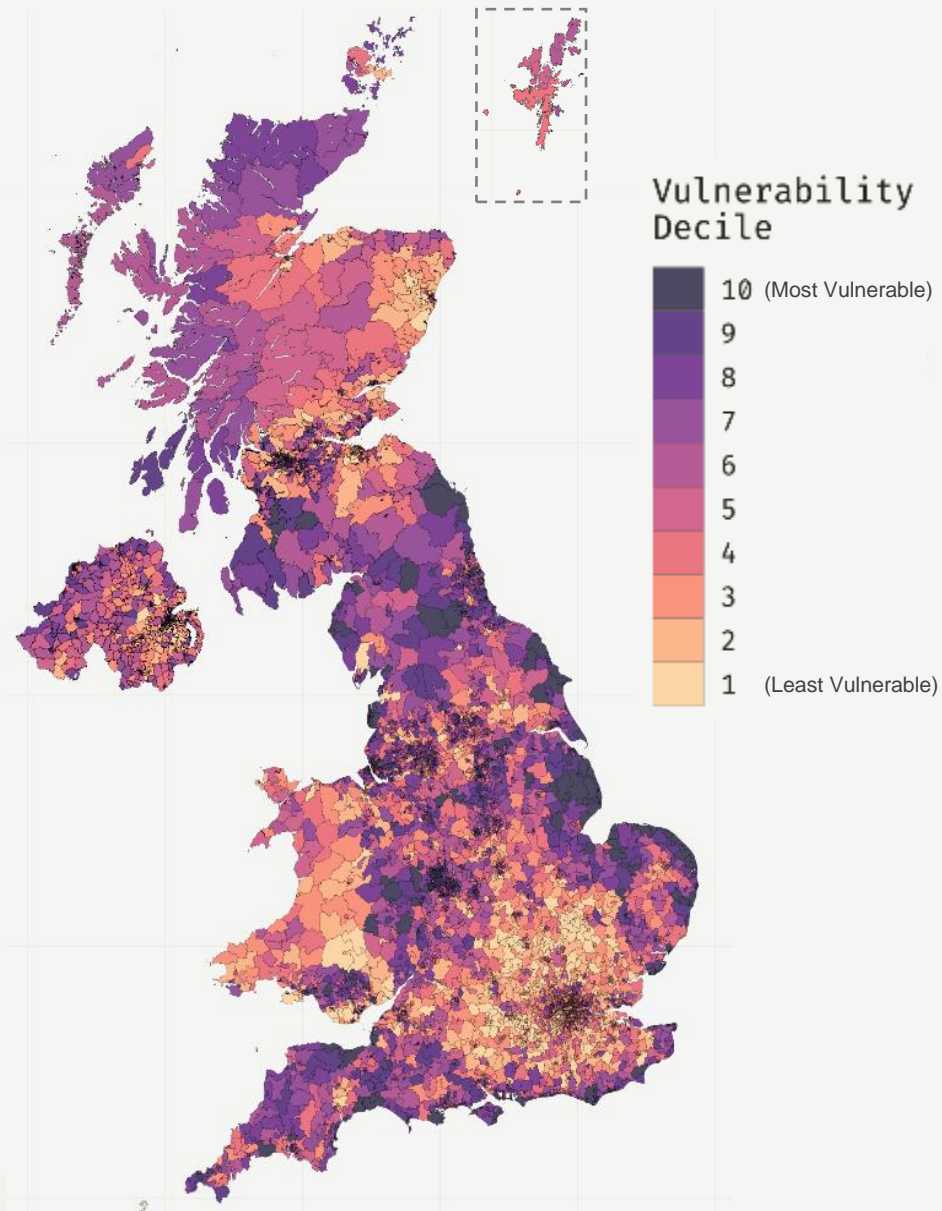
COVID Vulnerability Indices - Two Major Studies

