

AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA CHARACTERISTICS	LAND AREA	% OF SHIRE TOTAL	POPULATION DENSITY
Formartine	827 km ² (319 miles ²)	13.1	50.3 persons per km ²
Aberdeenshire	6316 km ² (2437 miles ²)	100.0	39.2 persons per km ²

Source: Aberdeenshire Council Estimates

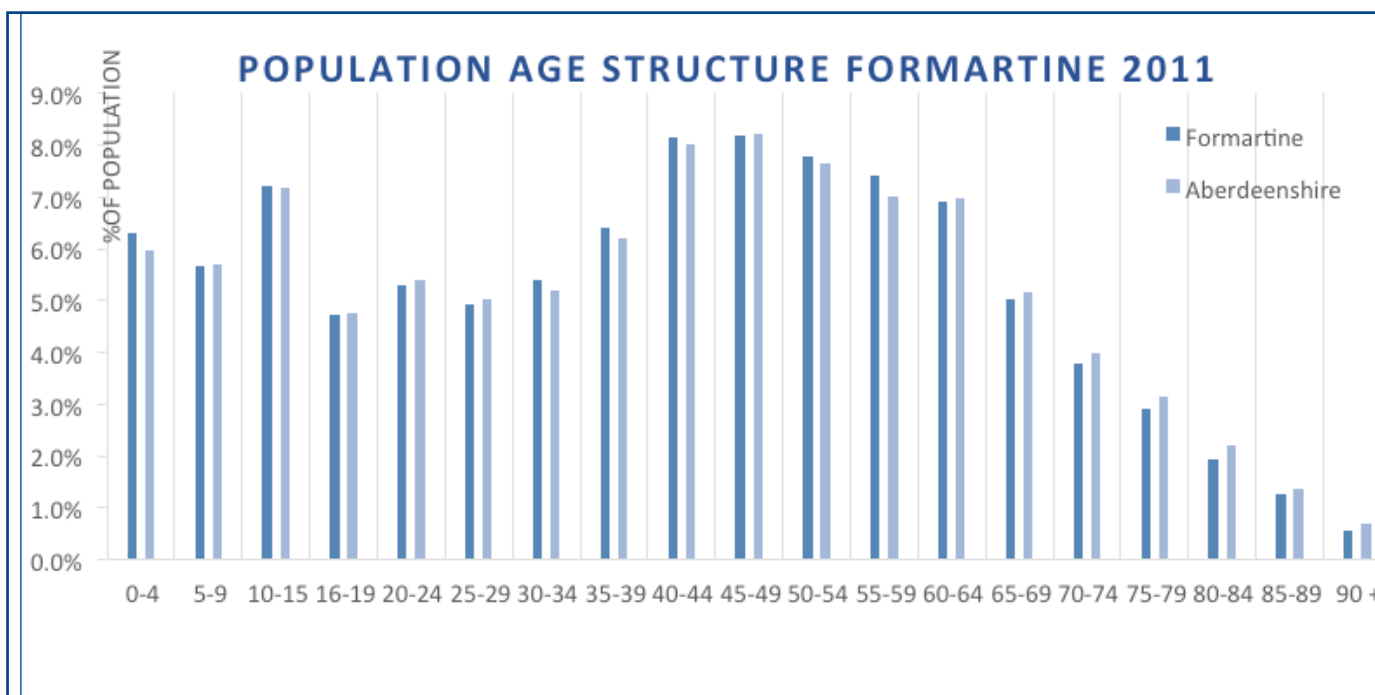
POPULATION

Formartine is one of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. In terms of size, the area encompasses 827 sq km (319 square miles) and represents just over 13% of the total council area, the second largest area behind Marr (2,982 sq km). For population density this measures at 50.3 persons per square kilometre, compared with 39.2 persons per square kilometre in Aberdeenshire, this is the second least-densely populated area. However, this is significantly more densely populated than the least densely populated, Marr (12.8 persons per square kilometre). Ellon (10,100) is the area's largest settlement and particularly the southern part of Formartine has much in common with Aberdeen City in terms of its economy, linked in with the oil and gas industry.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	ALL AGES	0-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Female	20,889	3,901	1,935	5,300	6,247	3,506
Male	20,723	4,101	2,243	5,065	6,378	2,936
% Ratio Female: Male	50: 50	49: 51	46: 54	51:49	49:51	54:46
Formartine total	41,612	8,002	4,178	10,365	12,625	6,442
Aberdeenshire total	247,600	46,747	25,146	60,598	74,014	41,095
Area As % Of Shire' total	16.8	17.1	16.6	17.1	17.1	15.7

