

# Indices of Deprivation (IoD) 2025 – Analysis of change summary

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# Background to the Indices of Deprivation 2025

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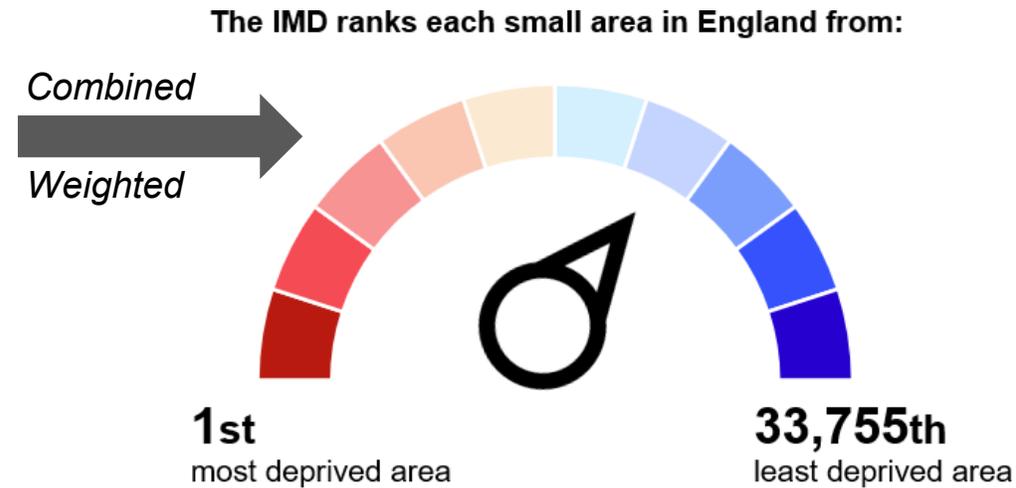
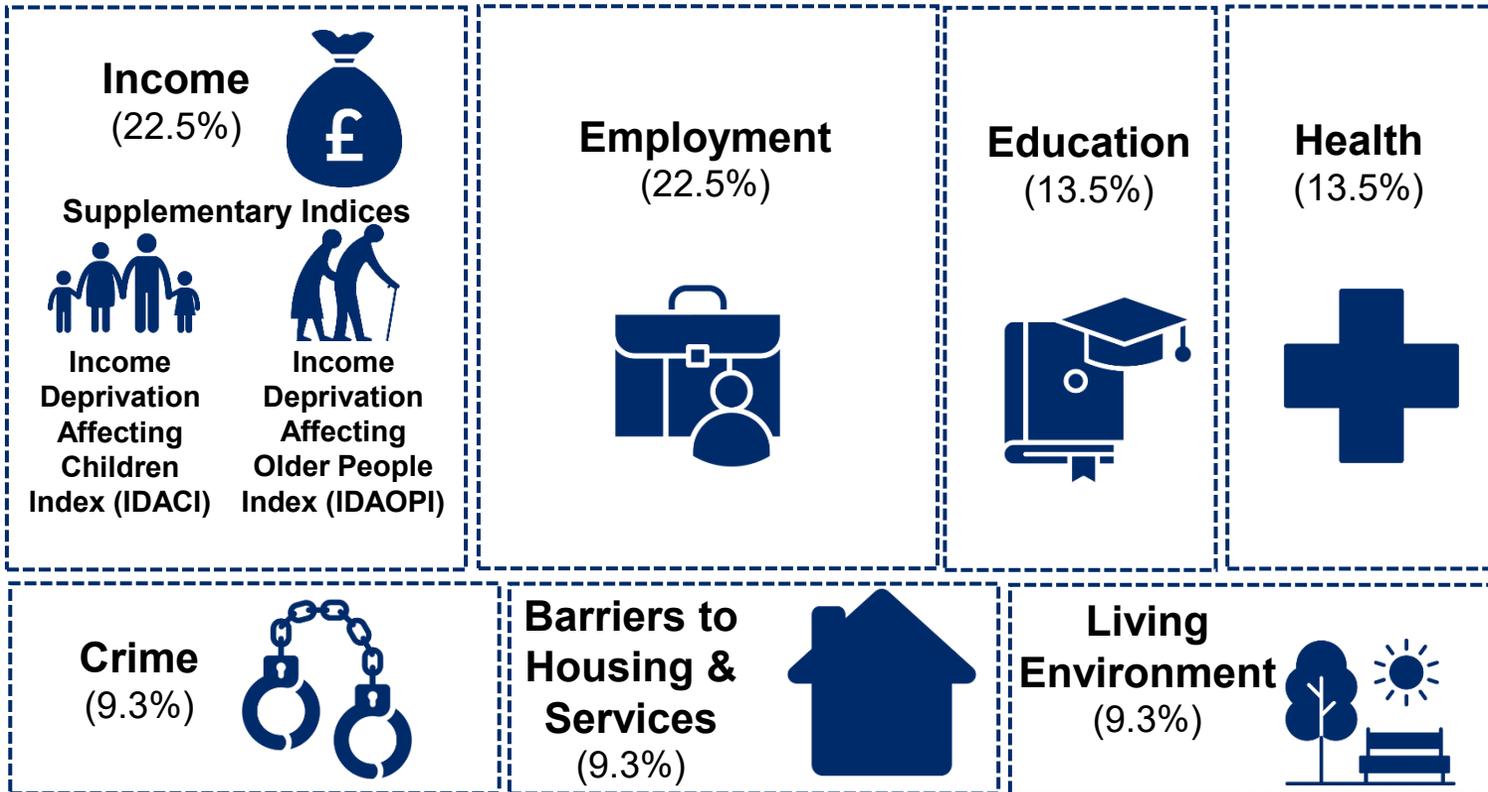
- **Indices of Deprivation 2025 (IoD2025)** is a **suite of measures**, including **IMD2025** (the **official measure of relative deprivation** for neighbourhoods) revising IoD 2019
- **Poverty and Deprivation** have **different meanings**; **poverty** is **lacking income** to meet **financial needs** and **deprivation** is **more than poverty**; **lacking** not just income but **any kind of resources** or opportunities.
- The measured level of **experienced deprivation** for a **neighbourhood** are **not deterministic** for their **individuals**; many non-deprived people live in deprived areas and vice versa
- Neighbourhoods are **ranked relatively**, it's about the ranked relationship, so the **100<sup>th</sup> most deprived** neighbourhood **will not** have a deprivation score **twice (2x) as deprived** as the **200<sup>th</sup> most deprived** neighbourhood

# Data in the IoD 2025

The slides in this section explore the key points:

- **Indices of Deprivation 2025** (IoD2019) are available at different geographies; Upper Tier Local Authority (UTLA), Lower Tier Local Authority (LTLA) and Neighbourhood Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA).
- **55 indicators** are use in **7 domains** (combined with different domain weighting for an overall IMD domain).
- **3 domains** are **split into two** for **extra sub domains**.
- An additional **two supplementary indices** have income data pulled out for a life course split, separately looking at Children and Older People)
- There are detailed slides showing for some domains, the majority underlying indicator data used have **remained similar** and for some **other domains underlying data is completely new** or **substantially modified**, making it tricky to compare with IMD2019

- The IoD ranks each of the 33,755 neighbourhoods (LSOAs) in England by their level of deprivation in each domain shown below. They are combined with the percentage weighting (shown by the different sized boxes) to make the combined Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD 2025).



Ranks are split into 10 equal groups known as deciles (or 5 equal groups known as quintiles)

## How can the IoD2025 be used?

### ✓ It can be used to:

- **Compare** small areas across **England**
- Identify the **most deprived small areas**
- **Explore** the domains (or **types**) of **deprivation**
- **Compare** larger administrative areas with **each other** e.g. **local authorities (LAs)**
- Look at **changes** in **relative deprivation** between iterations (i.e. **changes in ranks**)

### ✗ It cannot be used to:

- Quantify how **deprived** a **small area** is
- **Identify** deprived **people**
- Say how **affluent** a place is
- Compare with **small areas** in other **UK countries** (e.g. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)
- Measure **absolute change** in deprivation over time

## Methodology has changed compared to IMD 2019:

**55 underlying indicators** (Number of indicators used for IoD 2025 increased from 39 to 55)

- 20 new indicators introduced
- 3 indicators removed
- 14 indicators significantly modified
- 21 indicators updated

### Differing change by domain

- Crime and Living Environment completely overhauled
- Barriers to Housing & Services majority new/modified
- Other domains majority similar

Domain	Indicator count			% changed vs. 2019
	Total	New	Significantly modified	
Income	9	1	3	44%
Employment	13	5	0	38%
Education, Skills & Training	6	1	1	33%
Barriers to Housing & Services	7	4	2	86%
Living Environment	6	3	3	100%
Health & Disability	7	1	2	43%
Crime	8	5	3	100%

