

What is the child poverty challenge in Scotland?

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Addressing child poverty in Scotland



1 in 5 (220,000) children live in poverty in Scotland



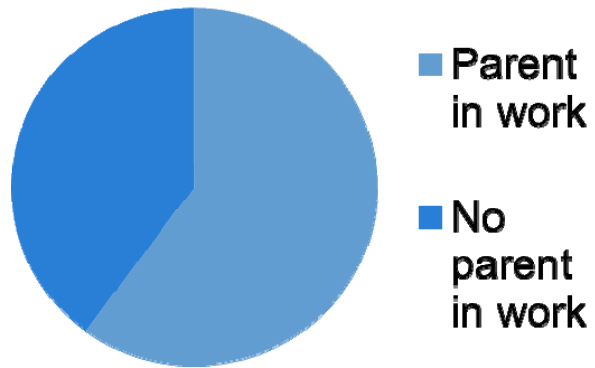
So what is the 'child poverty line' using a relative measure?

Lone parent with 2 kids £291 per week a week

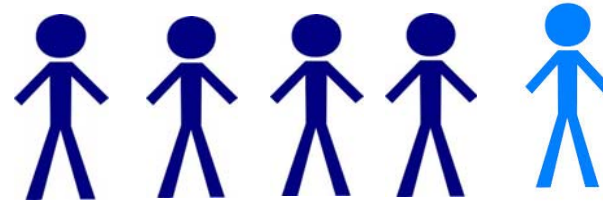
2 parent family (2 kids) £393 a week

Rates of child poverty in Scotland

Child Poverty



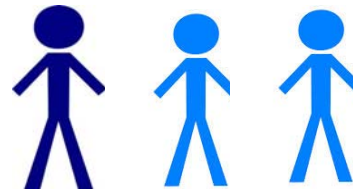
Overall: **1 in 5**



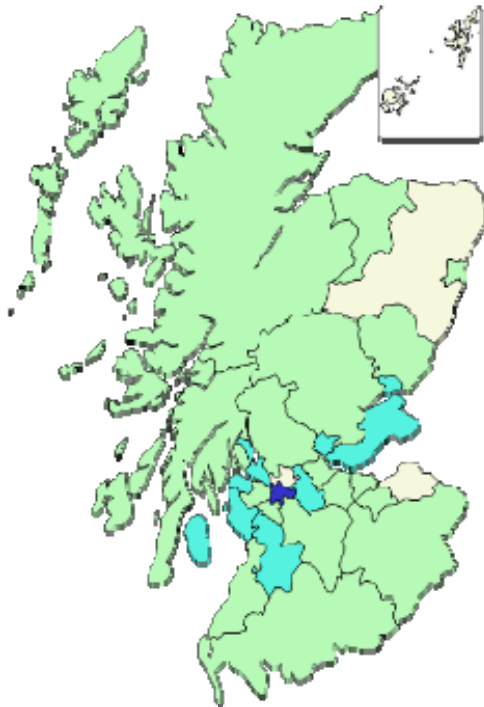
Disabled households: **1 in 3**



Lone parents: **2 in 3**



Child poverty rates (AHC)

