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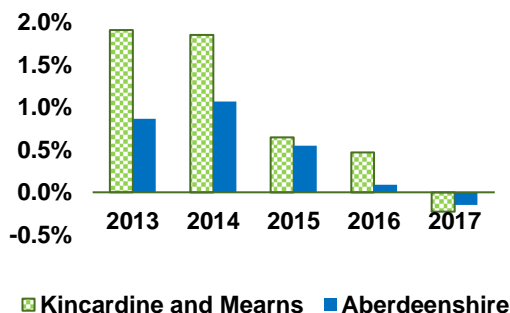
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Kincardine and Mearns is one of six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. It covers 756 sq km (292 square miles) which is 12% of the council area and is the third largest administrative area in Aberdeenshire. Situated in the south east of the local authority, its larger settlements lie along the coast.

Population

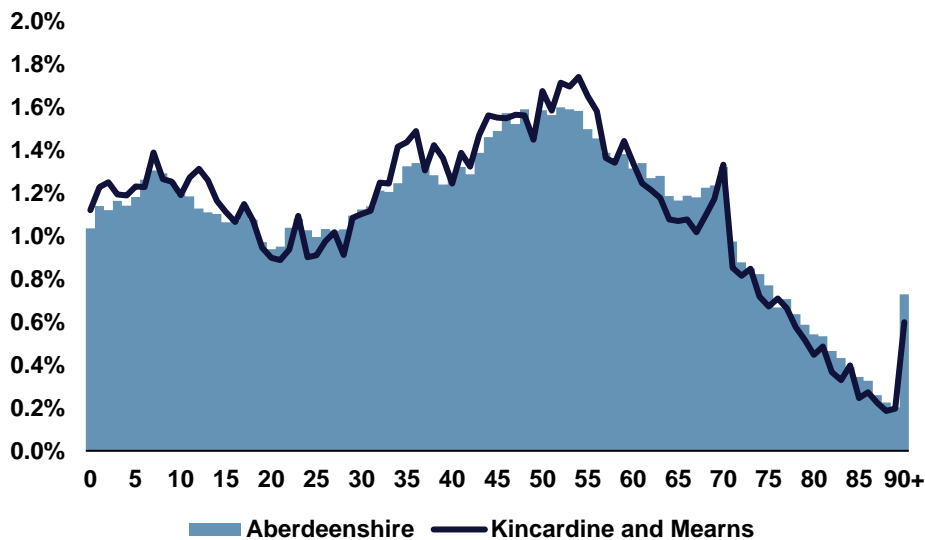
In 2017 the population of Kincardine and Mearns was 45,285. Between 2012 and 2017 the population increased by 2,042 people or 4.7% and Kincardine and Mearns' share of the total Aberdeenshire's population increased from 16.9% to 17.3%. With the exception of 2017 the population increased each year. Aberdeenshire's overall population fell in 2017 by 0.1% but had increased over this time period until then. Kincardine and Mearns contains the ward which saw the greatest rate of population increase in Aberdeenshire. The population in North Kincardine increased by 1,641 or 11.5% between 2012 and 2017, accounting for more than 25% of the total increase in population in Aberdeenshire.



Annual Population Change

Age Structure 2017

This graph shows the share of the total population of each year age group for Kincardine & Mearns and for Aberdeenshire. For example, people aged 34 make up 1.4% of the population in Kincardine & Mearns and 1.2% of the population in Aberdeenshire. It shows that Kincardine and Mearns has proportionally more people aged less than 17 and aged 32 to 58, and a slightly lower proportion of people aged 65 and over than Aberdeenshire overall.



Settlements

The largest town in Kincardine and Mearns is Stonehaven with a population of over 11,000 people. There are another ten towns and villages with a population of over 500 and almost 75% of the population in Kincardine and Mearns lives in settlements of this size. 51% of people live in communities of over 3,000.

