

WARD 15 – ABOYNE, UPPER DEESIDE AND DONSIDER STATISTICAL SUMMARY

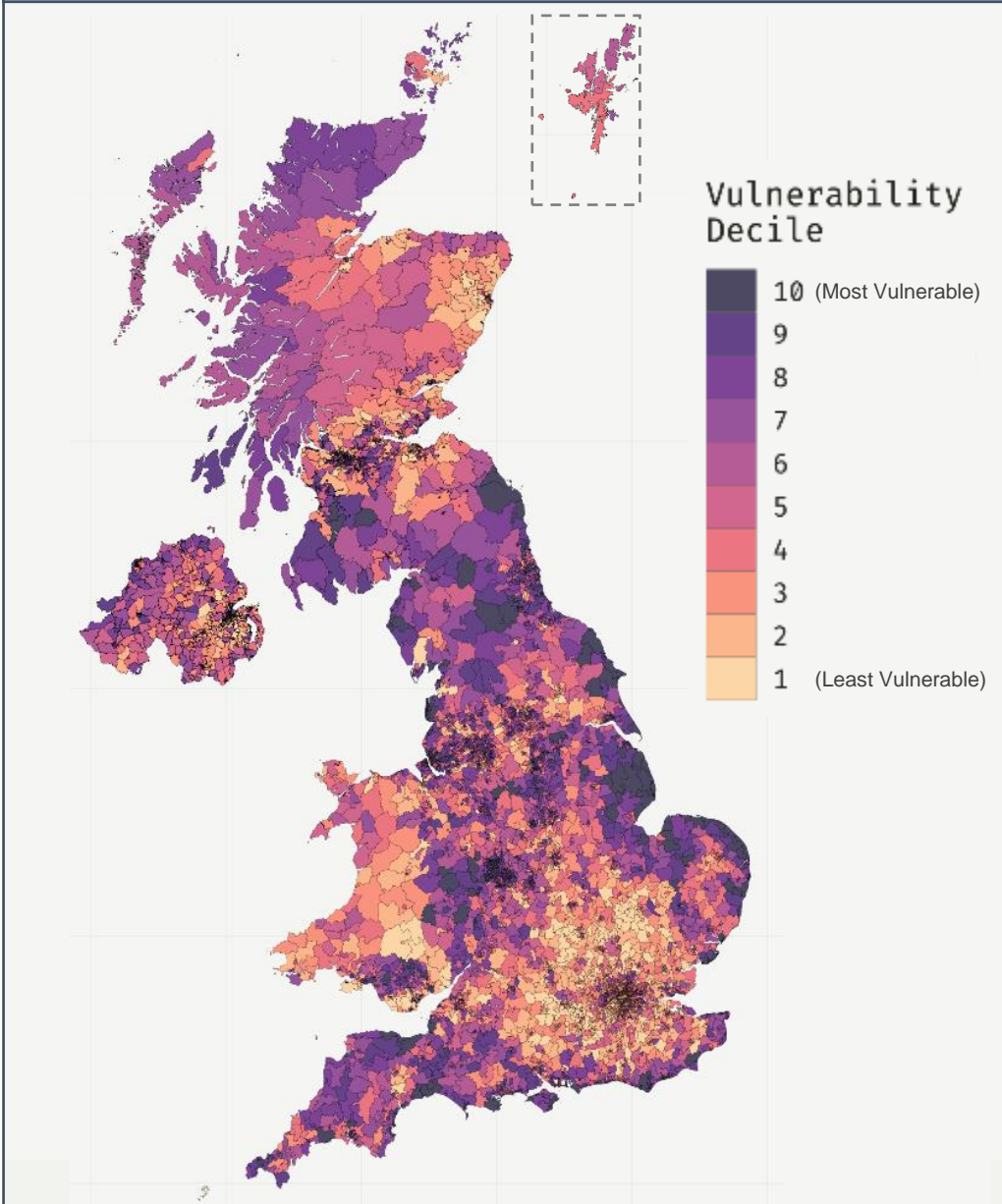
Overall Vulnerability per Theme (Aberdeenshire Context)	MMW Summary
<p>Overall COVID Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 2 major studies)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">68.4</p> <p>Less Vulnerable More Vulnerable</p>	<p>Ward 15 – Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside – remains situated towards the more vulnerable end of the spectrum when most relevant indicators are taken into account. This is 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 68.4 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the 7th highest (i.e. 7th worst) in Aberdeenshire. Taken together, this Ward is situated towards the more vulnerable end of the spectrum, largely a result of the age profile of residents and business types (e.g. a lot of businesses in Covid-vulnerable sectors).</p> <p>Overall Age Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 78.9 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the 5th highest (i.e. 5th worst) in Aberdeenshire. Most IZs are home to a generally 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-than-average population aged 65+.</p> <p>Overall Health Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 52.6 (a significant deterioration since the previous CIA report). This is the 10th lowest (i.e. 10th best) in Aberdeenshire. The Ward previously had the best ranking the Shire due to the fact that very few Covid-related deaths at the beginning of the pandemic. However, the picture has changed since the previous report. The area would have received a worse ranking had these deaths been more widespread throughout the Ward but they appear to have been concentrated in a single IZ (Crathes & Torphins). The location of a care home or hospital may have impacted this outcome.</p> <p>Overall Economic Vulnerability Spectrum – The Ward scored 42.1 (a slight improvement since the previous CIA report). This is the 8th lowest (i.e. 8th best) in Aberdeenshire. In economic terms, this Ward is generally better-than-average in terms of the various indicators used. Unemployment figures appear to have plateaued after a steep rise from Jan to Jul 2020. Indeed, latest figures show a slight decrease. The number of people on Universal Credit appears to have followed suit.</p> <p>Overall Other Socio-Economic Spectrum – The Ward scored 78.9 (unchanged since the previous CIA report). This is the 5th highest (i.e. 5th worst) in Aberdeenshire. The area suffers with regards to the ‘remoteness indicators’. Average drive times to local amenities are relatively poor, as is bus accessibility and superfast broadband availability. Food vulnerability may also be an issue. And the area is home to a large proportion of sectors that are vulnerable in the context of Covid.</p>
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<p>Overall Economic Vulnerability Spectrum (Based on 15 indicators)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">42.1</p> <p>Less Vulnerable More Vulnerable</p>	
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COVID Vulnerability Indices - Two Major Studies

