



AREA CHARACTERISTICS

| AREA CHARACTERISTICS | LAND AREA | % OF SHIRE TOTAL | POPULATION DENSITY |
|----------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Buchan | 587 km ² (227 miles ²) | 9.3 | 57.2 persons per km ² |
| Aberdeenshire | 6316 km ² (2437 miles ²) | 100.0 | 39.2 persons per km ² |

Source: Aberdeenshire Council Estimates

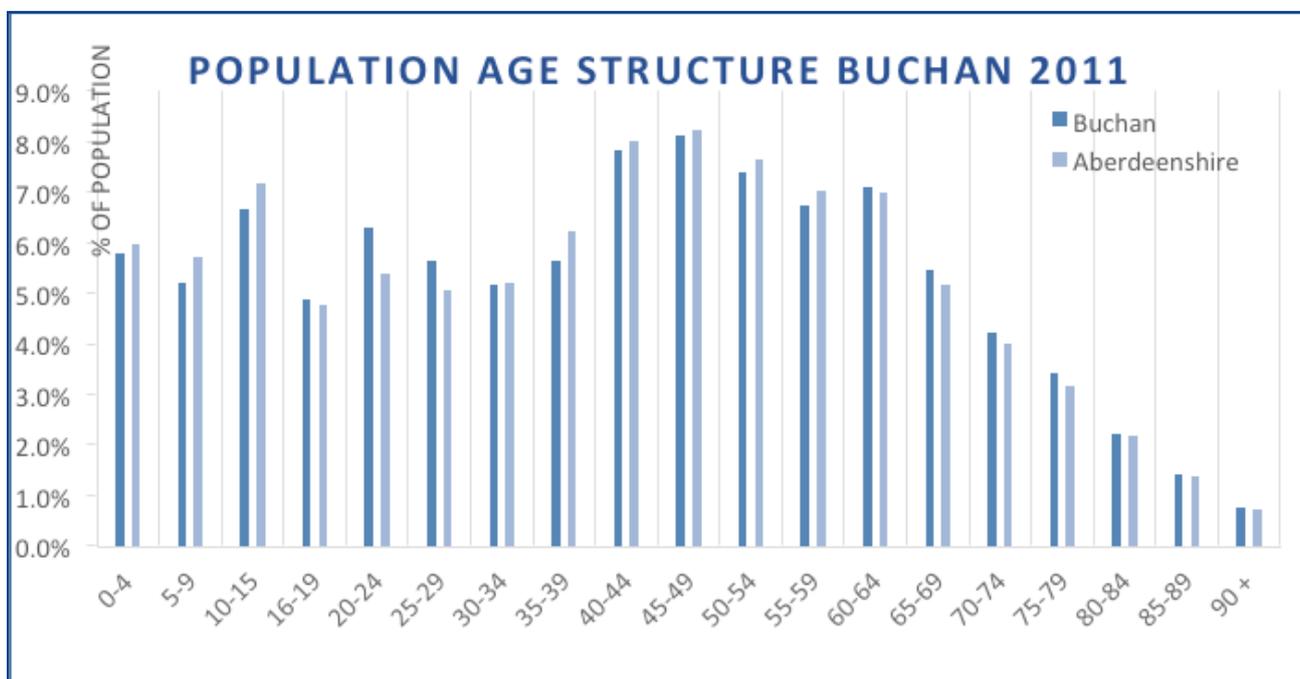
Buchan is one of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. In terms of size, the area encompasses 587 sq km (227 square miles) and represents just over 9% of the total council area, the second smallest area which is just 4 sq km larger than the smallest, Garioch. For population density this measures at 57.2 persons per square kilometre, compared with 39.2 persons per square kilometre in Aberdeenshire, this is the joint-second most densely populated area alongside neighbouring Banff and Buchan. Peterhead (18,450) is by far the area's largest settlement and is the largest town in Aberdeenshire and thus dominates Buchan's economy which like Banff and Buchan was built on agriculture and fishing. However, more recently significant developments in the energy industry have succeeded these more traditional outputs.

