



# Northern Corridor Community Profile

# Northern Corridor - general information

The information presented refer to community boards' geographical areas.

The Community Board areas are made up of the council ward(s).

The data used in this dashboard was aggregated up from sources of different level of detail (granularity), so some statistics might be derived from smaller areas (smaller geometries) like intermediate zones, data zones or postcodes. Please note the Intermediate zones and data zones are attributed to the council Wards and Community Board areas on a best fit basis.

The Northern Corridor Community Board area covers the wards of Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead and Gartcosh, Glenboig and Moodiesburn in North Lanarkshire. Positioned on gently rolling land just northeast of Glasgow, it combines village atmospheres with suburban and rural elements.

The community is shaped by both long-standing residents and families who have recently moved in, as well as a growing number of children and young people. Local schools educate children from many different backgrounds; in one recent year over 30 different home languages were recorded, reflecting the area's cultural richness and emphasizing the value of local support for learning.

Housing is diverse, ranging from detached and semi-detached family homes to flats. A significant majority of residents own their homes, although social housing remains essential, particularly in Gartcosh, Glenboig, and Moodiesburn. Some households still face pressures linked to renting or buying despite the general prevalence of homeownership in the area.



Education and family support are strong local priorities. All primary schools in the area benefit from wraparound services and its sole secondary school works closely with families while offering supports to promote children's wellbeing and academic confidence.

Despite relatively low unemployment compared to the wider region, the area still faces socio-economic challenges. Some neighbourhoods experience higher levels of income deprivation and there is reliance on older-age support. As a result, local efforts focus on supporting older residents, enhancing job opportunities, improving access to services and ensuring community cohesion.

# Northern Corridor - geography

This dashboard provides an overview of Northern Corridor's geographic characteristics about its area, population density, wards, intermediate zones and data zones, along with a map showing the ward's boundaries.

### Geographic characteristics



Area

Population density

**43**  
square km

**640**  
per square km

### Geographic overview

Wards

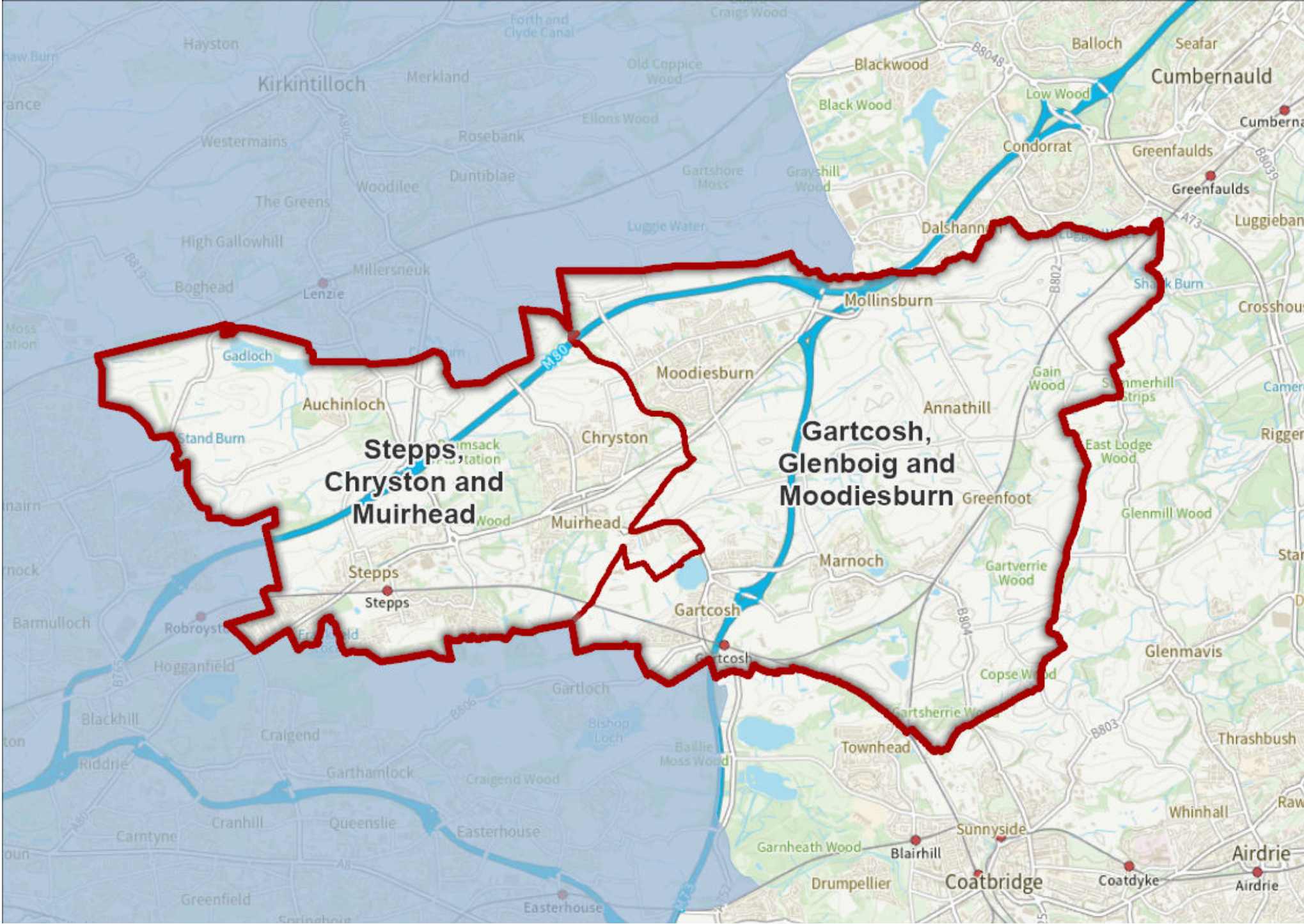
**2**

Intermediate zones

**8**

Datazones

**37**



The Northern Corridor Community Board consists of 2 wards which are Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead and Gartcosh, Glenboig and Moodiesburn.

There are 8 Intermediate Zones (2022) and 37 Datazones (2022).

# Northern Corridor - geography context

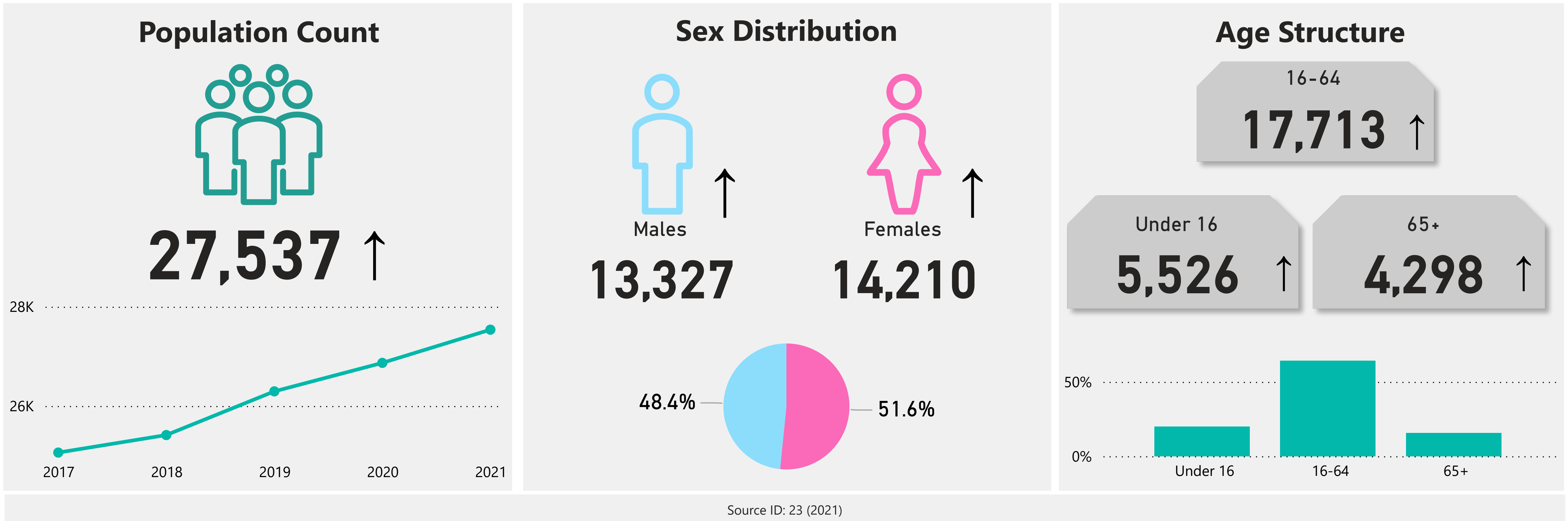
Northern Corridor is situated on the far northeastern edge of Glasgow's urban area, about 5-8 miles northeast of Glasgow - a quick 10-15 minute drive via the M80 and A80 - and roughly 35 miles west of Edinburgh. Positioned just north of the M73/M80 junction, the area enjoys strong motorway access linking directly to Glasgow, the M8 towards Edinburgh and northwards to Stirling and the north of Scotland. While these main routes support regional movement, internal A-roads and B-roads provide vital connectivity between the local settlements, offering easy access to community hubs and nearby towns.

Stepps railway station operates frequent ScotRail services on the Glasgow-Edinburgh via Falkirk route, reaching Glasgow Queen Street in around 14 minutes and serving as a key commuter connection for residents across Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead. Whilst no railway station is directly located within some villages, Gartcosh station - reopened in 2011 - serves as another local transport node. Bus services also play a vital role - First Greater Glasgow hourly routes link smaller villages like Muirhead and Moodiesburn with Stepps, Gartcosh and Glasgow. Moreover, rural routes such as ARG Travel's 310 support short local trips.

Many residents commute by car, rail and bus to Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling and Falkirk for work and study. A growing number stay locally, spurred by ongoing investment in housing, community infrastructure and better transport links - creating a modern and connected corridor at Glasgow's eastern threshold.

# Northern Corridor - general population characteristics

The infographics below detail the population of Northern Corridor using the latest ward level mid-year population estimates (2021) from National Records of Scotland.



The latest mid-year population estimates have the population of Northern Corridor Community Board as 27,537. This is an increase of 669 from 26,868 in 2020.

The working age population (16-64) in Northern Corridor is 17,713 (64.3%). The percentage of working age population in North Lanarkshire overall is 65.3%.

15.6% of Northern Corridor's population (4,298) are 65 or over, compared to the North Lanarkshire percentage of 15.5%.

