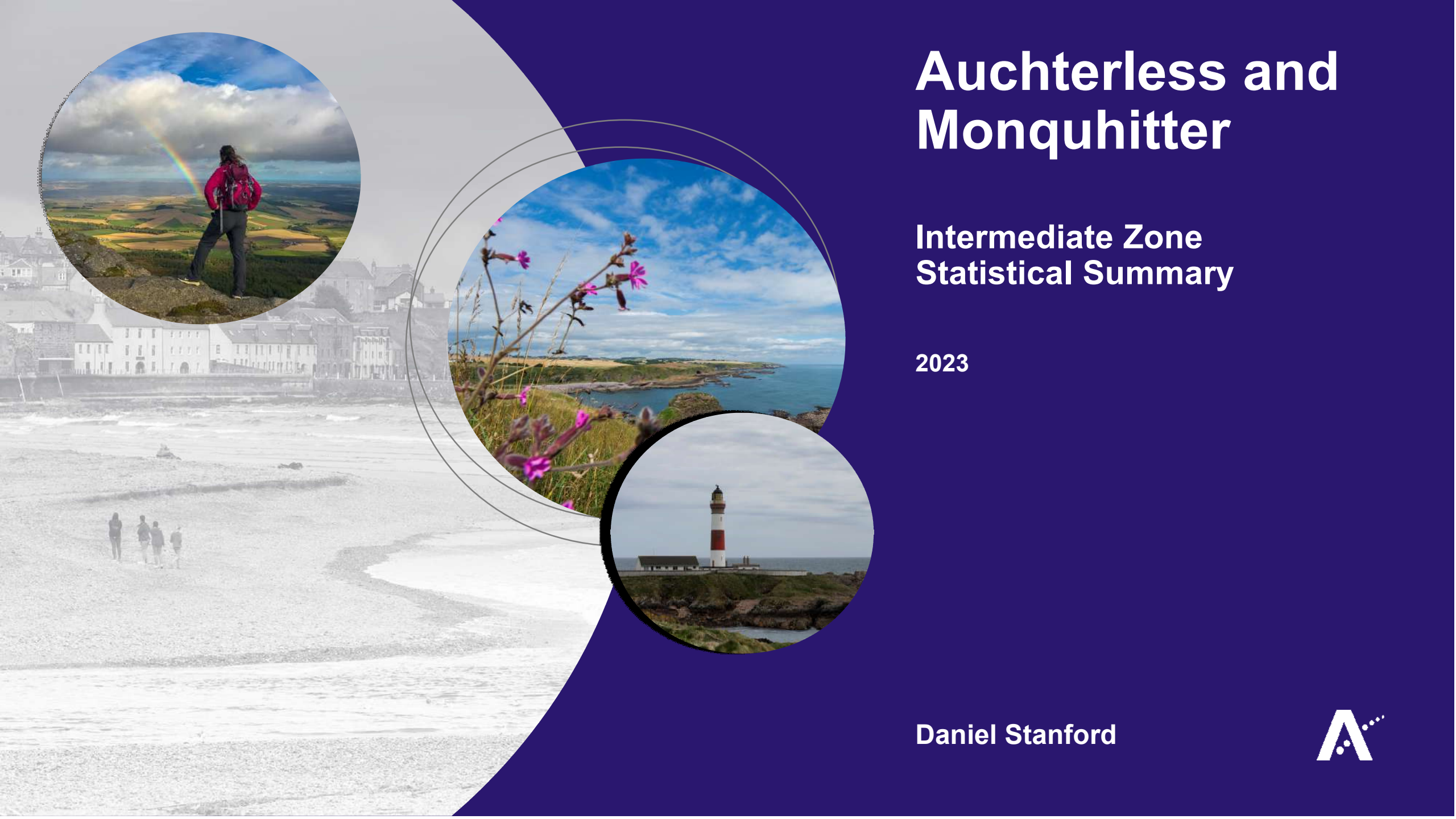


# Achterless and Monquhitter

## Intermediate Zone Statistical Summary

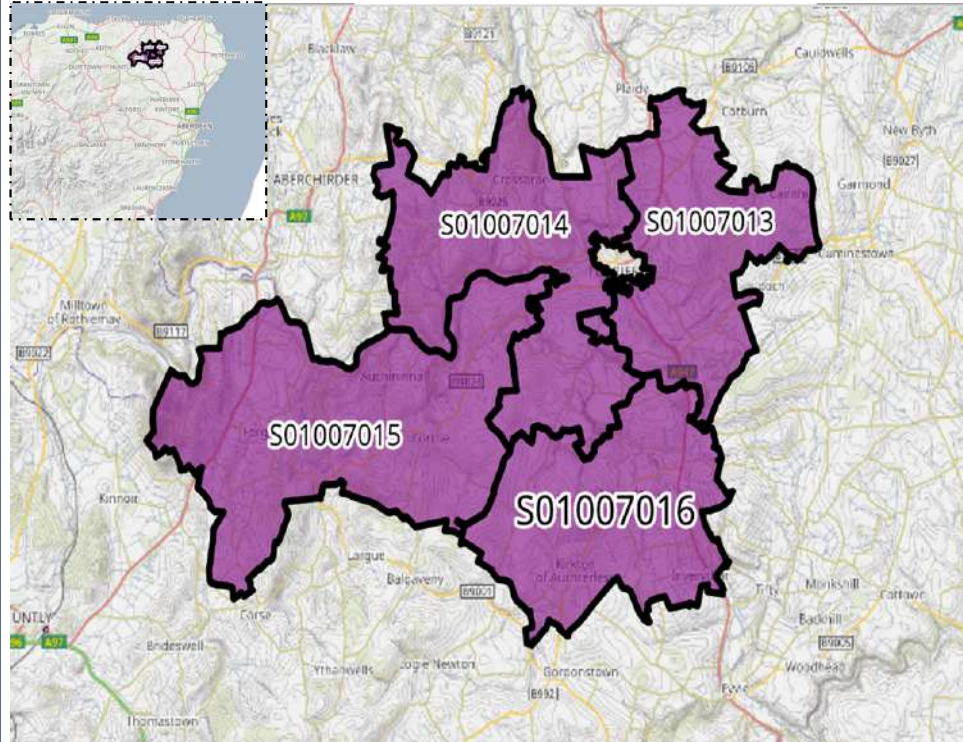
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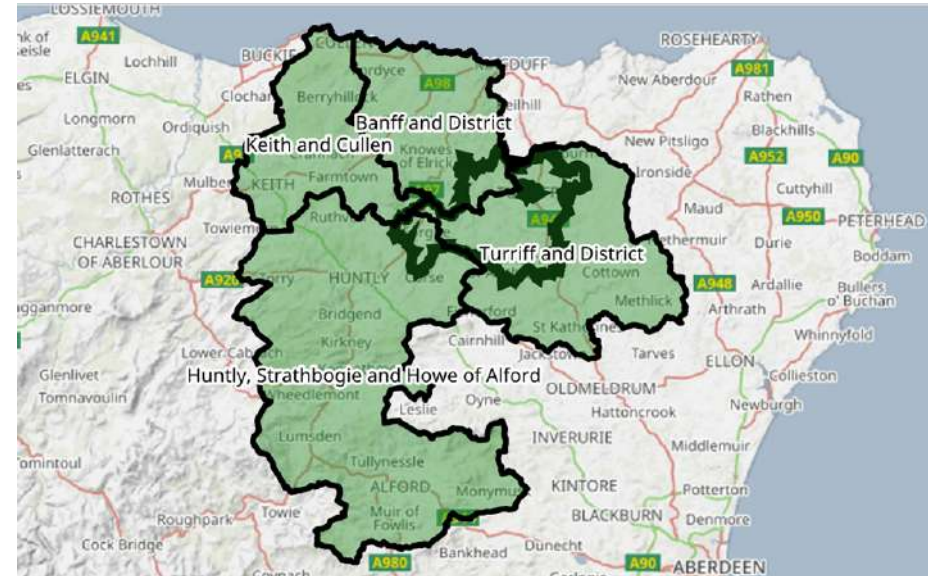


