

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2015 is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas (Lower Super Output Areas) in England. Data source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/english-indices-of-deprivation>.

The IMD ranks every small area in England from 1 (most deprived area) to 32,844 (least deprived area). It is common to describe how relatively deprived a small area is by saying whether it falls among the most deprived 10 or 20 per cent of small areas in England (although there is no definitive cut-off at which an area is described as ‘deprived’).

This paper presents a ‘first-glance’ summary of the IMD 2015 in Torbay. Only the multiple measure of deprivation (which includes income, employment, health, education, barriers, crime and living deprivation) is reported here.

Key findings

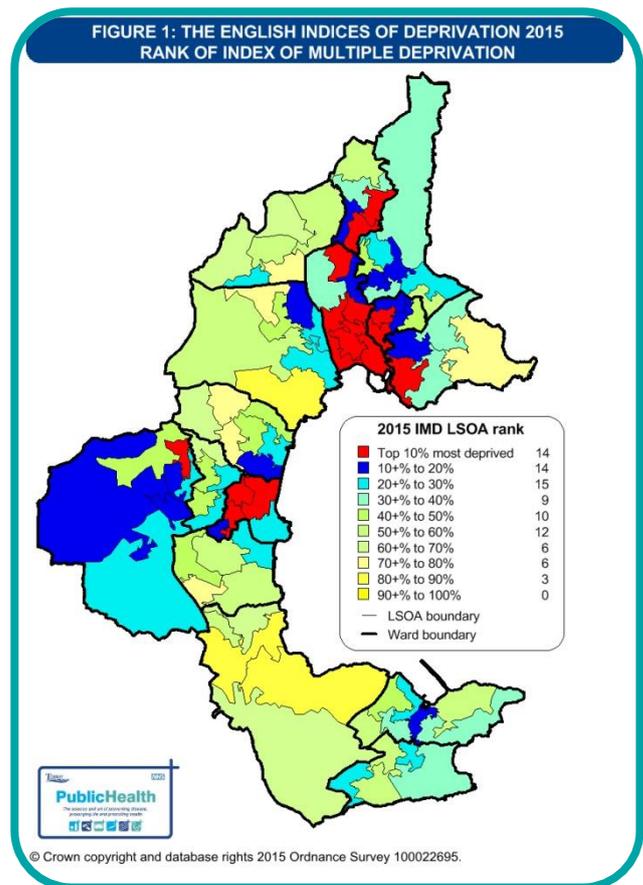
- Levels of deprivation have increased in Torbay.
- Torbay is amongst the top 15% most deprived district local authorities in England (46th out of 326).
- Torbay is the most deprived district local authority in the South West region.
- There has been a 75% increase in Torbay residents living in areas amongst the top 20% most deprived in England (16 LSOAs in 2010 to 28 LSOAs in 2015).
- Almost 1 in 3 (31.5% - 42,050) residents live in areas amongst the 20% most deprived in England.

District local authority comparison

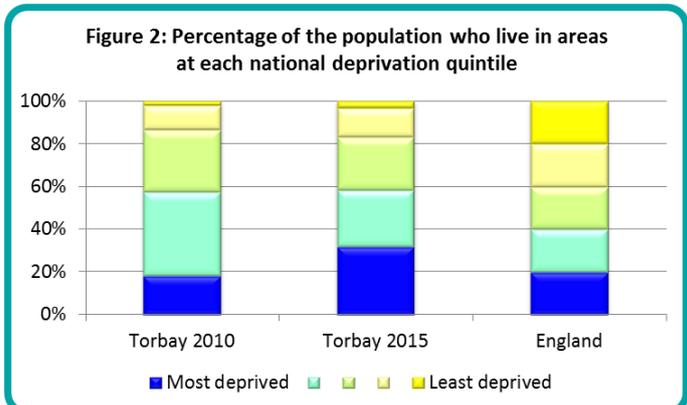
A rank of 1 represents the most deprived district local authority in England, Torbay ranks 46 out of 326 (Table 1). Torbay is the most deprived district area in the South West based on rank of average rank and rank of average score.

Table 1	Year	Rank of average rank	Rank of average score	Total district LAs
England	2015	46	46	326
	2010	49	61	326
South West	2015	1	1	37
	2010	2	1	37

The most deprived small areas (LSOAs) in Torbay are shown in red (top 10%) and navy (10+ to 20%) in Figure 1. Compared to 2010, there is a greater concentration of more deprived areas in the town centre of Torquay.



Torbay has a larger proportion of residents living in the top 20% most deprived quintile compared to 2010.



Further analysis will be published in October 2015. For queries please contact: rachel.bell@torbay.gcsx.gov.uk