






WARD 13 – WESTHILL AND DISTRICT STATISTICAL SUMMARY

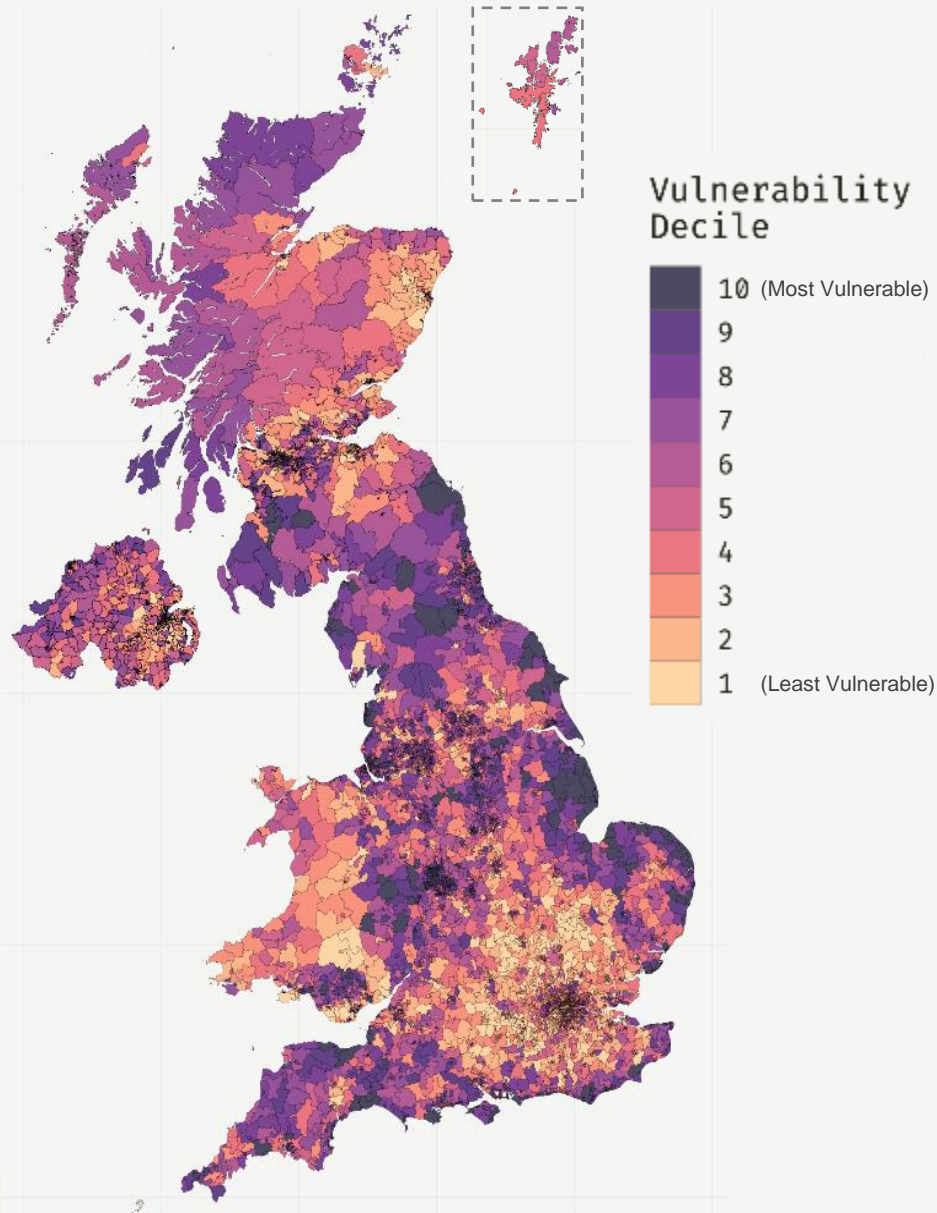
Overall Vulnerability per Theme (Aberdeenshire Context)	MMW Summary
<p>Overall COVID Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 2 major studies)</p> <p>Less Vulnerable  More Vulnerable</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Ward 13 – Westhill and District – remains one of the least vulnerable Wards in Aberdeenshire when most relevant indicators are taken into account. This evidenced by the ‘slider’ graphs on the left, which place the Ward on a spectrum, from least vulnerable to most vulnerable. The Ward’s score per Theme is situated above the black markers in each graph. The closer the black marker is to the green side of the graph the less vulnerable that Ward is relative to all other Wards in Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Overall COVID Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 5.3 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the lowest (i.e. best) in Aberdeenshire. This Ward is among the least vulnerable in Aberdeenshire. This is largely as a result of the age profile of residents (relatively few people aged 65+, except in Westhill Central and Howe of Alford) and a number of other socio-economic indicators.</p>
<p>Overall Age Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 2 indicators)</p> <p>Less Vulnerable  More Vulnerable</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Overall Age Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 5.3 (unchanged since the previous CIA report)). This is the lowest (i.e. best) in Aberdeenshire. Westhill Central may be considered the most vulnerable IZ in this Ward. This is because it is home to a higher-than-average proportion of people aged 65+ with underlying health conditions (i.e. those in receipt of Attendance Allowance (AA) benefits); and a higher proportion of people aged 65+ relative to its population. Dunecht, Durris and Drumoakis may be considered the least vulnerable in this particular context.</p>
<p>Overall Health Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 28 indicators)</p> <p>Less Vulnerable  More Vulnerable</p> <p>15.8</p>	<p>Overall Health Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 15.8 (a significant improvement since the previous CIA report). This is the 3rd lowest (i.e. 3rd best) in Aberdeenshire. The improved ranking is mostly because the IZs associated with the Ward accrued relatively few Covid-related deaths since the previous iteration of the CIA report compared to other IZs in Aberdeenshire. The area’s previous ranking suffered somewhat as a result of the early deaths recorded in the Westhill North & South IZ. Garlogie & Elrick is 1 of just 5 IZs in Aberdeenshire to record zero deaths since the pandemic began.</p>
<p>Overall Economic Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 15 indicators)</p> <p>Less Vulnerable  More Vulnerable</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p>Overall Economic Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 5.3 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the 3rd lowest (i.e. 3rd best) in Aberdeenshire. Unemployment figures in the Ward appear to have plateaued after a steep rise from Jan to Nov2020. Indeed, latest figures show a slight decrease. The number of people on Universal Credit appears to have followed suit, which is an unusual occurrence as UC claimant figures in other parts of Aberdeenshire appear to be stubbornly elevated.</p>
<p>Overall Other Socio-Economic Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 30 indicators)</p> <p>Less Vulnerable  More Vulnerable</p> <p>10.5</p>	<p>Overall Other Scio-Economic Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 10.5 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the lowest (i.e. best) in Aberdeenshire. There are no real standout issues, although the relatively high proportion of jobs in the hospitality sector may have added a degree of strain in the local jobs market given that this sector is vulnerable in the context of Covid.</p>
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COVID Vulnerability Indices - Two Major Studies