# Northern Corridor - mid-year population estimates

Sex	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90+	Total
Females	760	851	1,019	617	685	814	990	1,047	1,036	1,080	1,062	1,040	835	708	707	468	287	145	59	<b>14,210</b>
Males	858	957	1,081	649	751	759	812	871	994	940	1,062	951	718	626	565	372	233	97	31	<b>13,327</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1,266</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>27,537</b>

Source ID: 23 (2021)

## The latest release for mid-year population estimates at ward level is 2021.

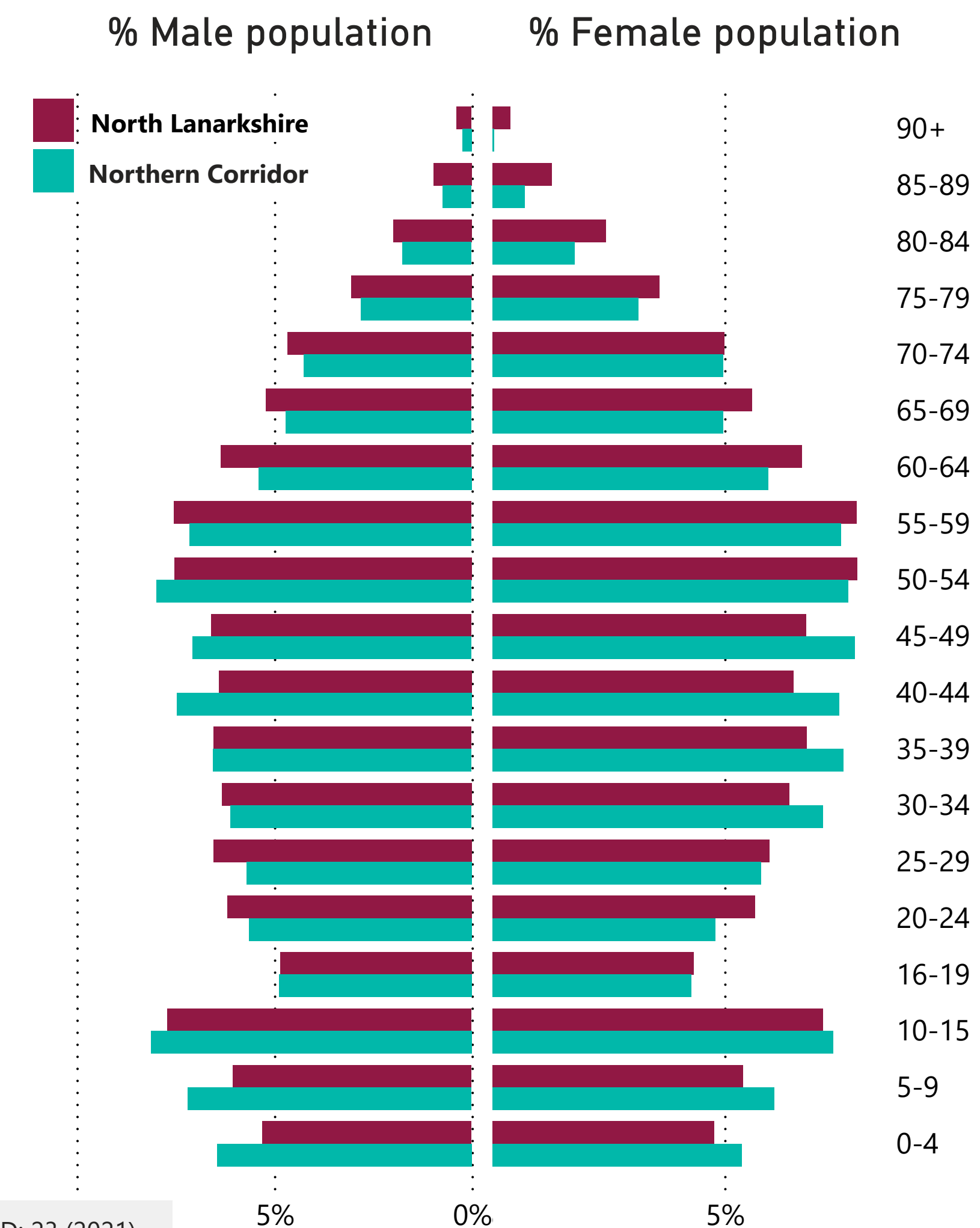
The mid-year population estimates from National Records of Scotland for the year 2021 have the population of Northern Corridor as 27,537.

The majority of females are aged 45-49 (1,080) and the majority of males are aged 10-15 (1,081), with the majority of the population overall being aged 50-54 (2,124).

For North Lanarkshire overall, the majority of females are aged 50-54 (13,464) and the majority of males are aged 10-15 (12,715) with the majority of the population overall being aged 50-54 (25,899).

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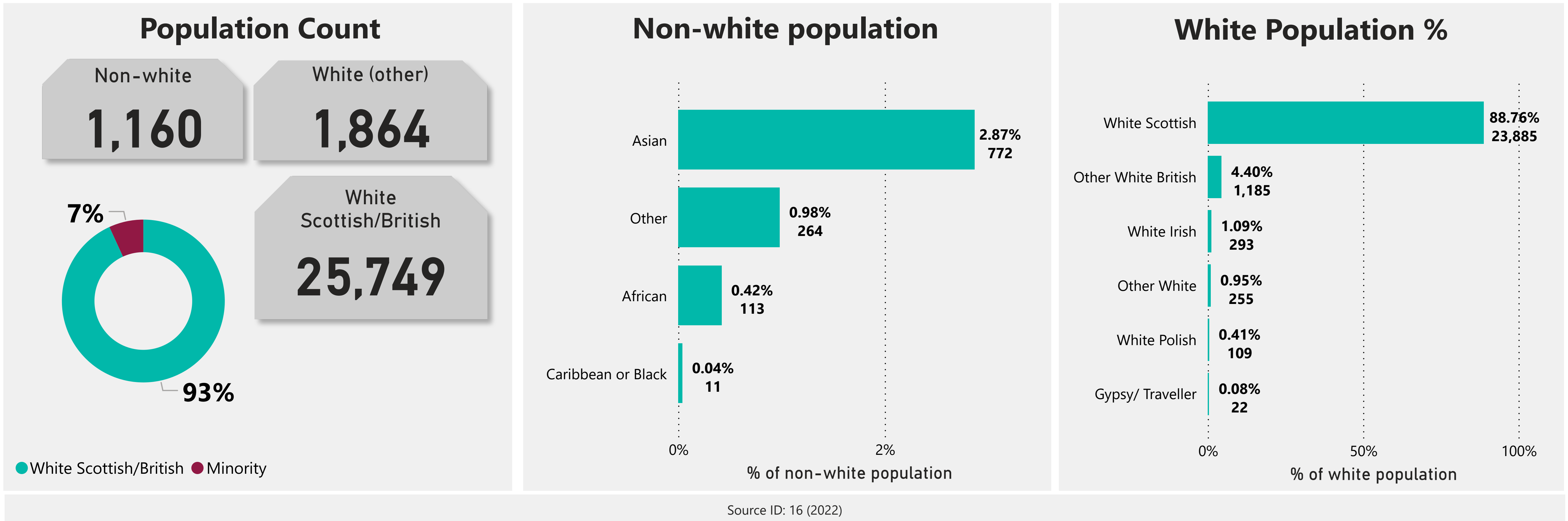
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# Northern Corridor - ethnicity

The infographics below detail the split of the population of Northern Corridor by ethnicity based on the 2022 Scotland Census results.



Based on the latest Census figures from 2022, the population of non-white minority groups is 4% in Northern Corridor (or around 1,160 people). 7% of the white population in Northern Corridor are either white Polish, white Irish, white Gypsy/Traveller or other white nationality (or around 1,864 people).

2.87% of the population (772) are Asian, 0.42% (113) are African, 0.04% (11) are Caribbean or Black and 0.98% (264) fall into other non-white ethnicities such as Arab, Mixed Race or other ethnicity.

# CACI - categories

In September 2024, The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) entered a five-year agreement with data and software company CACI for councils to access its **Paycheck** and **ACORN** data.

Paycheck provides gross household income estimates at postcode level for the UK, while Acorn is a geodemographic and segmentation tool for understanding consumer characteristics.

**Category** is the broadest level with only 7 segments. As an easy-to-understand view of affluence ranging from the most to least affluent, with rising and comfortable segments in the middle, it is typically used as a snapshot on overall wealth distribution.