## Auchterless and Monquhitter

Data Zones Within the Intermediate Zone



Relevant Multi-Member Wards



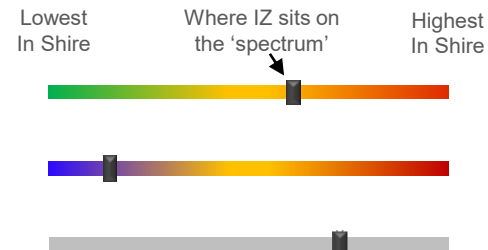
Notes on the Maps

The Map on the left shows the location and geographic area of the Auchterless and Monquhitter Intermediate Zone which contains four Data Zones. The Intermediate Zone lies across three Wards to different extents – Ward 1, Banff and District, Ward 7, Turriff and District and Ward 14, Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford.

### Spectrum Charts Explained

The following statistical pages frequently utilise spectrum charts as a visual aid to accompany an indicator. They are used to place the relevant Intermediate Zone (IZ) in the context of all other IZs in Aberdeenshire with regards to that indicator.

The charts to the right are examples of the spectrum charts used in this report. The black line represents where the IZ sits in the context of the highest and lowest figures in Aberdeenshire. If the black line is situated towards the left-hand side, the IZ recorded one of the lowest figures in Aberdeenshire. Conversely, if the black line is towards the right-hand side, it recorded one of the highest figures in Aberdeenshire.



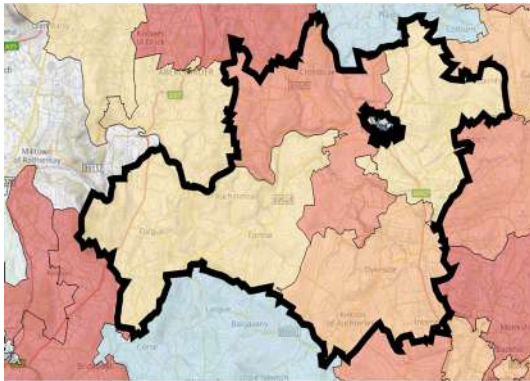
The green/red spectrum charts are the most common type. If the black line is situated towards the red end of the spectrum, it means the figure is objectively worse than most other IZs in Aberdeenshire and *vice versa*.

The blue/red spectrum charts are used in the demographic section to denote high population growth (red) and population decline (blue).

The grey spectrum charts are simply used to denote high and low in the context of Aberdeenshire, where the high / low figure is neither good nor bad. An example would be the proportion of dwellings that fall within Council Tax Bands F-G.

## Auchterless and Monquhitter Demographic Data

### Map of Auchterless and Monquhitter: Population Change (2014-2021)



Low Growth / Depopulation High Growth

The population of the Auchterless and Monquhitter IZ decreased by 0.6% between 2014 and 2021. This is mainly down to the population decreases in DZ S01007015 where there was a decrease of 20 (3.0%) and DZ S0100713 where there was a decrease of 18 (3.2%).

Compared to 2014 Auchterless and Monquhitter has seen significant increases in the older age groups especially with the 70+ age range with a 40.9% increase with 70–79-year-olds.

At 63.4%, the proportion of Working Age people in the IZ is at the higher end of the scale when looking at the spectrum in an Aberdeenshire context.

At 18.8%, there is an average proportion of children in the IZ in line with most other areas across Aberdeenshire.

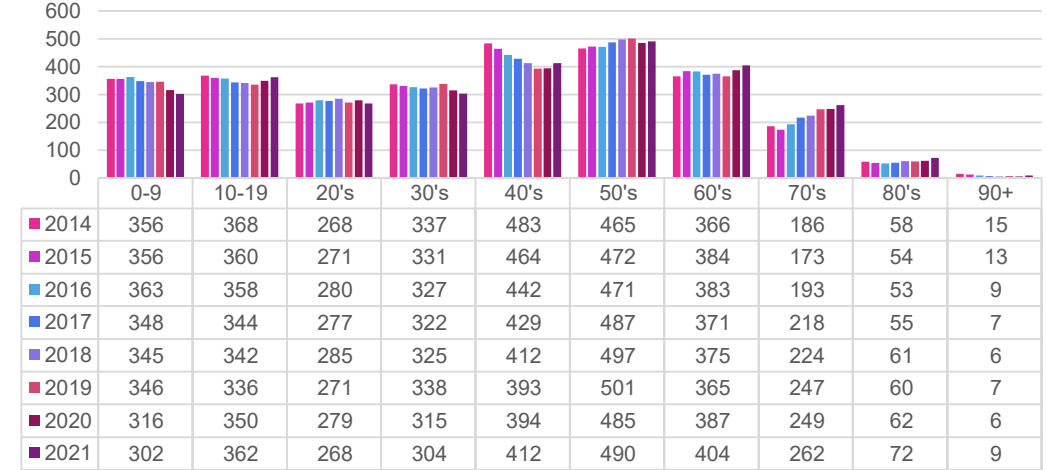
At 17.8% the number of older residents in the IZ is lower than most other areas of Aberdeenshire even with the spikes in population change among the 70+ age range.