POPULATION

| POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS | ALL AGES | 0-15 | 16-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ |
|----------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Female | 20,173 | 3,462 | 2,118 | 4,896 | 5,948 | 3,749 |
| Male | 20,127 | 3,661 | 2,390 | 4,893 | 5,872 | 3,311 |
| % Ratio Female: Male | 50: 50 | 49: 51 | 47: 53 | 50:50 | 50:50 | 53:47 |
| Buchan total | 40,300 | 7,123 | 4,508 | 9,789 | 11,820 | 7,060 |
| Aberdeenshire total | 247,600 | 46,747 | 25,146 | 60,598 | 74,014 | 41,095 |
| Area As % Of Shire' total | 16.3 | 15.2 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 17.2 |

Source: national records for scotland, population estimates 2011. Information is aggregated from multi-member ward data

Using 2011 estimates, the population for Buchan is 40,300 and is the third smallest administrative area in terms of population. In addition, Buchan's population is divided by a 50:50 gender ratio, the same as Formartine and Kincardine and Mearns which means this is very similar to the Aberdeenshire average of 50.3% female and 49.7% male.



The age structure of Buchan varies from Aberdeenshire in different ways. First, there are clearly higher percentages of children in Aberdeenshire when compared to Buchan, up until the age of 15. Second, there are higher proportions of people aged between 30 and 60 in Aberdeenshire in contrast to Buchan, this chimes with the first observation in that there may be fewer young families in the area. Third, there are slightly higher percentages of elderly populations in Buchan compared to Aberdeenshire with the administrative area outperforming the Shire for every age group over 60, however not as significantly as neighbouring Banff and Buchan.

| POPULATION OF MAIN TOWNS | 2003 | 2012 | 2003-12 % CHANGE |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Boddam | 1,290 | 1,290 | 0.0 |
| Crimond | 760 | 860 | 13.2 |
| Cruden Bay | 1,660 | 1,670 | 0.6 |
| Hatton of Cruden | 770 | 890 | 15.6 |
| Longside | 860 | 960 | 11.6 |
| Maud | 620 | 870 | 40.3 |
| Mintlaw | 2,590 | 2,720 | 5.0 |
| New Deer | 570 | 660 | 15.8 |
| New Pitsligo | 910 | 1,150 | 26.4 |
| Peterhead | 17,590 | 18,450 | 4.9 |
| St Combs | 700 | 660 | -5.7 |
| St Fergus | * | 750 | N/A |
| Strichen | 920 | 940 | 2.2 |
| Stuartfield | 740 | 700 | -5.4 |

Source: national records for scotland, population estimates mid- 2012

Peterhead is by far the largest settlement in Buchan with a population of 18,450 whilst Mintlaw (2,720) and Cruden Bay (1,670) are the respective second and third largest settlements in the area. Like Banff and Buchan, most settlements experienced population growth between 2003 and 2012, most notably in Maud (40.3%) and New Pitsligo (26.4%), however Stuartfield (-5.4%) and St Combs (-5.7%) lost residents during this period whereas Boddam's population remained static.