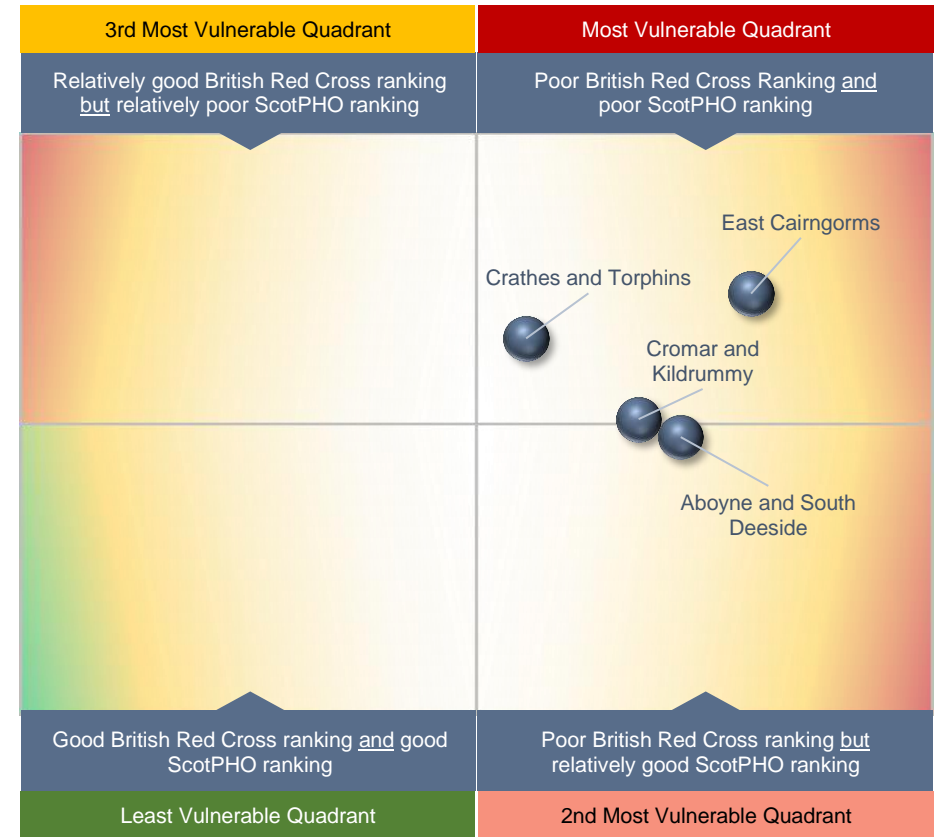
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COVID Vulnerability Rankings - Aberdeenshire Intermediate Zones in a UK Context