Source: national records for scotland, population estimates 2011. Information is aggregated from multi-member ward data

Using 2011 estimates, the population for Formartine is 41,612, the median in terms of the six administrative areas. Additionally, Formartine's population is divided by a 50:50 gender ratio which is the same as neighbouring Buchan and Kincardine and Mearns and is very similar to the Aberdeenshire average of 50.3% female and 49.7% male.



The population age structure of Formartine is more similar to Aberdeenshire as a whole when compared to Banff and Buchan and Buchan for instance. However, there are some differences to be explored here. First, Formartine does not have as much of an elderly population as Aberdeenshire. From 60 onwards Aberdeenshire possesses a higher percentage of elderly residents' through to the 90+ age group. Second, Formartine also contains a greater percentage of young families compared to Aberdeenshire. In-between the ages of 30 and 45, Formartine clearly possesses higher percentages of these age groups when compared to Aberdeenshire. Third, Formartine has marginally higher percentages of children when measured against Aberdeenshire.

POPULATION OF MAIN TOWNS	2003	2012	2003-12 % CHANGE
Balmedie	1,850	2,520	36.2%
Cuminestown	*	540	N/A
Ellon	9,080	10,100	11.2%
Newburgh (Aberdeenshire)	1,310	1,470	12.2%
Oldmeldrum	1,960	3,230	64.8%
Pitmedden	1,250	1,420	13.6%
Potterton	790	920	16.5%
Rothienorman	520	1,060	103.8%
Tarves	930	1,000	7.5%
Turriff	4,510	5,060	12.2%

Source: national records for scotland, population estimates mid- 2012

The largest town in Formartine is Ellon with a population of 10,100 whilst Turriff (5,060) and Oldmeldrum (3,230) are also significant settlements within the vicinity. Additionally, all settlements over 500 in population in Formartine experienced population growth between 2003 and 2012, most considerably in Rothienorman (103.8%), Oldmeldrum (64.8%) and Balmedie (36.2%).

ECONOMY

INDUSTRY SECTORS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	% OF AREA TOTAL	SHIRE %
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	89	3.3%	1.9%
Mining, quarrying & utilities	200	4.3%	5.3%
Manufacturing	2,239	20.9%	14.1%
Construction	1,270	7.3%	8.0%
Motor trades	248	2.3%	1.7%
Wholesale	521	3.9%	3.5%
Retail	1,176	9.7%	10.0%
Transport & storage (inc. Postal	576	6.0%	4.1%
Accommodation & food services	1,204	6.3%	6.4%
Information & communication	127	0.5%	1.0%
Financial & insurance	90	0.5%	0.7%
Property	135	0.4%	0.8%
Professional, scientific & technical	1,370	5.5%	12.4%
Business admin & support services	698	6.3%	5.5%
Public administration & defence	301	4.9%	3.7%
Education	1,125	6.6%	7.3%
Health	1,250	8.2%	10.0%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	606	4.6%	3.9%
Total	13,225		13.1%

Source: business register and employment survey 2014, nomis

Like Buchan and Kincardine and Mearns, the highest proportion of Formartine's employment is in the manufacturing sector which employs 16.9% of the area's workforce. When compared to other administrative areas higher percentages of Formartine's workforce are concentrated in select industries such as Professional, scientific and technical (10.4%) Construction (9.6%) and Health (9.5%).

Whereas sectors that are more strongly represented in other administrative areas don't tend to be well-represented in Formartine. This includes Agriculture, forestry and fishing (0.7%) and Mining, quarrying and utilities (1.5%). Thus, it could be argued that like Garioch, Formartine has more of a service-based economy when compared to other administrative areas. This is likely to be due to Formartine's close proximity to Aberdeen City and is evidenced by the higher percentages of Professional, Scientific and Technical workers.