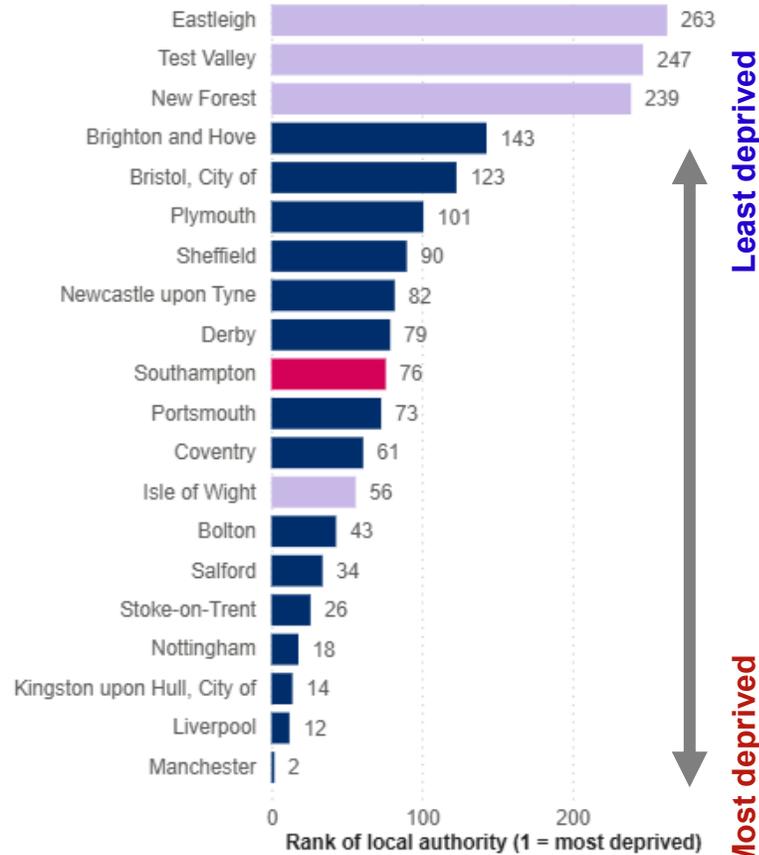
# IoD 2025 Local Authority level

**LA level deprivation** is measured on a **relative scale** by comparing the **score** and **rank** of the **296 LTLAs** in **England**

- Based on **average rank** of LSOAs, Southampton is ranked **76<sup>th</sup> most deprived** (of 296 LAs)
- Southampton ranked in the **3<sup>rd</sup> decile** overall for IMD, placing Southampton among the **30% most deprived** local authorities nationally
- Southampton ranks **7<sup>th</sup> least deprived** among **CIPFA comparators** (statistical neighbours) based on average rank
- However, detailed map view shows **Southampton is relatively more deprived** than **local neighbouring areas** such as Eastleigh, Test Valley and the New Forest

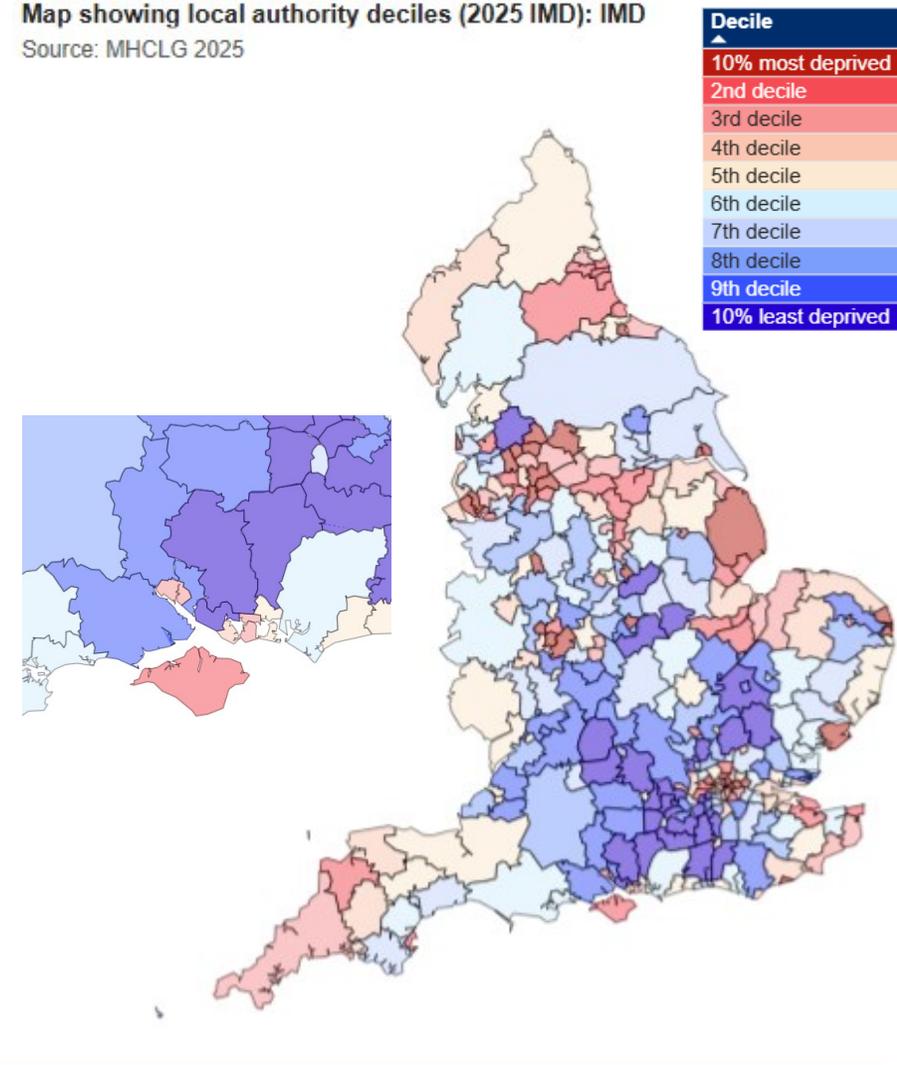
IMD: Rank of LA based on average LSOA rank: Southampton, CIPFA and local comparators (2025 IMD)

Source: MHCLG 2025



Map showing local authority deciles (2025 IMD): IMD

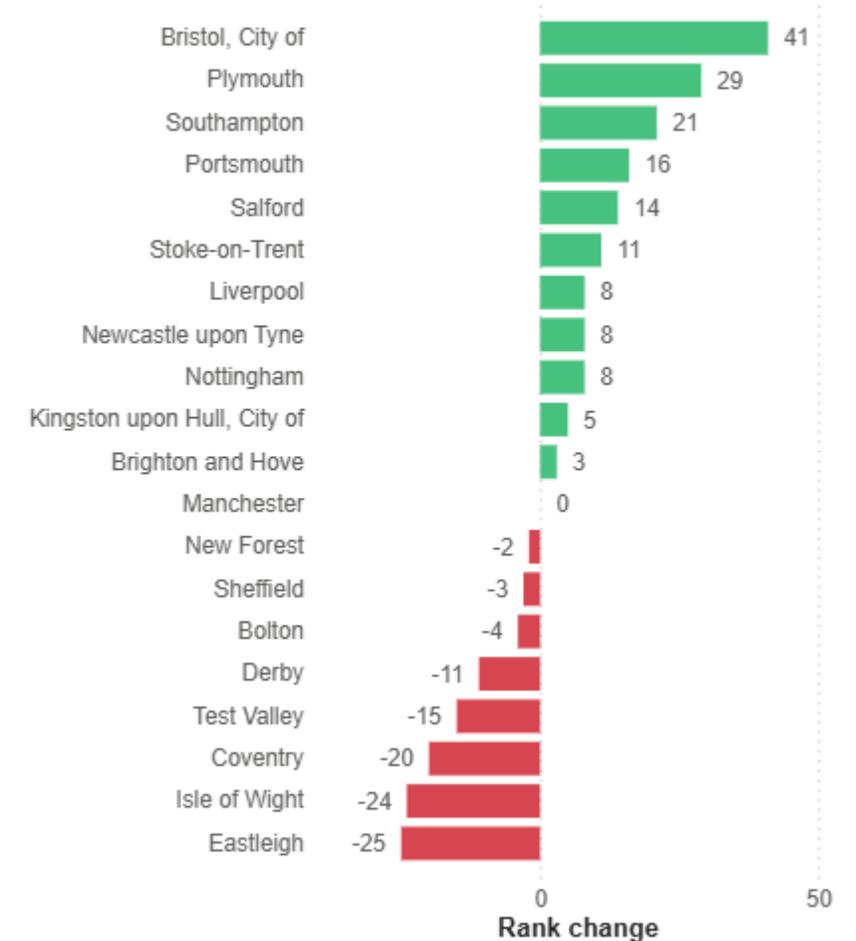
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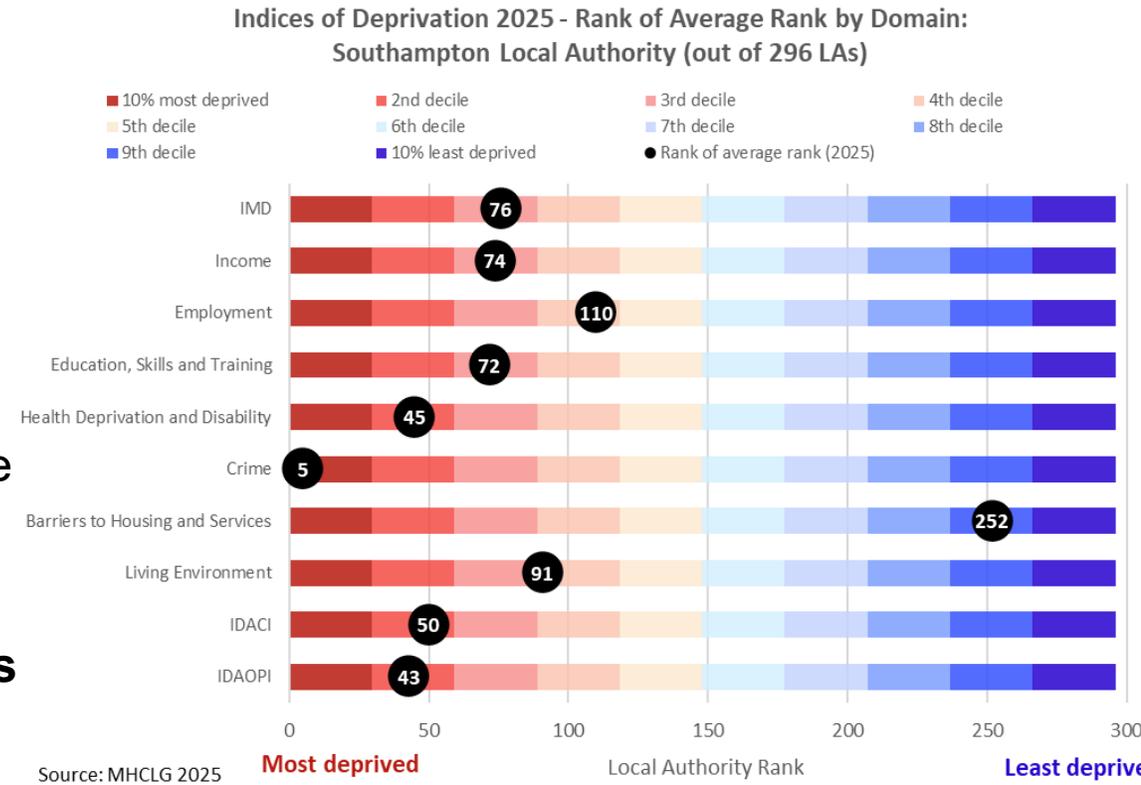
- In **2019 Southampton ranked 55<sup>th</sup> most deprived** (of 317 LTLAs) and in **2025 it ranked 76<sup>th</sup> (of 296 LTLAs) change in ranking of +21 places** and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest positive position movement of among comparators
- The change in rank can be seen by comparing what percentile of the country Southampton was within. In 2019 Southampton was among the **17% most deprived percent** (of LTLAs), however in 2025 Southampton was in the **26% most deprived**
- Although the **relative position** for Southampton has **improved** for overall IMD, **caution** must be taken, as this does not mean an **absolute change** in terms of **deprivation**
- Amongst **comparators Bristol** improved the most in terms of rankings (+41) whilst **Coventry declined the most (-20)**
- Southampton had the **highest improvement** in ranking when comparing to **neighbouring LAs** (Portsmouth +16, New Forest -2, Eastleigh -35, Test Valley -15)
- It is **important** to understand what is **driving Southampton's change in ranking**, as there has been **substantial changes in methodology**