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').

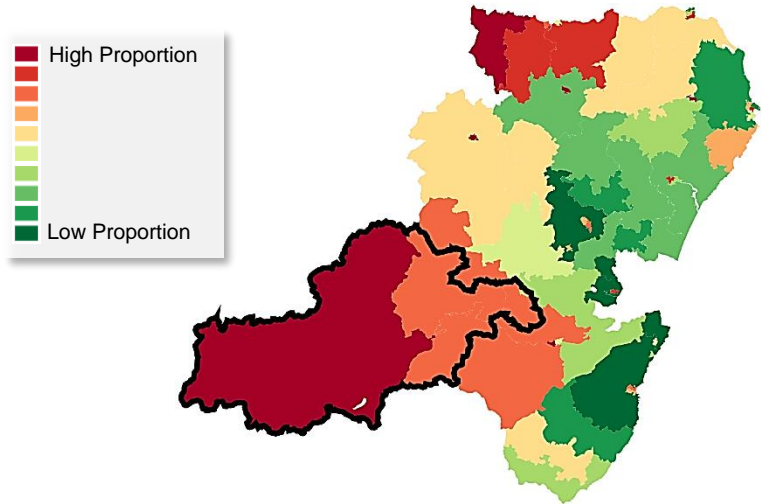
Taken together, this Ward is situated towards the more vulnerable end of the spectrum, largely a result of the age profile of residents and business types (e.g. a lot of businesses in Covid-vulnerable sectors). These rankings have not changed since the previous CIA report.