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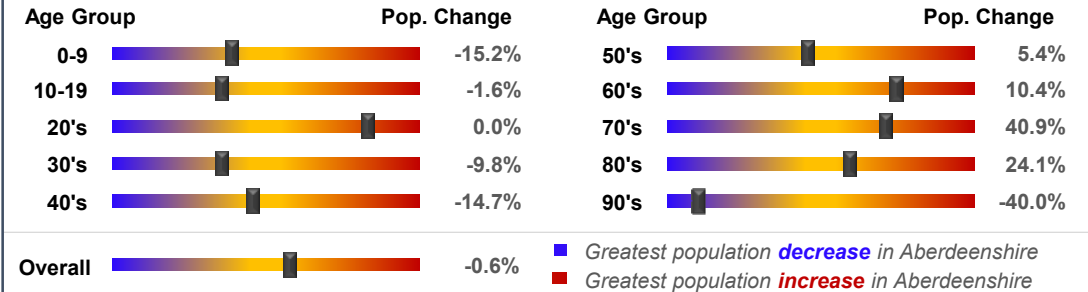
### Population Change per Data Zone, 2014 & 2021

Data Zone	2014	2021	% Difference
S01007013	569	551	-3.2%
S01007014	1087	1113	2.4%
S01007015	675	655	-3.0%
S01007016	571	566	-0.9%
Total	2902	2885	-0.6%

### Population per Age Group, Auchterless and Monquhitter, 2014-2021



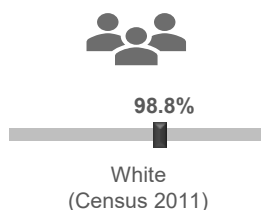
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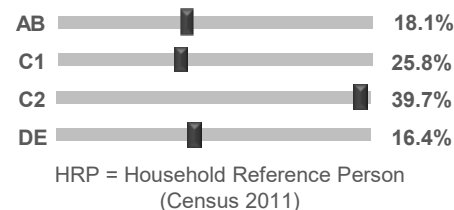
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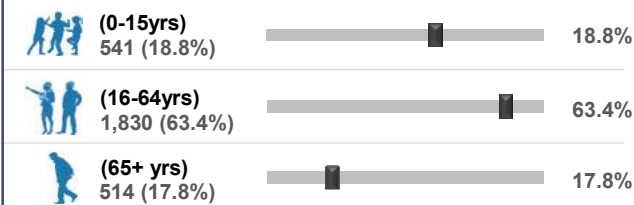
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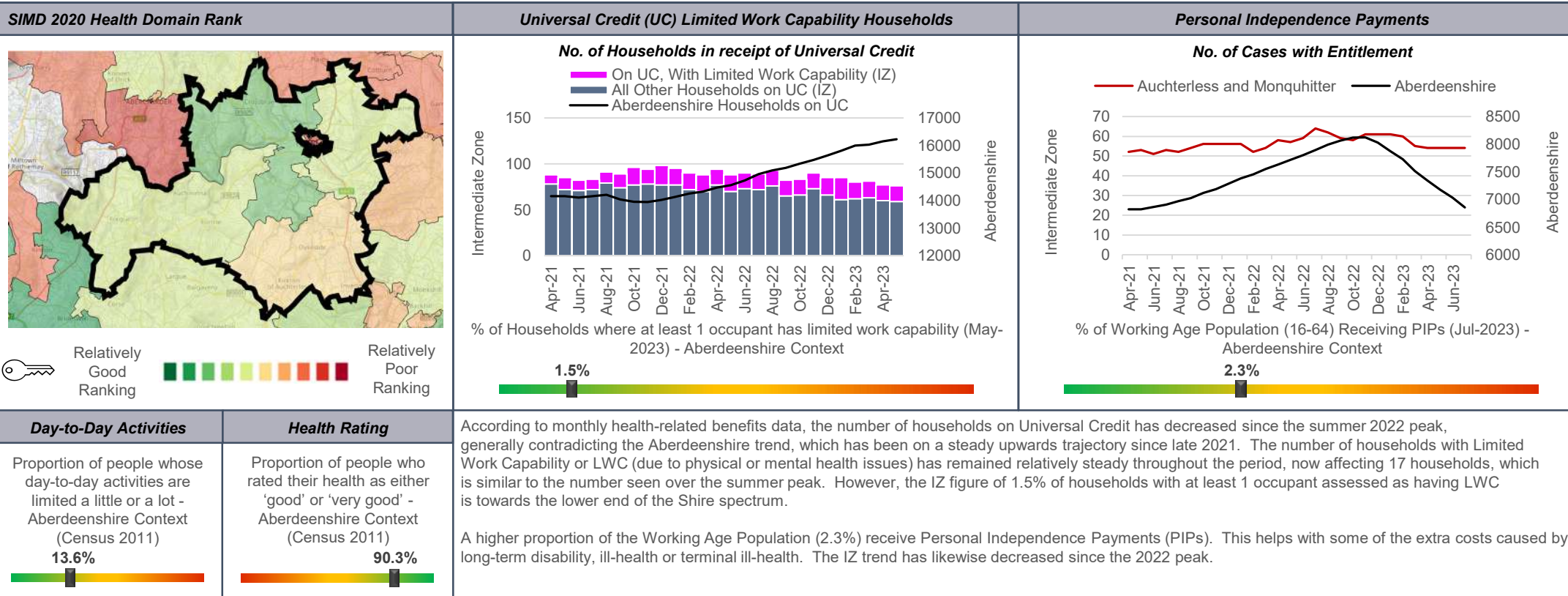
### Population per Broad Age Group, 2021



In 2021 2,885 people lived in Auchterless and Monquhitter -- 541 (18.8%) were under 15 years of age, 1,830 (63.4%) were aged 16-64, and 514 (17.8%) were over 65.

The black markers show where these percentages sit in the context of Aberdeenshire: left = low; right = high.