Multi-Member Ward Overall COVID Vulnerability Spectrum

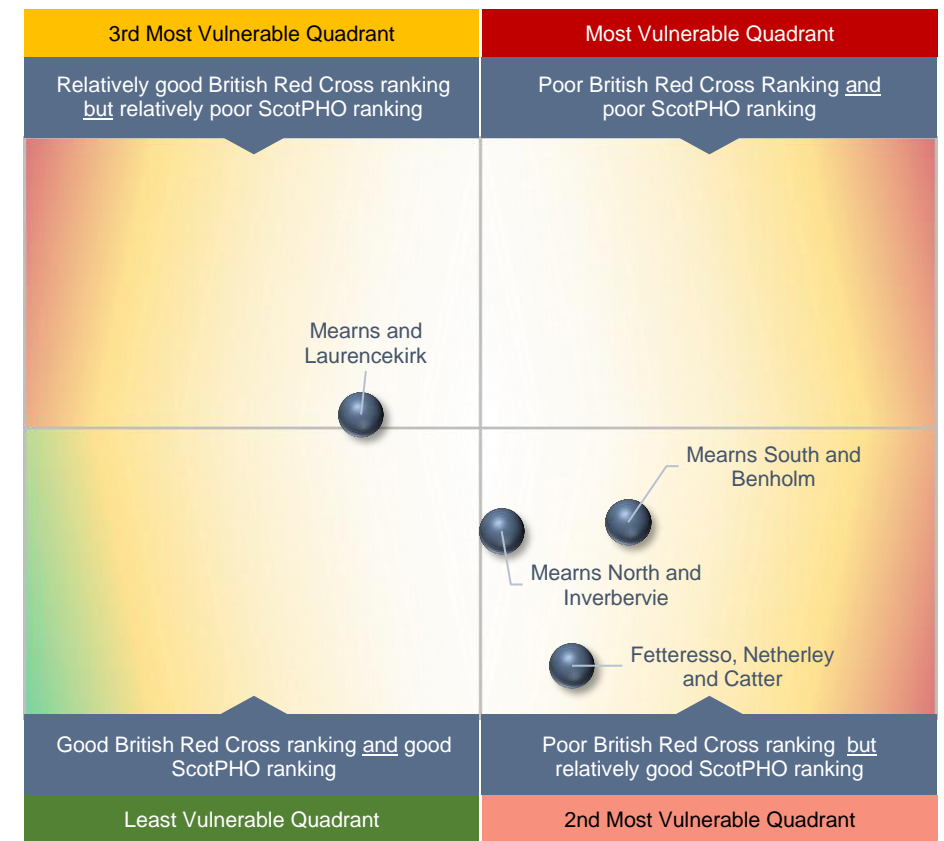
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COVID Vulnerability Rankings - Aberdeenshire Intermediate Zones in a UK Context



COVID-19 Vulnerability Indices - British Red Cross (Oxford Analytics) and ScotPHO



Summary

On the Covid Vulnerability spectrum Mearns and Laurencekirk is the least vulnerable IZ and Mearns South and Benholm is the most vulnerable. None of the IZs actually lie in the least and most vulnerable quadrants and this is reflected in the position of the Ward on the vulnerability spectrum.

Mearns Ward lies just above the average value on the overall COVID vulnerability spectrum.

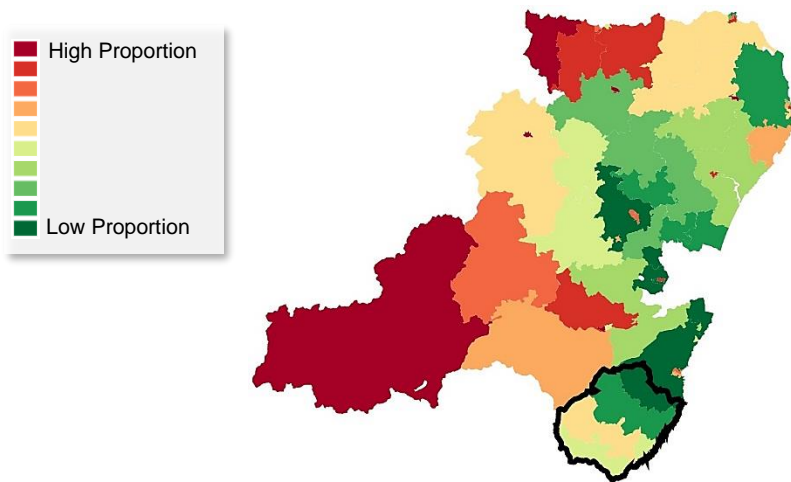
Demographics & Age-Related Vulnerability