Change in average rank between 2019 and 2025: IMD - Southampton, CIPFA and local comparators

Source: MHCLG 2025



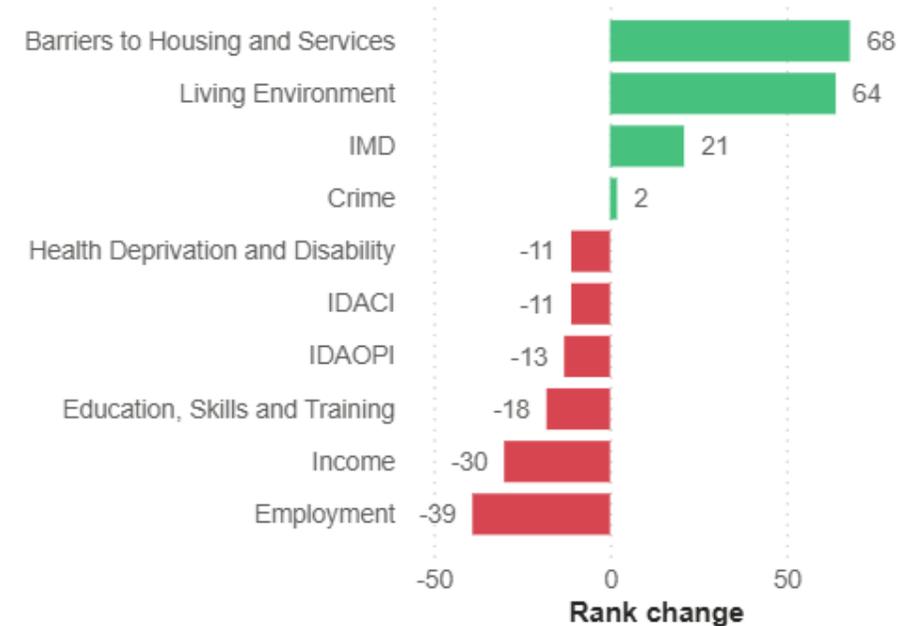
- Southampton ranked in the **3<sup>rd</sup> decile** overall for IMD, this overall score is based on the 7 different domains
- Southampton’s rank is shown for each domain on the chart
  - **1<sup>st</sup> decile** (10% most deprived) for **Crime**,
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> decile** for **Health Deprivation & Disability** and for both **IDACI** and **IDOPI**,
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> decile** for **Income** and **Education, Skills & Training**,
  - **4<sup>th</sup> decile** for **Employment** and **Living Environment** and
  - **9<sup>th</sup> decile** for **Barriers to Housing & Services**
- Southampton’s relative rank shows the **highest level** of deprivation for the **Crime** domain where it ranks the 5<sup>th</sup> worst and 10% most deprived decile
- Southampton’s relative rank shows the **lowest level** of deprivation by domain for **Barriers to Housing and Services** where it ranks 252<sup>nd</sup> across all LAs and in the 9<sup>th</sup> decile
- Domain ranks and changes will be explored in more detail in further slides



- Southampton had a **positive change in rank** between 2019 and 2025 for **overall IMD** as well as **three domains**
  - Barriers to Housing and Services (+68)
  - Living Environment (+64)
  - Crime (+2)
- However, there was a **drop in rank** for four domains and **both supplementary indices**
  - Health Deprivation and Disability (-11)
  - IDACI (-11)
  - IDAOPI (-13)
  - Education, Skills and Training (-18)
  - Income (-30)
  - Employment (-39)

Change in average rank between 2019 and 2025 by domain:  
Southampton

Source: MHCLG 2025

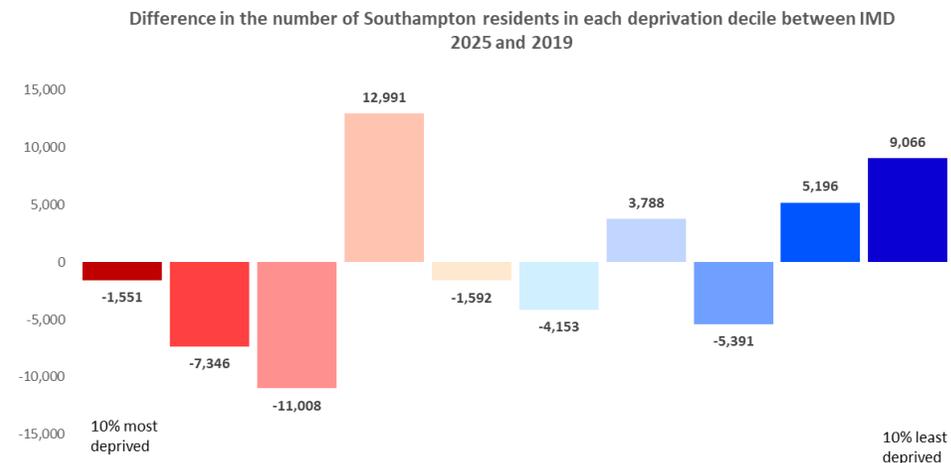
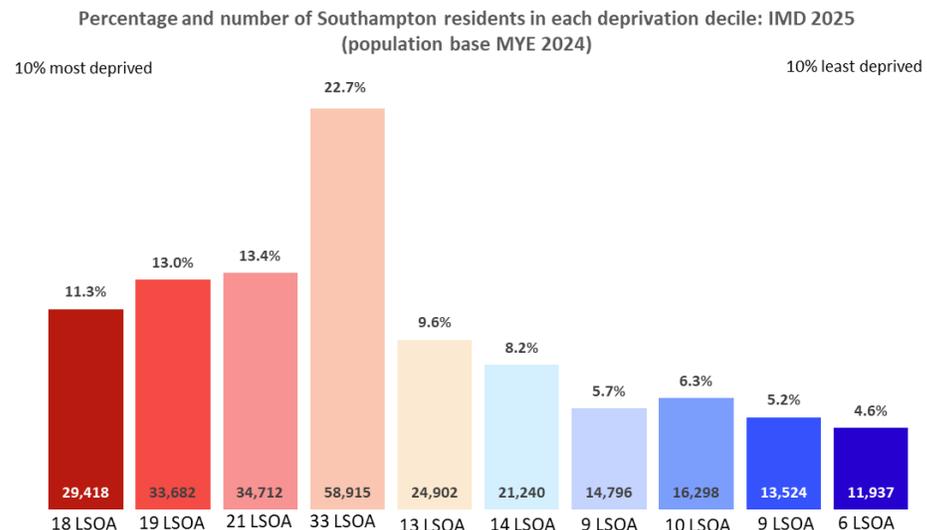


Southampton's **positive rank change** in **overall IMD** ranking is **primarily driven by positive changes** in ranking for **Barriers to Housing and Services** and the **Living Environment** domains, which have had **substantial methodology changes** between 2019 and 2025 IMD

# Resident population by deprivation decile

# Population by IMD 2025 and changes since IMD 2019

- Looking at population and population change by decile, 2025 had **-8,897** fewer Southampton residents living in the two most deprived deciles, 20% the most deprived neighbourhoods
- Almost a quarter (**24.3%**) of Southampton's population is classified as living within the two most deprived deciles, 20% most deprived neighbourhoods, nationally (**63,100** people). By age group 31.4% of under 16s and 22.4% of 60+ live in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods
- At the other end of the scale, an extra **+14,262** people are now in two least deprived deciles nationally – previously in 2019 this was **11,199** people
- Focusing on **11.3%** of Southampton's population live in the 10% most deprived areas nationally, this rises to **16.6%** for under 16s, suggesting deprivation has a disproportionate impact on young people in the city