Auchterless and Monquhitter Health Data (1 of 2)

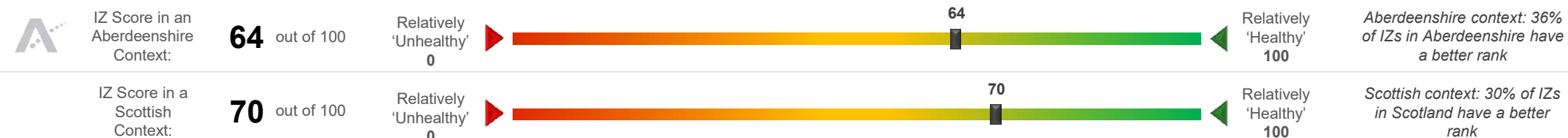


SIMD 2020 Health Domain Indicators per each Data Zone in the Auchterless and Monquhitter Intermediate Zone (compared to Aberdeenshire average)

SIMD Health Domain Indicator (Data Zones colour-coordinated with map) >>	S01007013	S01007014	S01007015	S01007016	Shire
Health Domain Rank (see map for colour-coded rankings) (the higher, the better)	5647	6505	5781	5482	5,254
Comparative Illness Factor (Scotland = 100) (the lower, the better)	40	40	55	60	58
Emergency stays in hospital (Scotland = 100) (the lower, the better)	81.6	51.8	82.1	65.4	71.5
Hospital stays related to alcohol misuse (Scotland = 100) (the lower, the better)	42.1	6.9	11.3	11.6	45.4
Hospital stays related to drug misuse (Scotland = 100) (the lower, the better)	28.8	0.0	22.7	25.4	30
Proportion of live singleton births of lowbirth weight (the lower, the better)	5.6%	2.5%	0.0%	9.1%	4.0%
Proportion of population being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis	14.8%	13.9%	11.3%	14.7%	15.6%
Standardised Mortality Ratio (Scotland = 100) (the lower, the better)	75	82	46	64	85

Auchterless and Monquhitter Health Data (2 of 2)

Auchterless and Monquhitter's position on the 'Health Spectrum' – Aberdeenshire and Scottish Context (the higher the score, the better)



Selection of ScotPHO indicators, Auchterless and Monquhitter IZ compared to Aberdeenshire & Scotland (latest data)

Indicator	Latest Available Figures				IZ Trend	Indicator Measurement
	IZ	IZ's latest figure compared to:				
		Aberdeenshire	Scotland			
Alcohol-related hospital stays	84.9	-68.1%		-86.1%	Up	Rate per 100,000 pop.
All-cause mortality among the 15-44 year olds	79.1	-16.2%		-32.5%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks	45.3	4.8%		13.5%	Up	% of babies with a valid feeding status
Bowel screening uptake	71.4	-1.6%		5.9%	Up	% of eligible people (aged 50-74)
Child dental health in primary 1	83.3	4.5%		10.2%	Up	% of P1 pupils
Child dental health in primary 7	79.3	-0.4%		4.4%	Up	% of P7 pupils
Child healthy weight in primary 1	73.5	-3.8%		3.8%	Up	% of P1 pupils
Deaths all ages	983.5	-7.1%		-16.7%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Developmental concerns at 27-30 months	2.9	0.0%		-11.7%	Down	% of children reviewed
Early deaths from cancer (<75)	147.5	11.9%		-1.4%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Early deaths from coronary heart disease (<75)	31.3	-17.0%		-40.4%	Up	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Female life expectancy	82.2	0.4%		1.8%	Up	Life expectancy at birth in years
Healthy birth weight	87.1	4.1%		3.0%	Up	% of all singleton births
Immunisation uptake at 24 months - 6 in 1	98.8	1.0%		1.8%	Up	% of children in relevant age group
Immunisation uptake at 24 months - MMR	97.5	2.7%		3.1%	Up	% of children in relevant age group
Male life expectancy	82.1	5.8%		7.3%	Up	Life expectancy at birth in years
Maternal obesity	19.4	-5.1%		-6.8%	Down	% of women at antenatal booking
Patients (65+) with multiple A&E hospitalisations	8680.5	38.0%		27.2%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Patients hospitalised with asthma	22.8	-28.6%		-66.7%	Up	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Patients hospitalised with COPD	80.6	-31.1%		-61.1%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Patients hospitalised with coronary heart disease	318.1	8.2%		-6.9%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Patients with emergency hospitalisations	5034.6	-4.7%		-30.4%	Down	Rate per 100,000 pop.
Premature births	8.8	-0.5%		0.6%	Down	% of all live births
Uptake of the HPV vaccine in S3 girls	94.6	5.3%		9.8%	Down	% of S3 girls

Based on the 24 health-related indicators in the table, this IZ is situated towards the middle of the spectrum (64) in an Aberdeenshire context. The IZ fares slightly better when all IZs in Scotland are taken into consideration as it is in the top half nationally (70).

The area compares favourably to most other areas in Scotland in terms of a range of health-related outcomes, particularly in relation to All-cause mortality among the 15–44-year-olds, Immunisation uptake at 24 months – 6 in 1, Male life expectancy and Uptake of the HPV vaccine in S3 girls.

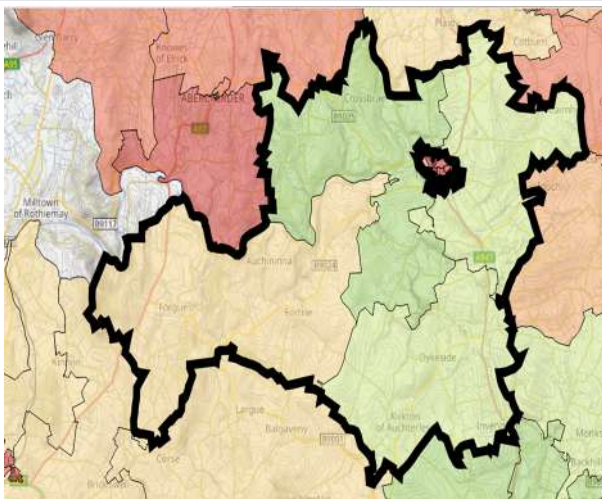
Issues that may require further investigation include:

- Child Dental health in primary 7
- Child healthy weight in primary 1

With regards to each of the indicators listed above the IZ compares less favourably to other areas in Aberdeenshire and, in some instances, Scotland (and/or the trend is worsening).