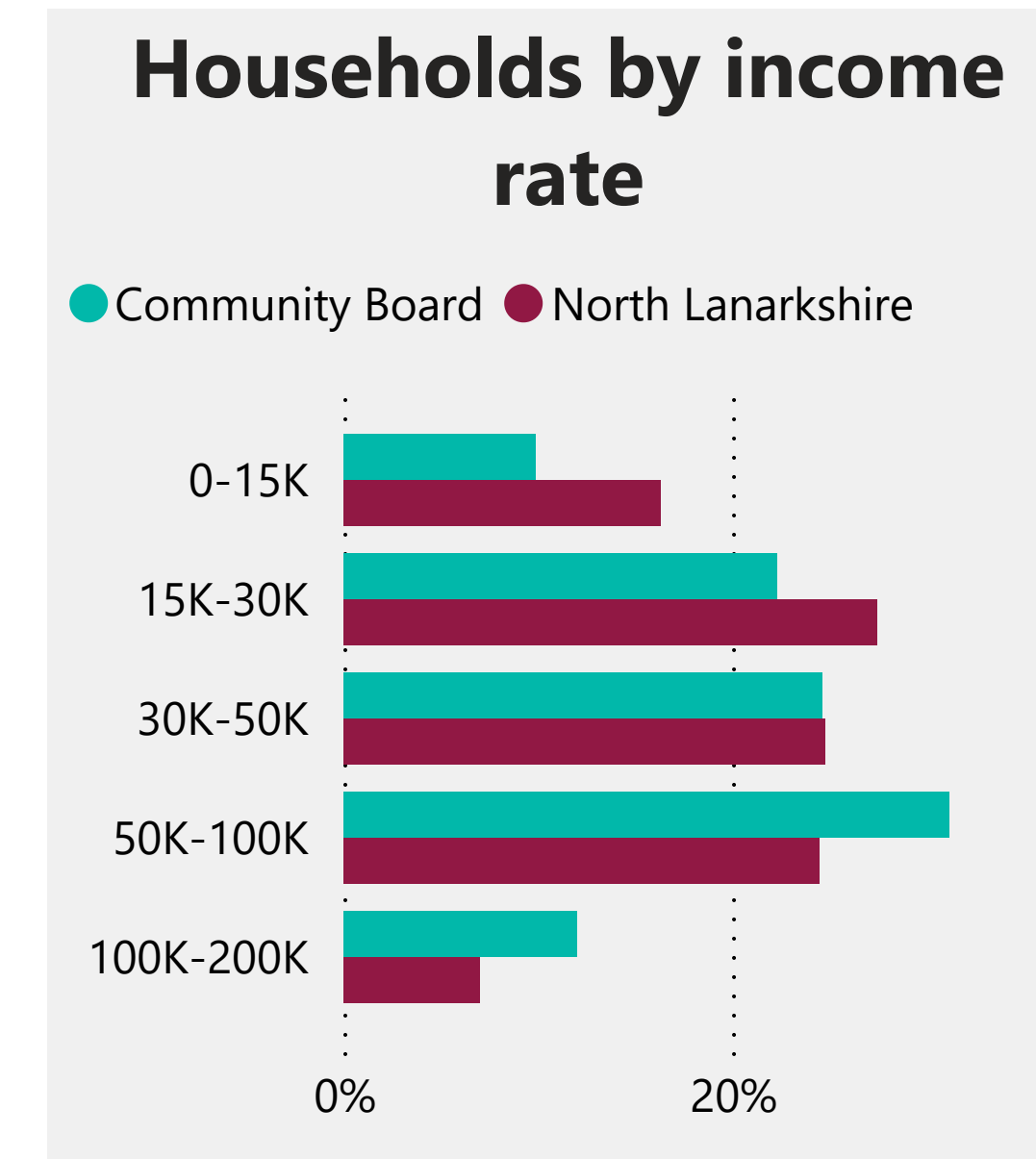
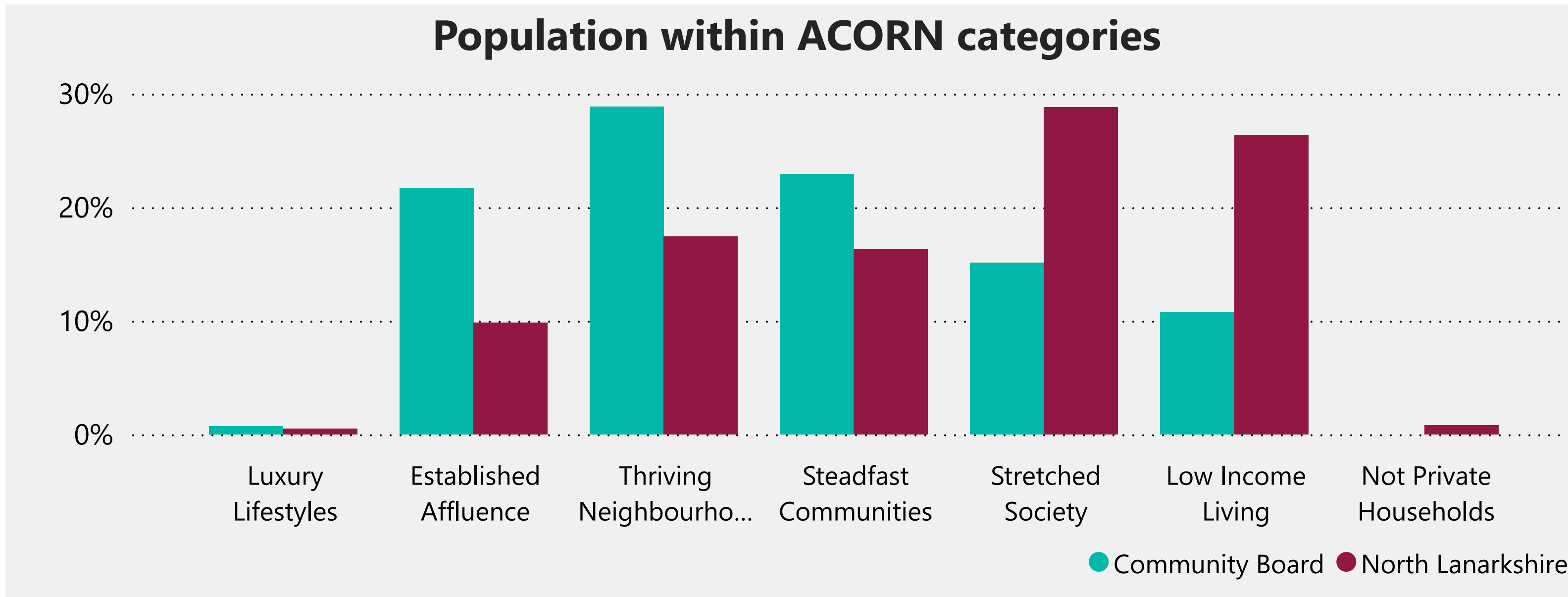
The next level down is **Group**, consisting of 22 different segments. Group level is the most widely used, as it shows enough differentiation in characteristics and behaviours of the Acorn segments while being a manageable number to work with. Group level tends to be the lens through which organisations engage with customers or service users, therefore, it is often used for personalisation strategies, product and proposition development and catchment analysis and mapping.

The lowest level is **Type**, which contains 65 segments and is seen as the most granular Acorn view.

Category	Group	Type
Luxury Lifestyles	A	Exclusive Addresses
	B	Flourishing Capital
	C	Upmarket Families
Established Affluence	D	Commuter-Belt Wealth
	E	Prosperous Professionals
Thriving Neighbourhoods	F	Mature Success
	G	Settled Suburbia
	H	Metropolitan Surroundings
	I	Up-and-Coming Urbanites
	J	Aspiring Communities
Steadfast Communities	K	Semi-Rural Maturity
	L	Traditional Homeowners
	M	Family Renters
	N	Urban Diversity
	O	Stable Seniors
Stretched Society	P	Tenant Living
	Q	Limited Budgets
	R	Hard-Up Households
Low Income Living	S	Cash-Strapped Families
	T	Constrained Pensioners
	U	Challenging Circumstances
Not Private Households	V	Not Private Households

# Northern Corridor - CACI profiling data

This dashboard provides an overview of Northern Corridor's demographic and economic profile, including household income distribution, average income and population segmentation by ACORN lifestyle categories.



### Average income per household

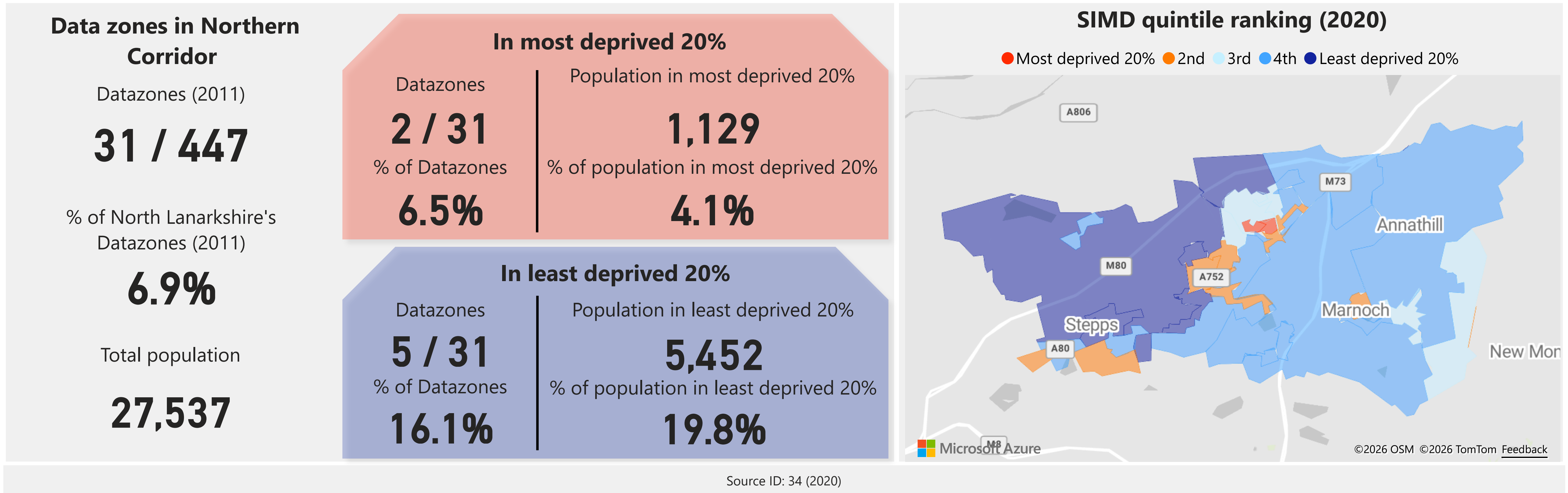
**£53.6K**

Source ID: 5 (2024)

ID	Name	Description	Dominant Housing Type	Saving and Investments
1	Luxury Lifestyles	The most affluent people in Britain, confident consumers with high levels of savings and investments, living in the most expensive properties.	Detached or apartments	Very high
2	Established Affluence	Wealthy and successful people living in large houses which they own in affluent, high status areas of the country.	Detached	High
3	Thriving Neighbourhoods	Comfortable, stable families and empty nesters who have a good standard of living, on an income above the UK average.	Semi or detached	Average
4	Steadfast Communities	This category contains much of middle of the road Britain with working families on incomes just below the UK average.	Semi detached	Below average
5	Stretched Society	Traditional working class areas of Britain containing younger families, flat sharers and students privately renting their homes.	Terraced	Low
6	Low Income Living	This category contains the most deprived areas of towns and cities across the UK, with the lowest incomes. It contains a higher proportion of single people across the age groups, socially renting their flats.	Flats	Very low
7	Not Private Households	These are postcodes where the bulk of the residents are not living in private households.		

# Northern Corridor - Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

The infographics below show the distribution of data zones and their population and level of deprivation within Northern Corridor.



The **Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)** is a tool used to measure relative deprivation across Scotland. The SIMD is formed from more than 30 indicators of deprivation which have been grouped together into seven domains. The seven domains are combined to form a rank for each of the 6,976 data zones across Scotland, where rank 1 is the most deprived community and 6,976 is the least deprived.