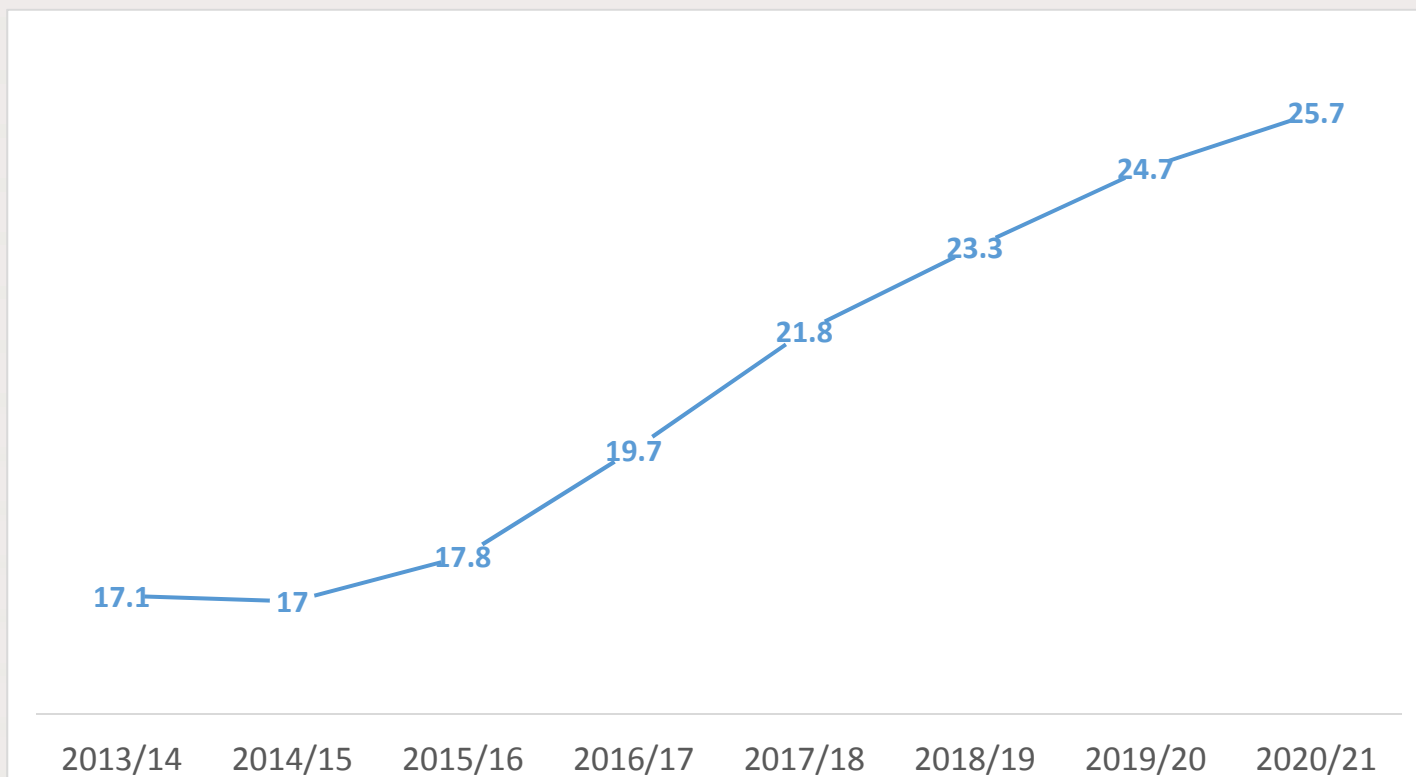


Glasgow City	34.05%
Linn	32 %
Newlands/Auldburn	31 %
Greater Pollok	33 %
Craigton	31 %
Govan	38 %
Pollokshields	33 %
Langside	25 %
Southside Central	40 %
Calton	43 %
Anderston/City	32 %
Hillhead	28 %
Partick West	25 %
Garscadden/Scotstounhill	35 %
Drumchapel/Anniesland	36 %
Maryhill/Kelvin	31 %
Canal	39 %
Springburn	42 %

Royal College of paediatrics and child health

Poverty is the “*biggest cause of poor health*” in society and “*children living in the most deprived areas are much more likely to be in poor health, be overweight or obese, suffer from asthma, have poorly managed diabetes, experience mental health problems, and die early.*”

Projected child poverty (%) BHC



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What difference can financial inclusion pathways make to increasing child poverty?

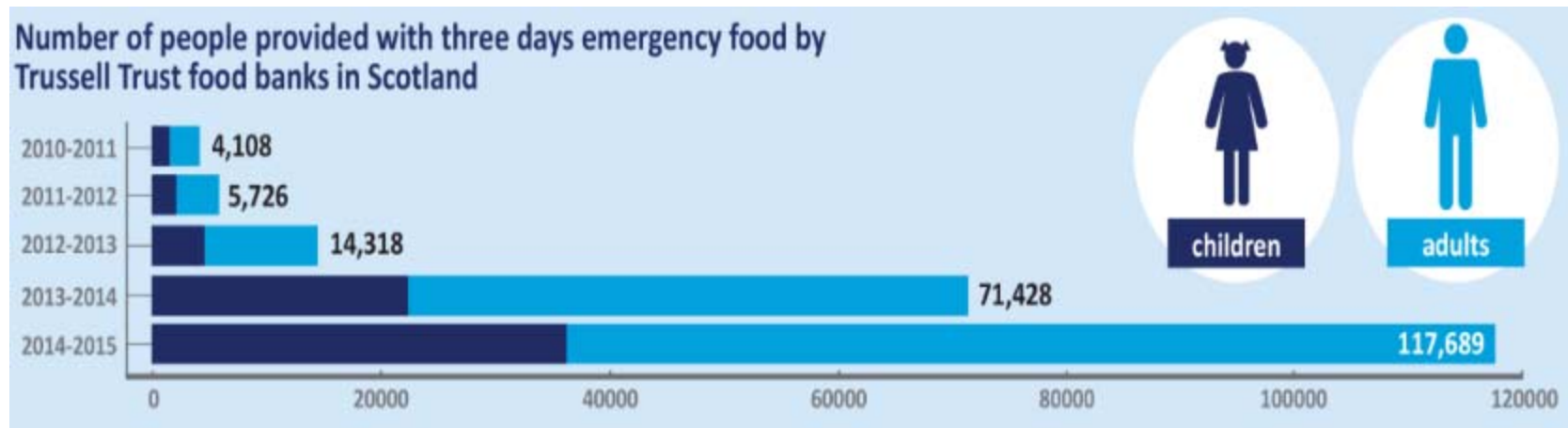
Much of the projected increase in child poverty is a direct result of ongoing social security reform

Access to advice can mitigate the effect of some of the worst reforms
e.g. the benefit cap

EWS case: A lone parent has four children between the age of one and ten, the youngest of whom has recently been diagnosed with a severe disability. The lower benefit cap limit means she will now be required to pay £172 a week.

To be able to work the client would require childcare for her four children, including someone who is specially trained to look after the child who is disabled.

INCOME CRISIS IN SCOTLAND



What difference can financial inclusion pathways make to increasing financial crisis?

Access to advice can help families avoid income crisis caused by delay, error and maladministration

EWS case: A lone parent with three children is having ongoing problems with her universal credit:

- she did not receive the housing element as she should have done
- her award did not change when she notified the DWP about the birth of her third child
- the bedroom tax continued to be applied despite the home no longer being under occupied
- wildly varying deductions (£16-£96) were made to her benefits with no explanation as to why.



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