

The Children in Low-Income Families Local Measure is the proportion of children living in families either in receipt of out-of-work benefits or in receipt of tax credits with a reported income which is less than 60 per cent of national median income. This measure provides a broad proxy for the relative low-income measure as used in the Child Poverty Act 2010. To calculate children in low-income families, the number of children in low-income families (a+b) is divided by c.

$$\text{Proportion of children in low-income families} = \frac{\text{a) Children living in families in receipt of out-of-work benefits} + \text{b) Children living in families in receipt of tax credits with income below 60\% of median}}{\text{c) Total number of children in the area}}$$

Data is available from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/personal-tax-credits-children-in-low-income-families-local-measure-2013-snapshot-as-at-31-august-2013>. *This paper relates to children less than 16 years of age.

Key findings

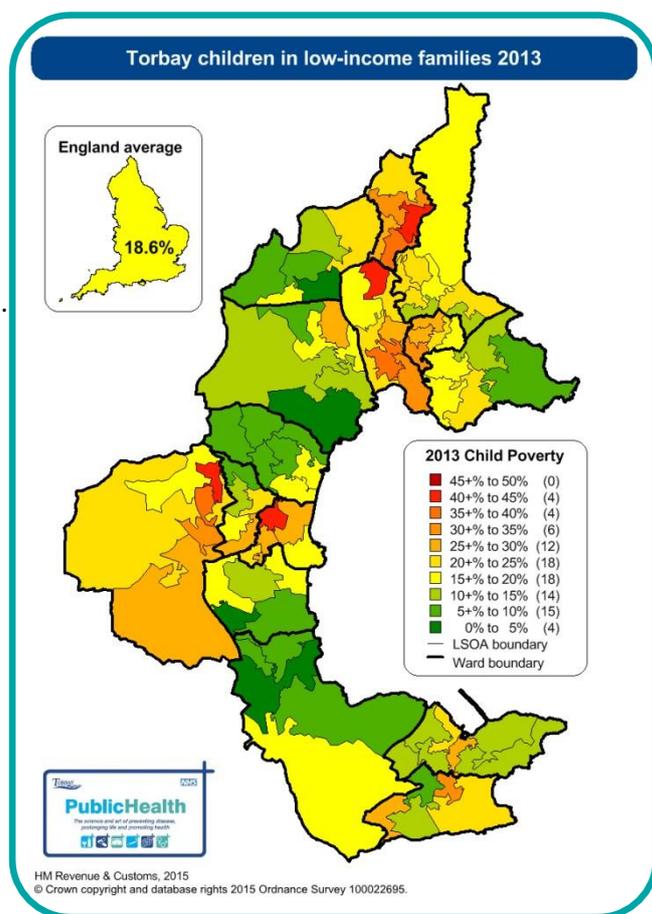
- Around 1 in 5 (21.6%) children live in an low-income family in Torbay. This is higher than the England average of 18.6%.
- The proportion of children living in poverty has reduced slightly since 2012 (22.1% to 21.6%).
- Compared to South West upper tier local authorities, Torbay ranks 2nd (out of 15).
- Compared to other local authority statistical neighbours, Torbay's ranks 5th (out of 11) for children living in poverty.

Torbay small areas that are above the England average are highlighted in orange and red in the map below.

Statistical neighbours

| Children in low-income families | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Stat neighbour | 2015 rank | 2013 % | 2012 % |
| Blackpool | 1 | 29.5% | 30.6% |
| Redcar and Cleveland | 2 | 25.4% | 25.4% |
| Telford and Wrekin | 3 | 23.0% | 23.8% |
| Rotherham | 4 | 22.8% | 22.8% |
| Torbay | 5 | 21.6% | 22.1% |
| Southend-on-Sea | 6 | 20.6% | 21.7% |
| Plymouth | 7 | 20.1% | 20.9% |
| North East Lincolnshire | 8 | 19.6% | 19.8% |
| Isle of Wight | 9 | 19.2% | 20.1% |
| Wigan | 10 | 19.1% | 19.5% |
| Norfolk | 11 | 16.8% | - |

Source: NFER Children's Services statistical neighbours, updated 2012



The Torbay wards of Watcombe (35.6%), Blatchcombe (30.5%) and Roundham with Hyde (29.5%) have the highest proportion of children in living in poverty.

Additional information is available by child's age group and family type (couple or lone parent).