## Auchterless and Monquhitter Economic Data (1 of 3)

### Rank of Household Income per Data Zone (2023)



In terms of household income, this IZ is among the more affluent in Aberdeenshire. The median household income in 2023 equated to £44,963 which is £3,207 higher than the Shire average (£41,756).

Median household income ranges from £48,285 in DZ S01007014 to £41,128 in DZ S01007015.

Approximately 3.3% of households in this IZ earn less than £10,000 per year, which is lower-than-average (5.3%). This equates to roughly 38 households.

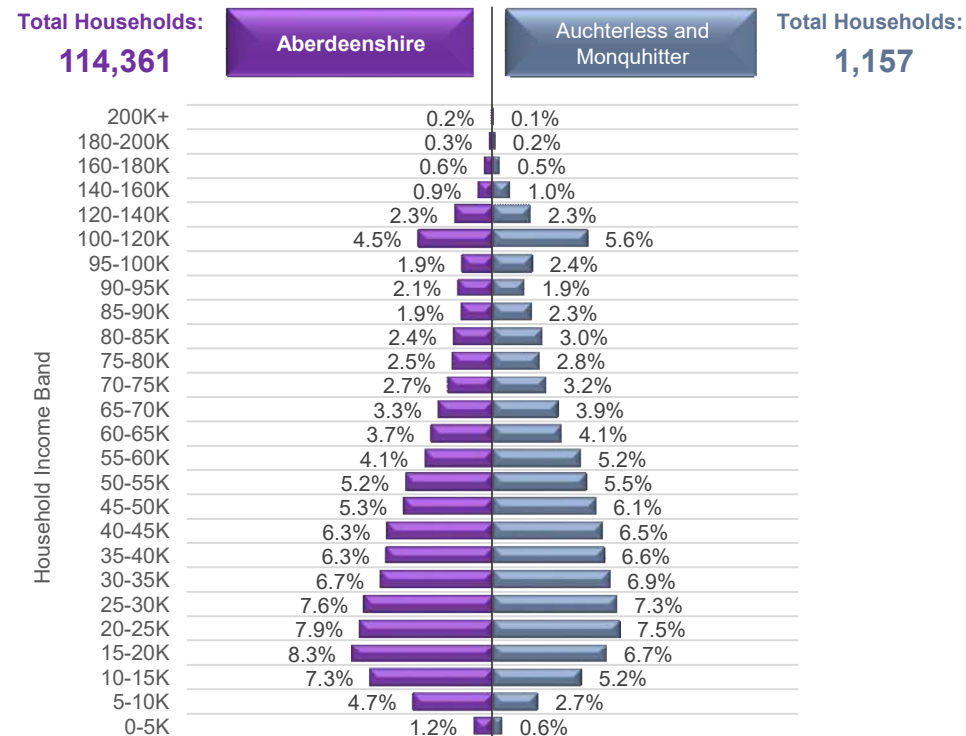
In addition, Approximately 9.6% of households in this IZ earn more than £100,000 per year, which is higher than average (10.1%). This equates to roughly 111 households.



### Household Income per Data Zone (2023)

Data Zone	Households	Average Income	Median Income	Lower Quartile Income
S01007013	231	£ 52,306	£ 45,214	£ 26,872
S01007014	436	£ 55,448	£ 48,285	£ 28,920
S01007015	275	£ 48,302	£ 41,128	£ 24,112
S01007016	215	£ 50,342	£ 43,189	£ 25,148

### Household Income per Band, Auchterless and Monquhitter & Aberdeenshire (2023)



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### Median Household Income (2023)



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Aberdeenshire: £41,756

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### % of Households Earning Less Than £10k (2023)



**<£10K**

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Aberdeenshire: 5.3%

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### % of Households Earning More Than £100k (2023)



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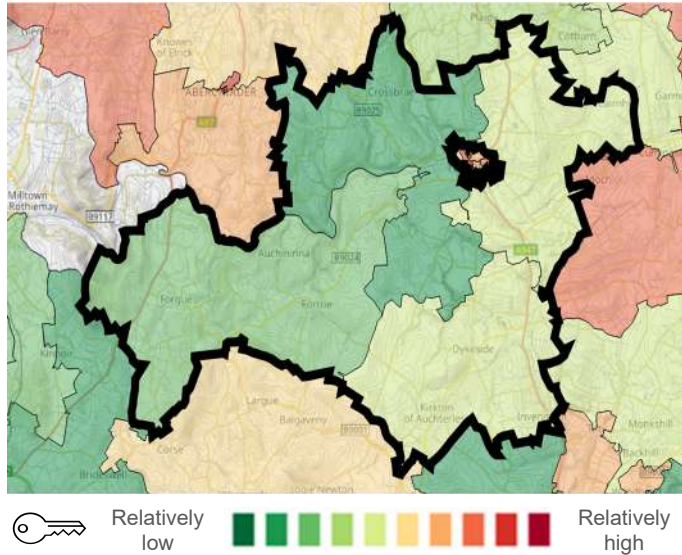
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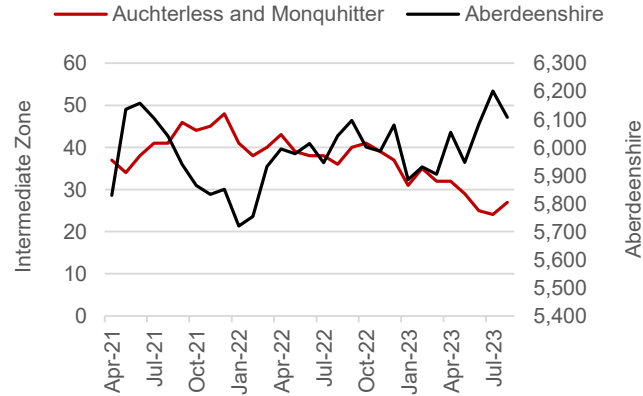


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Latest Unemployment Rate - Ranking per Data Zone