On the basis of the latest Scottish census outcomes, the data zones were updated in 2025. There are 8 Intermediate Zones (2022) and 37 data zones (2022) within Northern Corridor, however new SIMD data is not yet published.

This [interactive tool](#) allows you to look at each data zone across Scotland and North Lanarkshire to see the overall ranking and ranking in each of the seven domains.

# Northern Corridor - household and housing estimates

This dashboard outlines key housing statistics for Northern Corridor, including dwelling counts, occupancy rates and single-adult household figures. It also shows how these households are distributed across wards and Council Tax bands.

## Number of dwellings



Number of dwellings in Northern Corridor

**12,259**

Occupied  
**98.2%**

Percentage of North Lanarkshire dwellings

**7.6%**

Vacant  
**1.8%**

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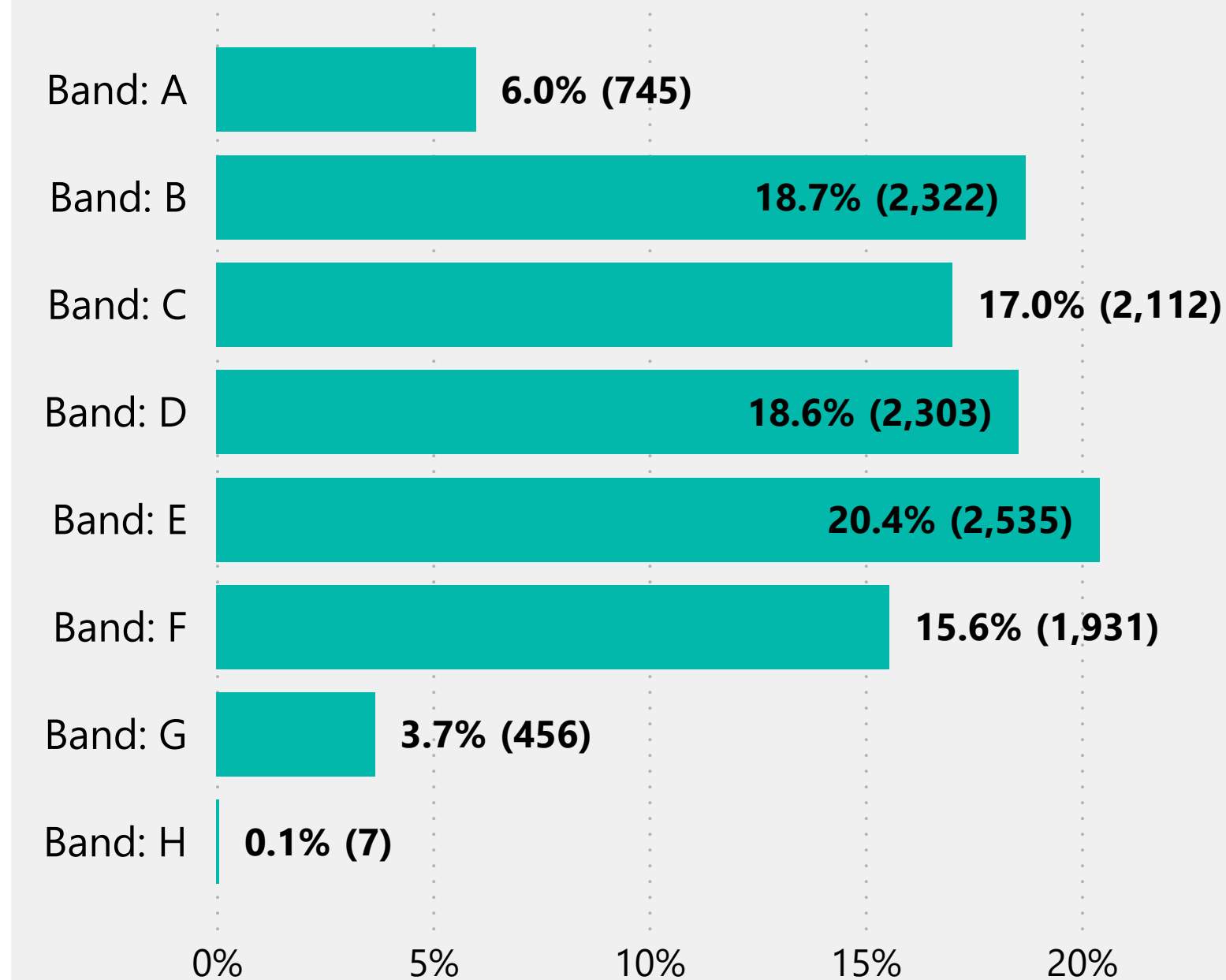
## Single-adult households by ward



**33.5%**  
of households  
(4,099)

Ward Name	All dwellings	Single adult dwellings	Single Adult %
<b>Gartcosh, Glenboig and Moodiesburn</b>	<b>6,025</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>34.3%</b>
<b>Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead</b>	<b>6,234</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>32.6%</b>

## Council tax bands (NRS)



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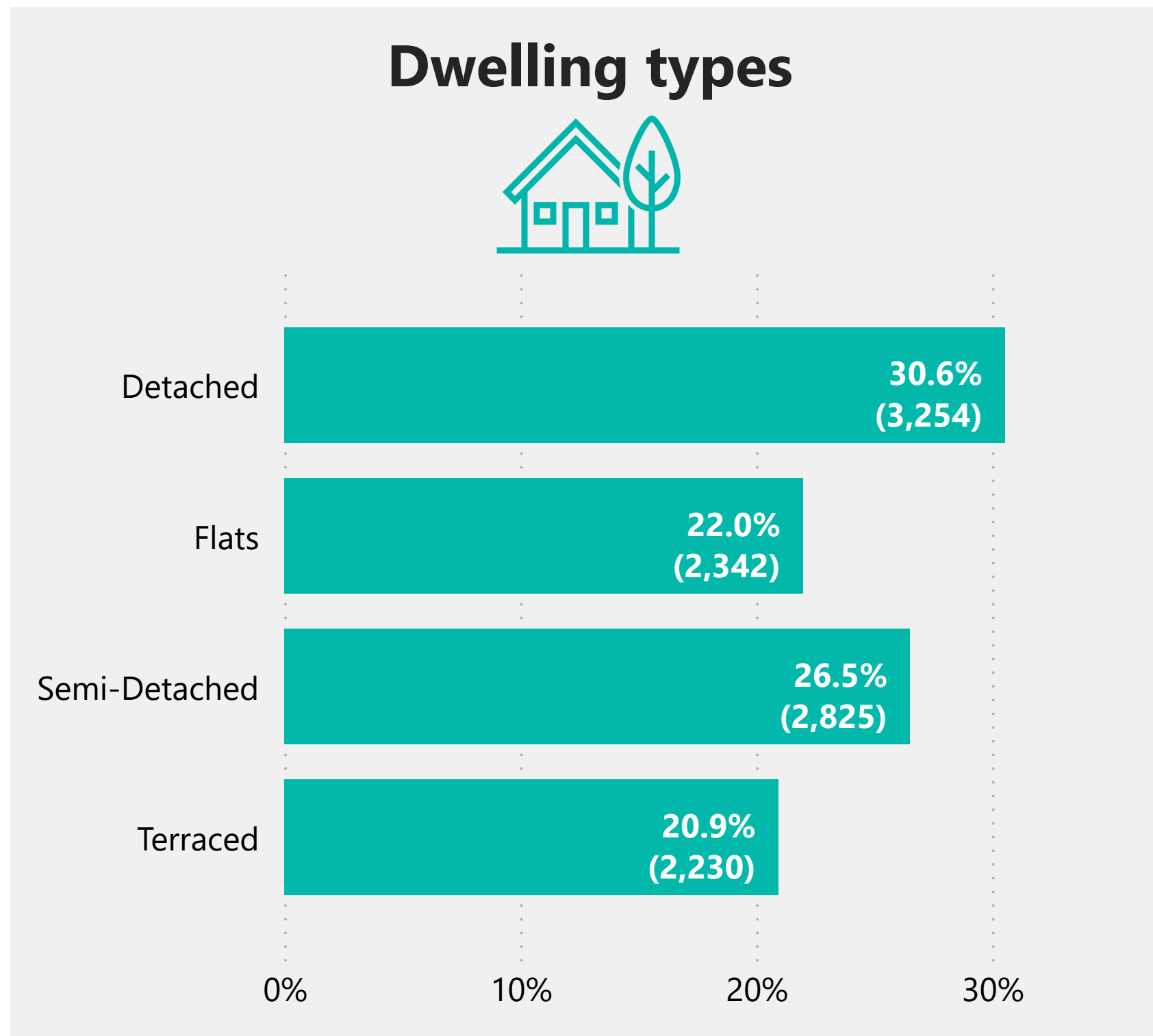
Northern Corridor holds a total of 12,259 dwellings, representing 7.6% of all dwellings in North Lanarkshire.

33.5% of Northern Corridor's dwellings are single-adult households (dwellings where a single-adult council tax discount applies). Most single-adult households are located in the Gartcosh, Glenboig and Moodiesburn ward (34.3%).