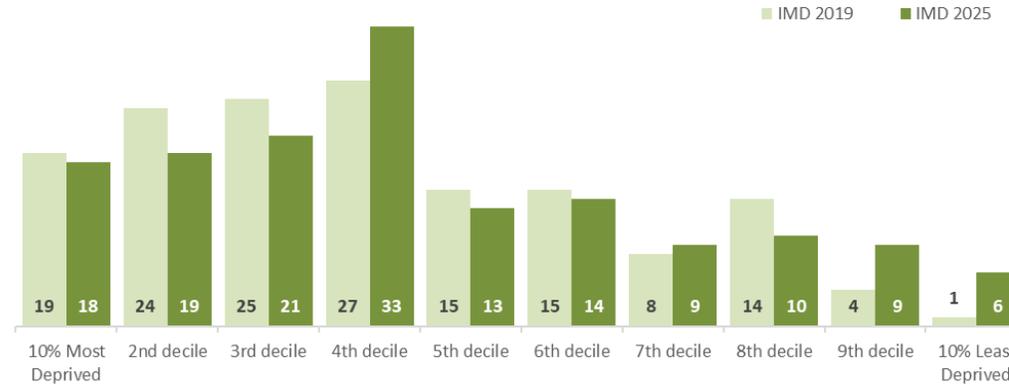
Source: MHCLG 2025, ONS MYE 2024

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## Decile change across domains:

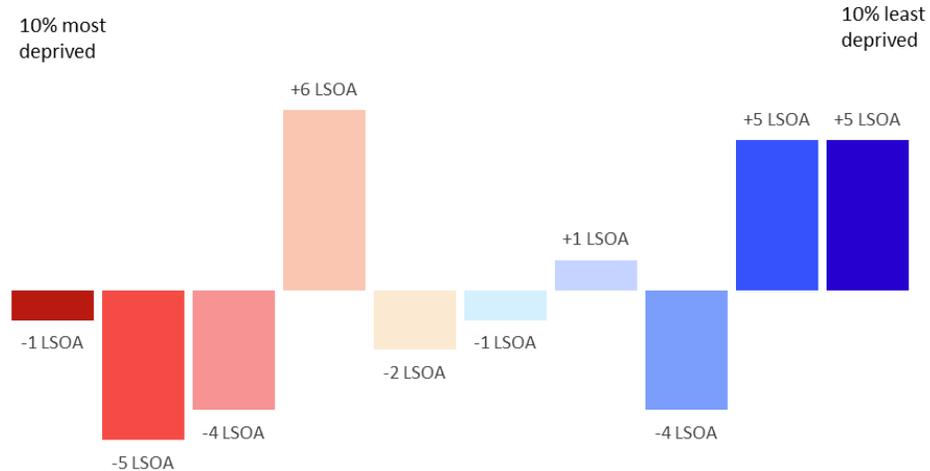
- Southampton has **18 LSOA** within the **10% most deprived** in England (19 in 2019) and 6 LSOA in the 10% least deprived (1 in 2019)
- In 2025, **58 LSOA** were in the **most deprived 30%** nationally, compared to 68 in 2019, suggesting a more **uniform shift** in relative deprivation in Southampton
- **15 LSOA** were in the IMD 2025 **20% least deprived** (deciles 9 and 10), **three times** more than the **5 LSOA** for IMD 2019

Number of LSOA in overall IMD domain per deprivation IMD 2019 and 2025



Source: MHCLG 2025

Change in the number of LSOAs in overall IMD domain per deprivation decile between IMD 2025 and 2019

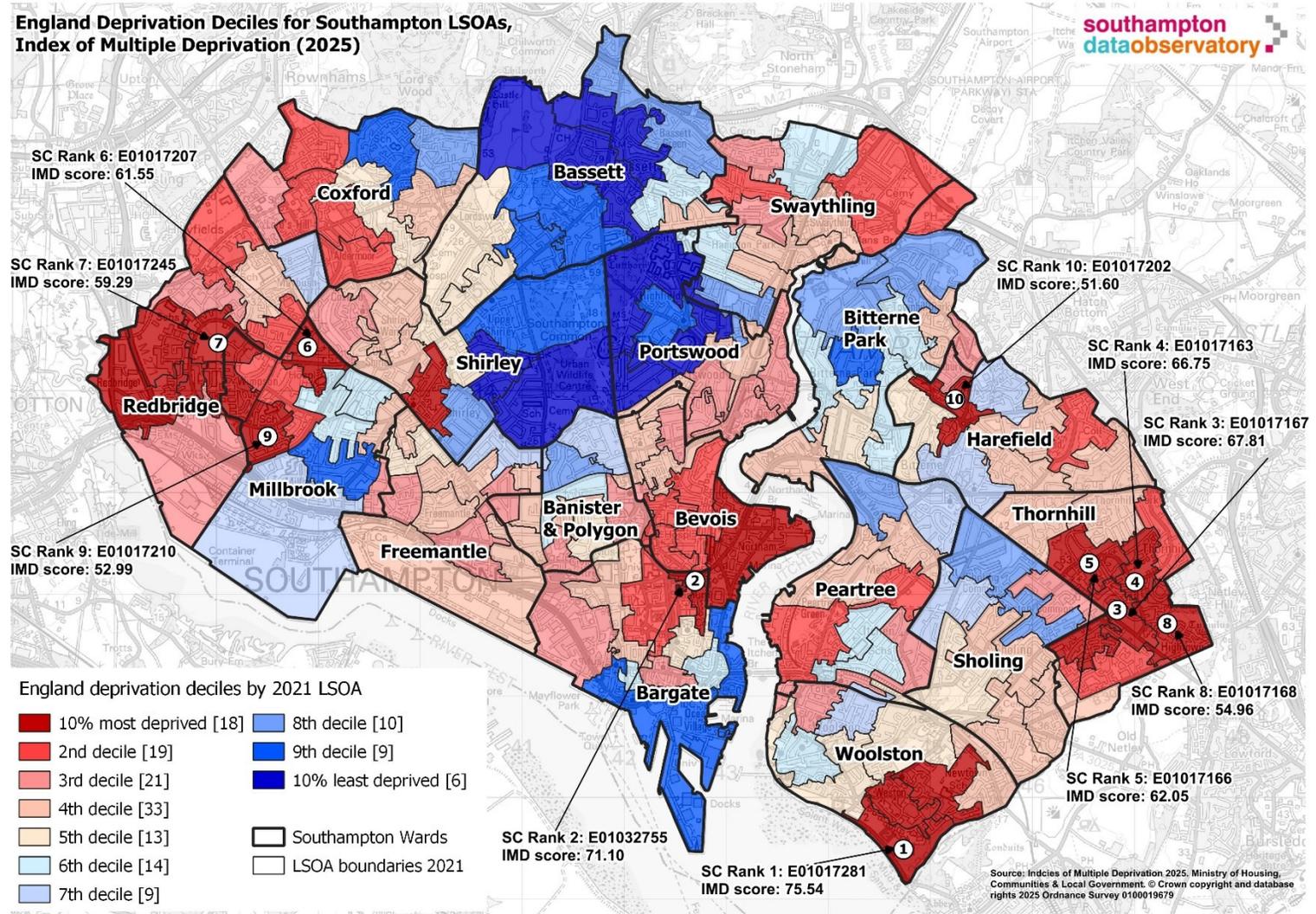


Source: MHCLG 2025

# IoD 2025 Neighbourhood (LSOA) level

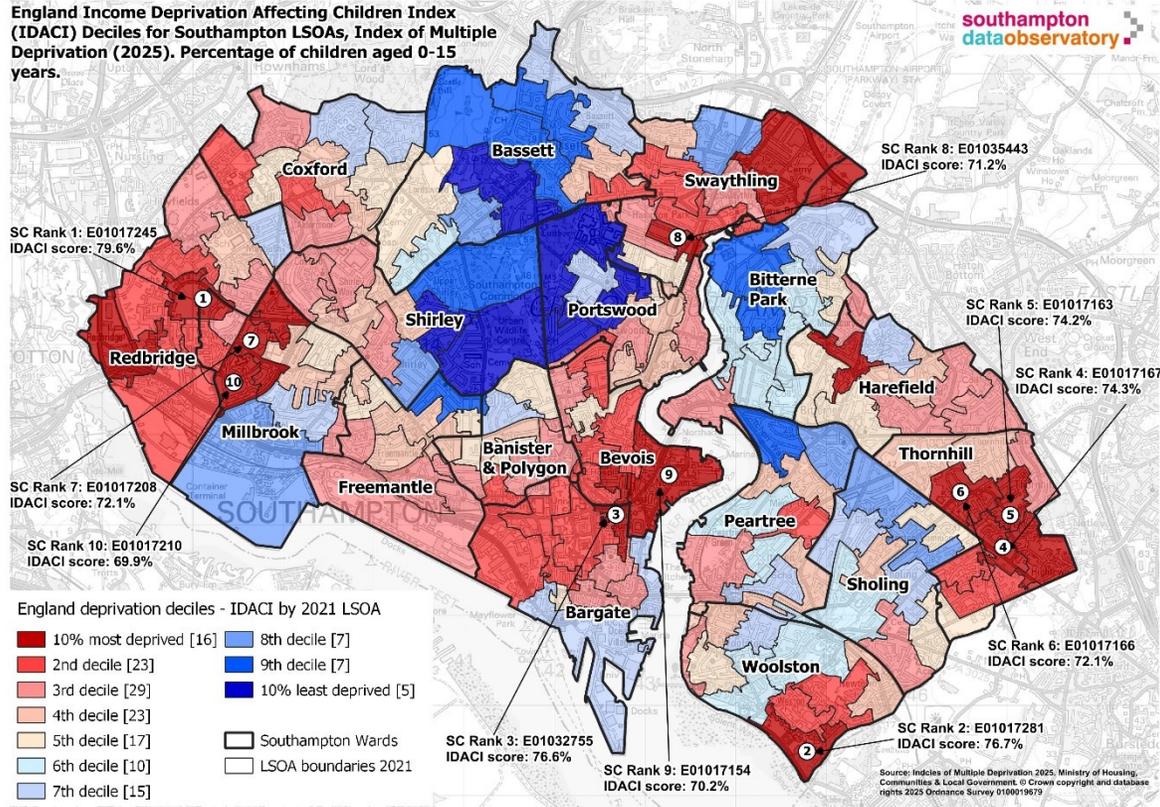
LA level deprivation is measured on a relative scale by comparing the score and rank of the 33,755 LSOAs in England