Multi-Member Ward Age Vulnerability Spectrum

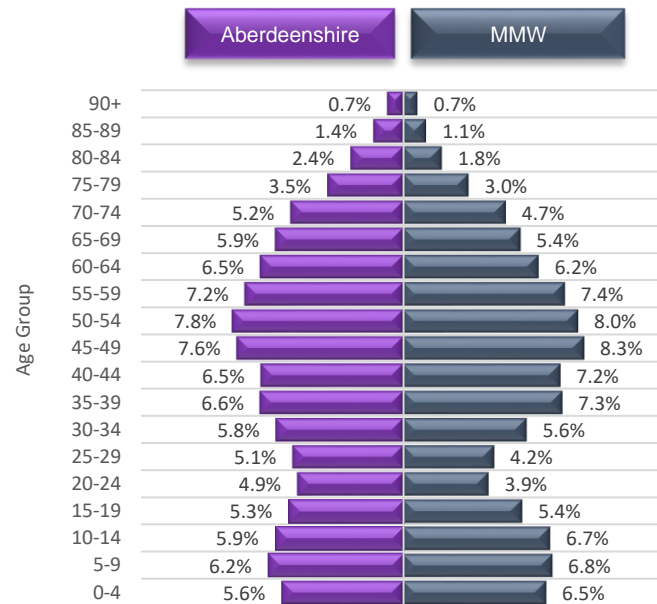
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Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones – 65+ population, 2018



Percentage of population per age group, Aberdeenshire and MMW, 2018



Pensionable Age (65+ yrs)



3,089 (17%)

Working Age (16-64yrs)



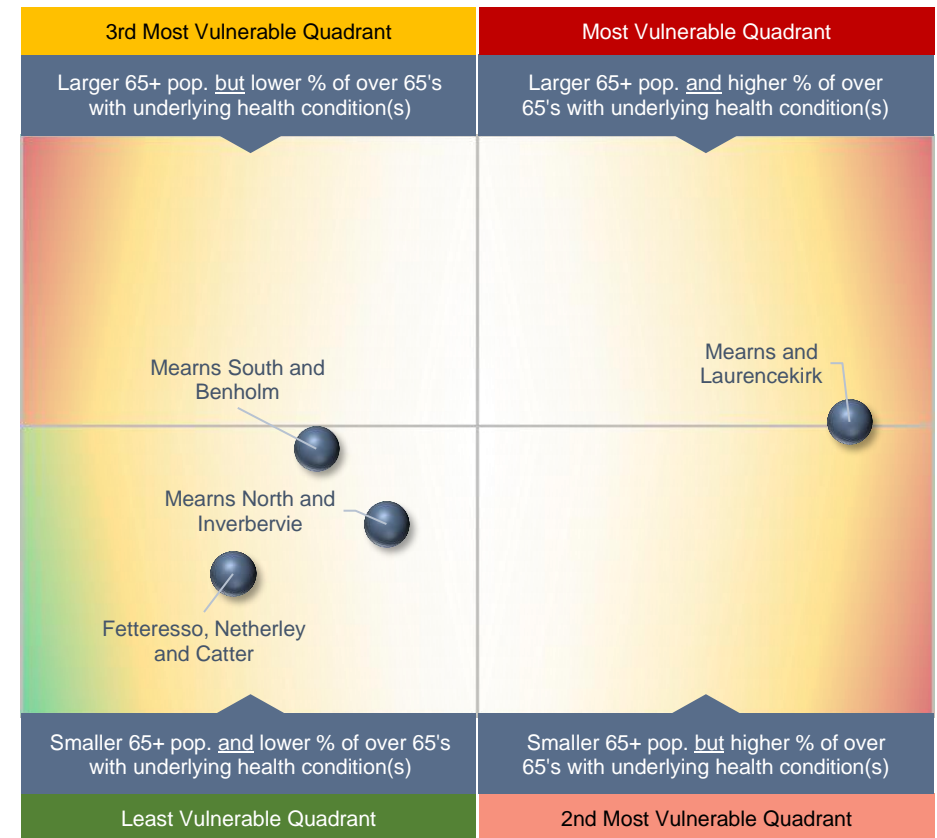
11,613 (62%)