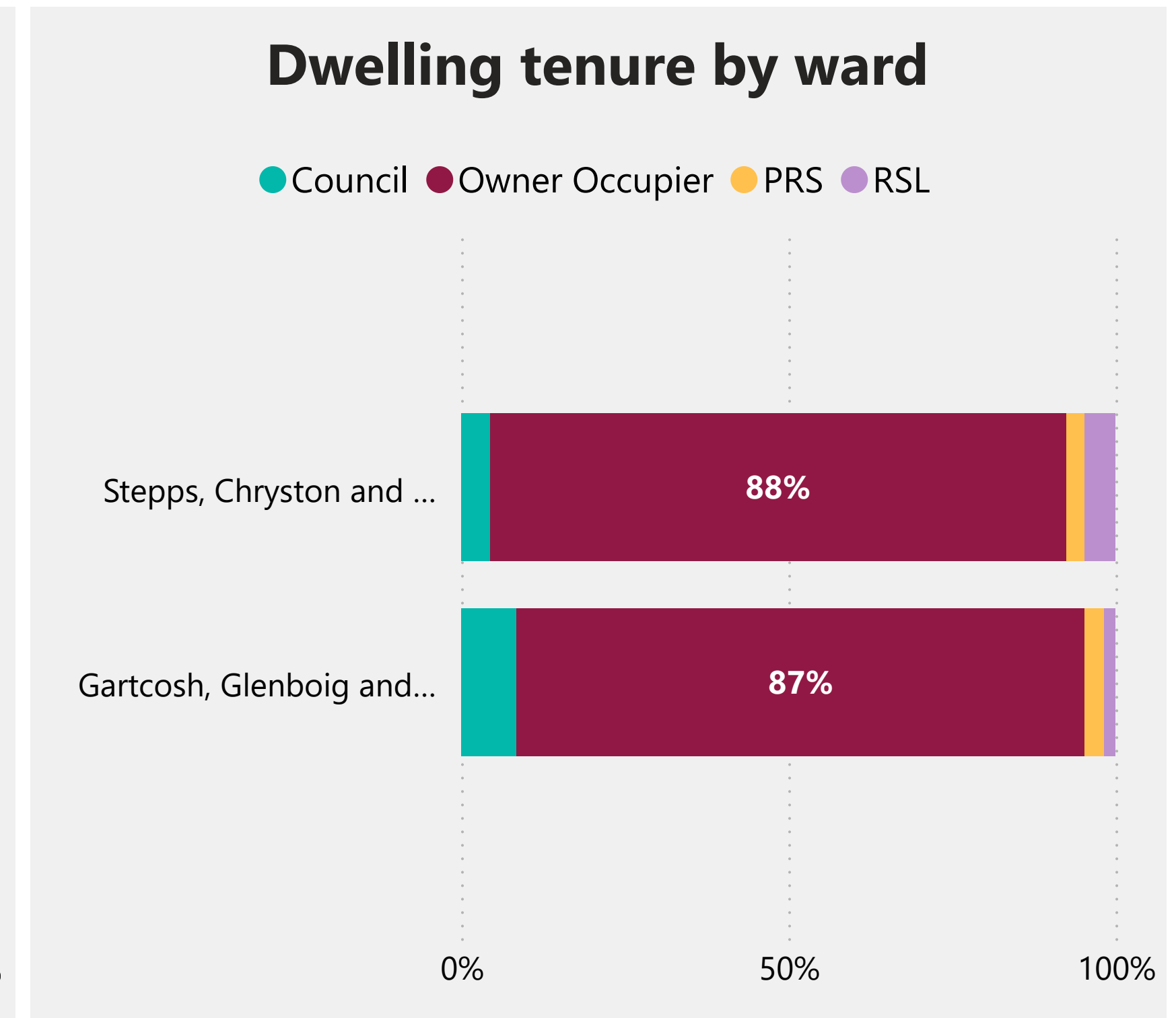
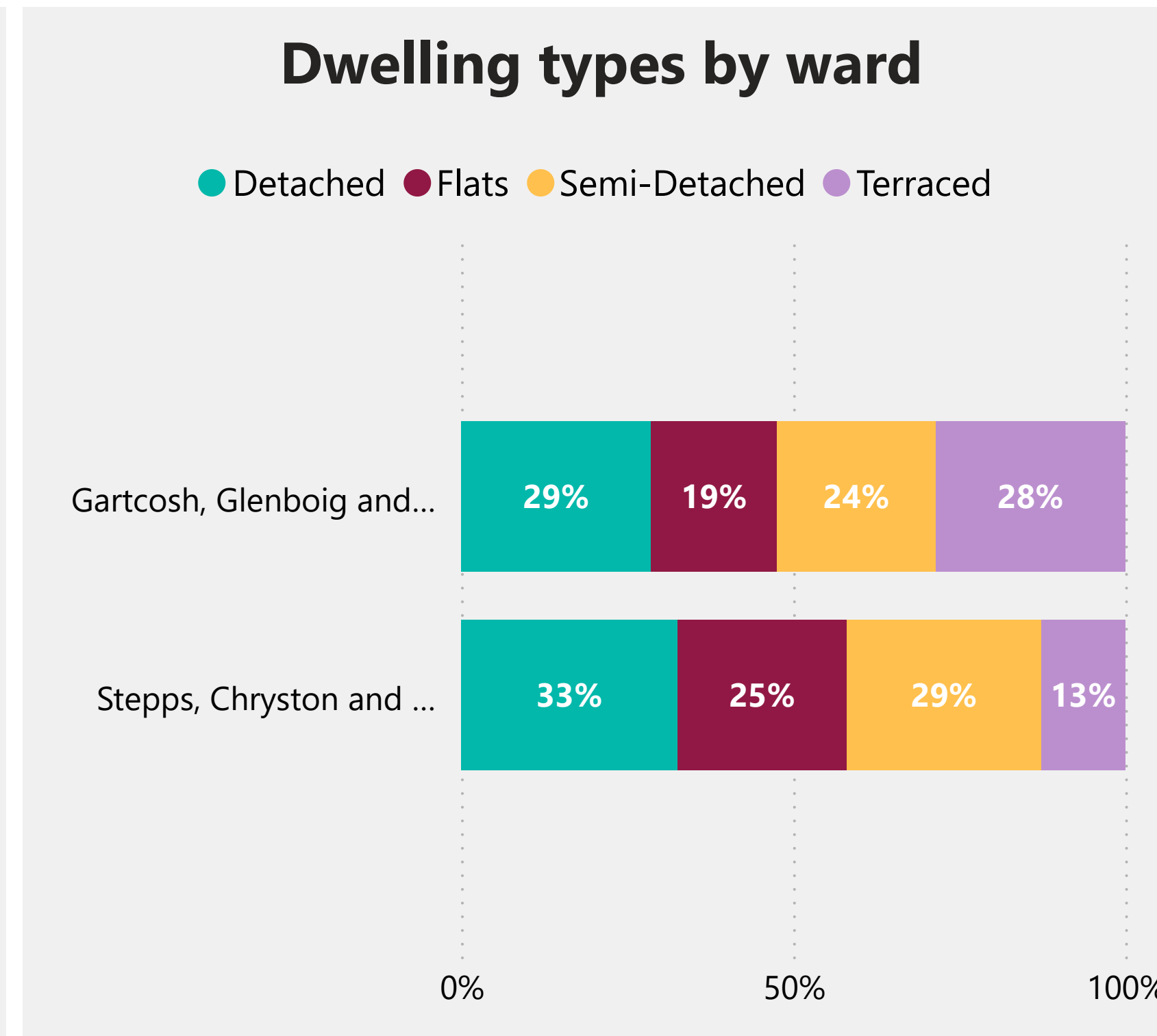
The dominant council tax band in the Northern Corridor Community Board area is Band: E (20.4%).

# Northern Corridor - dwelling characteristics

This dashboard provides an overview of dwelling characteristics in Northern Corridor, breaking down dwelling types and tenure by ward.



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Source ID: 35 (2024/25)

In the Northern Corridor community board area, detached homes are the most common dwelling type, making up 30.5% of all dwellings. Terraced homes are the least common, accounting for just 20.8%. Other dwelling types include flats (21.9%) and semi-detached (26.4%), showing a varied housing mix across the community.

Across the Northern Corridor Community Board area, Owner Occupier is the dominant tenure type. Owner occupation ranges from 86.8% in Gartcosh, Glenboig and Moodiesburn to 88.1% in Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead.

**PRS** - Private Rented Sector, **RSL** - Registered Social Landlord

# Northern Corridor - economy and employment

The infographics below show the numbers and proportions of people claiming employment-related benefits in Northern Corridor.

## Job Seeker and Universal Credit claimants (age 16+)



total claimants

**370**

proportion of adults

**2.2%**

Source ID: 7 (2025)

## Employment and Support Allowance claimants (age 16+)



total claimants

**553**

proportion of adults

**2.5%**

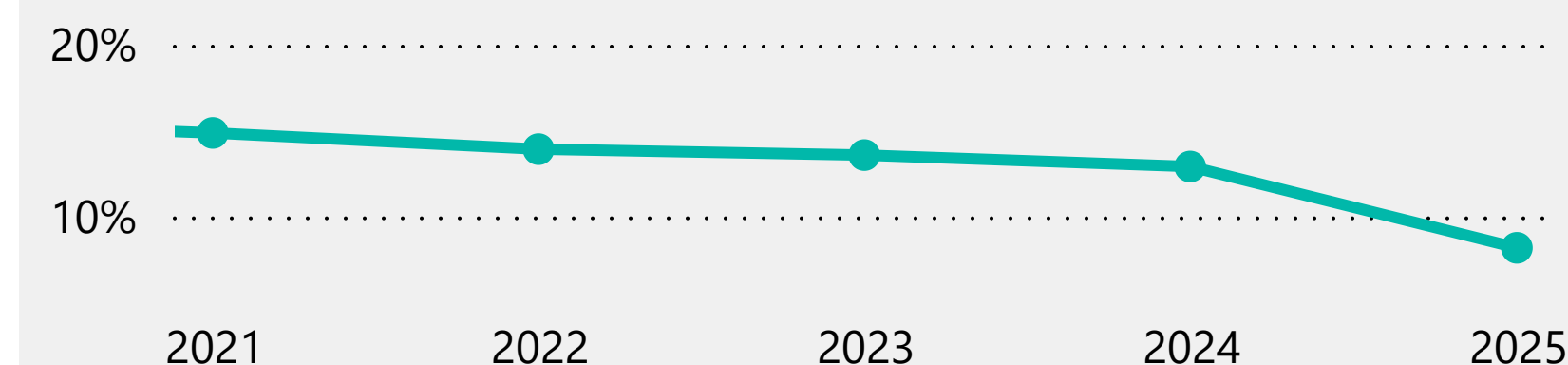
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## Trends

Job Seeker and Universal Credit claimants as a proportion of adults (age 16+)



Employment and Support Allowance claimants as a proportion of adults (age 16+)