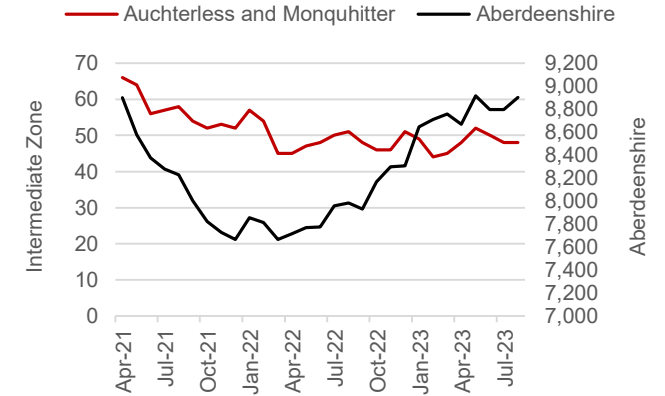
People on Universal Credit - In Employment



% of Working Age Population on Universal Credit and In Employment - Aberdeenshire Context (Aug 2023)



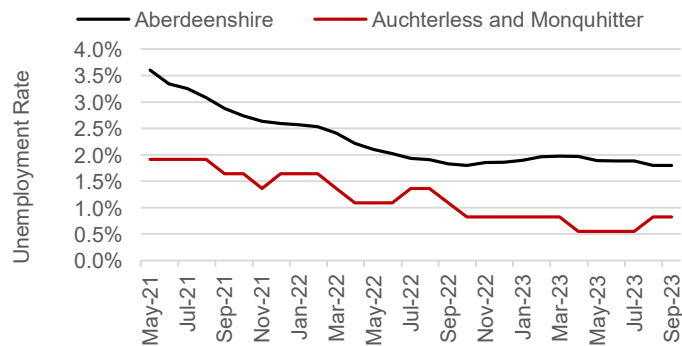
People on Universal Credit - Not In Employment



% of Working Age Population on Universal Credit and Not In Employment - Aberdeenshire Context (Aug 2023)



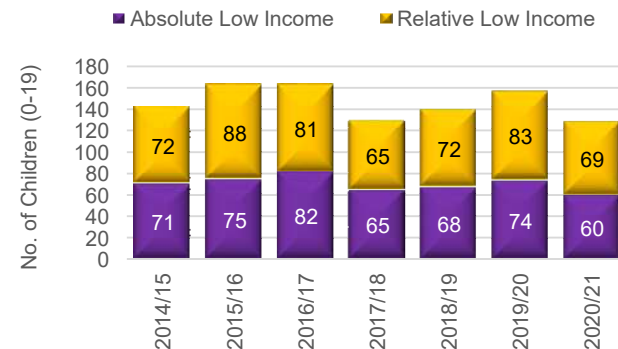
Alternative Claimant Count - Effective 'Unemployment Rate'



Auchterless and Monquhitter's Alternative Claimant Count (Unemployment Rate) - Aberdeenshire Context (Sep 2023)



Children in Low Income Families



% of Children (aged 0-19) in Low Income Families (2020/21)



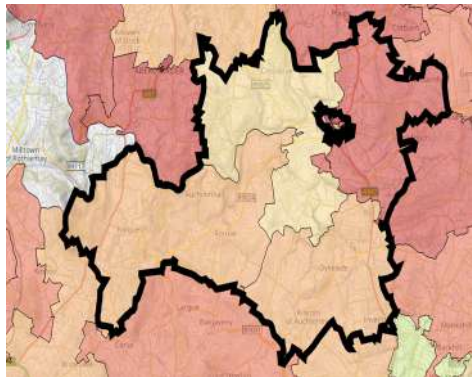

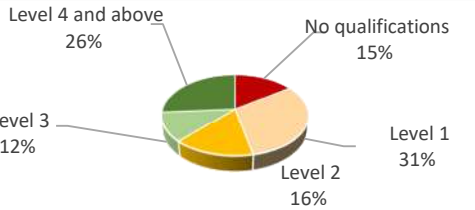
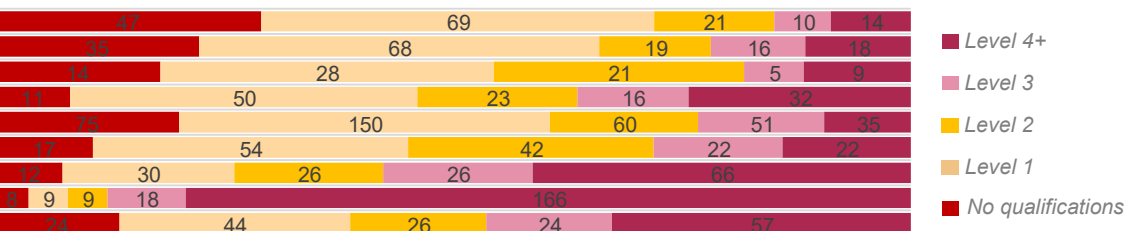
Summary

The number of people claiming Universal Credit (UC) - who are also in employment - has remained on the steady decline over the last few months, contrary to the Shire-wide trend, which has increased. Latest figures show 1.5% of people aged 16-64 (who also have jobs) are claiming UC. This is one of the lowest on the spectrum in a Shire context. A similar picture emerges in relation to people on UC and not in employment.

Like Aberdeenshire, the unemployment rate in the IZ has fallen substantially since the September 2020 peak of 3.8%. Latest data suggests approximately 0.8% of the Working Age population is currently out-of-work, which is significantly lower than the Aberdeenshire rate (1.8%).

Children living in low-income families are relatively uncommon. However, recent increases suggest the issue may be coming more to the fore over recent years, particularly since 2020/21.

Auchterless and Monquhitter Economic Data (3 of 3)

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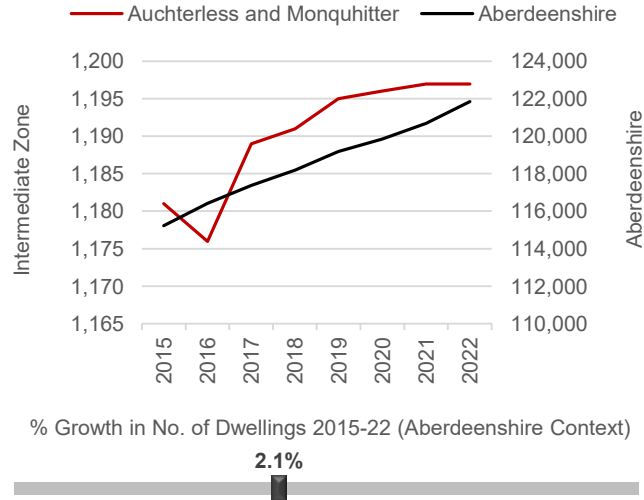
Relatively sparse / rural

Dwellings per Hectare (2022)



Relatively dense / urban

Number of Dwellings, 2015-22



Summary

At 0.19 dwellings per hectare, this IZ is in the lower range of the spectrum between the rural and urban extremes.

