

FAMILY GROUPS

Why do we use family groups?

To understand why variations in cost and performance are occurring, councils work together to 'drill-down' into the benchmarking data across service areas. This process has been organised around 'family groups' of councils so that we are comparing councils that are similar in terms of the type of population that they serve (e.g. relative deprivation and affluence) and the type of area in which they serve them (e.g. urban, semi-rural, rural). The point of comparing like with like is that this is more likely to lead to useful learning and improvement.

These councils are grouped by the type of population they serve, e.g. level of deprivation and affluence.

| Family Groupings for Children, Social Work and Housing indicators | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Family Group 1 | Family Group 2 | Family Group 3 | Family Group 4 |
| East Renfrewshire | Stirling | Falkirk | Eilean Siar |
| East Dunbartonshire | Moray | Dumfries & Galloway | Dundee City |
| Aberdeenshire | East Lothian | Fife | East Ayrshire |
| Edinburgh, City of | Angus | South Ayrshire | North Ayrshire |
| Perth & Kinross | Scottish Borders | West Lothian | North Lanarkshire |
| Aberdeen City | Highland | South Lanarkshire | Inverclyde |
| Shetland Islands | Argyll & Bute | Renfrewshire | West Dunbartonshire |
| Orkney Islands | Midlothian | Clackmannanshire | Glasgow City |

Least deprived Most deprived

These councils are grouped by the type of area they serve, e.g. rural, semi-rural and urban.

| Environmental, Culture & Leisure, Economic Development, Corporate & Property indicators | | | |
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| Family Group 1 | Family Group 2 | Family Group 3 | Family Group 4 |
| Eilean Siar | Stirling | Angus | North Lanarkshire |
| Argyll & Bute | Perth & Kinross | Clackmannanshire | Falkirk |
| Shetland Islands | Moray | Midlothian | East Dunbartonshire |
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