Children (0-15yrs)



3,976 (21%)

Age Vulnerability / Underlying Health Condition per Intermediate Zone (65+ Age Group)



Summary

Only one of the Intermediate Zones within this Ward is among the most vulnerable in Aberdeenshire, according to the age vulnerability indicators. Mearns and Laurencekirk is home to the highest proportion of people aged 65+ (19.7%) in the ward. Fetteresso, Netherley and Catter has the smallest percentage (13.2%). This is the 5th smallest percentage of 65+ in Aberdeenshire.

Mearns and Laurencekirk also has the highest proportion of people aged 65+ (12%) in receipt of Attendance Allowance payments in the ward and one of the highest in Aberdeenshire. Fetteresso, Netherley and Catter has the lowest at 4.6% and the 5th lowest in Aberdeenshire. Across the Council area rates vary from 3.2% to 13.5%.

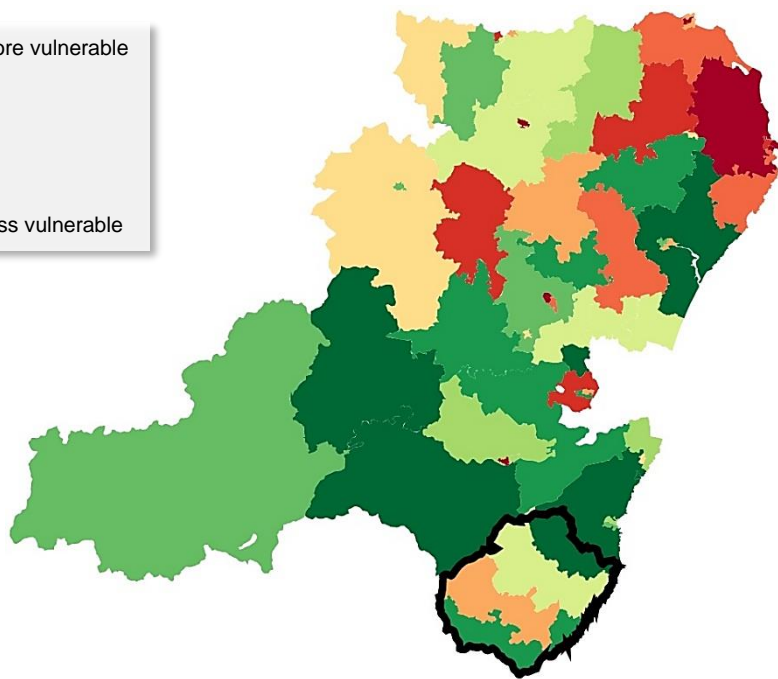
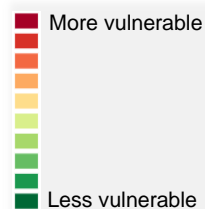
General Health / COVID Proxy Health Indicators