Demographics & Age-Related Vulnerability

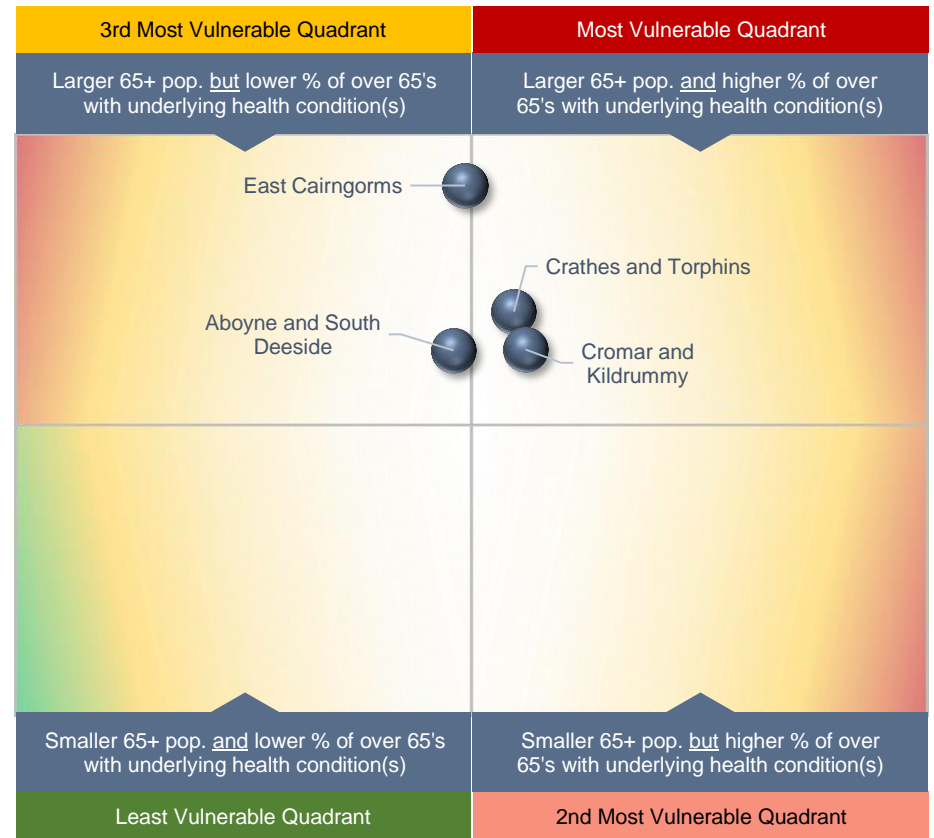
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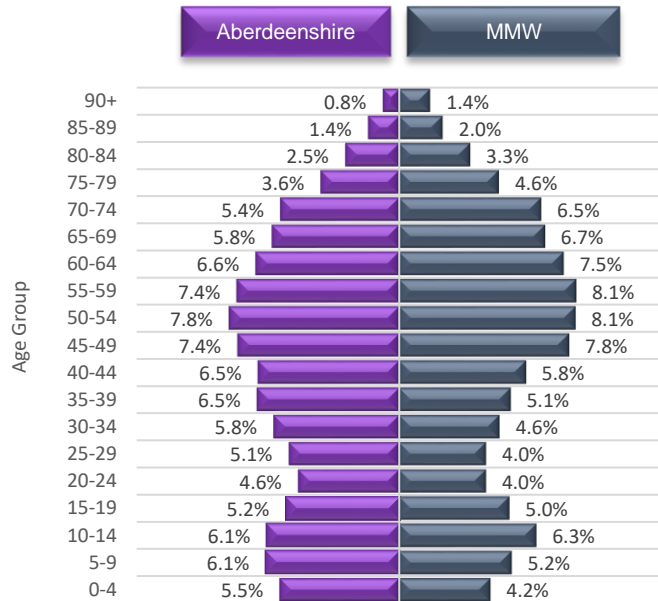
Map of Multi-Member Ward Intermediate Zones – 65+ population (2019)



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



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



Pensionable Age (65+ yrs)

4,043 (24%)

Working Age (16-64yrs)

9,742 (59%)

Children (0-15yrs)

2,764 (17%)

Summary

The Ward remains towards the more vulnerable end of the spectrum in terms of certain age-specific vulnerability indicators. Most IZs are either inside or border the top-right portion of the chart above (the 'Most Vulnerable Quadrant'). This is because they are home to a generally 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-than-average population aged 65+. East Cairngorms has the highest proportionate 65+ population in Aberdeenshire.

Within the Ward, AA rates range from 7.3% in Aboyne & South Deeside to 8.1% in Cromar & Kildrummy. Across the Council area rates range from 2.3% to 12.3%, so these IZs are more towards the higher end of the spectrum. Rates have remained stable since the previous iteration but have reduced overall, possibly a result of a higher proportion of people aged 65+