- As shown in the map Southampton has LSOAs in every decile, with the most common being the 3<sup>rd</sup> decile (21.7% of LSOAs)
- 18 LSOAs are in the 10% most deprived decile, these areas are focused in the wards of Woolston, Thornhill and Redbridge
- 6 LSOAs are in the 10% least deprived decile, these areas are focused in the wards of Bassett, Bitterne Park and Portswood

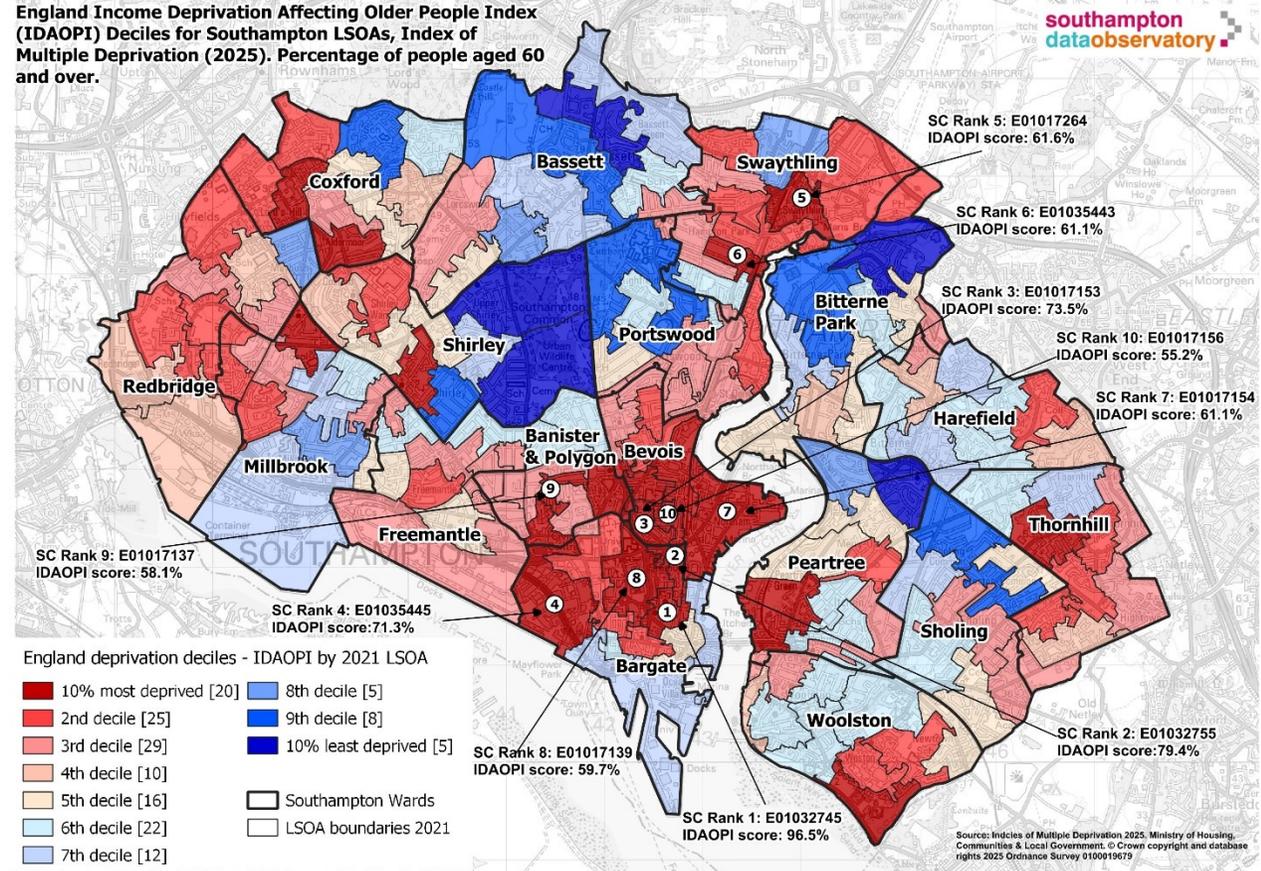


## Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) and the Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOP)

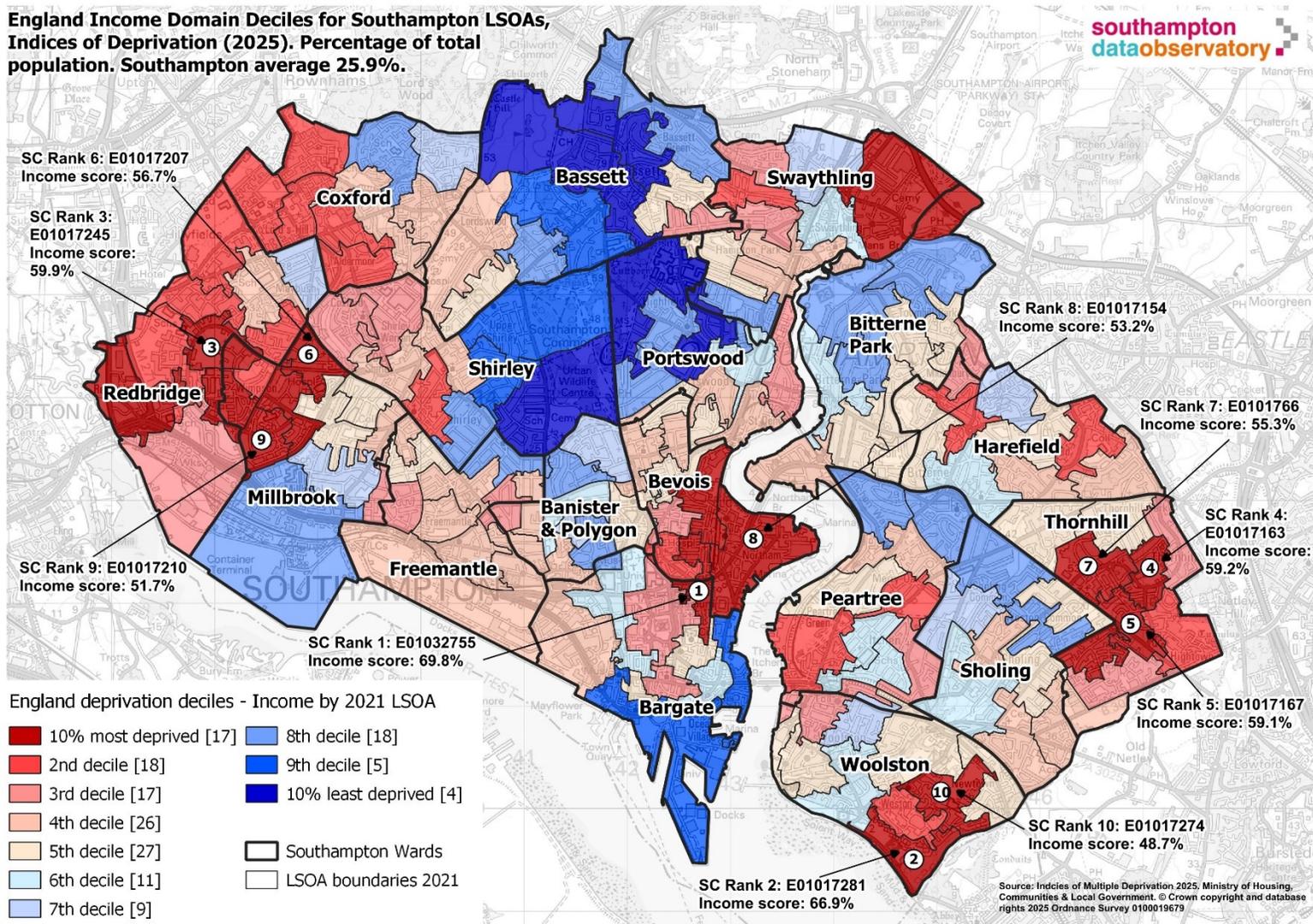
England Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Index of Multiple Deprivation (2025). Percentage of children aged 0-15 years.



England Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOP) Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Index of Multiple Deprivation (2025). Percentage of people aged 60 and over.



England Income Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025). Percentage of total population. Southampton average 25.9%.



# LSOA – Employment Deprivation Domain

England Employment Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025). Percentage of working age population aged 18 to 66 years. Southampton average 13.9%.