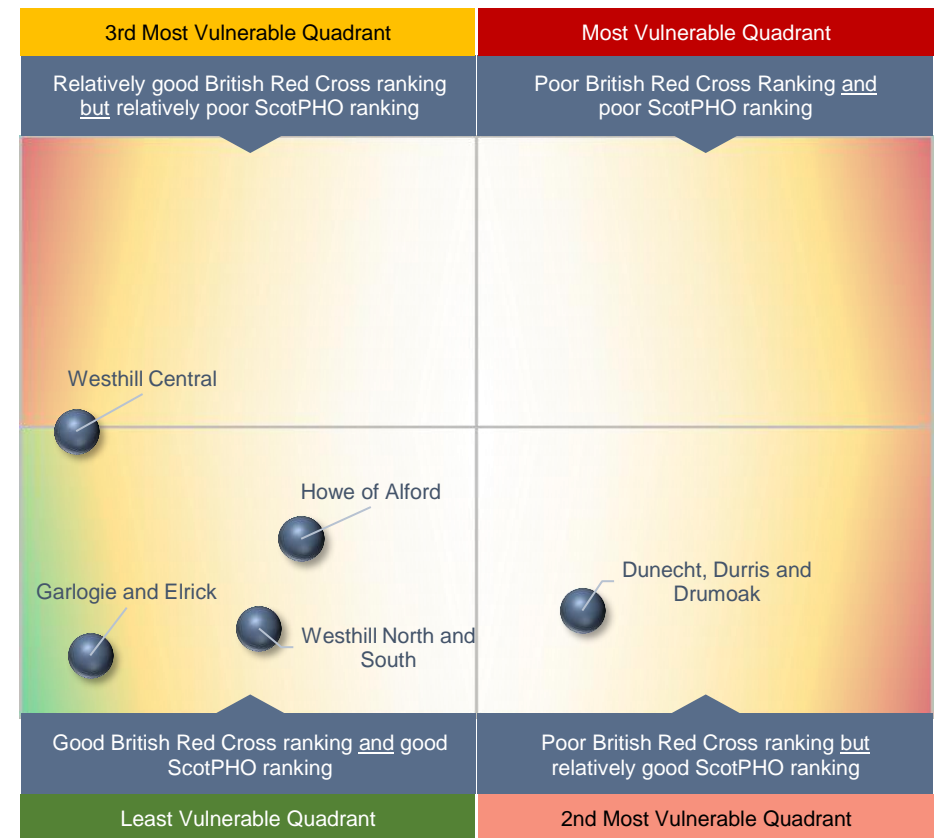
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COVID Vulnerability Rankings - Aberdeenshire Intermediate Zones in a UK Context