General Health / COVID Proxy Health Indicators

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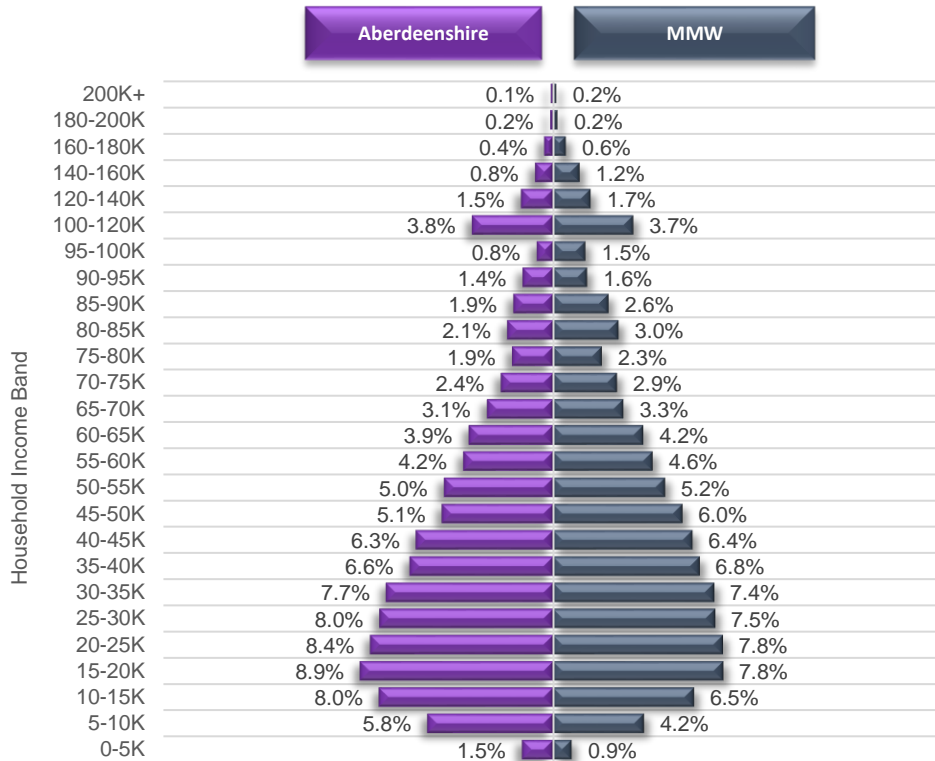
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<p>Summary</p> <p>Most health-related indicators suggest the general population within the Ward is relatively healthy. IZs associated with this Ward recorded 19 COVID-related deaths between March 1st and June 30th 2021, an increase of 18 deaths since the previous report (13 more in Crathes & Torphins, 3 more in Cromar & Kildrummy, and 1 more in both Aboyne & South Deeside and East Cairngorms). The area would have received a worse ranking had these deaths been more widespread throughout the Ward but they appear to have been concentrated in a single IZ (Crathes & Torphins). The location of a care home or hospital may have impacted this outcome. (Aberdeenshire recorded a total of 253 COVID-related deaths between March 1st and June 30th 2021, an increase of 136 since the previous report.)</p> <p>Covid deaths notwithstanding, Cromar & Kildrummy arguably has the worst overall health profile in the Ward based on a number of pre-Covid health-related indicators. Some of the more up-to-date health-related indicators (e.g. work incapacity benefits) tend to reinforce this conclusion.</p> <p>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, PIP payments, relative to the population, are still comparatively low.</p>	<p>Attendance Allowance: Cases with Entitlement (Aged 65+ with Underlying Health Condition)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Cases</th> </tr> <tr><td>May-18</td><td>296</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug-18</td><td>303</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-18</td><td>318</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb-19</td><td>319</td></tr> <tr><td>May-19</td><td>327</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug-19</td><td>342</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-19</td><td>339</td></tr> <tr><td>Feb-20</td><td>325</td></tr> <tr><td>Aug-20</td><td>317</td></tr> <tr><td>Nov-20</td><td>311</td></tr> </table> <p>Approximate % of 65+ population in receipt of AA benefits: 7.7%</p>	Month	Cases	May-18	296	Aug-18	303	Nov-18	318	Feb-19	319	May-19	327	Aug-19	342	Nov-19	339	Feb-20	325	Aug-20	317	Nov-20	311	<p>Universal Credit (UC) Jan 2020 to Feb 2021</p> <p>No. of Households in receipt of Universal Credit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Work Capability All other households <p>% of UC Households where at least 1 occupant has limited work capability: 10.2%</p>
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Economic Indicators (1 of 2)

