

Fife Findings: Children in families with limited resources across Scotland

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New data from the Scottish Government on “**Children in families with limited resources across Scotland 2014-2016**” provides estimates of the proportion of children in combined low income and material deprivation by council area and household characteristics. This was collected via the Scottish Household Survey (SHS) over three years, 2014 to 2016.

Around one in four children in Fife, and one in five children in Scotland are living in families with limited resources (after housing costs). The percentage of children in families with limited resources is highest in Glasgow (41%) and lowest in Aberdeenshire (5%). Lone parent families, families with four or more children, those renting their home, or in out of work households, are more likely to be living with limited resources.

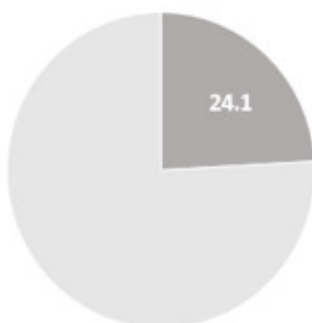
% children in families with limited resources	Before housing costs	After housing costs
Fife	22%	24%
Scotland	18%	20%

This measure of **limited resources** brings together two aspects of poverty:

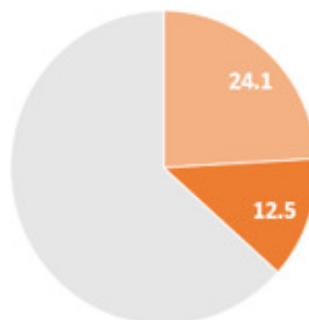
- living on a **low income** (70% of middle incomes) after housing costs (rent and mortgage payments but not council tax)
- living in **material deprivation** (being unable to afford three or more out of a list of 22 basic necessities, such as having access to £500 to deal with an unexpected expense or a child having a warm winter coat)¹.

24.1% of children in Fife live in households that experience both a low income and material deprivation

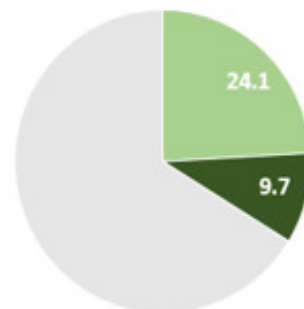
LOW INCOME and MATERIAL DEPRIVATION 24.1%



LOW INCOME 36.6%



MATERIAL DEPRIVATION 33.8%



¹ The list of necessities was developed for a Scottish context and is based on what the public agree is a basic necessity and what satisfies requirements for a robust material deprivation measure.

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Who is likely to be living in a family with limited resources?

Characteristics	More likely	Less likely
Family and Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They live in a lone parent household • They have 3 or more siblings • A disabled adult lives with them • None or only one adult works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two or more adults live with them • Two adults work
Area and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are renting their home • They live in the most deprived areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They live in an accessible rural area • They live in the least deprived areas

Which Household and Child Necessities are families doing without?

% of children living in families who can't afford each necessity ²	Fife	Scotland
Household necessity		
Access to £500 to cover an unexpected, but necessary, expense	35%	34%
Enough money to save regularly (of at least £20) for rainy days	27%	26%
Enough money to make regular payments into an occupational or private pension	27%	27%
Enough money to repair/replace broken electrical goods	22%	21%
Enough money to take part in a hobby or leisure activity	19%	19%
All recommended dental work/treatment	15%	13%
Enough money to take part in sport/exercise activities or classes	15%	17%
Enough money to keep your home in a decent state of decoration	14%	10%
Home contents insurance	12%	15%
Appropriate clothes for job interviews	10%	7%
A damp free home	8%	8%
Child necessity		
Does your child have money to save	21%	21%
Does your child have a holiday away from home at least once a year	21%	20%
Are there enough bedrooms for every child aged 10 or older of different sex to have own bedroom	17%	10%
Does your child have day trips with family once a month	16%	14%
Does your child have access to a computer and internet for homework	8%	5%
Does your child get pocket money	7%	11%
Is there a garden or outdoor space nearby where your child can play safely	4%	5%
Does your child have at least four pairs of trousers, leggings, jeans etc.	4%	1%
Does your child have a warm winter coat	3%	2%
Does your child have some new, not second-hand clothes	3%	2%
Does your child attend toddler groups etc. at least once a week	3%	6%

Further Information

The “**Children in families with limited resources across Scotland 2014-2016**” was produced by Maïke Waldmann, Equality and Social Justice Analysis Unit, Scottish Government maïke.waldmann@gov.scot. The full report, methodology, and data tables by local council areas are available at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/9758/downloads>. Fife summary report compiled by Coryn Barclay, Fife Council Research Team coryn.barclay@fife.gov.uk

² While showing a broadly similar pattern, the differences in percentages between Fife and Scotland are possibly due to sampling variation, and don't necessarily point to any Fife-specific issues