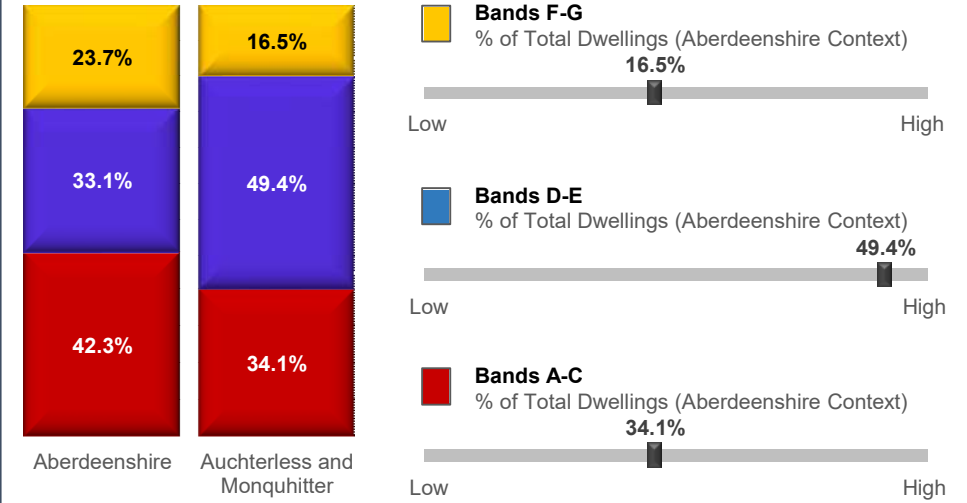
The number of dwellings in the IZ has increased by 7.7% since 2015, which is towards the higher end of the spectrum in an Aberdeenshire context.

House building in the area has been on steady increase since 2015 – 2021 and has since plateaued.

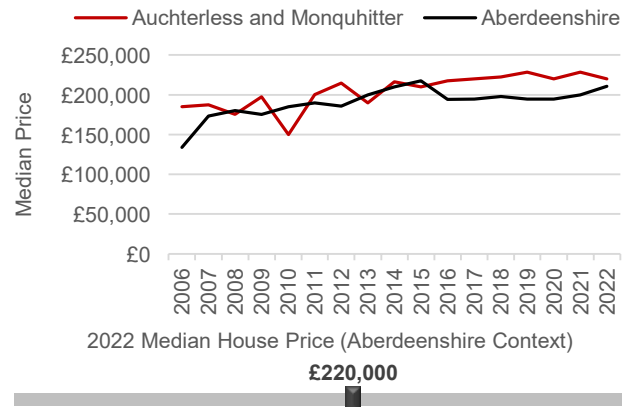
A relatively large proportion of the dwellings in this IZ (35.2%) fall within Council Tax Bands F-G. This puts the IZ towards the higher end of the spectrum. Relatively few properties fall within Bands A-C (27.1%).

The median house price is £264,500 which is significantly higher £53,505 higher than the Aberdeenshire average (£210,995).

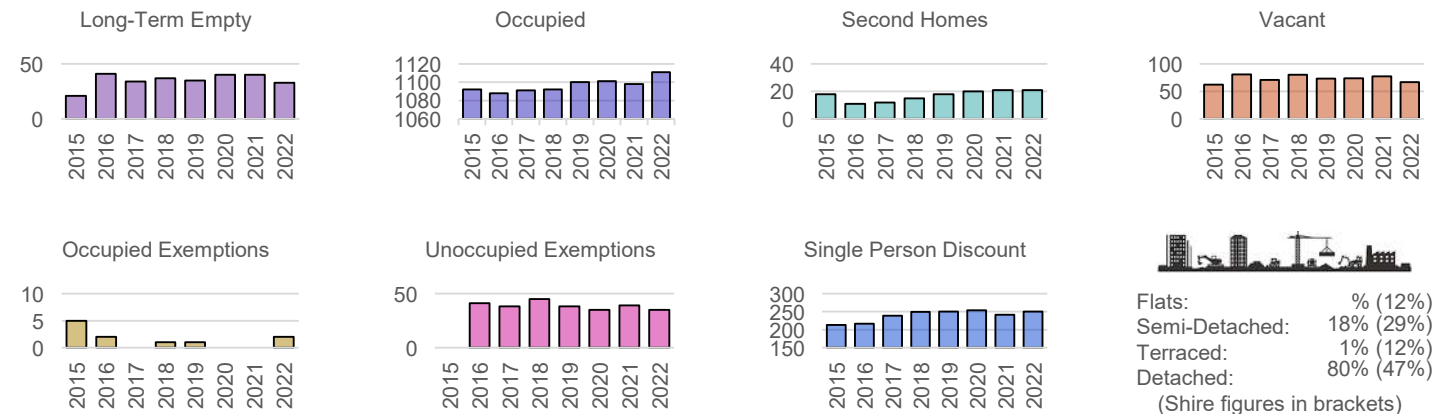
Proportion of Dwellings per Council Tax Band, 2022