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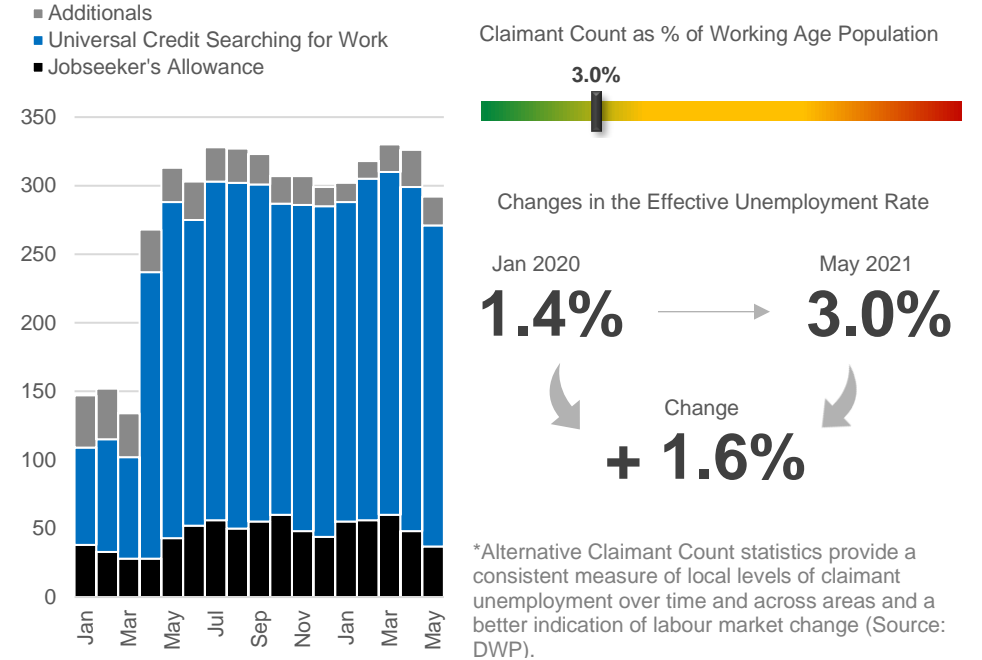


Median Household Income per Income Band - Percentage of Households (2019)

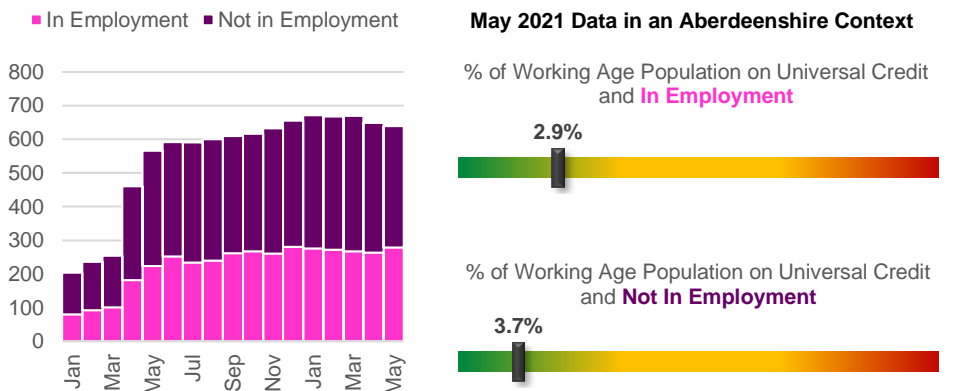


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Alternative Claimant Count* per Benefit Group - 'Unemployment Rate' (Jan 2020 to May 2021)



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



Median Household Income (2019)



