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of Multiple
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SIMD user survey - tell us what you think!

The SIMD website aims to give you access to SIMD in ways that best suit your needs. We have developed a range of tools and analyses based on feedback from users, including interactive mapping, local authority profiles and analyses of deprivation in rural areas.

We are currently carrying out a user survey to inform future developments, and would love to hear from you. The survey closes on 30 June 2019 and will only take ten minutes to complete. So please [click here](#) to take part.

New visualisation tools

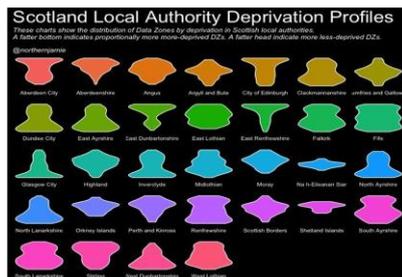
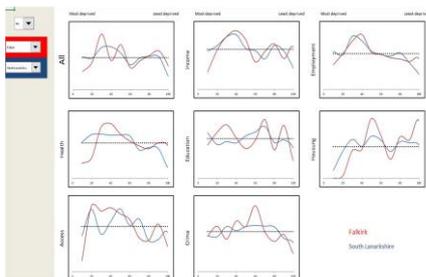
Interactive charts

These charts allow you to compare levels of deprivation by local authority or urban-rural classification, for SIMD overall and within domains.

Lava lamps

These show the distribution of data zones by deprivation levels for local authority areas. A wider base indicates a higher proportion of areas with high levels of deprivation.

These resources can be accessed using the links above.



SIMD 2019

We are currently working on updating SIMD toward the end of the year. SIMD 2016 included a number of new developments, and we plan to keep things broadly consistent as further substantial development work will be required in the run-up to the 2021 Census, and to take account of changes to the benefit system.

However, we are looking at several areas for improvement in 2019, including a participation indicator based on Skills Development Scotland data to replace the current NEET measure. We are also exploring the potential for a digital connectivity indicator based on Ofcom broadband data for the access to services domain. We will be engaging with our stakeholders about developments over the next few months.

Graphic narratives

SIMD can be useful for understanding deprivation in small areas, but there is a lot more to a community than just the numbers.

We have been developing graphic narratives, or comic strips, to show how communities are responding to challenges and opportunities.

Our first graphic narrative will be out soon, and we will be looking for other stories we can tell about Scotland's communities.

Recent & upcoming events

SIMD training

In June 2018, we provided training to Falkirk Council staff illustrating how the SIMD might be used to inform the work of the council.

The Gathering 2019

In February we had a stall at The Gathering at Glasgow SECC, along with colleagues from Scottish Government and the NHS. The Gathering is an event for charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations. There was a lot of interest from a range of attendees about the different uses for SIMD.

Royal Statistical Society events

In September 2018, we organised a joint [session](#) at the RSS conference in Cardiff on the use of indices of multiple deprivation across the UK, alongside the other UK producers.

In November 2018, we presented a [seminar](#) on the history of the SIMD for the RSS Edinburgh local group.

The presentation slides can be accessed using the links above.

If you have any questions, please get in touch through simd@gov.scot