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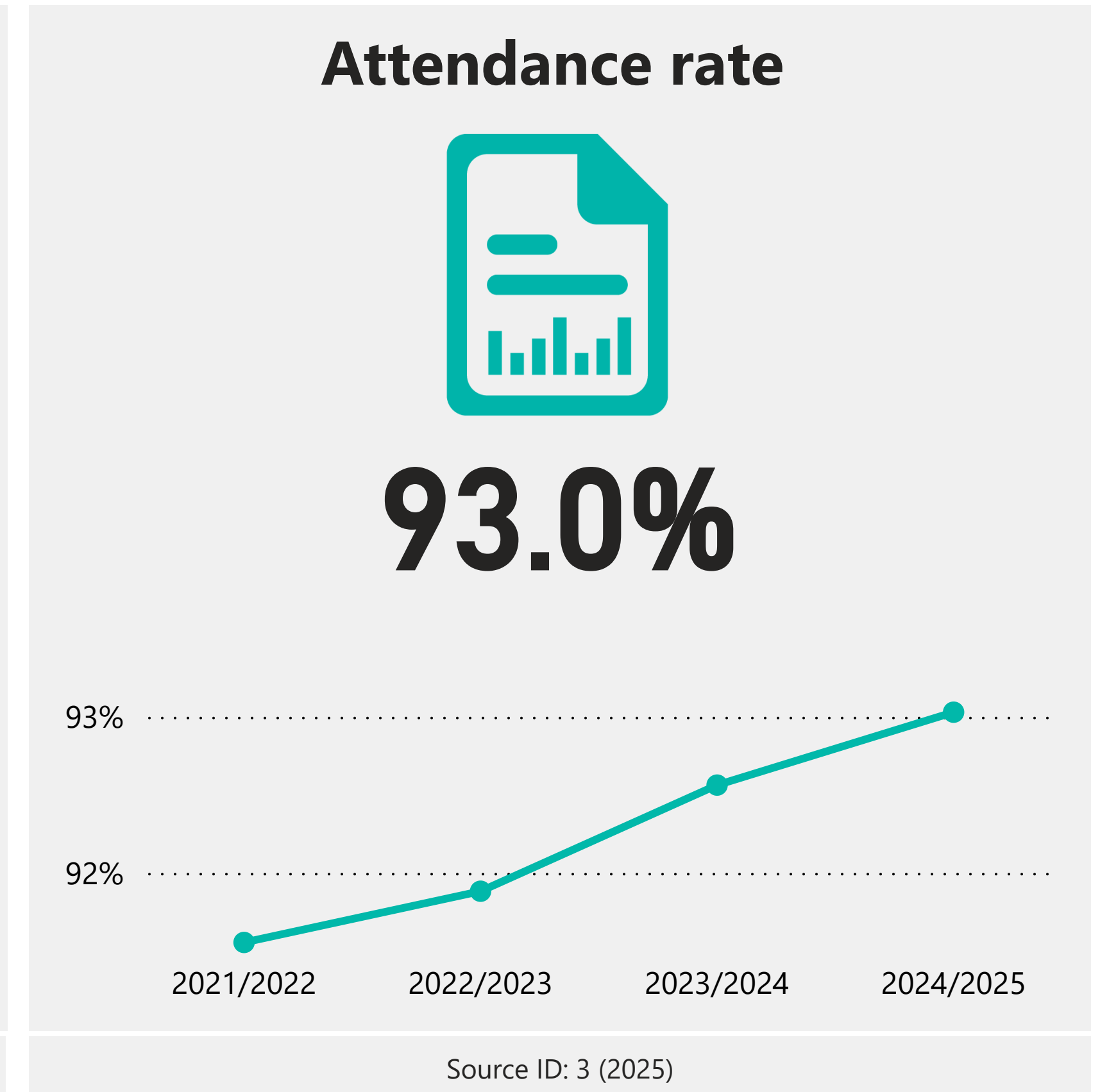
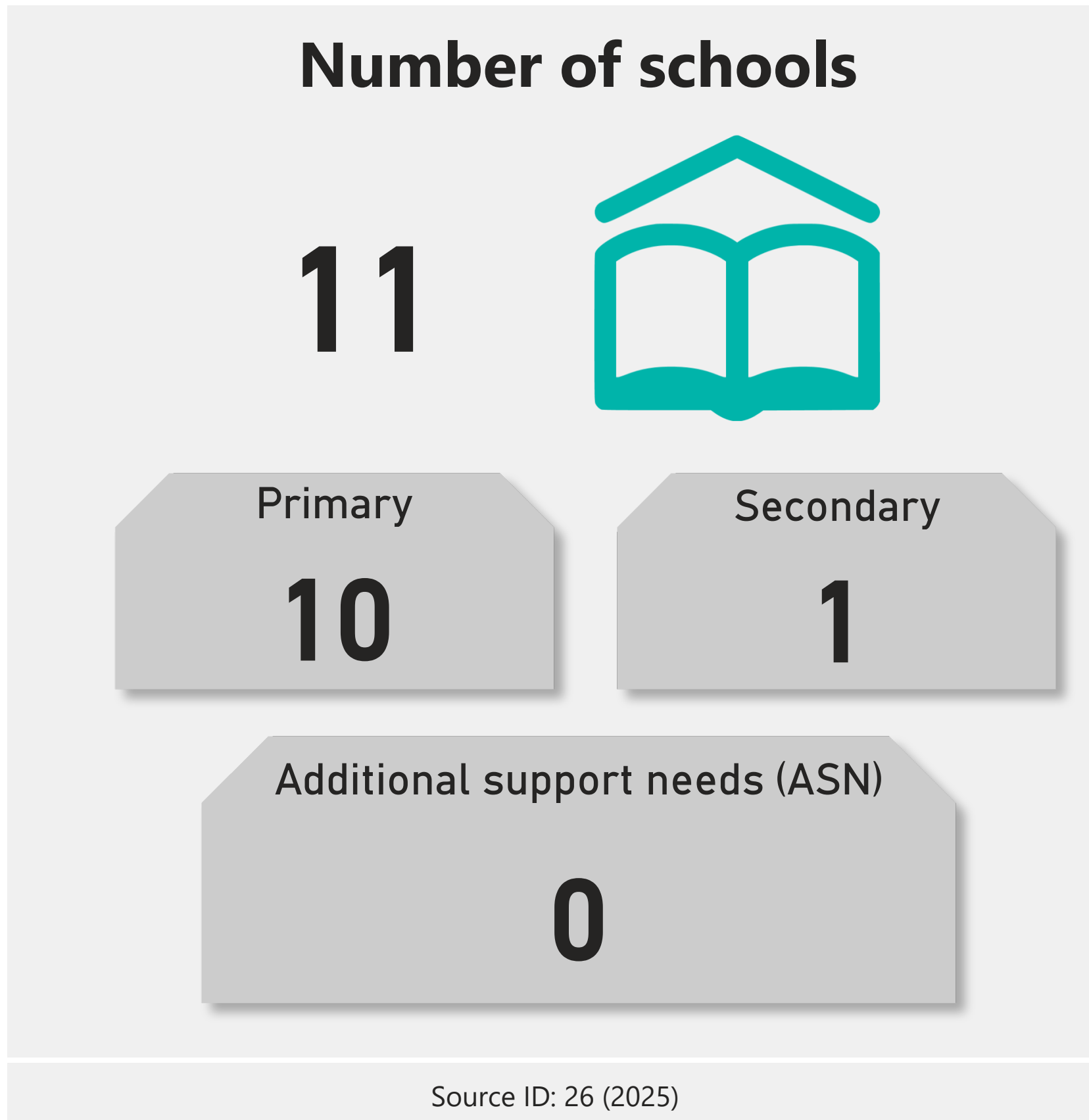
In Northern Corridor, the number of people claiming Job Seeker Allowance and Universal Credit combined in 2025 is 370. This equates to 2.2% of adults aged 16 and over in the area. Employment and Support Allowance claimants sit at 553 as of August 2025. This is 2.5% of adults aged 16 and over.

In May 2024, the Department for Work and Pensions increased the administrative earnings threshold for job seeking requirements. This change affected around 180,000 claimants UK wide, increasing the Claimant Count at the time of the change. This policy change, along with two previous increases to the administrative earnings threshold in September 2022 and January 2023, represent discontinuities in the Claimant Count series.

Rates for local authorities from 2023 onwards are calculated using the UK mid-2023 resident population aged 16-64 (except Northern Ireland).

# Northern Corridor - education

The infographics below detail the number of schools, the number of pupils (based on annual School Census) and the attendance rate for Northern Corridor.