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



Summary

The chart above aims to place the MMW's Intermediate Zones on a scale based on two major Covid-specific studies conducted last year – one from the Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO), the other from the British Red Cross. These were based on dozens of indicators encompassing health and other socio-economic datasets.

The black circles in the chart represent each Intermediate Zone (IZ) associated with the Ward. The closer the black circle is to the top-right of the chart, the more vulnerable it is in the context of Aberdeenshire ('Most Vulnerable Quadrant').

The IZs associated with this Ward are among the least vulnerable in Aberdeenshire. As most IZs are in the bottom-left quadrant (the least vulnerable quadrant), it shows both major studies are in agreement. These rankings have not changed since the previous CIA.

Demographics & Age-Related Vulnerability

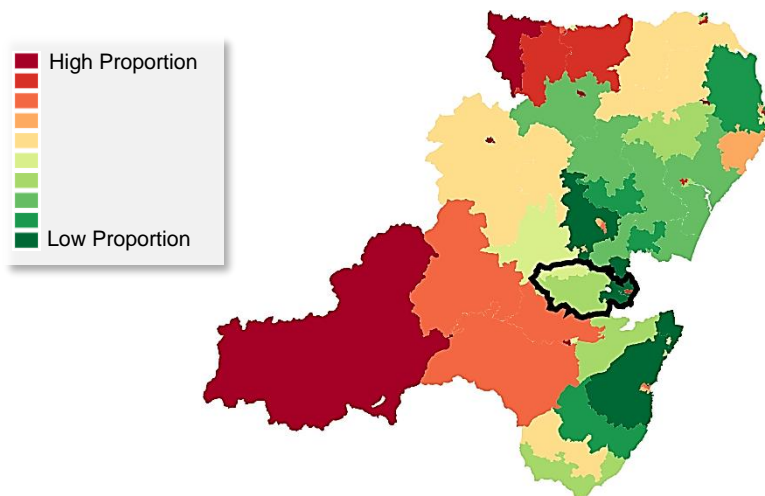
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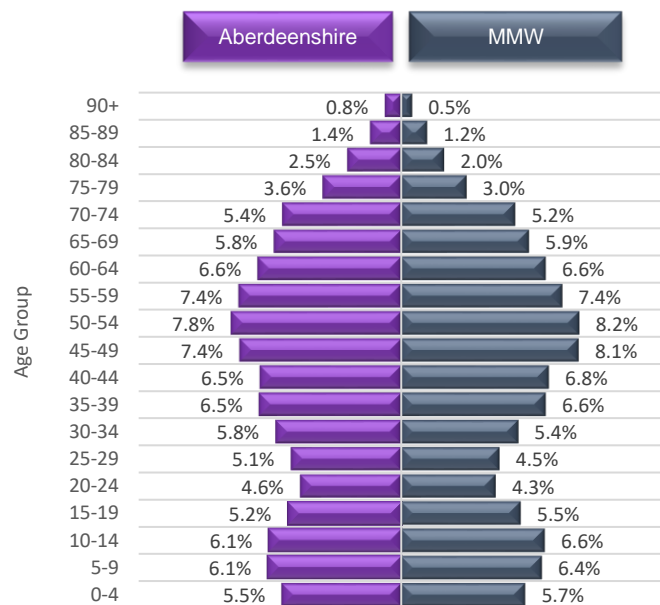
Less Vulnerable

More Vulnerable

Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones – 65+ population (2019)



Percentage of population per age group, Aberdeenshire and MMW (2019)



Pensionable Age (65+ yrs)



4,339 (18%)

Working Age (16-64yrs)