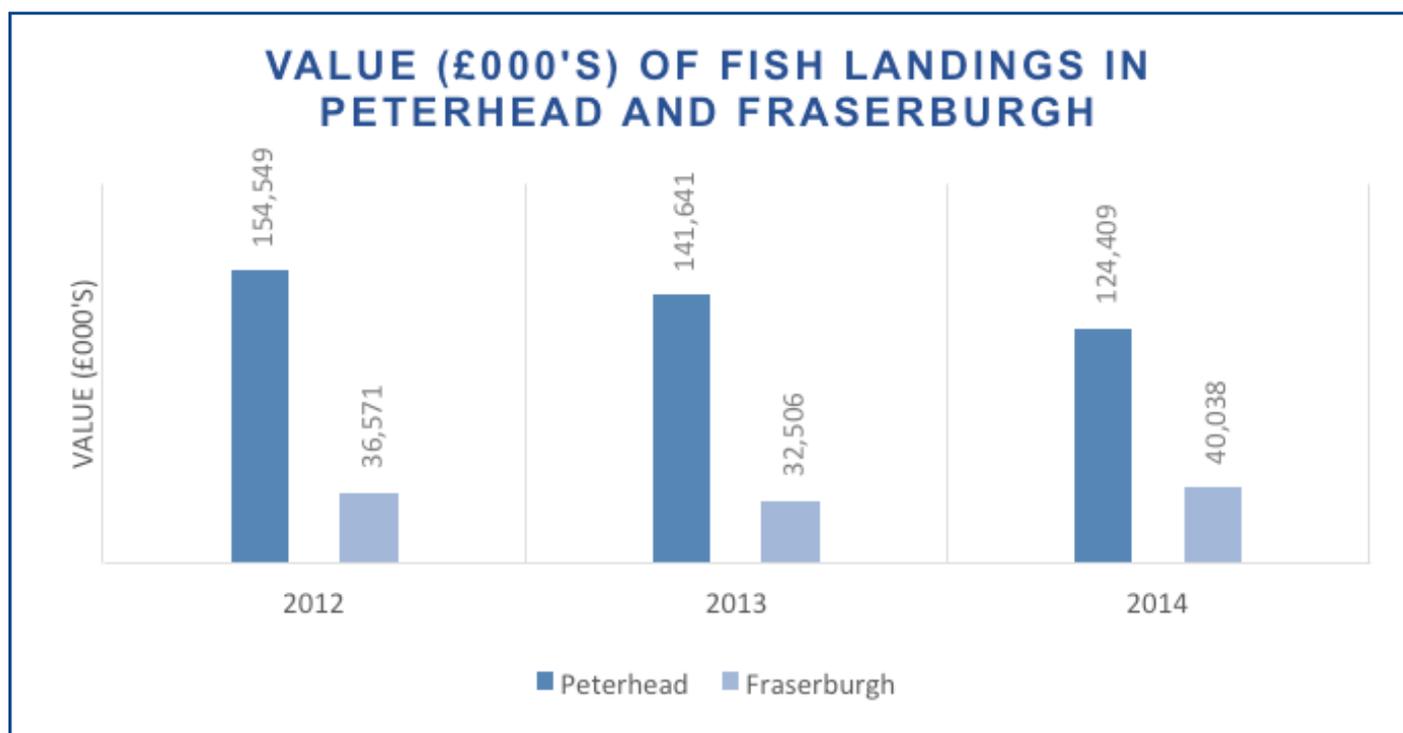
ECONOMY

| INDUSTRY SECTORS | NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES | % OF AREA TOTAL | SHIRE % |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Agriculture, forestry & fishing | 532 | 3.3% | 1.9% |
| Mining, quarrying & utilities | 683 | 4.3% | 5.3% |
| Manufacturing | 3,324 | 20.9% | 14.1% |
| Construction | 1157 | 7.3% | 8.0% |
| Motor trades | 370 | 2.3% | 1.7% |
| Wholesale | 617 | 3.9% | 3.5% |
| Retail | 1,542 | 9.7% | 10.0% |
| Transport & storage (inc. Postal | 961 | 6.0% | 4.1% |
| Accommodation & food services | 1,011 | 6.3% | 6.4% |
| Information & communication | 80 | 0.5% | 1.0% |
| Financial & insurance | 72 | 0.5% | 0.7% |
| Property | 62 | 0.4% | 0.8% |
| Professional, scientific & technical | 878 | 5.5% | 12.4% |
| Business admin & support services | 1002 | 6.3% | 5.5% |
| Public administration & defence | 773 | 4.9% | 3.7% |
| Education | 1,058 | 6.6% | 7.3% |
| Health | 1,309 | 8.2% | 10.0% |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation & other services | 507 | 3.2% | 3.9% |
| Total | 15,938 | | 15.8% |

Source: business register and employment survey 2014, nomis

Like Banff and Buchan, Formartine and Kincardine and Mearns, the highest proportion of Buchan's employment is in the manufacturing sector which accounts for 20.9% of the area's workforce. This is likely to be connected to the prominence of the fish processing industry in the area. However, other than retail which accounts for a significant 9.7% of the area's employment, this is represented in a diverse collection of industries ranging from health (8.2%) to construction (7.3%) and accommodation and food services (6.3%) which all employ over 1,000 of Buchan's workforce respectively.

The improvement of fishing in Aberdeenshire, particularly in neighbouring Banff and Buchan in the Fraserburgh area has not quite been reflected in the Peterhead area (which also includes Port Erroll and Boddam) with the value of landings here decreasing by 12.3% between 2012 and 2014. Although it should be recognised that Peterhead (£124,209 in 2014) brings in much higher values of fish when compared to Fraserburgh (£40,308 in 2014) and thus makes a more significant contribution to fishing in Aberdeenshire despite not experiencing the same increases.



