Overall Poverty in Scotland 1995-2018
Relative Poverty After Housing Cost

Policy Changes impacting overall poverty

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- 2007: Welfare Reform Act: Abolition of Incapacity Benefit to Disability Living Allowance; lone parents moved to JSA from IS; HB admin changes.
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Policy Changes impacting child poverty


1997: One Parent Benefit and lone parent’s premium on Income Support abolished.

1998: Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) introduced, increases in Child Benefit and Income Support

Introduction of National Childcare Strategy and Childcare Tax Credit.

1999: Increase in IS allowances; Blair makes pledge to reduce child poverty by 2020.

2001: Introduction of Children’s Tax Credit.

2003: WFTC & Children’s Tax Credit to Working Tax Credit & Child Tax Credit (increasing eligibility for both) (CTC).

2007: Welfare Reform Act: Abolition of Incapacity Benefit to Disability Living Allowance; lone parents moved to JSA from IS; HB admin changes.


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2019: Announcement that new Scottish Child Payment to be introduced fully before 2022.
Pensioner Poverty in Scotland 1995 – 2018

Relative Poverty After Housing Cost

Policy Changes impacting pensioner poverty

1995:
Introduction of Incapacity Benefit, removing eligibility for disability benefit payments for those over state pension age.

2000:
Child Support Pensions & Soc Sec Act: pension reform to increase means-tested Minimum Income Guarantee (to be Pension Credit in 2003); increase female pension age to 65.

1997:
Introduction of Winter Fuel Payment.

2002:
Brown pledge to end pensioner poverty by 2020 (no official targets attached).

2007:
Welfare Reform Act: Pensions Act: reforms elig for Basic State Pension (BSP) & systems of credits for Second State Pension. Increases retirement age to 68.

2011:
Introduction of pension triple lock: BSP will rise by largest of either 2.5%, inflation, or earnings growth.

2012:
Pensions Act: establishes Personal Accounts Scheme & auto-enrol for qualifying workplace pension schemes.

2010:
Emergency Budget to achieve savings from spending cuts and soc sec budget cuts from working age benefits {Austerity}.

2016:

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In-Work Poverty in Scotland 1995 – 2018
Relative Poverty After Housing Cost where at least one adult is in work (all people and children)

Policy Changes impacting in-work poverty


2001: Introduction of Children’s Tax Credit.

2003: ‘Pathways to work’ programmes for new disability benefit claimants introduced to incentivise return to work; expanded to all existing claimants.


2007: Welfare Reform Act: Abolition of Incapacity Benefit to Disability Living Allowance; lone parents moved to JSA from IS; HB admin changes.

2007: Young Epilepsy Act: Raising the voting age to 16.


2010: Introduction of the Work Programme, the UK Government’s main welfare-to-work programme.

2011: Welfare Reform Act: Introduction of Universal Credit; DLA to Personal Ind Payment; benefit cap.

2012: Welfare Reform and Work Act: Lowers benefit cap, 4 year benefit freeze, 2-child limit for UC & CTC, conditionality for carers of children under 5. Introduction of UK national living wage (then £7.50/hr).

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Children

All people

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Disability poverty in Scotland 1995 - 2018

Relative Poverty AHC by whether the household has a disabled family member (excluding disability benefit income)

Policy Changes impacting disability poverty

- **1995:** Introduction of Incapacity Benefit, removing eligibility for disability benefit payments for those over state pension age.
- **1999:** National Minimum Wage introduced. Welfare Reform Act: introduction of personal capability assessments, work focused interviews & changes to IB.
- **2003:** WFTC & Children’s Tax Credit to Working Tax Credit & CTC (increasing eligibility for both). ‘Pathways to work’ programmes for new disability benefit claimants introduced to incentivise return to work; expanded to all existing claimants.
- **2007:** Welfare Reform Act: Abolition of Incapacity Benefit to Disability Living Allowance; lone parents moved to JSA from IS; HB admin changes.
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- **2012:** Welfare Reform Act: Introduction of Universal Credit; DLA to Personal Ind Payment; benefit cap.
- **2019:** Introduction of Fair Start Scotland, non-compulsory employment support service for benefit recipients and those out of work.

With a disabled child

- 44%
- 35%
- 21%

With a disabled adult

- 29%
- 27%
- 27%

Nobody disabled in family

- 16%
- 15%
- 16%

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