



AREA CHARACTERISTICS

AREA CHARACTERISTICS	LAND AREA	% OF SHIRE TOTAL	POPULATION DENSITY
Banff and Buchan	617 km ² (238 miles ²)	9.8	57.2 persons per km ²
Aberdeenshire	6316 km ² (2437 miles ²)	100.0	39.2 persons per km ²

Source: Aberdeenshire Council Estimates

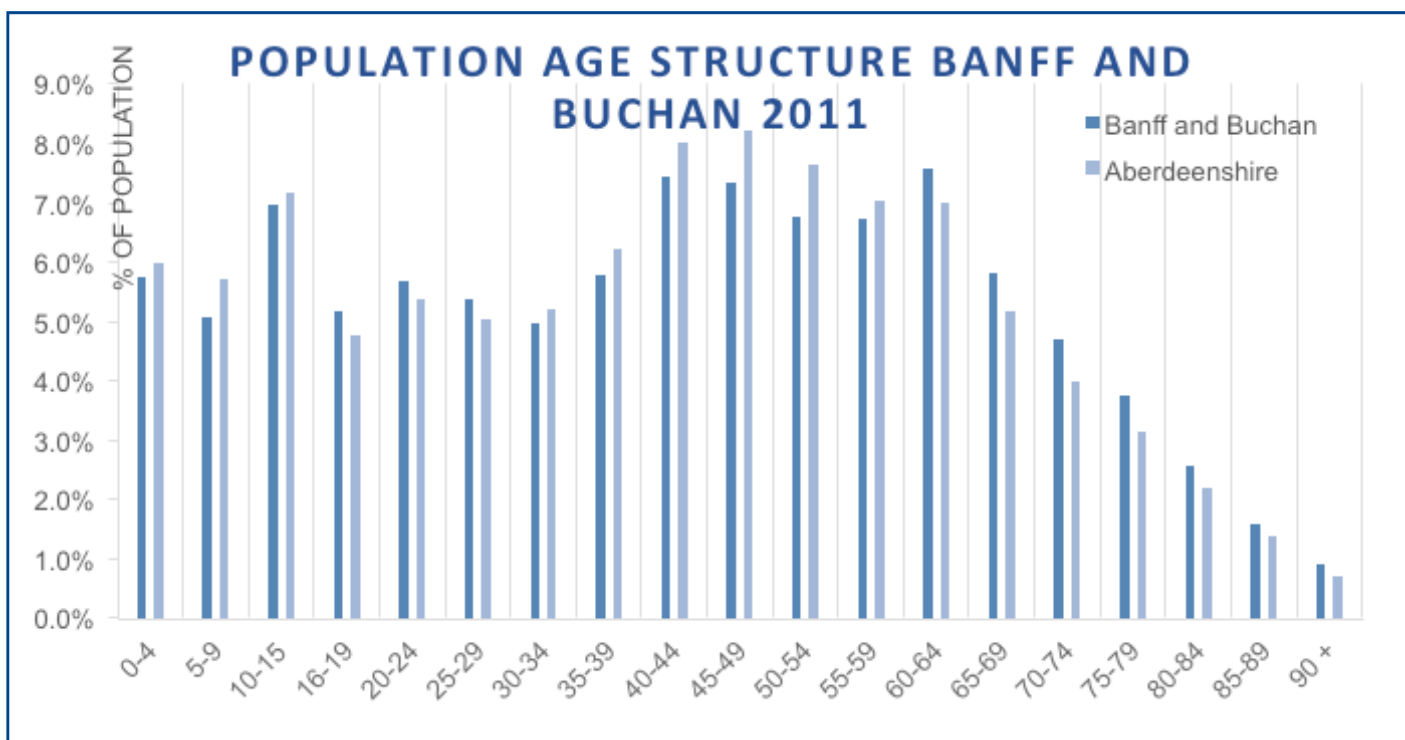
Banff and Buchan is one of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. In terms of size, the area encompasses 617 sq km (238 square miles) and represents just under 10% of the total council area, one of the smaller administrative areas. For population density this measures at 57.2 persons per square kilometre, compared with 39.2 persons per square kilometre in Aberdeenshire as a whole, this is the joint-second most densely populated area alongside neighbouring Buchan. The area's larger settlements are focused around a 77km coastline of which, fishing and tourism and agriculture traditionally played a major role in the local economy.

POPULATION

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	ALL AGES	0-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65+
Female	17,897	2,990	1,872	4,190	5,099	3,746
Male	17,380	3,283	1,960	4,114	4,935	3,088
% Ratio Female: Male	51:49	48:52	49:51	50:50	51:49	55:45
Banff & Buchan total	35,277	6,273	3,832	8,304	10,034	6,834
Aberdeenshire total	247,600	46,747	25,146	60,598	74,014	41,095
Area As % Of Shire' total	14.2	13.4	15.2	13.7	13.6	16.6

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

Using 2011 estimates, the population for Banff and Buchan is 35,277, the smallest administrative area in terms of population. Additionally, Banff and Buchan's population is divided by a 51:49 gender ratio, the same as Garioch and Marr which means there are marginally fewer men and slightly more women in the area compared to Aberdeenshire as a whole.