Multi-Member Ward Health Vulnerability Spectrum

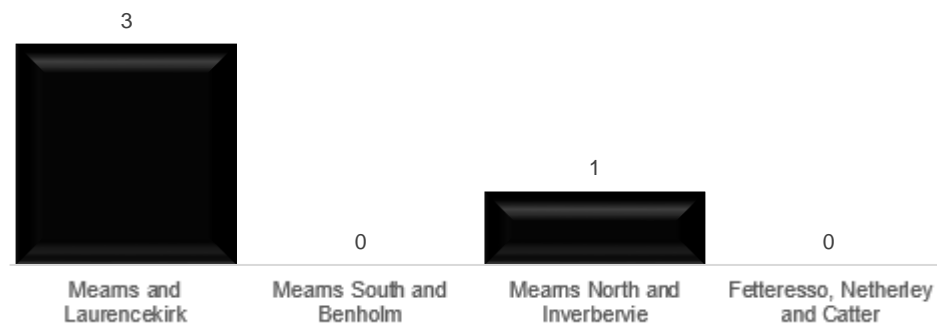
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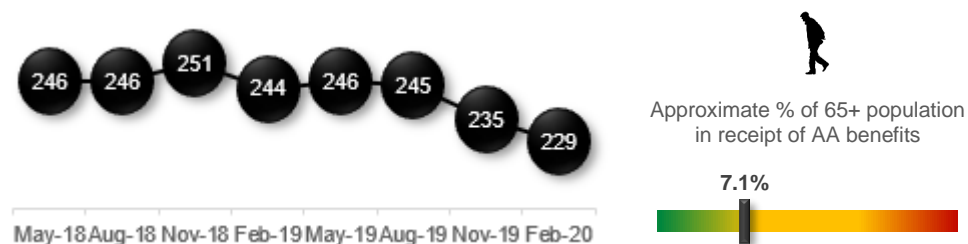
Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones – Overall Health Ranking



Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths (1st March 2020 to 31st July 2020)



Attendance Allowance: Cases with Entitlement (Aged 65+ with Underlying Health Condition)



Summary

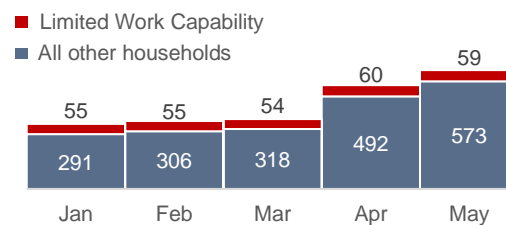
Most health-related indicators suggest the general population within the Ward is relatively healthy. A relatively small proportion of the 65+ population receive Attendance Allowance benefits (7.1% - the lowest proportion for a Ward in Aberdeenshire), and the proportion of the working age population receiving Personal Independence Payments is just below the average at 3.4%. Mearns and Laurencekirk is the most vulnerable of the four Intermediate Zones.

Approximately 59 households in the area receive Universal Credit based on Limited Work Capability (due to physical or mental health issues). This equates to 9.3% of total households that receive Universal Credit Payments, which again is below the average rate.

Mearns has recorded 4 COVID-related deaths so far, which is below average in Aberdeenshire.

Universal Credit (Limited Work Capability)

No. of Households in receipt of Universal Credit (2020)