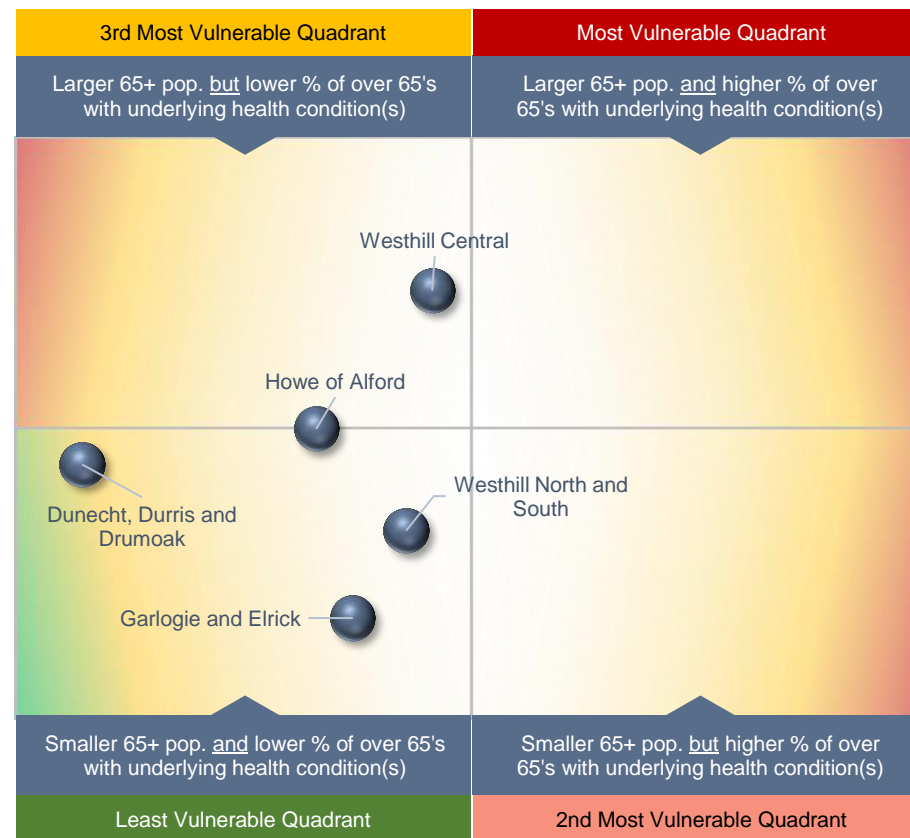
15,140 (62%)

Children (0-15yrs)



4,859 (20%)

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



Summary

The Ward remains the least vulnerable in Aberdeenshire in terms of certain age-specific vulnerability indicators. Westhill Central may be considered the most vulnerable IZ in this Ward. This is because it is home to a higher-than-average proportion of people aged 65+ with underlying health conditions (i.e. those in receipt of Attendance Allowance (AA) benefits); and a higher proportion of people aged 65+ relative to its population. Dunecht, Durris and Drumoakis may be considered the least vulnerable in this particular context.

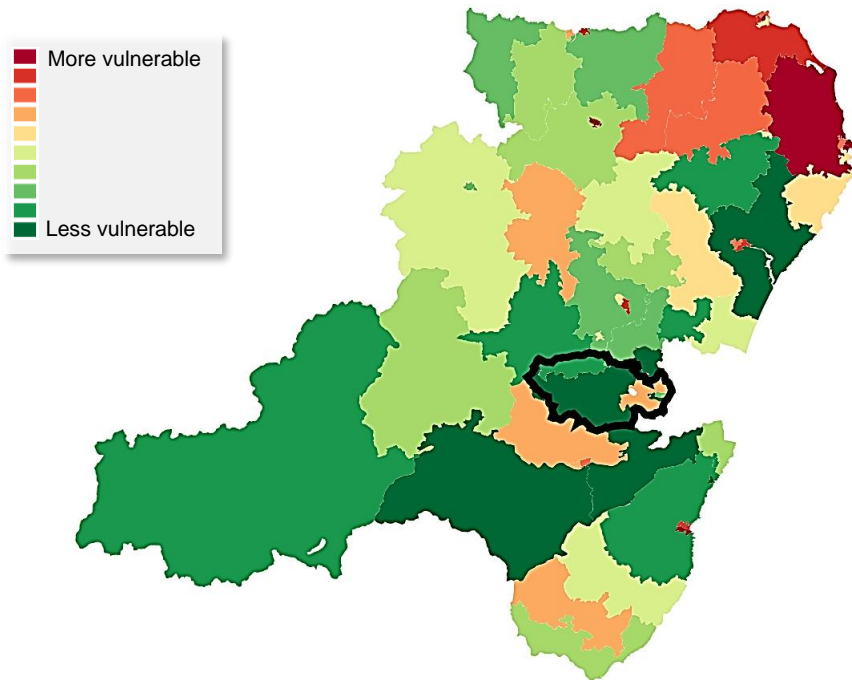
Within the Ward, AA rates range from 2.8% in Dunecht, Durris and Drumoak to 7.0% in Westhill Central. Across the Council area rates range from 2.3% to 12.3%, so these IZs are situated near the lower to mid-end of the spectrum. The populations of these IZs are generally younger than other IZs in Aberdeenshire, Westhill Central and Howe of Alford the main exceptions.