The age structure of Banff and Buchan varies from Aberdeenshire in different ways. First, there are clearly a higher proportion of elderly people living in Banff and Buchan when compared to Aberdeenshire, from 60 onwards Banff and Buchan outperforms the Shire in every following age group. Second, there are higher proportions of people with young families and children in Aberdeenshire as a whole with the Shire outperforming Banff and Buchan for every age group between 30 and 60. Third, similarly there are slightly higher proportions of children and teenagers in Aberdeenshire as a whole when compared to Banff and Buchan.

POPULATION OF MAIN TOWNS	2003	2012	2003-12 % CHANGE
Aberchirder	1,150	1,250	8.7
Banff	3,930	4,020	2.3
Inverallochy and Cairnbulg	1,170	1,340	14.5
Fraserburgh	12,180	13,140	7.9
Gardenstown	760	670	-11.8
Macduff	3,740	4,030	7.8
Portsoy	1,740	1,730	-0.6
Rosehearty	1,190	1,320	10.9
Sandhaven	680	820	20.6
Whitehills	1,010	1,140	12.9

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

The largest town in Banff and Buchan is Fraserburgh with a population of 13,140 whilst Banff (4,020) and Macduff (4,030) are also significant settlements which are located directly next to one another. Additionally, most settlements here underwent a population growth between 2003 and 2012, most notably Sandhaven (20.6%) and Inverallochy and Cairnbulg (14.5%), Gardenstown (-11.8) lost residents as did Portsoy (-0.6%) during this period.

ECONOMY

INDUSTRY SECTORS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	% OF AREA TOTAL	SHIRE %
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	782	5.6%	1.9%
Mining, quarrying & utilities	221	1.6%	5.3%
Manufacturing	2,503	17.9%	14.1%
Construction	643	4.6%	8.0%
Motor trades	293	2.1%	1.7%
Wholesale	436	3.1%	3.5%
Retail	1,578	11.3%	10.0%
Transport & storage (inc. Postal	661	4.7%	4.1%
Accommodation & food services	796	5.7%	6.4%
Information & communication	33	0.2%	1.0%
Financial & insurance	75	0.5%	0.7%
Property	27	0.2%	0.8%
Professional, scientific & technical	517	3.7%	12.4%
Business admin & support services	765	5.5%	5.5%
Public administration & defence	927	6.6%	3.7%
Education	1,132	8.1%	7.3%
Health	2,127	15.2%	10.0%
Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services	500	3.6%	3.9%
Total	14,006		13.9%

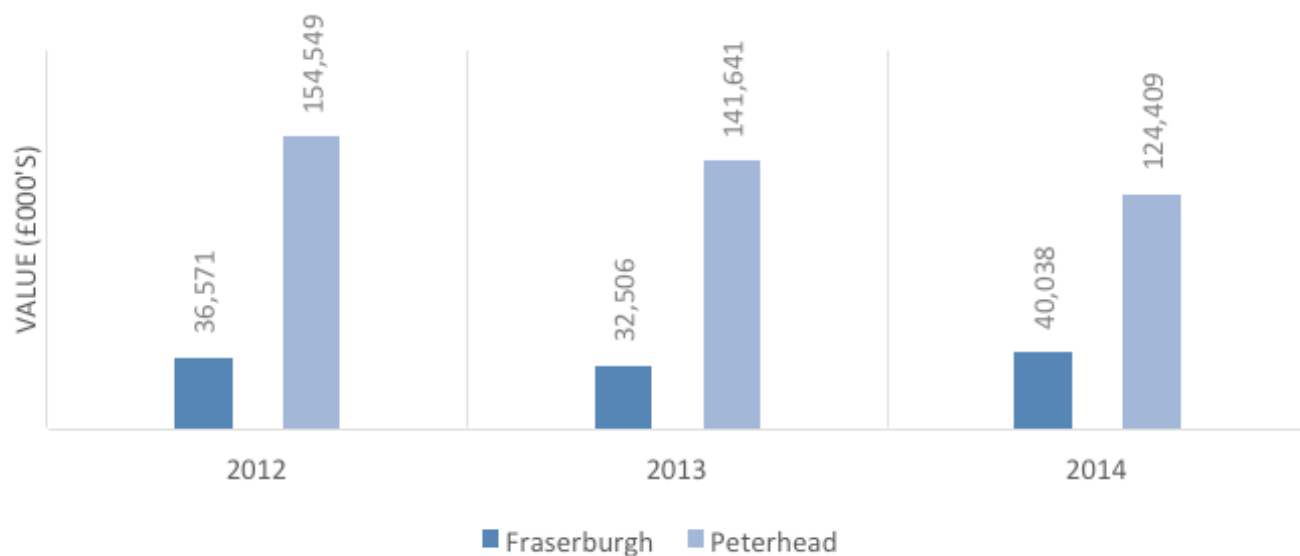
Source: business register and employment survey 2014, nomis