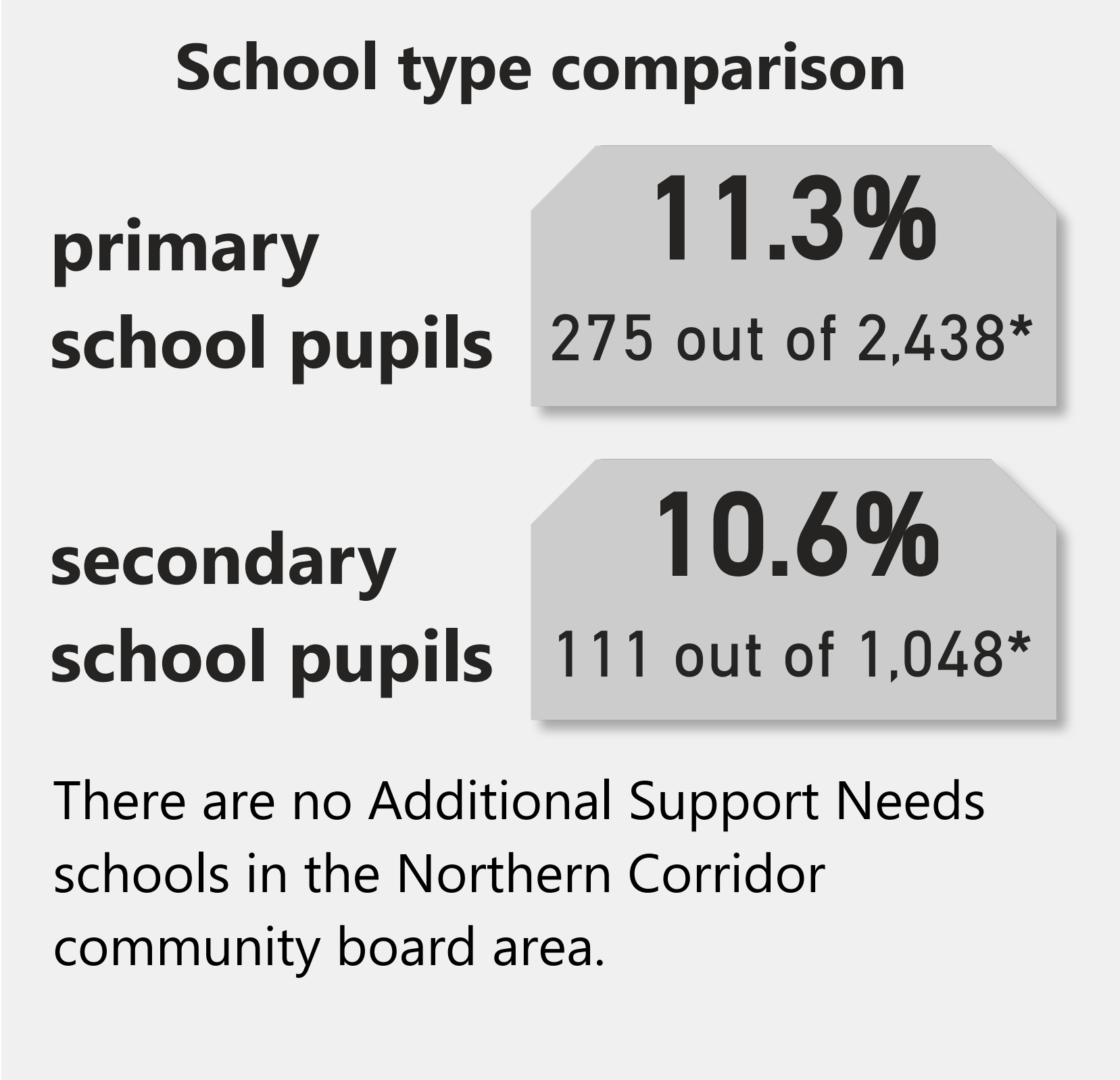
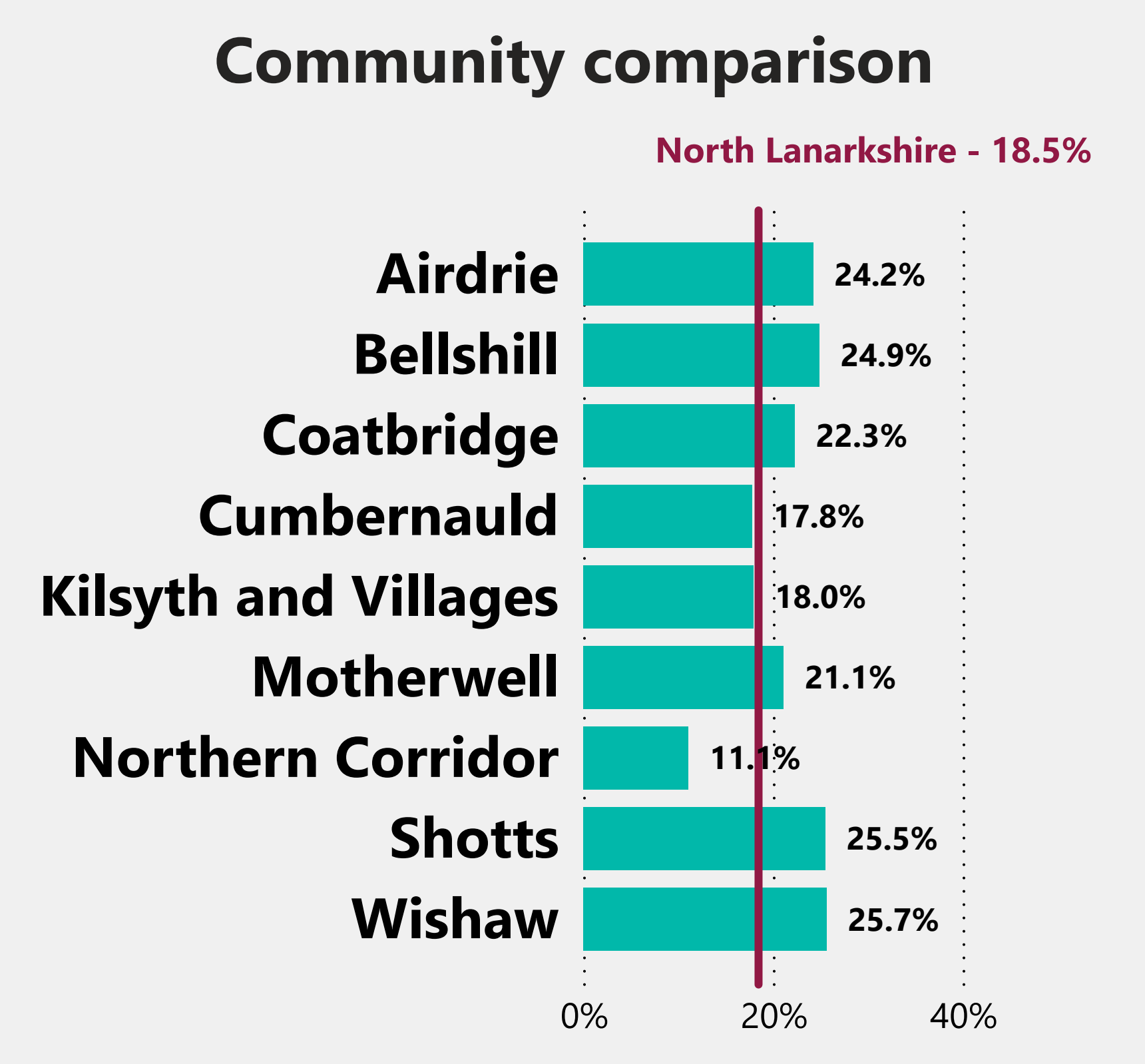
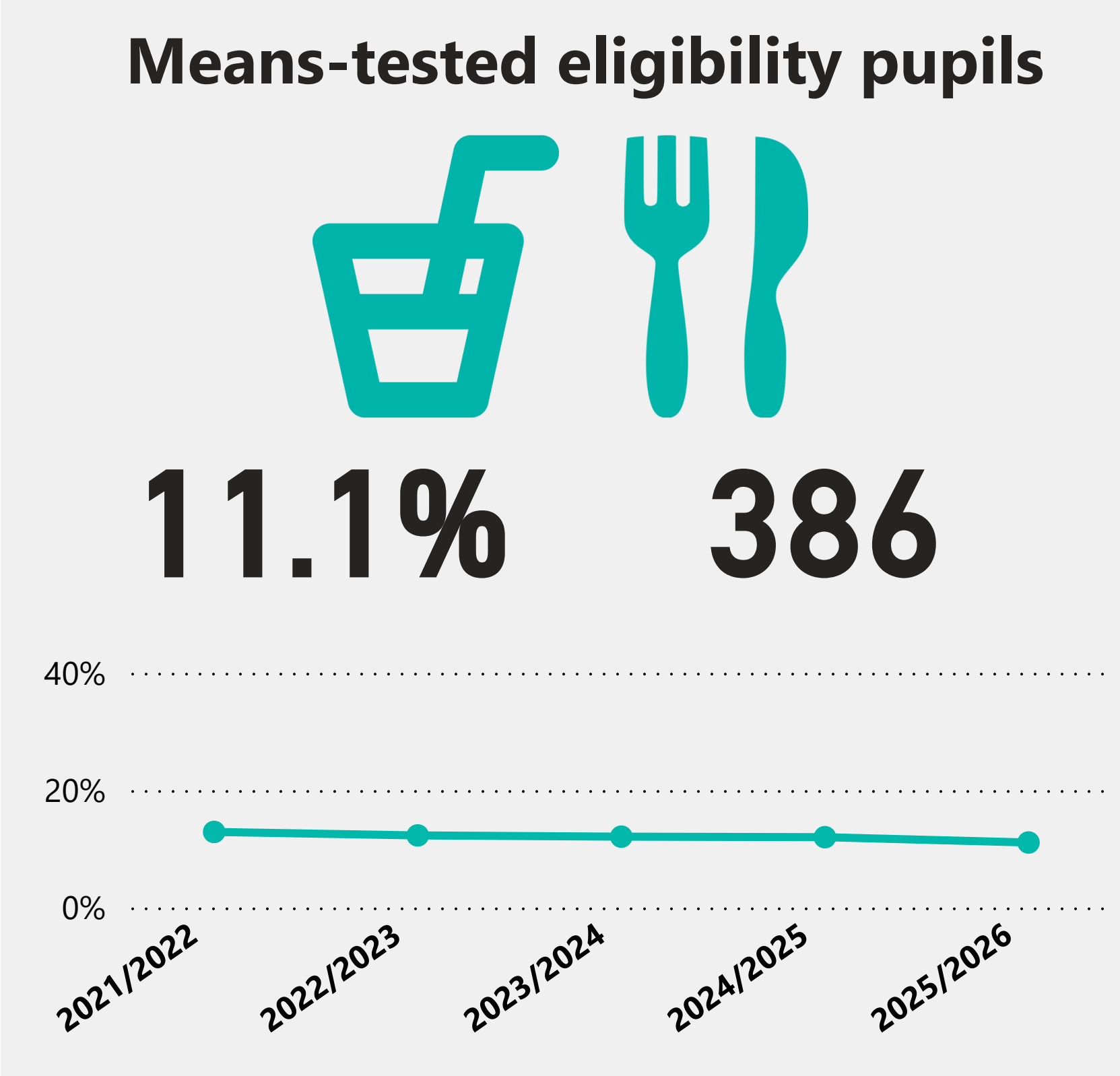
Northern Corridor has 11 schools in total in the area, of which 10 are primary schools, 1 is a secondary school and there are no Additional Support Needs schools. As of 2025/2026, there are 3,440 pupils registered in Northern Corridor schools, of which 2,399 attend primary schools, 1,041 attend secondary schools, and no pupils attend Additional Support Needs schools. For Northern Corridor overall, this is an increase of 90 pupils registered in all schools compared to 2024/2025.

The attendance rate for Northern Corridor schools overall is 93.0% as of 2024/2025. This is an improvement of 0.5% compared to 2023/2024.

All education data shown is based on the community board where the schools are physically located. It does not reflect other community board areas that pupils may come from or travel to.

# Northern Corridor - free school meals

The infographics below show the number of pupils who have applied, and are eligible for, means-tested free school meals in Northern Corridor. The figures also include pupils who have applied for clothing grants but have also been assessed as eligible for free school meals by the council's benefits team.



