

## SIMD user survey

### What you told us



We wanted to find out users' thoughts on the SIMD resources and what we might be able to do to make the website more relevant and accessible. The SIMD survey was carried out in May, and we would like to thank the 102 people who responded.

#### *What did people say?*

They used the website mainly for research, developing area profiles and informing strategic planning and resource allocation.

The rank and indicator data and postcode/data zone look-up files were the most often used resources, along with the interactive map and supporting documentation.

It was really positive to know that nearly all respondents using the resources said they were useful!

## Next steps

We are looking at the responses in more depth to identify areas of improvement for the SIMD website in the short and longer term.

The new Scottish Government website is currently under development and this requires transitioning material from the existing platform to the new one. To simplify the process, we are therefore keeping the structure of the SIMD website fairly unchanged for now, but keep an eye out for the new resources once SIMD 2019 is published!

## SIMD 2019

We are still working on updating SIMD towards the end of the year. Due to delays in receiving final data, the date will be confirmed in November.

We are engaging with a range of stakeholders on developing new materials that will help in interpreting and using SIMD by putting the numbers into real life context. We are hoping to publish these resources as close to the publication of the SIMD 2019 data as possible, but we will keep you informed whenever a new resource becomes available.

## Government Statistical Service Conference 2019

The SIMD team attended the October GSS Conference in Edinburgh where the producers of indices of multiple deprivation for England, Scotland and Wales presented on current developments.

The [English Indices of Deprivation 2019](#) was published on 26 September, and the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 is due to be published on 27 November.