The English Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2015

The official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in England

7 domains of deprivation included in the Index:

- Income 22.5%
- Employment 22.5%
- Education 13.5%
- Health 13.5%
- Crime 9.3%
- Barriers to housing & services 9.3%
- Living environment 9.3%

The IMD ranks each small area in England from:

1st most deprived area to 32,844th least deprived area

32,844 small areas (called Lower-layer Super Output Areas) in England with an average of 1,500 residents each

HOW CAN IT BE USED?

- comparing small areas across England
- identifying the most deprived small areas
- exploring the domains (or types) of deprivation
- comparing larger areas e.g. local authorities
- looking at changes in relative deprivation between versions (i.e. changes in ranks)

- quantifying how deprived a small area is
- identifying deprived people
- saying how affluent a place is
- comparing with small areas in other UK countries
- measuring real change in deprivation over time

Find out more in our guidance note:
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Findings are available at:

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