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WHAT IS

Area Deprivation

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Measuring deprivation by area means looking at the **geographical patterns of poverty** and resources, which can be used to make policy decisions about what support is needed and where.



Area deprivation allows us to look at

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the places where poverty is concentrated. It does this by using a number of different measurements, some of which consider poverty directly – looking at income levels for individuals and families, for example – and others which **look at outcomes from experiences of poverty**, such as health.



It also includes

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measures that look at what resources are available in different areas – whether there are shops, schools, GPs or green spaces, for example.



Describing an area

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as being more or less deprived doesn't mean that everyone who lives there will have the same experience, but it does help to target resources where they are most needed.



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Thanks for reading

*In the next explainer, we will look at the most used measure of area deprivation in Scotland: **the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.***

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