UNEMPLOYMENT Q1 (JAN-MARCH) 2016	AVERAGE COUNT (JAN-MARCH)	AVERAGE RATE (JAN-MARCH) (%)	% OF SHIRE TOTAL
Formartine	276	1.0	14.6
Aberdeenshire	1,894	1.2	N/A
Scotland	63,115	1.8	N/A

* Monthly average claimant rate for job seeker allowance

Source: national statistics 2014 (nomis). Information is aggregated from multi-member ward data

Formartine experiences the second lowest unemployment (Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)) rate out of the whole of Aberdeenshire. The area also saw the lowest percentage of rate increase in the first quarter of 2016 with the rate only rising by 0.1% during this period which included Ellon and District whose rate neither increased nor decreased during a testing economic period. However, for the twelve months between March 2015 and March 2016, this increased by 0.5% over the course of 12 months, matching the score of Buchan and with only Garioch and Kincardine and Mearns performing worse during this period.

HOUSING

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS	2005	2015	% CHANGE 2005-2015				
Housing stock	16,028	18,688	19.2%				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Recent completions	277	137	167	92	83	171	203
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Anticipated future development	133	209	279	252	165	159	177

Source: aberdeenshire council housing land audit 2016 (www.Aberdeenshire.Gov.Uk/statistics/hla/)

Formartine experienced the second-lowest percentage change in its housing stock between 2005 and 2015 out of Aberdeenshire's six administrative areas. A rate of 16.6% is most similar to Banff and Buchan (16.3%), however is some 7% less than the administrative area that experienced the highest increase in its amount of housing stock, Garioch (23.4%).

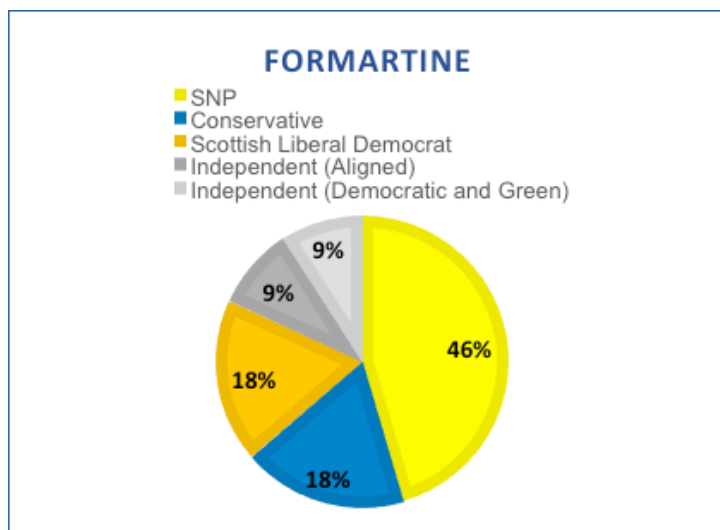
AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE 2013	FORMARTINE	ABERDEENSHIRE
	£218,741	£218,663

Source: scottish neighbourhood statistics 2013, information is aggregated from multi-member ward data

Formartine's average house price is the third lowest and closest to the average total out of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. With houses £60,000 on average more expensive than second lowest Buchan (£159,977) however approximately £15,000 less than the third most expensive area, Kincardine and Mearns (£234,868). Despite not possessing the lowest house prices in Aberdeenshire, the average house price in Formartine is still on average some £35,000 less than the highest prices in Marr (£254,896) and Garioch (£253,631) respectively.

SERVING FORMARTINE

Formartine area committee is composed of three multi-member wards: Turriff and District, Mid Formartine and Ellon and District. Politically, this area is overseen by 11 councillors: 5 SNP, 2 Conservative, 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Aligned Independent and 1 Democratic Independent and Green. The current area chair is Rob Merson (SNP) and the vice-chair is Paul Johnston (Democratic Independent and Green). The area is also served by 25 primary schools, 3 secondary schools, 2 public swimming pools, 5 public libraries and 6 GP surgeries.