General Health / COVID Proxy Health Indicators

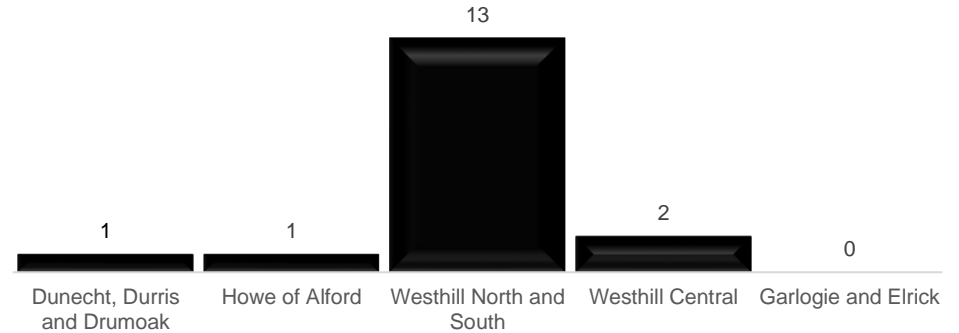
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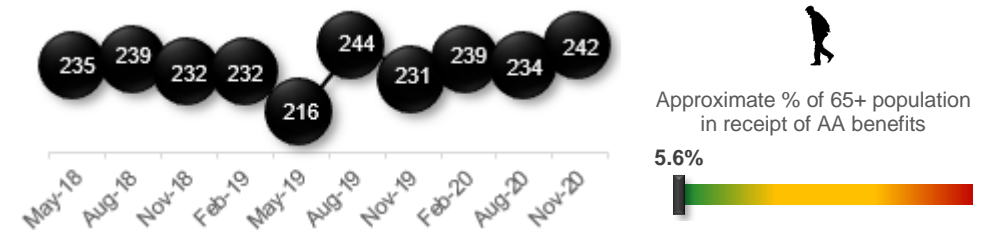
Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones – Overall Health Ranking



Cumulative COVID-19 Deaths (1st March 2020 to 30th June 2021)



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



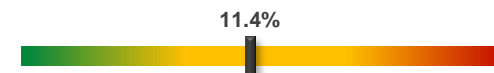
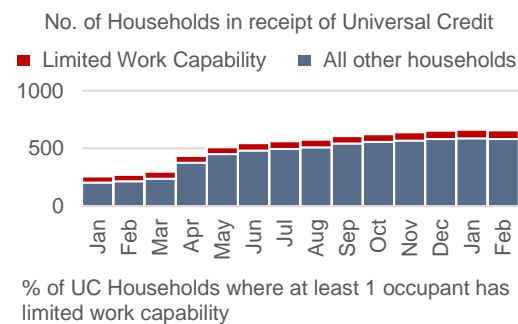
Summary

Most pre-Covid health-related indicators suggest the general population within the Ward is relatively healthy. Indeed, this Ward has one of the best health ranking in Aberdeenshire. IZs associated with this Ward recorded 17 Covid-related deaths between March 1st and June 30th 2021, an increase of 4 deaths since the previous report (2 more in Westhill North and South, and 1 more in both Dunecht, etc., and Howe of Alford). Garlogie and Elrick is 1 of just 5 IZs in Aberdeenshire to record zero deaths since the pandemic began. (Aberdeenshire recorded a total of 253 COVID-related deaths between March 1st and June 30th 2021, an increase of 136 since the previous report.)

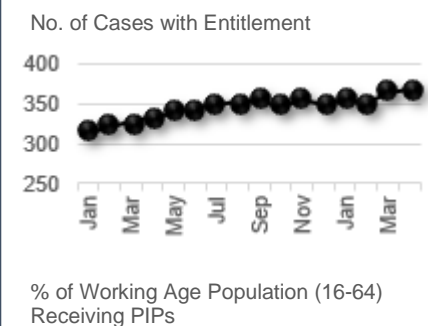
In the context of the Ward, Westhill North & South arguably has the worst health profile with regards to the pre-Covid health indicators. Some of the more up-to-date indicators, such as PIP payments, suggest Howe of Alford may also rank highly in this regard.