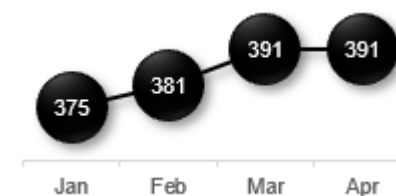


% of Households where at least 1 occupant has limited work capability

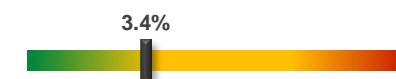


Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

No. of Cases with Entitlement



% of Working Age Population (16-64) Receiving PIPs



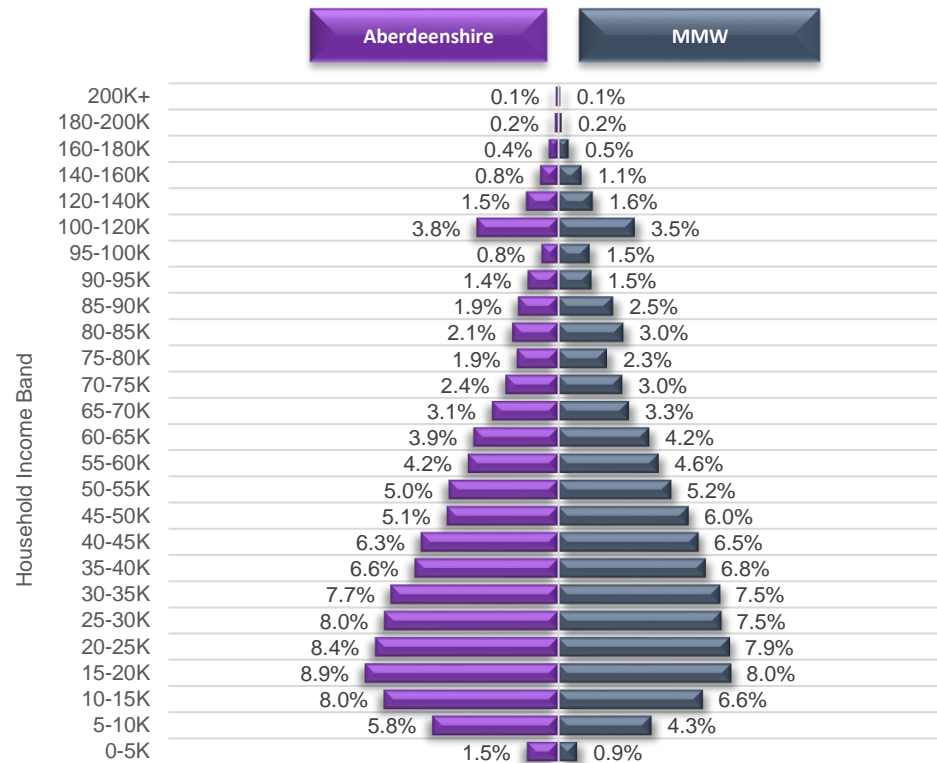
Economic Indicators (1 of 2)

Multi-Member Ward Economic Vulnerability Spectrum

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Median Household Income per Income Band - Percentage of Households (2019)



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Median Household Income (2019)



£40,749

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% of Households Earning <£20k (2019)



19.8%

19.8%



Alternative Claimant Count* per Benefit Group - 'Unemployment Rate'(2020)

- Additional
- Universal Credit Searching for Work
- Jobseeker's Allowance

Claimant Count as % of Working Age Population

3.5%



Changes in the Effective Unemployment Rate

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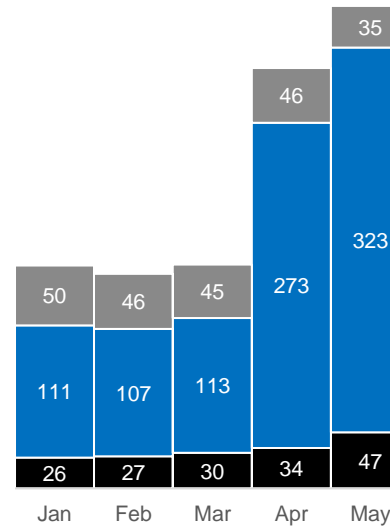
1.6%

May 2020

3.5%

Change

+ 1.9%



*According to the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP), the Alternative Claimant Count statistics provide a consistent measure of local levels of claimant unemployment over time and across areas and a better indication of labour market change.