SC Rank 3: E01017207  
Employment score: 34.7%

SC Rank 6: E01017245  
Employment score: 33.0%

SC Rank 10: E01017240  
Employment score: 29.0%

SC Rank 9: E01017210  
Employment score: 29.2%

SC Rank 2: E01032755  
Employment score: 36.4%

SC Rank 8: E01017202  
Employment score: 29.3%

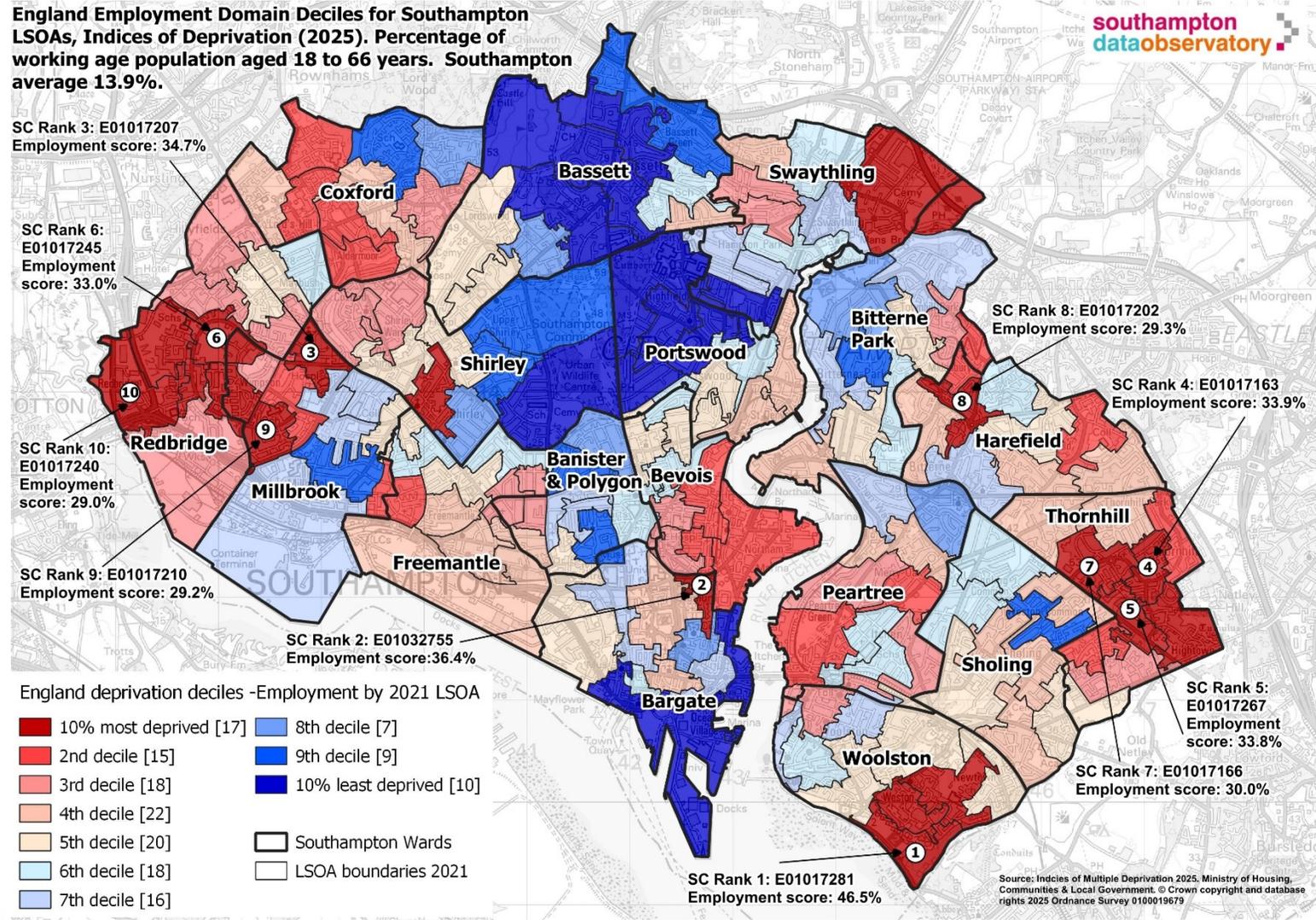
SC Rank 4: E01017163  
Employment score: 33.9%

SC Rank 5: E01017267  
Employment score: 33.8%

SC Rank 7: E01017166  
Employment score: 30.0%

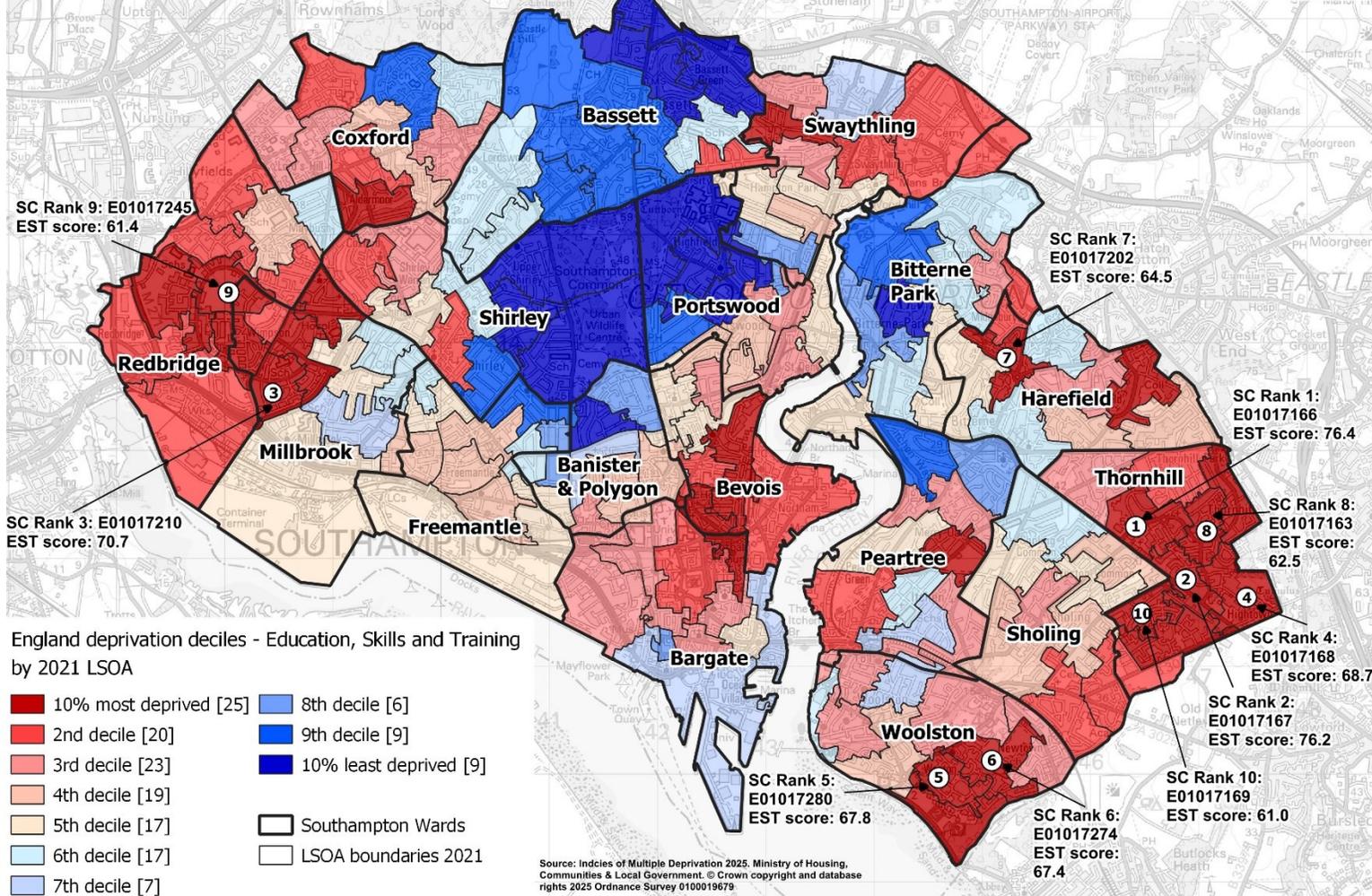
SC Rank 1: E01017281  
Employment score: 46.5%