£41,096



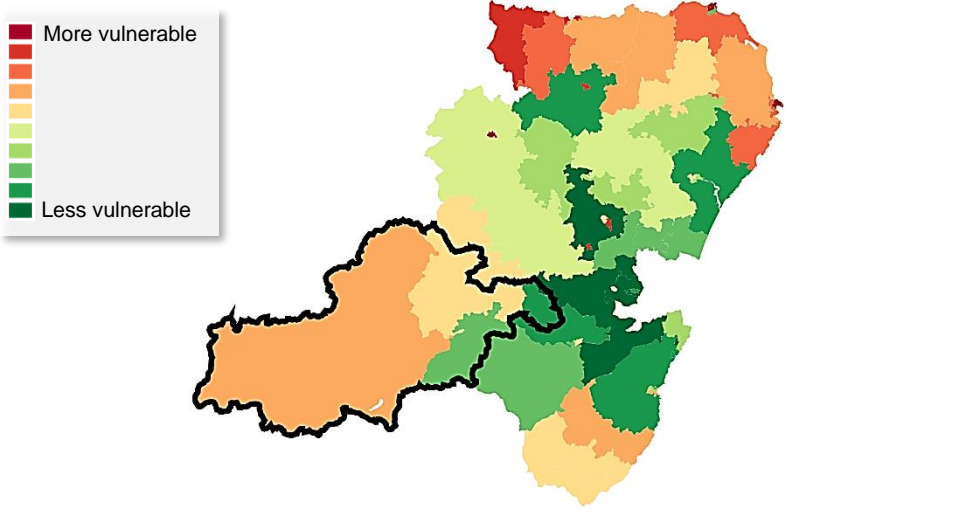
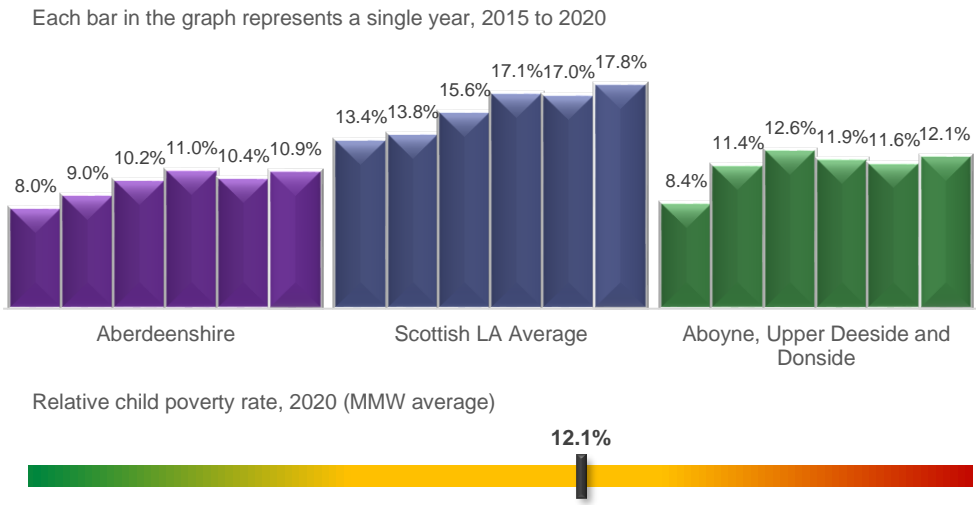
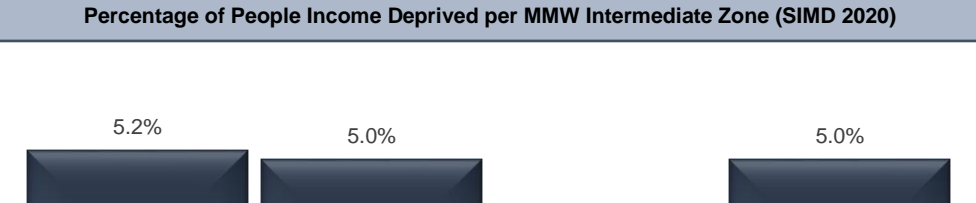
% of Households Earning <£20k (2019)



