

**SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (SIMD) 2009
DOMAIN AND INDICATOR WEIGHTS**

Income domain (Weight = 12)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Number of Adults (aged 16-60) receiving Income Support	No change.
Number of Children (aged 0-15) dependent on a recipient of Income Support	2008 child benefit data not available so dependents calculated for 2007.
Number of Adults (aged 60 plus) receiving Guaranteed Pension Credit	No change.
Number of Adults receiving (all) Job Seekers Allowance	No change.
Number of children (aged 0-15) dependent on a recipient of Job Seekers Allowance (All)	2008 child benefit data not available so dependents calculated for 2007.
Number of Adults and Children in Tax Credit Families on low incomes	New indicator added to identify low income families in work. 2006 was most recent data available.

Employment domain (Weight = 12)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Unemployment Claimant Count averaged over 12 months, men aged under 65 and women aged under 60	No change.
Incapacity Benefit recipients, men aged under 65 and women aged under 60	No change.
Severe Disablement Allowance recipients, men aged under 65 and women aged under 60	No change.
Compulsory New Deal participants - New Deal for the under 25s and New Deal for the 25+ not included in the unemployment claimant count	No change.

Health domain (Weight = 6)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Standardised Mortality Ratio	No change.
Hospital Episodes related to alcohol use	Minor change to codes used to define episodes to reflect national guidance.
Hospital Episodes related to drug use	Minor change to codes used to define episodes to reflect national guidance.
Comparative Illness Factor	No change.
Emergency Admissions to hospital	No change.
Proportion of population being prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis	No change.
Proportion of live singleton births of low birth weight	No change.

Note: The process of weighting involves emphasising some domains more than others because they are regarded more important to the overall measurement of deprivation; and those which are weighted more highly have a disproportionate effect on the overall index. For example, the income and employment domains are weighted more highly than others as worklessness is regarded as a deprivation in its own right, not simply a driver for low income. While there is a degree of judgment involved in establishing weightings, those chosen for the SIMD reflect the wider academic literature, the strength of the datasets and wider consultation.

Education domain (Weight = 6)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
School pupil absences	No change.
Pupil performance on SQA at stage 4	No change.
Working age people with no qualifications	No change, no update to this indicator, still using census data as best source available.
17-21 year olds enrolling into higher education	No change.
16-19 year olds not in education, employment or training)	Replacement indicator to better measure population not in education, employment or training.

Housing domain (Weight = 1)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Persons in households that are overcrowded	No change - no update to indicator as no suitable replacement data found.
Persons in households without central heating	No change - no update to indicator as no suitable replacement data found.

Access domain (Weight = 4)	
Drive time sub-domain (2006 Weight = 0.75; 2009 Weight = 0.66)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Drive time to a GP	New computer model used for calculations.
Drive time to a petrol station	New computer model used for calculations.
Drive time to a post office	New computer model used for calculations. Definition of post offices changed to exclude some outreach services.
Drive time to shopping facilities	New computer model used for calculations. Change to dataset now means more regional centres included as shopping centres.
Drive time to a primary school	New computer model used for calculations.
Drive time to a secondary school	New computer model used for calculations.

Public transport sub-domain (2006 Weight = 0.25; 2009 Weight = 0.33)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Public transport time to a GP	New computer model used for calculations.
Public transport time to a post office	New computer model used for calculations. Definition of post offices changed to exclude some outreach services.
Public transport time to shopping facilities	New computer model used for calculations. Change to dataset now means more regional centres included as shopping centres.

Crime domain (Weight = 2)	
2009 Indicators	Main reason for change from SIMD 2006
Recorded crimes of violence	Move to financial year to move in line with other published statistics. No change to indicator.
Recorded domestic housebreaking	Move to financial year to move in line with other published statistics. No change to indicator.
Recorded vandalism	Move to financial year to move in line with other published statistics. No change to indicator.
Recorded drug offences 2007/08	Move to financial year to move in line with other published statistics. No change to indicator.
Recorded minor assault	Move to financial year to move in line with other published indicators. No change to indicator.