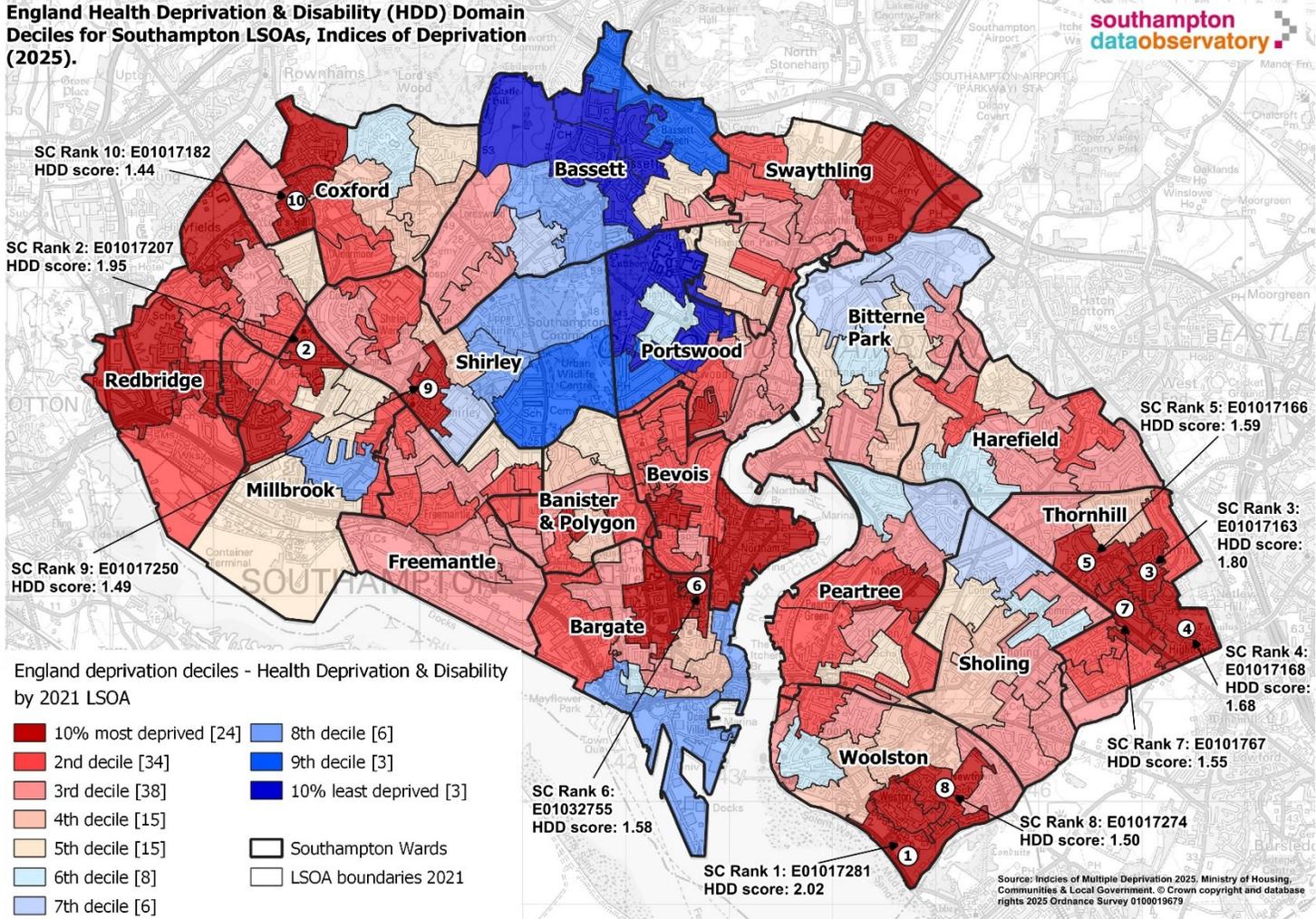
- England deprivation deciles -Employment by 2021 LSOA
- 10% most deprived [17]
  - 2nd decile [15]
  - 3rd decile [18]
  - 4th decile [22]
  - 5th decile [20]
  - 6th decile [18]
  - 7th decile [16]
  - 8th decile [7]
  - 9th decile [9]
  - 10% least deprived [10]
- Southampton Wards  
 LSOA boundaries 2021



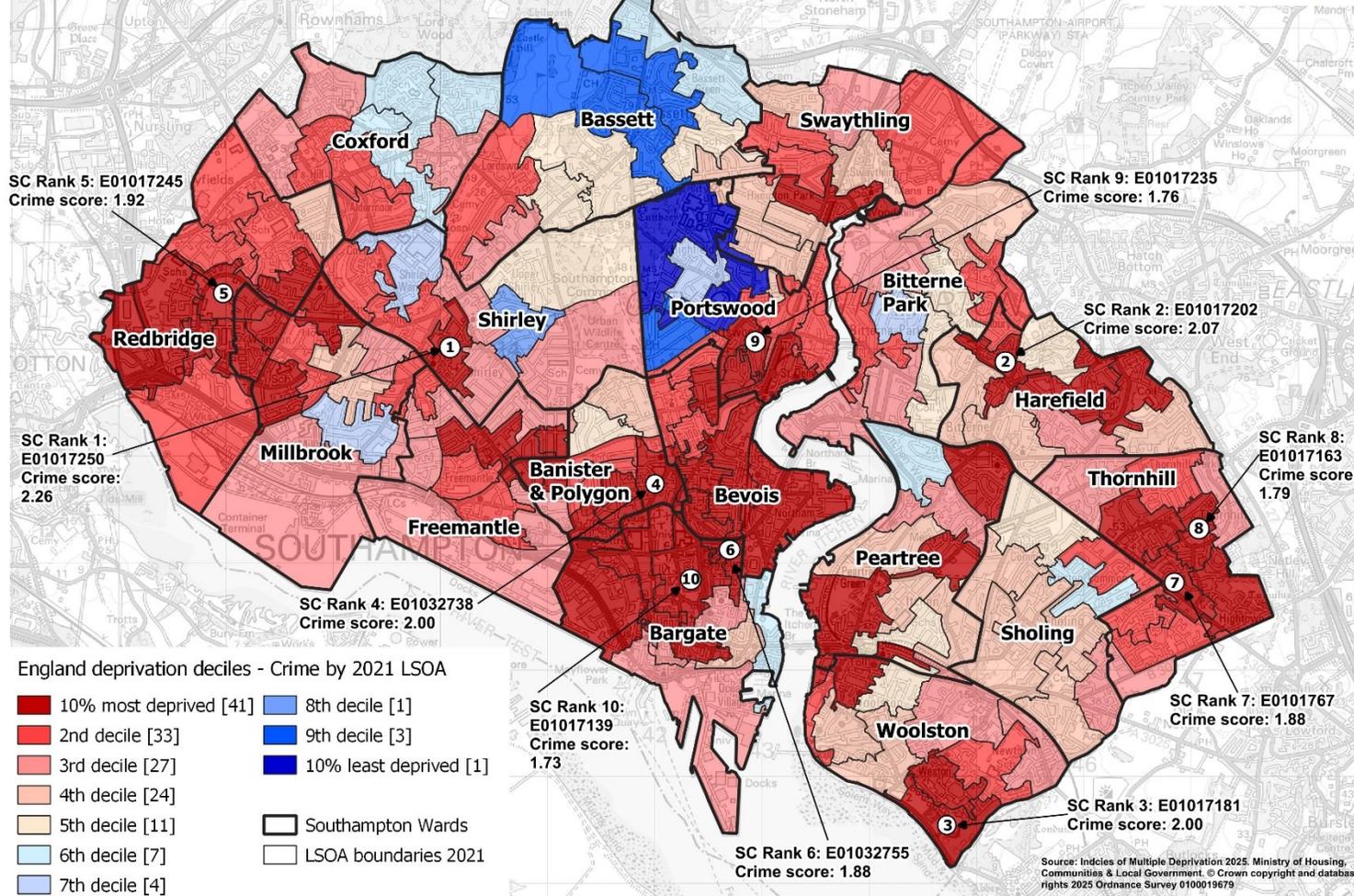
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## England Education, Skills and Training (EST) Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025).



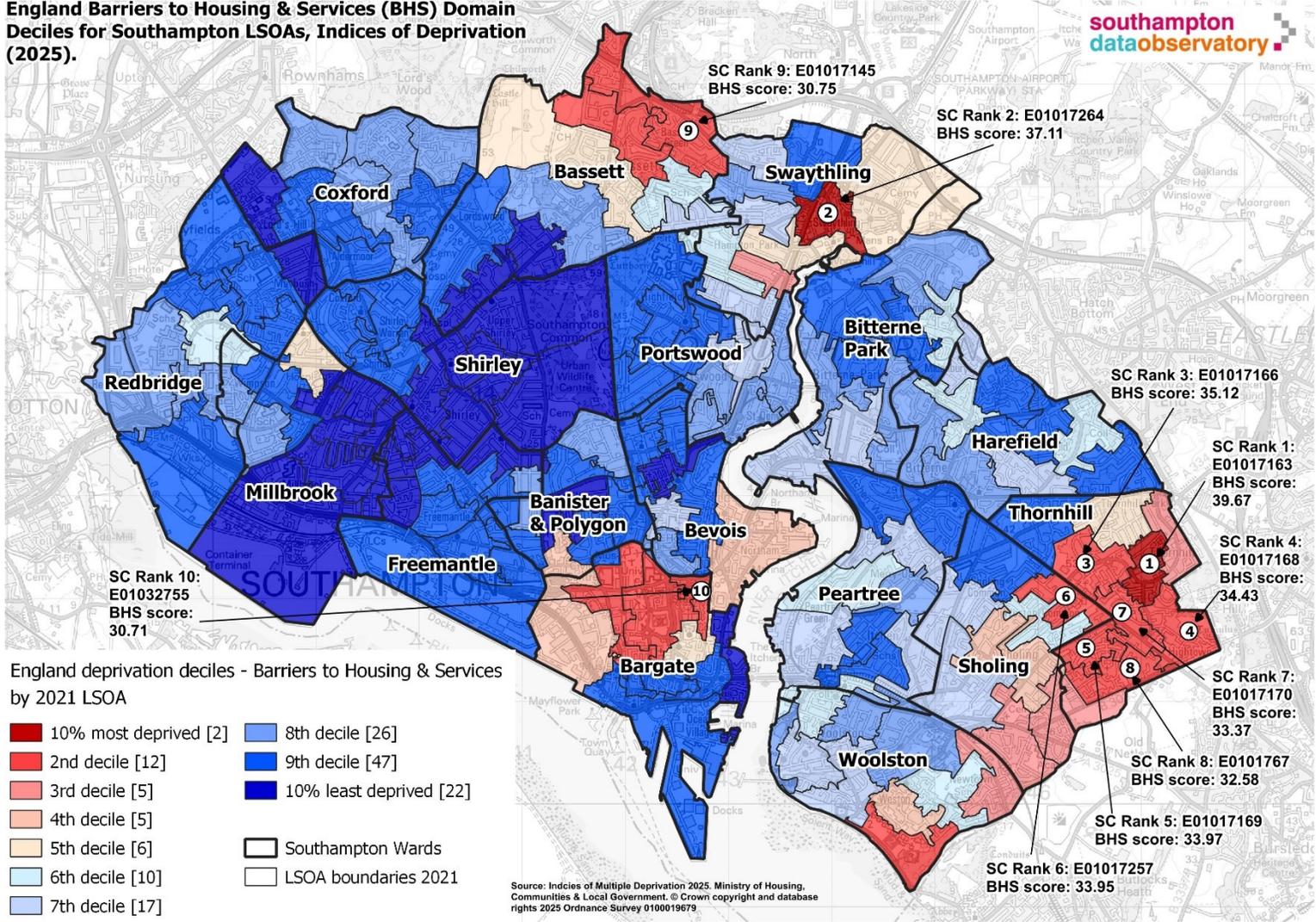


England Crime Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025).



