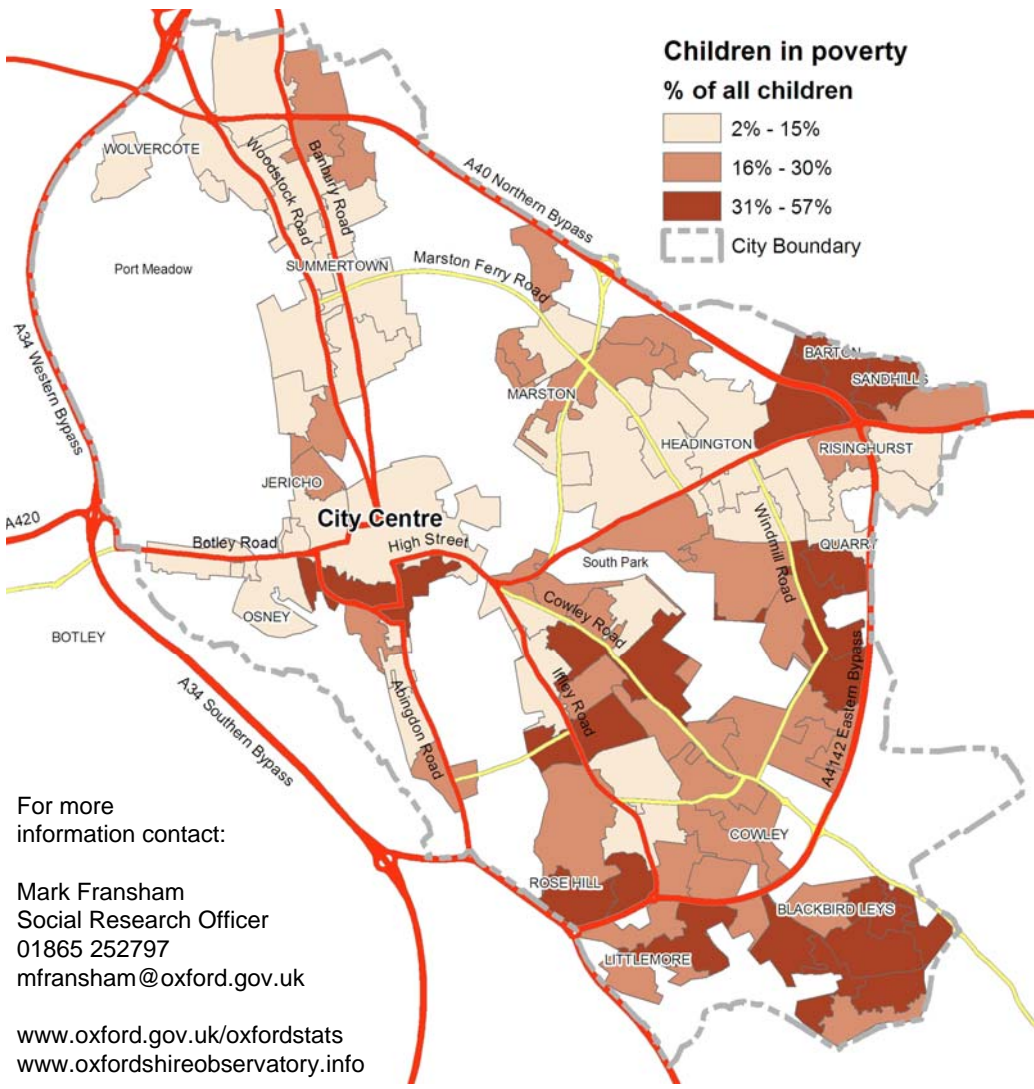


How many children live in poverty?

Children living in poverty 2008 by Super Output Area



The Institute for Fiscal Studies has forecast that child poverty will rise over the next five years¹. But how many of Oxford's children live in poverty? The best estimate we have comes from HM Revenue & Customs. Using data from Child Tax Credit claims they can calculate the proportion of children living in households with income below 60% of the median income.

This analysis estimates that 5,800 children in Oxford were living in poverty in 2008 – 23% of all children, slightly above the national average of 21%. This map shows the child poverty estimate for each 'Super Output Area²' in Oxford. In many ways this shows what we would expect – high rates of child poverty in relatively deprived areas on the outskirts of the city. However high rates are also to be found in East Oxford and the highest rate of child poverty – 57% of all children – is in the area just south of the city centre (though only 100 children live in that area).

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¹ See <http://www.ifs.org.uk/publications/5373>
² Super Output Areas are small geographical areas used for producing small area statistics. Each one contains a population of around 1,500.