People on Universal Credit - In Employment & Not in Employment (2020)

- In Employment
- Not in Employment

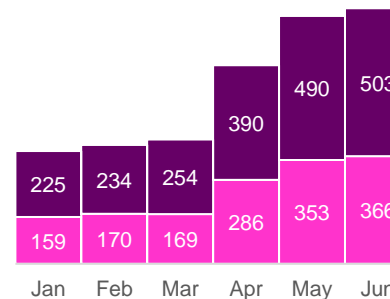
June Data in an Aberdeenshire Context

% of Working Age Population on Universal Credit and **In Employment**

3.2%

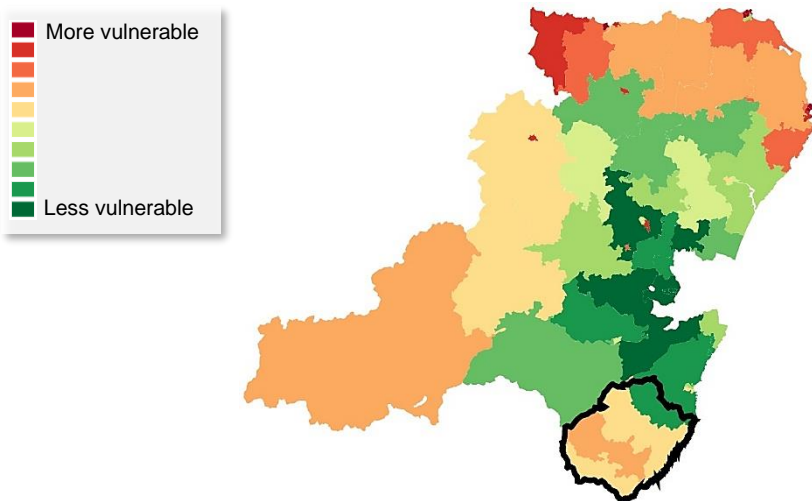
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4.3%

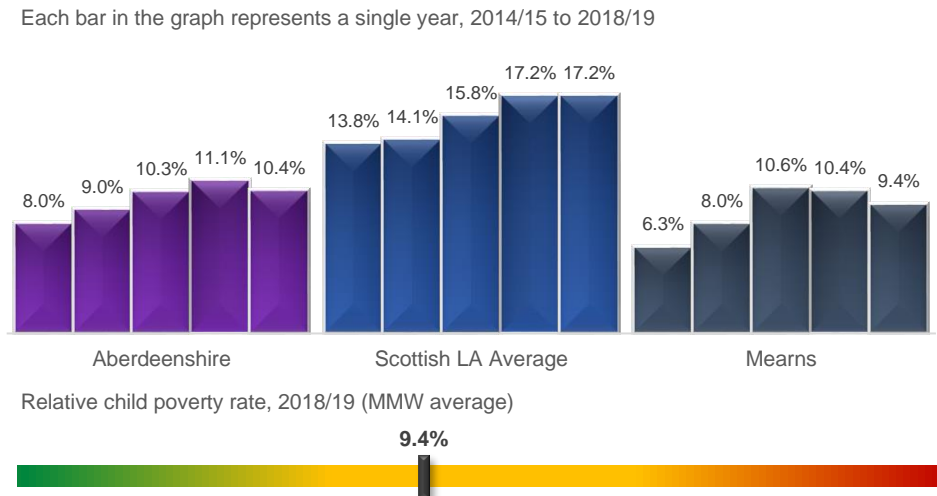


Economic Indicators (2 of 2)

Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones - Overall Economic Ranking