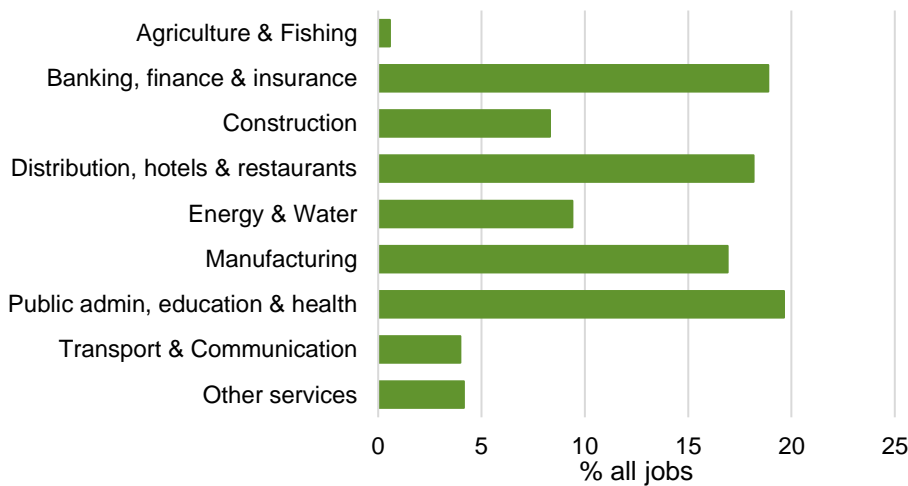
	2016	2006	% change 2006 -16
Auchenblae	560	*	N/A
Drumoak	950	810	17.3
Gourdon	860	640	34.4
Inverbervie	2,410	1,990	21.1
Johnshaven	650	690	-5.8
Laurencekirk	3,040	2,120	43.4
Marywell	600	*	N/A
Newtonhill	3,140	3,140	0.0
Portlethen	9,090	6,760	34.5
St Cyrus	1,160	930	24.7
Stonehaven	11,170	10,090	10.7

* Figure not available as population under 500

Source: National Records of Scotland, Mid-year Population Estimates for Settlements and Localities

Economy

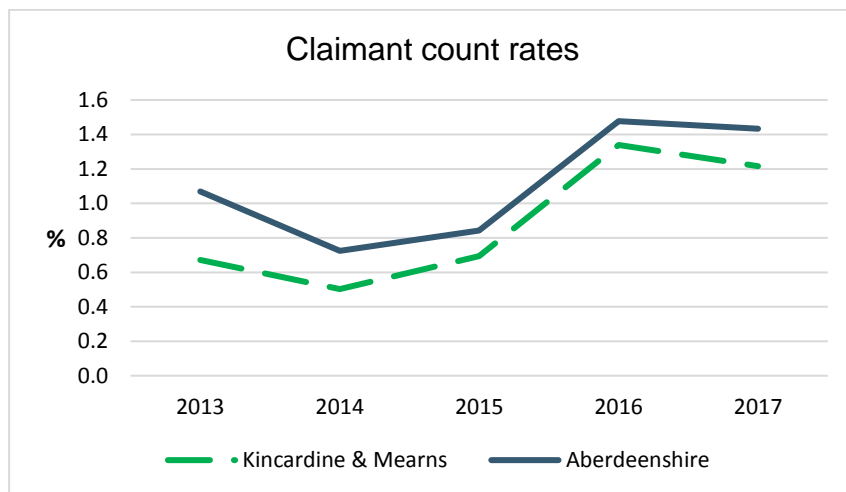
The Kincardine and Mearns economy supports 16,850 jobs, not including self-employment. The largest sector, by percent of all jobs, is the public administration, education and health sector, which contains almost 20% of all jobs. However compared to Aberdeenshire overall (24%) there are fewer jobs in this sector and proportionately more in banking, finance and insurance, 19% compared to 12%. However the sector which is most different to Aberdeenshire is manufacturing. 7.2% of all jobs in Aberdeenshire lie within the manufacturing sector but in Kincardine and Mearns this figure is 17%.



Source: Business Register and Employment Survey 2017

Unemployment

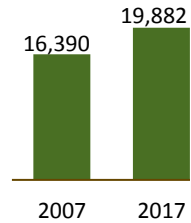
The claimant count rate in Kincardine and Mearns is one of the lowest in the country. Although it rose between 2014 and 2016 it was never above 1.6% and over the last five years has always been lower than the Aberdeenshire rate. However the effect of the collapse in oil price in 2014 can still be seen; it has not yet returned to its 2013 level.