The highest proportion of Banff and Buchan's employment is in the manufacturing sector which employs 17.9% of the area's workforce which is similar to Buchan, Formartine and Kincardine and Mearns. While, significant percentages also work in health (15.2%), and retail (11.3%) within Banff and Buchan's jurisdiction.

The amount of fish caught in Aberdeenshire has increased more recently and has been reflected in Banff and Buchan too as the value of fish landings in the Fraserburgh area (which also includes Gardenstown, Rosehearty, Sandhaven and Whitehills) increased by 23.2% between 2013 and 2014.

In addition, tourism plays a role in the economy of Banff and Buchan. This is largely concentrated around the area's 77km coastline of which the Banffshire stretch between Cullen in Moray and Pennan in Aberdeenshire has been voted as one of the top 20 most iconic coastlines in the world in a National Geographic survey. Also, this is reinforced by a 5.7% employment rate in accommodation and food sectors in the area. While, the 5.6% employed in agriculture, forestry and fishing is virtually accounted for by the 781 people employed in the Fraserburgh area.

VALUE (£000'S) OF FISH LANDINGS IN FRASERBURGH AND PETERHEAD



UNEMPLOYMENT Q1 (JAN-MARCH) 2016	AVERAGE COUNT (JAN-MARCH)	AVERAGE RATE (JAN-MARCH) (%)	% OF SHIRE TOTAL
Banff & Buchan	345	1.5	18.2
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

Banff and Buchan experiences the joint-highest unemployment (Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)) rates out of the whole of Aberdeenshire alongside Buchan. The area also experienced the highest percentage of rate increase in the first quarter of 2016 with the number of claimants increasing by 0.6% during this period. However, in contrast, between March 2015 and March 2016 Banff and Buchan experienced the joint-lowest rate of increase of 0.3% alongside Marr. This includes the ward of Troup which underwent the lowest increase (0.1%) of any multi-member ward in Aberdeenshire during this 12 month period, possibly linked to improvements in the fishing industry.

HOUSING

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS	2005	2015	% CHANGE 2005-2015				
Housing stock	15,418	17,428	16.3%				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Recent completions	148	154	123	121	41	78	105
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Anticipated future development	121	81	99	78	71	78	75

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

Banff and Buchan’s housing stock increased by 16.3% between 2005 and 2015. A rate of 16.3% is the same as Formartine (16.3%) and is some 7% less than the administrative area that experienced the highest increase in its amount of housing stock, Garioch (23.4%).

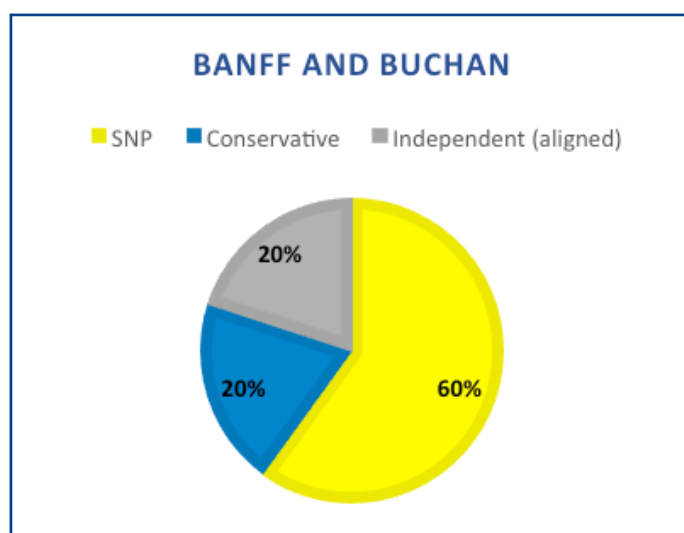
AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE 2013	BANFF & BUCHAN	ABERDEENSHIRE
	£132,263	£218,663

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

Banff and Buchan’s average house price is the lowest out of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. Similar somewhat to neighbouring Buchan (£159,977) but still £25,000 less expensive, the more affordable housing in Aberdeenshire typically has more in common with northern and eastern locations. This is in stark contrast to further south and west, particularly in Garioch (£253,631) and Marr (£254,896) where houses are on average £120,000 more expensive compared to Banff and Buchan.