Indeed, benefits related to disability (PIP payments) are on the rise throughout the Ward and hundreds of additional households receive Universal Credit compared to at the beginning of the pandemic. However, the rate of PIP payments remains comparatively low in an Aberdeenshire context despite the rise in numbers. (They are rising in most other IZs.)

Universal Credit (UC) Jan 2020 to Feb 2021



Personal Independence Payments (PIP)

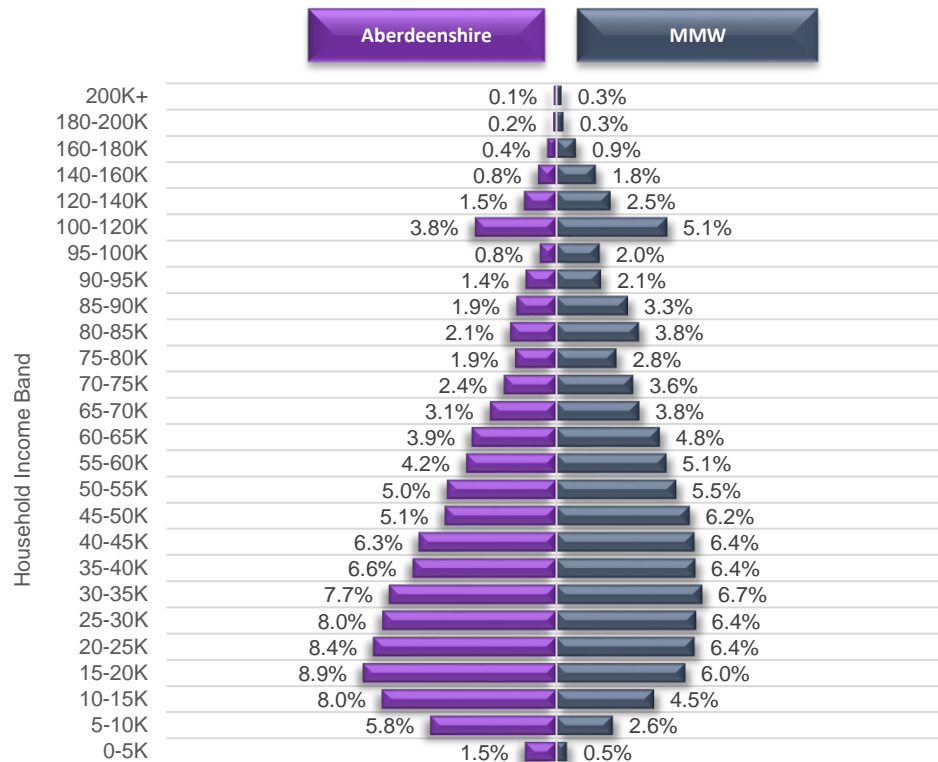


Economic Indicators (1 of 2)

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



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Median Household Income (2019)



£48,956

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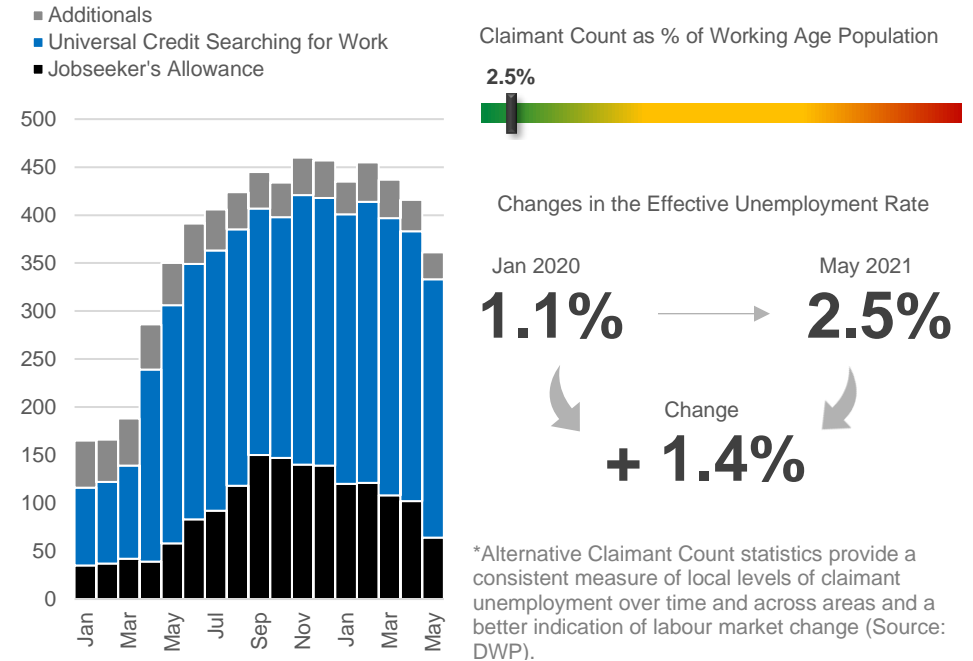