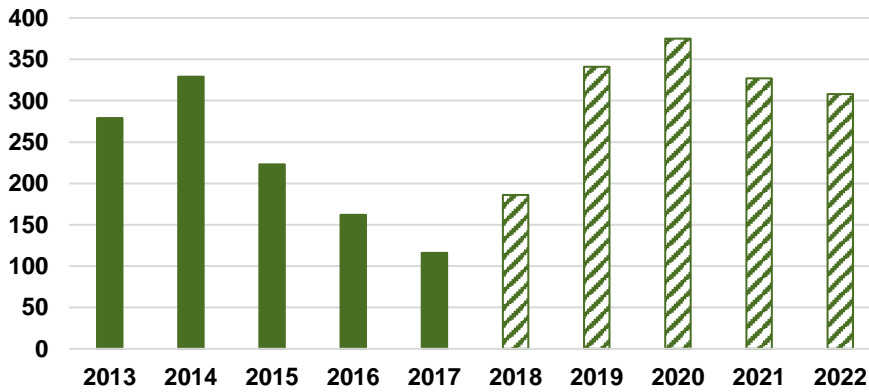
Housing

Housing Stock

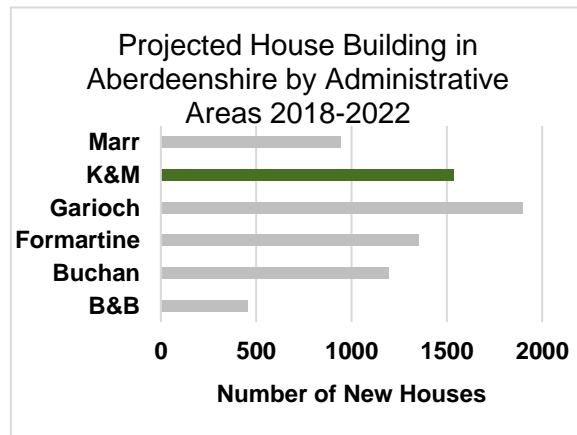
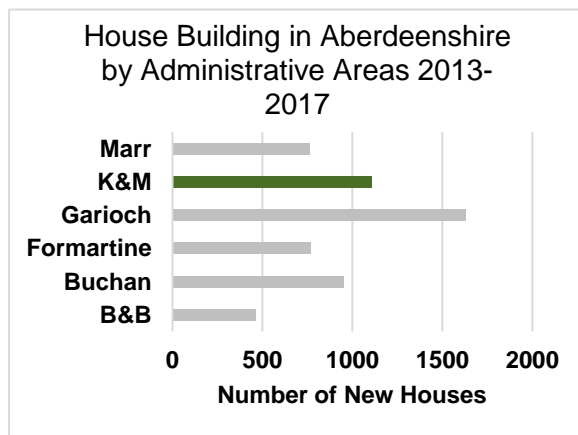
Kincardine and Mearns housing stock increased by 21% between 2007 and 2017, above the average increase for Aberdeenshire of 18%. In recent years new house building has primarily taken place in the towns of Portlethen, Stonehaven and Chapelton, and the overall numbers built have been the second highest of all the administrative areas after Garioch.



Kincardine and Mearns House Build - past and projected figures



New house building over the next five years from 2018 to 2022 is projected to increase. Chapelton and Stonehaven will continue to grow, and Laurencekirk as well is expected to expand.



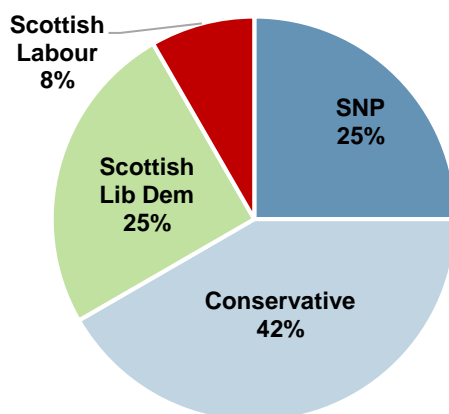
Average house prices

In 2016 the average house price in Kincardine and Mearns was £244,673. This was 12% higher than the average Aberdeenshire house price of £217,832.

Serving Kincardine and Mearns

Kincardine and Mearns Area Committee

Kincardine and Mearns area committee is composed of three multi-member wards: North Kincardine, Stonehaven and Lower Deeside and Mearns. Politically, this area is overseen by 12 councillors: 5 Conservative, 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 SNP and 1 Scottish Labour. The current chair is Wendy Agnew (Con) and the vice-chair is Ian Mollison (Scot Lib Dem).



Community Planning

Kincardine and Mearns Community Planning Group (KMCPG) consists of members from a wide range of local and Aberdeenshire-wide partner organisations and public sector organisations, working together to achieve the best quality of life for everyone in Kincardine and Mearns. The Kincardine and Mearns Local Community Plan outlines the key priorities for the area and more information about it and the KMCPG can be found on the Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership website.

Publicly owned facilities and services

Kincardine and Mearns 2018			
Primary Schools	24	GP Surgeries	5
Secondary Schools	3	Leisure Centres and Swimming Pools	5
Special Needs Schools	1	Police Stations	3
Community Centres	3	Fire Stations	3
Public Libraries	6		
<i>Sources: Aberdeenshire Council, NHS Grampian, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service</i>			

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