Along with Banff and Buchan, Buchan experiences the joint-highest unemployment (Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)) rate out of the whole of Aberdeenshire. The area also saw the second-highest percentage of rate increase in the first quarter of 2016 with the number of claimants increasing by 0.4%. However, results weren't as bad for the twelve months between March 2015 and March 2016, with only Banff and Buchan and Marr (both 0.3%) experiencing lower increases during this period.

HOUSING

| HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS | 2005 | 2015 | % CHANGE 2005-2015 | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Housing stock | 16,357 | 19,490 | 19.2% | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| Recent completions | 148 | 154 | 265 | 161 | 147 | 192 | 200 |
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Anticipated future development | 218 | 276 | 302 | 293 | 265 | 266 | 235 |

Source: aberdeenshire council housing land audit 2016 (www.Aberdeenshire.Gov.Uk/statistics/hla/)

Buchan experienced the third highest percentage change in its housing stock between 2005 and 2015 out of Aberdeenshire's six administrative areas. An increase of 19.2% is similar to Kincardine and Mearns (19.0%) this is also approximately 3% higher than the lowest, Banff and Buchan (16.3%) and just over 4% lower than the highest, Garioch (23.4%).

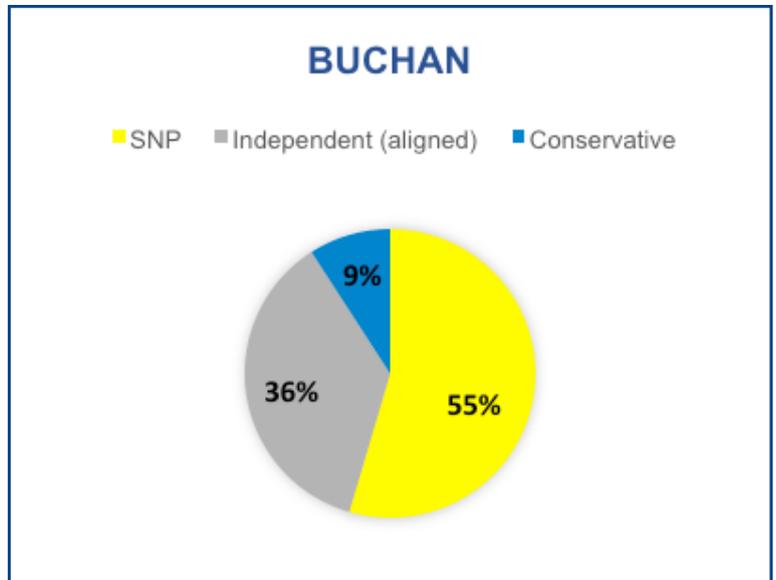
| AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE 2013 | BANFF & BUCHAN | ABERDEENSHIRE |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £159,977 | £218,663 |

Source: scottish neighbourhood statistics 2013, information is aggregated from multi-member ward data

Buchan's average house price is the second lowest out of the six administrative areas in Aberdeenshire. Similarly to neighbouring Banff and Buchan (£132,263) but still some £25,000 more expensive on average, the more affordable housing in Aberdeenshire is typically located in more north and eastern locations. This is in contrast to areas located further south and west and in Garioch (£253,631) and Marr (£254,896) where houses are on average at least £90,000 more expensive compared to Buchan.

SERVING BUCHAN

Buchan area committee is composed of three multi-member wards: Central Buchan, Peterhead North and Rattray and Peterhead South and Cruden. Politically this area is overseen by 11 councillors: 6 SNP, 4 Aligned Independents and 1 Conservative. The current area chair is Stuart Pratt (SNP) and the vice-chair is Lenny Pirie (SNP). The area is also served by 24 primary schools, 2 secondary schools, 1 special needs school, 1 public swimming pool, 6 public libraries and 4 GP surgeries.



| SERVICES AND FACILITIES | BANFF& BUCHAN | ABERDEENSHIRE |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Primary schools | 24 | 150 |
| Secondary schools | 2 | 17 |
| Special needs schools | 1 | 4 |
| Public swimming pools | 1 | 23 |
| Public libraries | 6 | 37, plus 4 mobile |
| Gp surgeries | 4 | 36 |

Facilities refer to publically owned services

Source: www.Aberdeenshire.Gov.Uk/media/4696/20150227aberdeenshireservices.Pdf

ABERDEENSHIRE'S ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS: BUCHAN



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