SERVING BANFF & BUCHAN

Banff and Buchan area committee is composed of three multi-member wards: Banff and District, Troup and Fraserburgh and District. Politically, this area is overseen by 10 councillors; 6 SNP, 2 Conservative and 2 Aligned Independent. The current area chair is John Cox (SNP) and the vice-chair is Brian Topping (SNP). The area is also served by 19 primary schools, 2 secondary schools, 1 special needs school, 2 public swimming pools, 9 public libraries and 8 GP surgeries.

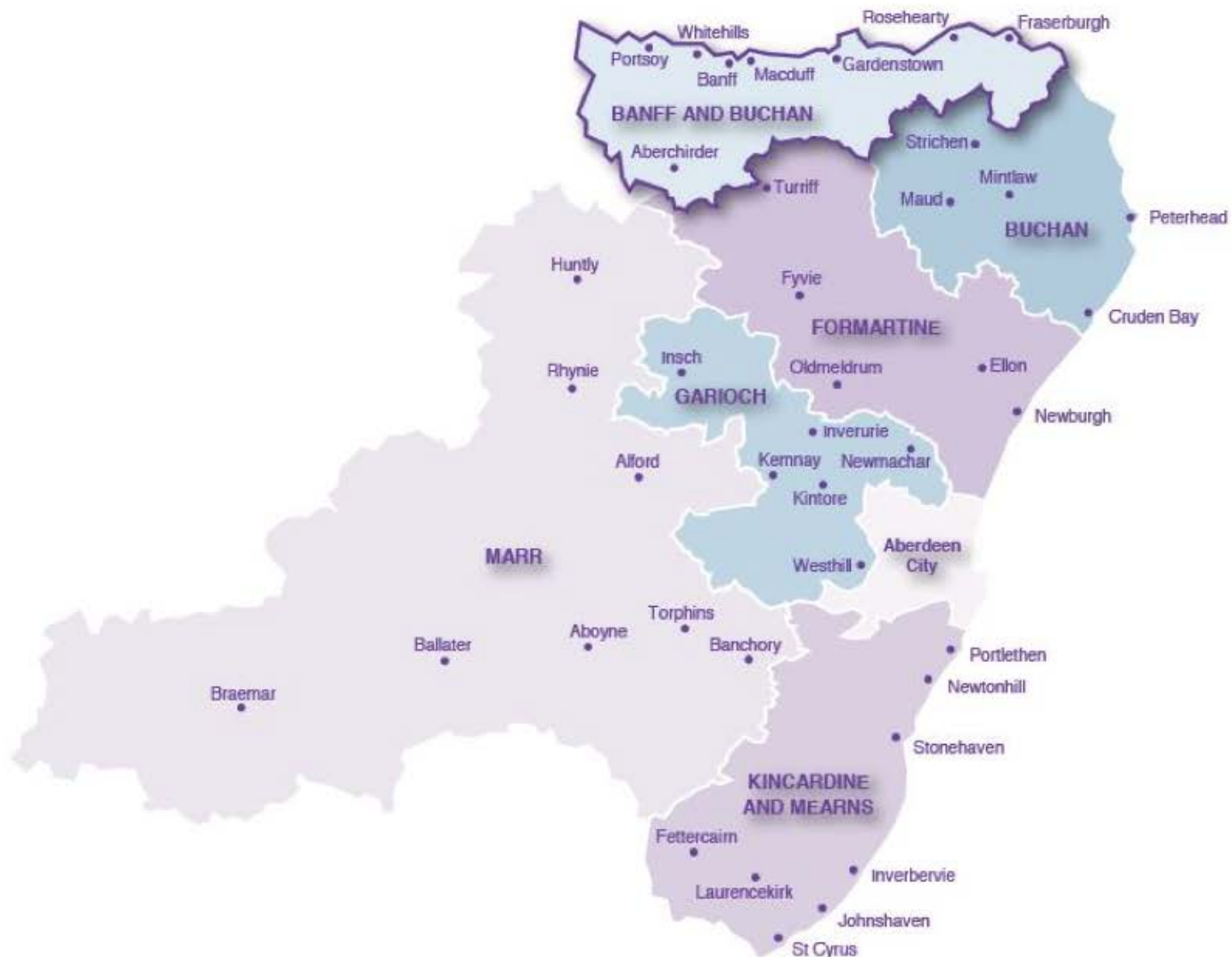


SERVICES AND FACILITIES	BANFF& BUCHAN	ABERDEENSHIRE
Primary schools	19	150
Secondary schools	2	17
Special needs schools	1	4
Public swimming pools	2	23
Public libraries	9	37, plus 4 mobile
Gp surgeries	8	36

Facilities refer to publically owned services

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

ABERDEENSHIRE'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS: BANFF AND BUCHAN



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