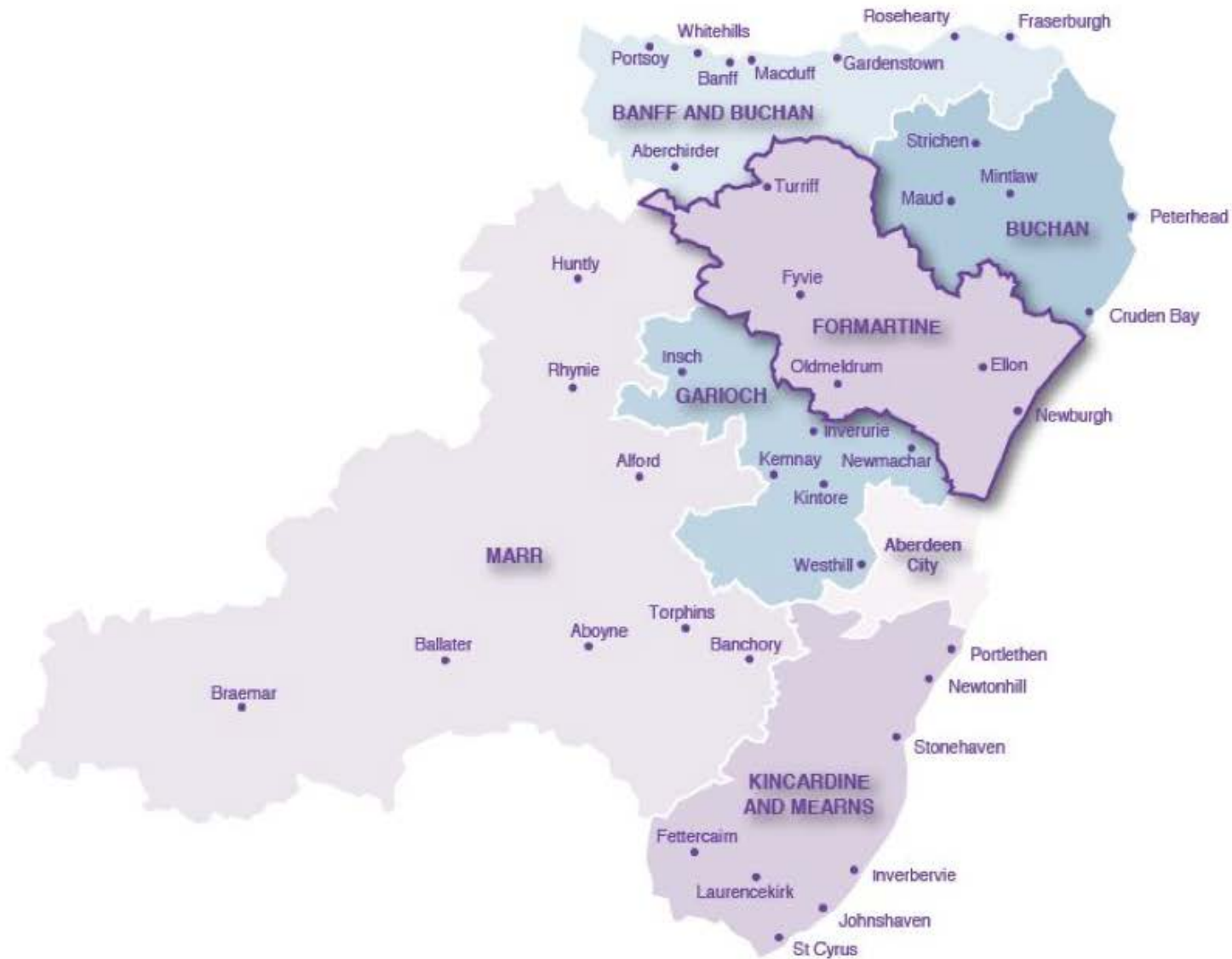


SERVICES AND FACILITIES	FORMARTINE	ABERDEENSHIRE
Primary schools	25	150
Secondary schools	3	17
Special needs schools	0	4
Public swimming pools	2	23
Public libraries	5	37, plus 4 mobile
Gp surgeries	6	36

Facilities refer to publically owned services

Source: www.Aberdeenshire.Gov.Uk/media/4696/20150227aberdeenshireservices.Pdf

ABERDEENSHIRE'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS: FORMARTINE



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