% of Households Earning <£20k (2019)

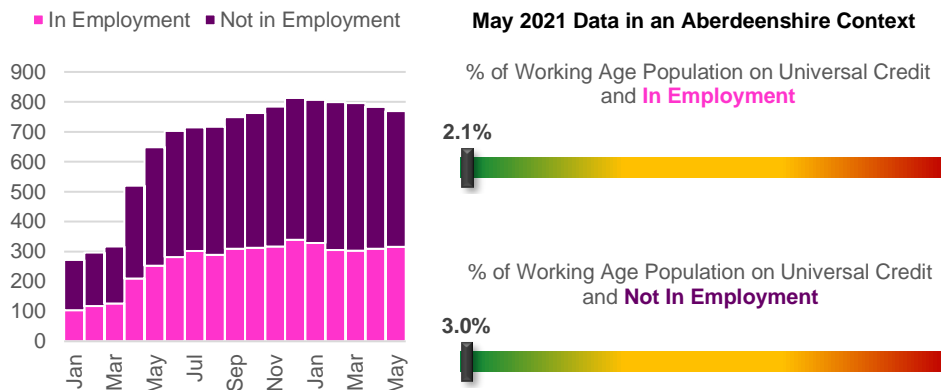
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Alternative Claimant Count* per Benefit Group - 'Unemployment Rate' (Jan 2020 to May 2021)

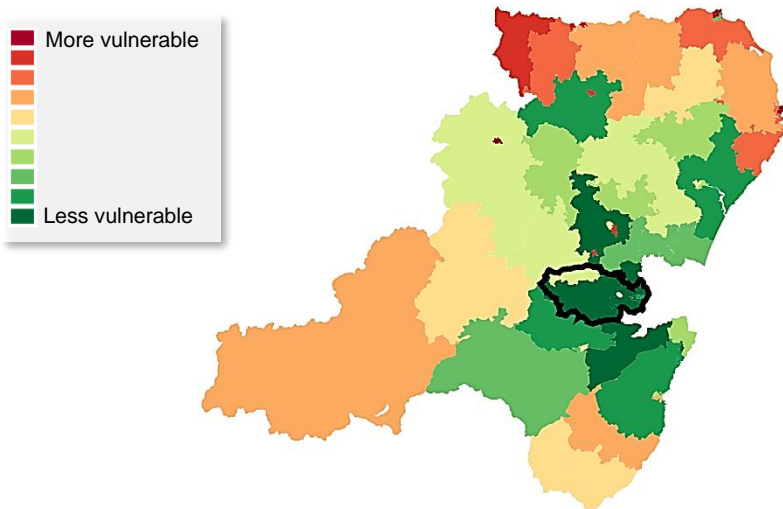


People on Universal Credit - In Employment & Not in Employment (Jan 2020 to May 2021)



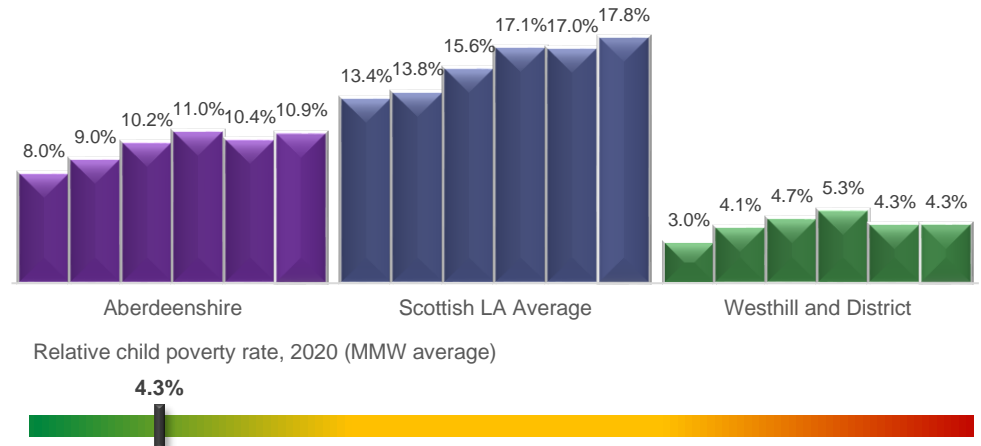
Economic Indicators (2 of 2)

