

Aberdeen Outcomes Framework:

August/September 2025 Data Alert

Performance Improving	↑	Performance Declining	↓	Performance Steady/fluctuating	→
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Stretch Outcome	Indicator	Date of update	Performance Trend	Note	Narrative/ Service Response
PNA	Population Estimates	14/08/2025		At mid-2024, the population of Aberdeen City was estimated at 231,780 – up from the revised estimate for mid-2023 of 229,360.	
PNA	Migration	14/08/2025		Net migration between 2023-2024 was 2,680 – lower than the revised figure for 2022-2023 of 5,420.	
SO2	Claimant Count	22/08/2024	→	In July 2025, there were 5,315 claimants in Aberdeen City – down slightly from 5,335 in June.	
SO2	Priority IZ Claimants	22/08/2024	→	In July 2025, there were 2,505 claimants in priority IZs – similar to the figure for June of 2,500.	
SO1	Universal credit	22/08/2024	↓	In July 2025, there were 23,444 people on Universal Credit – up from 22,874 in June.	
SO2	Employment rate – ethnic minority	22/08/2025	↑	In the period Apr 2024-Mar 2025, the employment rate for ethnic minorities was 69.2% - up from 66.4% in the period Jan-Dec 2024	

				and higher than the rate for Scotland of 65.8%.	
SO2	Business gateway start-ups	22/08/2025	↓	In 2024/25 there were 300 Business Gateway Start-ups in Aberdeen City, equivalent to a rate of 13.2 per 10,000 population. This is lower than the rate for 2023/24 of 17.1 per 10,000 population but higher than the rate for Scotland of 12.4.	
SO2	Modern Apprenticeships	22/08/2025	↑	In 2024/25, there were 796 MA starts – up from 746 in 2023/24. In the first quarter of 2025-26, 74.7% of leavers successfully achieved a Modern Apprenticeship – down from 77.1% in the last quarter of 2024/25.	
SO7	Young people referred to Children's Reporter on offence grounds	22/08/2025	↓	In 2024/25, there were 124 young people referred to the Children's Reporter on offence grounds – up slightly from 121 in 2023/24.	
SO7	Joint report to SCRA and PF	22/08/2025	→	In 2024/25 there were 83 young people who were jointly reported to the Children's Reporter and the Procurator Fiscal – down slightly from 85 in 2023/24.	
SO10	Women smoking in pregnancy by SIMD	22/08/2025	→	Smoking during pregnancy varies by SIMD. In 2022-24, the rate ranged from a high of 24.2% in SIMD 1 (most deprived) to a low of 2.4% in SIMD 5 (least deprived).	

SO5	Looked after school leavers in a positive destination at follow-up	26/08/2025	→	In 2023/24, 60% of looked after leavers in Aberdeen City were in a positive destination at follow-up – lower than the rate of 81.3% for 2022/23 and lower than the rate for Scotland of 72.4%	
SO5	Looked after school leavers – 1 or more qualifications at SCQF level 3	26/08/2025	↓	In 2023/24, 78.4% of looked after school leavers had 1 or more qualifications at SCQF level 3 – down from 84.4% in 2022/23 and lower than the rate for Scotland of 84.7%.	
SO5	Looked after school leavers with 1 or more qualifications at SCQF level 4	26/08/2025	→	In 2023/24, 70.3% of looked after school leavers had 1 or more qualifications at SCQF level 4 – up from 68.8% in 2022/23 but lower than the rate for Scotland of 72.4%.	
SO11	Drug related deaths	02/09/2025	→	In 2024 there were 44 drug-related deaths in Aberdeen City – down from 54 deaths in 2023. Of the 44 deaths in 2024, 30 were male and 14 were female. In the period 2020-24, the age standardised rate of drug-related deaths was 23.3 per 100,000 population – similar to the rate of 23.5 in 2019-23 and slightly higher than the equivalent (5-year) rate for Scotland of 22.5.	
SO11	Alcohol deaths	23/09/2025	↓	In 2024 there were 53 alcohol-related deaths in Aberdeen City – up from 45 in 2023. The 5-year moving average number of deaths (2020-2024) was 45, up from 40.6 for the previous 5 year period. The five-year average rate of alcohol-specific deaths (age-standardised per	

				100,000 population) was 21.7 for the period 2020-24 – up from 19.7 in 2019-23 and similar to the equivalent rate for Scotland of 21.9.	
SO10	Deaths from probable suicide	23/09/2025	→	In 2024, there were 24 deaths from probable suicide in Aberdeen City – down from 29 in 2023. The 5-year moving average number (2020-2024) was 28 (unchanged from the previous period). For the period 2020-24, the rate (age-standardised per 100,000 population) of deaths from probable suicide was 12.1 compared to the equivalent rate of 14.0 for Scotland.	
SO10	Volunteering	24/09/2025	→	In 2024, an estimated 29.7% of people in Aberdeen City said they had volunteered in the last 12 months – up from 16% in 2023 and higher than the rate for Scotland of 25%.	
SO12	Homelessness applications	24/09/2025	→	In 2024-25 there were 1,747 homelessness applications in Aberdeen City – down from the revised figure of 1,780 in 2023-24. Of the applications in 2024-25, 1,431 were assessed as homeless – up from 1,279 assessed as homeless in 2023-24. In total, 2,082 people were associated with the applications assessed homeless, of which 556 were children.	
SO12	Youth homelessness	24/09/2025	↓	In 2024-25 there were 492 youth homelessness applications – up from 485 in 2023-24. Of these, 416 were assessed as homeless – up	

				from 349 assessed as homeless in 2023-24.	
SO9	Prison homelessness	24/09/2025	→	In 2024-25 there were 50 homelessness applications where prison was the property the main applicant became homeless from – up from 30 applications in 2023-24.	
PNA	Population projections	30/09/2025	↑	Between 2022 (base year) and 2032, the population of Aberdeen City is projected to increase by 10,747 to 234,997 – an increase of 4.8% compared to an increase of 4.4% for Scotland as a whole. Over this period, the number of children (0-15 years) is projected to decrease by 3.3% (less than the projected decrease for Scotland of 8.5%), the number of working-age people is projected to increase by 4.7% (4.4% in Scotland) and the number of people of pensionable age is projected to increase by 13.2% (15.3% in Scotland.)	

Carried forward from last month when no narrative was available.

SO3	Percentage of children meeting their developmental milestones at 27-30 month review	17/07/2025	→	In 2023/24, 86.3% of children met developmental milestones at their 27-30 month reviews, down from 89.8% in 2022/23. This is higher than the rate for Scotland of 83.3%.	
SO3	Percentage of eligible children who get a 27-30 month review	17/07/2025	→	In 2023/24, 80.4% of eligible children received a 27-30 month review – up from 68.4% in 2022/23.	
SO3	Women smoking during pregnancy	17/07/2025	↑	In 2022-2024, 9.1% of women smoked during pregnancy in Aberdeen City – down slightly from 9.6% in 2021-2023 and slightly lower than the rate for Scotland of 9.6%.	