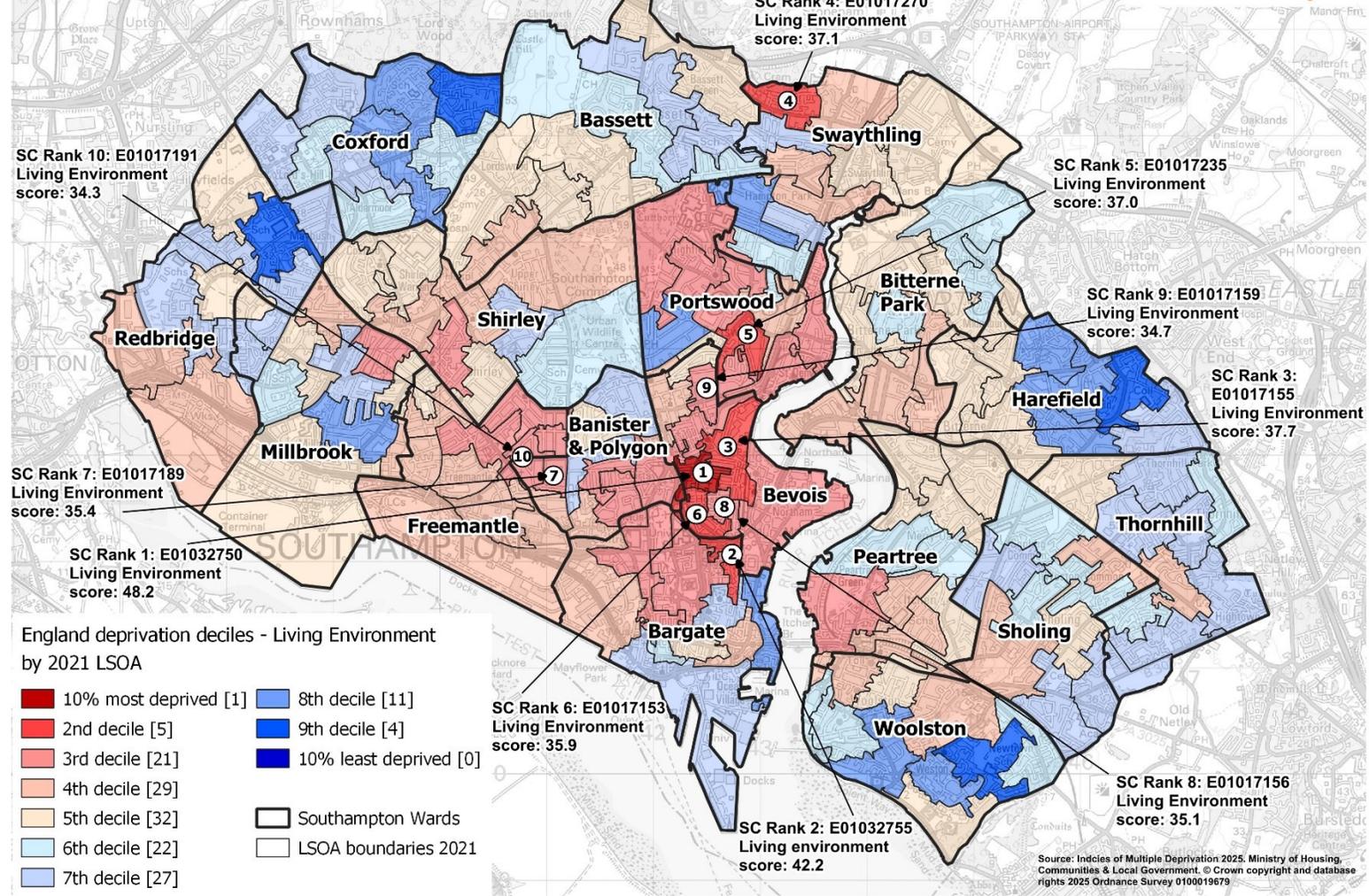
# LSOA – Barriers to Housing and Services Domain

England Barriers to Housing & Services (BHS) Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025).



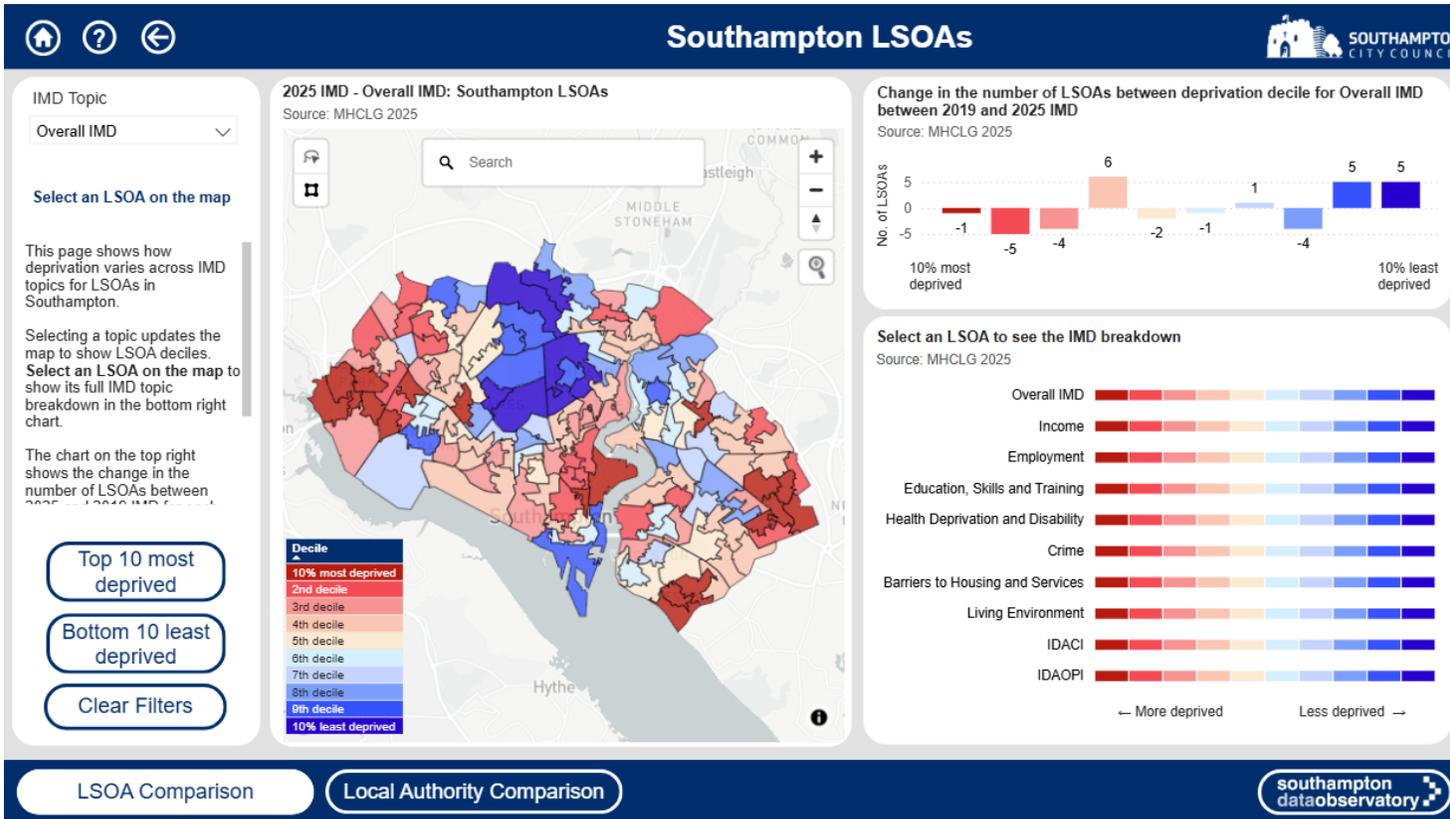
# LSOA – Living Environment Deprivation Domain

England Living Environment Domain Deciles for Southampton LSOAs, Indices of Deprivation (2025).



- [IMD 2025 dashboard](#)

- Selecting an individual LSOA from the map give the position of that LSOA in each of the domains



### IMD summary (2025): E01017281 (Woolston)

Source: MHCLG 2025



**The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) - IMD 2025 statistical release**  
Information from the MHCLG on the English Indices of Deprivation (IoD25) which measures relative levels of deprivation in 33,755 small areas or neighbourhoods, called Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs), in England. Below are the main releases and the interactive local data explorer.

- [MHCLG - IMD 2025 statistical release](#)
- [MHCLG - IMD 2025 - technical report](#)
- [MHCLG -IMD 2025 local data explorer](#)

## Other tools

- [The Impact Lab - IMD2025 tools](#)

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