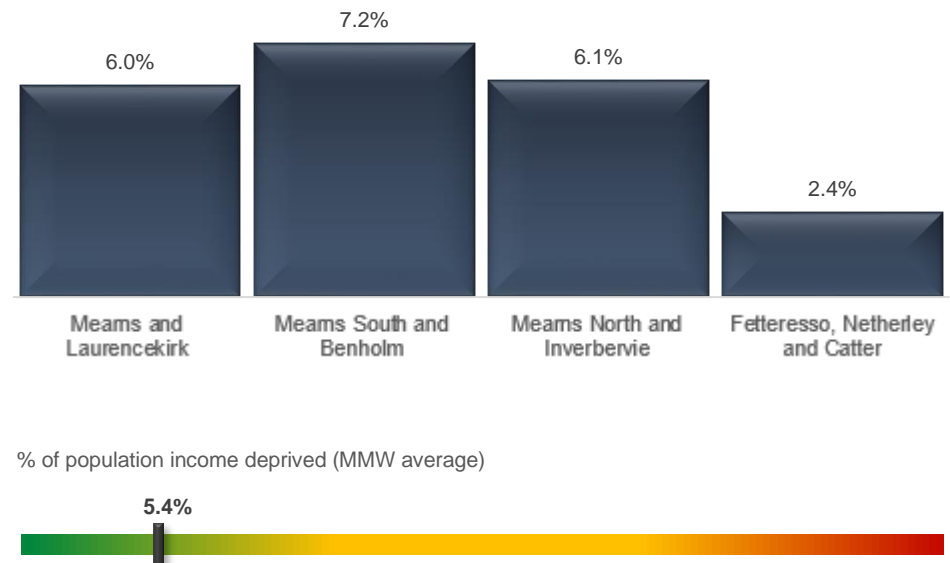
Percentage of Children in Low Income Families (Relative Poverty), 2014/15 to 2018/19



Pension Credit Benefits - Proxy Indicator for 'Pensioner Poverty' (February 2020)



Percentage of People Income Deprived per MMW Intermediate Zone (SIMD 2020)



Summary

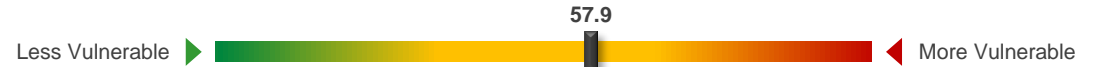
In economic terms, this Ward is the most vulnerable in economic terms in Kincardine and Mearns at 52.6 (Aberdeenshire average 52.3). Median Income in this ward is just above the Aberdeenshire average, with 19.8% of households earning under £20,000. The income deprivation rate and the unemployment rate (May 2020, pensioner poverty, as defined above and the proportion of people on Universal Credit suggests the area is just below average for Aberdeenshire.

This is to some extent reflected in the indicators on the next page. Average drive time by car and public transport are high and the Bus Accessibility score is very low (poor). This is reflected in the car/van ownership levels. The Food Vulnerability score is relatively high and the longest distance to a foodbank is 18.3miles (29.4km) The Ward is an 'accessible rural' area with the geographical access issues that accompany it means that food vulnerability can be an issue, especially when relatively high drive times to various local amenities is factored in. 31% of premises are without access to superfast broadband.

Other Socio-Economic Data

Multi-Member Ward Other Socio-Economic Vulnerability Spectrum

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Geographic Access / Digital Connectivity / Food Vulnerability / Loneliness Proxy



SIMD 2020

Average drive time to various local amenities by car (in minutes)

6.9



SIMD 2020

Average drive time to various local amenities by public transport (in minutes)

17.1



2019

Bus Accessibility score (the higher the score, the better)

1.4



2011

% of households without access to a car or van

9.3%



SIMD 2020

% of premises without access to superfast broadband (30Mb/s+ download speed)

31.0%



2020

Digital Vulnerability score (The higher the score, the greater the vulnerability)

-0.62



2020

Longest distance to food bank (km)

29.4



2020

Food Vulnerability score (The higher the score, the greater the vulnerability)

157.5



2020

Loneliness Prescription Index* (the higher the score, the greater the risk)

0.70

Housing / Environment



SIMD 2020

% of overcrowded households

5.1%



2019

% of single person households relative to total households

27.1%



MAY 2020

% of 16+ population in receipt of Housing Benefits

2.7%



APR 2020

% of addresses with private outdoor space

92.0%



APR 2020

Average distance to nearest Park, Garden, or Public Playing Field (in metres)

1,060

At Risk Sectors / Workers



2018

% of jobs in arts, entertainment, recreation and other services

2.6%



2018

% of jobs in accommodation and food services (hospitality)

6.3%



2018

% of jobs in retail

4.2%