Median Residential House Prices (Sales), 2006-22

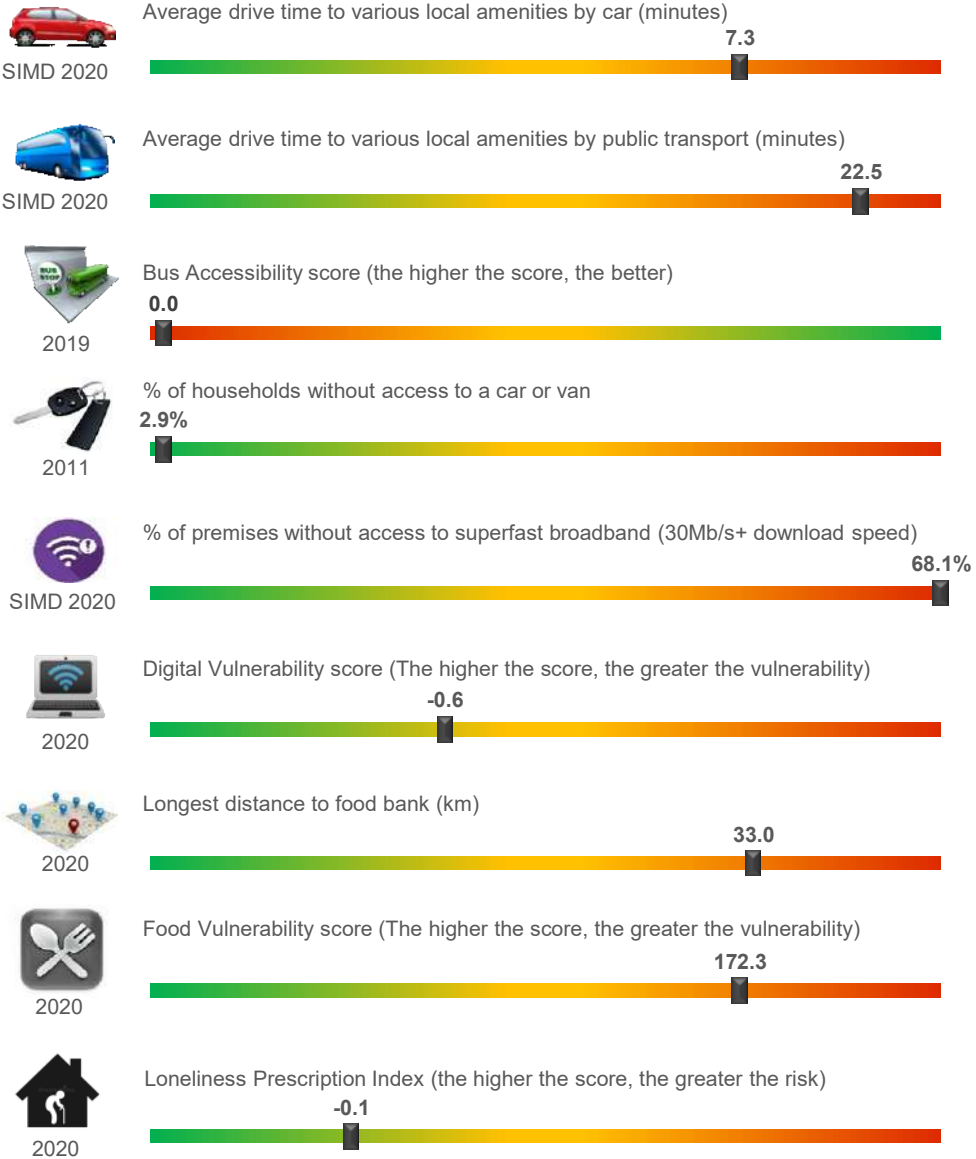


Housing Types, 2015-22 (Data on Flats, etc., relate to 2017 - the latest year for which data are available)

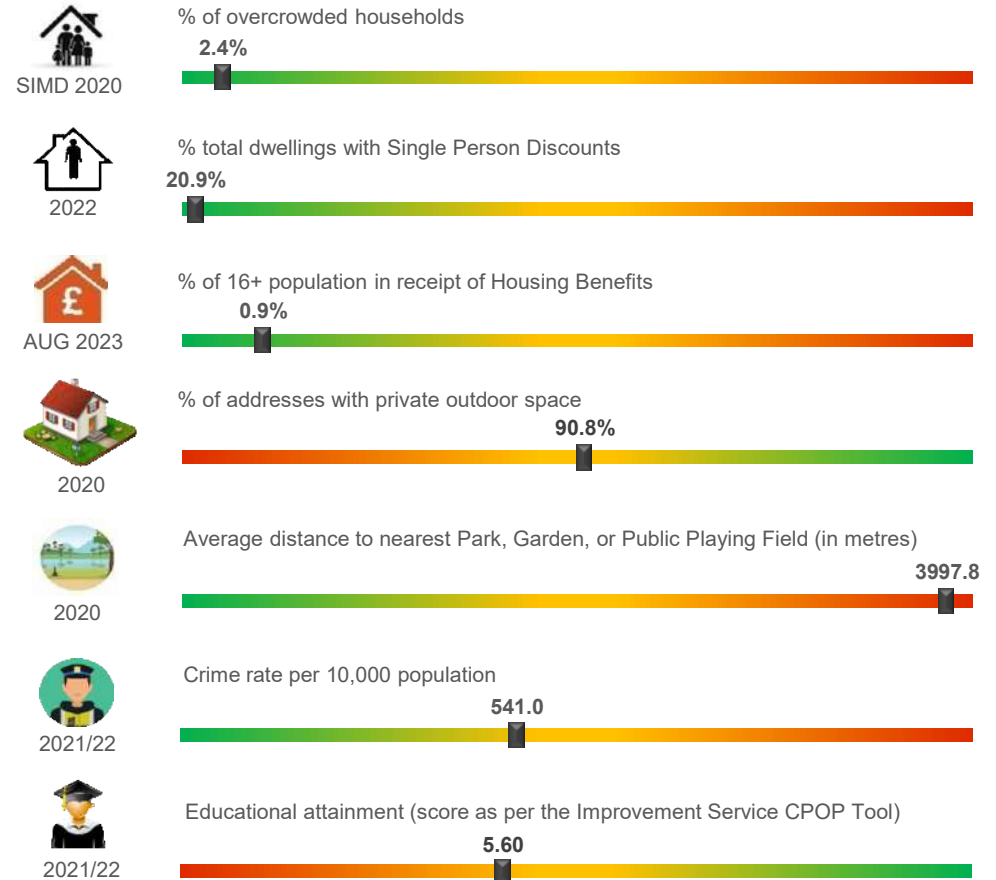


## Auchterless and Monquhitter Other Socio-Economic Data

### Geographic Access / Digital Connectivity / Food Vulnerability / Loneliness Proxy



### Housing / Environment / Crime Rate / Educational Attainment



### Summary

According to the miscellaneous socio-economic indicators on this page, the IZ has a relatively low crime rate. Geographic access in terms of drive times to local amenities is towards the higher end with longer drive times and bus accessibility is at the low end of the spectrum. Combining this and the poor bus accessibility, it is not surprising that car ownership is one of the highest in Aberdeenshire with only 2.9% of households without access to a car or van. Auchterless and Monquhitter has low overcrowding, few dwellings with Single person discounts and relatively % of the 16+ population in receipt of housing benefit. Although Digital Vulnerability is low, the % of premisses without access to superfast broadband is very high (68.1%)