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



Percentage of Children in Low Income Families (Relative Poverty), 2015 to 2020

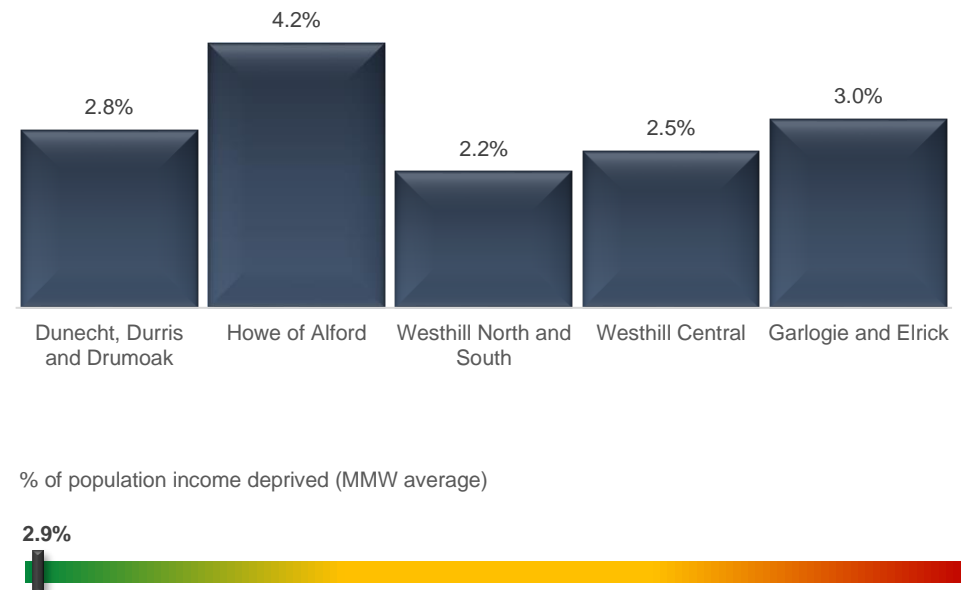
Each bar in the graph represents a single year, 2015 to 2020



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



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



Summary

In economic terms, this Ward is the most economically resilient in terms of the various indicators seen on this, and the previous, page. The proportion of households earning less than £20,000 is among the lowest in Aberdeenshire, and median household income is towards the higher end of the spectrum. The proportion of pensioners in receipt of Pension Credits is among the lowest in the region, suggesting pensioner poverty is not an issue here – neither is income deprivation generally. Child poverty rates are also low in this Ward.

Unemployment figures in the Ward appear to have plateaued after a steep rise from Jan to Nov 2020. Indeed, latest figures show a slight decrease. The number of people on Universal Credit appears to have followed suit, which is an unusual occurrence as UC claimant figures in other parts of Aberdeenshire appear to be stubbornly elevated. Westhill Central experienced one of the greatest unemployment rate increases in Aberdeenshire between Jan 2020 and May 2021, although the rate is still comparatively low (indeed, lower than the Aberdeenshire IZ average).

The indicators on the next page are generally favourable relative to all other Wards in Aberdeenshire. There are no real standout issues, although the relatively high proportion of jobs in the hospitality sector may have added a degree of strain in the local jobs market given that this sector is vulnerable in the context of Covid.



Geographic Access / Digital Connectivity / Food Vulnerability / Loneliness Proxy



SIMD 2020

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

4.8



SIMD 2020

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

15.3



2019

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

6.4



2011

% of households without access to a car or van

6.1%



SIMD 2020

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

19.9%



2020

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

-1.09



2020

Longest distance to food bank (km)

17.9



2020

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

114.8



2020

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

0.39

Housing / Environment



SIMD 2020

% of overcrowded households

3.3%



2019

% of single person households relative to total households

27.8%



FEB 2021

% of 16+ population in receipt of Housing Benefits

1.5%



APR 2020

% of addresses with private outdoor space

90.2%



APR 2020

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

1,074

At Risk Sectors / Workers



2018

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

6.3%



2018

% of jobs in accommodation and food services (hospitality)

9.8%



2018

% of jobs in retail

6.7%