

**Estimates of children living in poverty, below 60% median income after housing costs, by Scottish local authority.**

<b>Local authority</b>	<b>Number of children in poverty</b>	<b>Percentage of children in poverty</b>
Aberdeen City	6421	18.3%
Aberdeenshire	6749	14.2%
Angus	3809	20.6%
Argyll and Bute	2325	18.9%
City of Edinburgh	13358	17.2%
Clackmannanshire	2084	23.9%
Dumfries and Galloway	5171	22.9%
Dundee City	5287	22.5%
East Ayrshire	4911	24.0%
East Dunbartonshire	2383	12.5%
East Lothian	3640	18.9%
East Renfrewshire	2453	12.8%
Falkirk	5872	21.5%
Fife	13863	22.1%
Glasgow City	28909	29.4%
Highland	7734	20.5%
Inverclyde	2213	18.2%
Midlothian	3539	20.0%
Moray	3341	21.3%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	669	16.7%
North Ayrshire	5394	24.7%
North Lanarkshire	14156	23.2%
Orkney Islands	640	18.2%
Perth and Kinross	4433	18.7%
Renfrewshire	5759	19.5%
Scottish Borders	3592	19.5%
Shetland Islands	769	18.7%
South Ayrshire	3505	20.6%
South Lanarkshire	10659	19.6%
Stirling	2698	18.1%
West Dunbartonshire	3549	23.4%
West Lothian	7263	21.1%

Estimates by Westminster constituency are also available [here](#)

- The research was carried out by Dr Juliet Stone at the Centre for Research in Social Policy, at Loughborough University using data released by the Department for Work and Pensions, [Children in low income families: local area statistics](#), published in March 2022. This is based on benefits and tax credits administrative data and is before housing costs. The figures are adjusted to take housing costs into account, and calibrated to Households Below Average Income (HBAI).
- Calculating poverty 'after housing costs' gives a more accurate measure of how much families have to live on. Progress against Scotland's statutory child poverty targets is measured on an 'after housing costs' basis.

- **NOTE:** These statistics are calibrated to regional 3-year averages from Households below Average Income for the financial years 2018/19 to 2020/21. The HBAI figures for 2020/21 are less reliable than earlier years due to sampling issues related to the pandemic. Caution should be used in interpreting HBAI statistics for 2020/21 due to sampling issues related to the pandemic. Further information is available [here](#).
- Report and data all available [here](#).

**Notes on how the data should be interpreted**

- The figures are based on the Department for Work and Pensions Children in low income families: local area statistics which estimates the poverty rate before housing costs. A statistical model is used to estimate child poverty after housing costs which draws on household survey data alongside local area statistics on private rent levels.
- Local estimates of poverty are subject to small statistical fluctuations from year-to-year. Users are advised to treat annual variations in the data with a degree of caution and instead focus on the longer-term trend.
- Where local authorities and Westminster constituencies are coterminous the estimates may vary due to data available and different modelling needed.