19.4%




















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																												
 <p>More vulnerable</p> <p>Less vulnerable</p>	<p>Each bar in the graph represents a single year, 2015 to 2020</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Percentage of Children in Low Income Families (Relative Poverty), 2015 to 2020</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Aberdeenshire</th> <th>Scottish LA Average</th> <th>Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>8.0%</td> <td>13.4%</td> <td>8.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>9.0%</td> <td>13.8%</td> <td>11.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>10.2%</td> <td>15.6%</td> <td>12.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>11.0%</td> <td>17.1%</td> <td>11.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019</td> <td>10.4%</td> <td>17.0%</td> <td>11.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020</td> <td>10.9%</td> <td>17.8%</td> <td>12.1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Relative child poverty rate, 2020 (MMW average)</p> <p>12.1%</p>	Year	Aberdeenshire	Scottish LA Average	Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside	2015	8.0%	13.4%	8.4%	2016	9.0%	13.8%	11.4%	2017	10.2%	15.6%	12.6%	2018	11.0%	17.1%	11.9%	2019	10.4%	17.0%	11.6%	2020	10.9%	17.8%	12.1%
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<p>Pension Credit Benefits - Proxy Indicator for 'Pensioner Poverty' (November 2020)</p> <p>Average Weekly Amount (£)</p> <p>Cases as a % of 65+ population</p> <p>£48.74</p> <p>5.4%</p>	<p>Percentage of People Income Deprived per MMW Intermediate Zone (SIMD 2020)</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Percentage of People Income Deprived per MMW Intermediate Zone (SIMD 2020)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>MMW Intermediate Zone</th> <th>% of population income deprived</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>East Cairngorms</td> <td>5.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aboyne and South Deeside</td> <td>5.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crathes and Torphins</td> <td>3.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cromar and Kildrummy</td> <td>5.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>% of population income deprived (MMW average)</p> <p>4.6%</p>	MMW Intermediate Zone	% of population income deprived	East Cairngorms	5.2%	Aboyne and South Deeside	5.0%	Crathes and Torphins	3.0%	Cromar and Kildrummy	5.0%																		
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<p>In economic terms, this Ward is generally better-than-average 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. However, child poverty may be more prevalent here than in other areas in Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>Unemployment figures appear to have plateaued after a steep rise from Jan to Jul 2020. Indeed, latest figures show a slight decrease. The number of people on Universal Credit appears to have followed suit, an unusual occurrence as figures have remained stubbornly high in other Ward areas.</p> <p>The next page suggest the Ward is more vulnerable than other areas in Aberdeenshire in respect of the indicators used. The area suffers with regards to the 'remoteness indicators'. Average drive times to local amenities are relatively poor, as is bus accessibility and superfast broadband availability. Food vulnerability may also be an issue. And the area is home to a large proportion of sectors that are vulnerable in the context of Covid.</p>																													

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Other Socio-Economic Data



Geographic Access / Digital Connectivity / Food Vulnerability / Loneliness Proxy	Housing / Environment	
 Average drive time to various local amenities by car (in minutes) SIMD 2020 7.0	 % of overcrowded households SIMD 2020 4.8%	
 Average drive time to various local amenities by public transport (in minutes) SIMD 2020 17.8	 % of single person households relative to total households 2019 28.5%	
 Bus Accessibility score (the higher the score, the better) 2019 1.2	 % of 16+ population in receipt of Housing Benefits FEB 2021 2.4%	
 % of households without access to a car or van 2011 10.2%	 % of addresses with private outdoor space APR 2020 88.5%	
 % of premises without access to superfast broadband (30Mb/s+ download speed) SIMD 2020 39.6%	 Average distance to nearest Park, Garden, or Public Playing Field (in metres) APR 2020 2,134	
 Digital Vulnerability score (The higher the score, the greater the vulnerability) 2020 -0.45	At Risk Sectors / Workers	
 Longest distance to food bank (km) 2020 35.4	 % of jobs in arts, entertainment, recreation and other services 2018 9.1%	
 Food Vulnerability score (The higher the score, the greater the vulnerability) 2020 186.9	 % of jobs in accommodation and food services (hospitality) 2018 9.8%	
 Loneliness Prescription Index* (the higher the score, the greater the risk) 2020 0.49	 % of jobs in retail 2018 9.2%	