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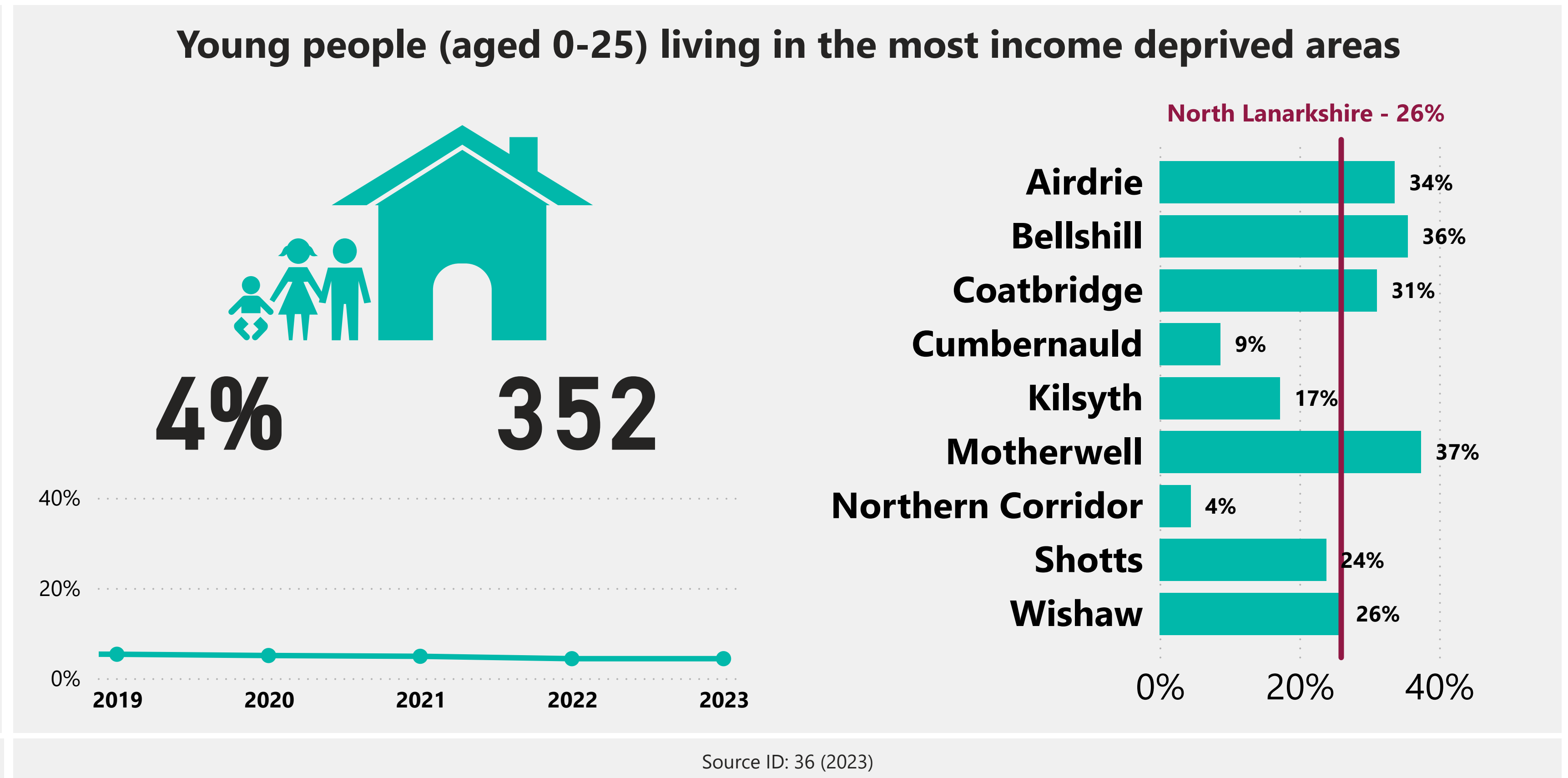
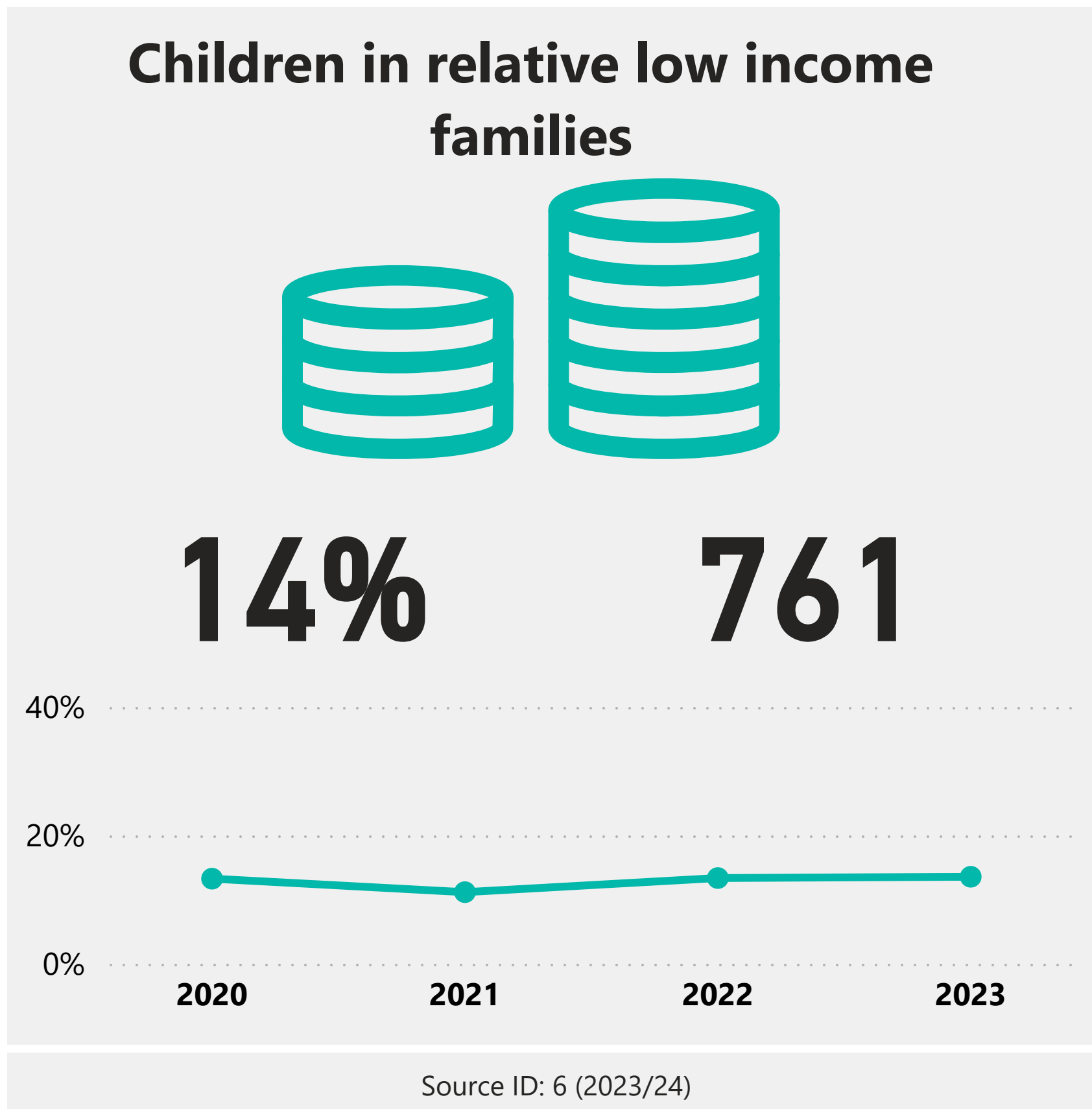
There are currently 386 pupils eligible via the means-tested criteria for free school meals in the Northern Corridor, which is 11.1% of pupils. This does not include pupils automatically eligible through P1-P5 and ASN universal provision. Specifically, of the 386 pupils, 275 attend primary schools and 111 attend secondary schools.

\*figures based on SEEMIS school roll, which is subject to change as and when new pupils enroll

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# Northern Corridor - child poverty

The infographics below detail measures relating to children and young people living in poverty in Northern Corridor, using statistics of children living in relative low income families and the number of young people living in the most income deprived areas.

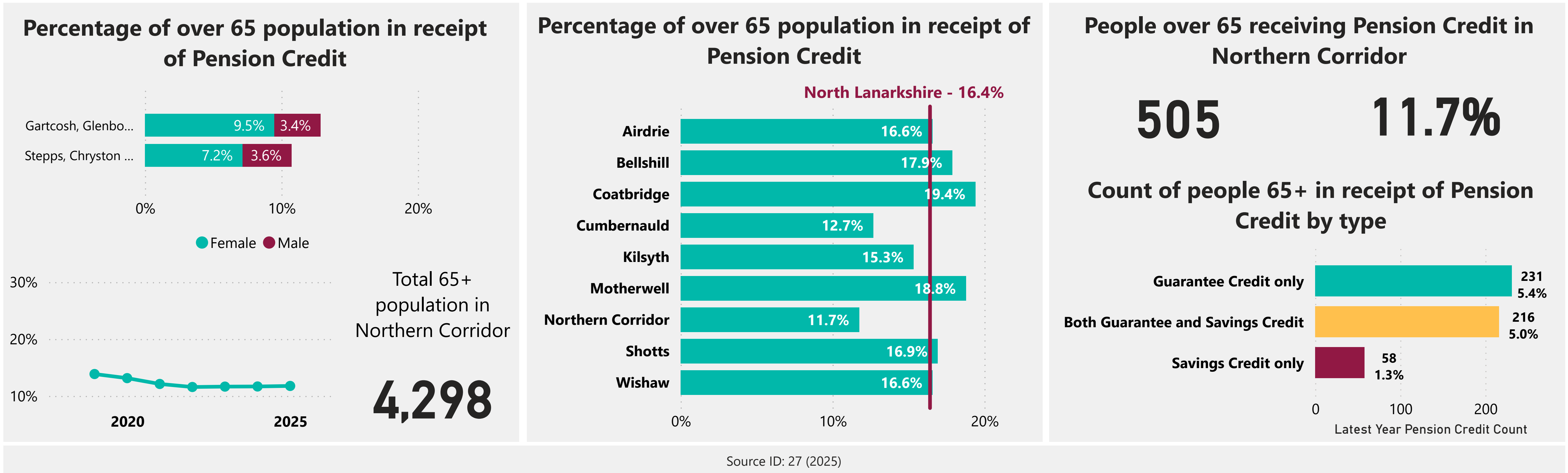


As of 2023, about 14% of children in Northern Corridor are living in families with relatively low income. This is an increase of 1% compared to 2022.

Around 4% of young people (those aged 0 to 25) live in areas considered among the most income deprived according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) in 2023, which remains unchanged compared to 2022.

# Northern Corridor - Pension Credit

This dashboard provides an overview of people of state pension age who are in receipt of Pension Credit in Northern Corridor. It highlights sex difference across the area, breaks down recipients by credit type and provides a comparison with other Community Boards and the North Lanarkshire average.



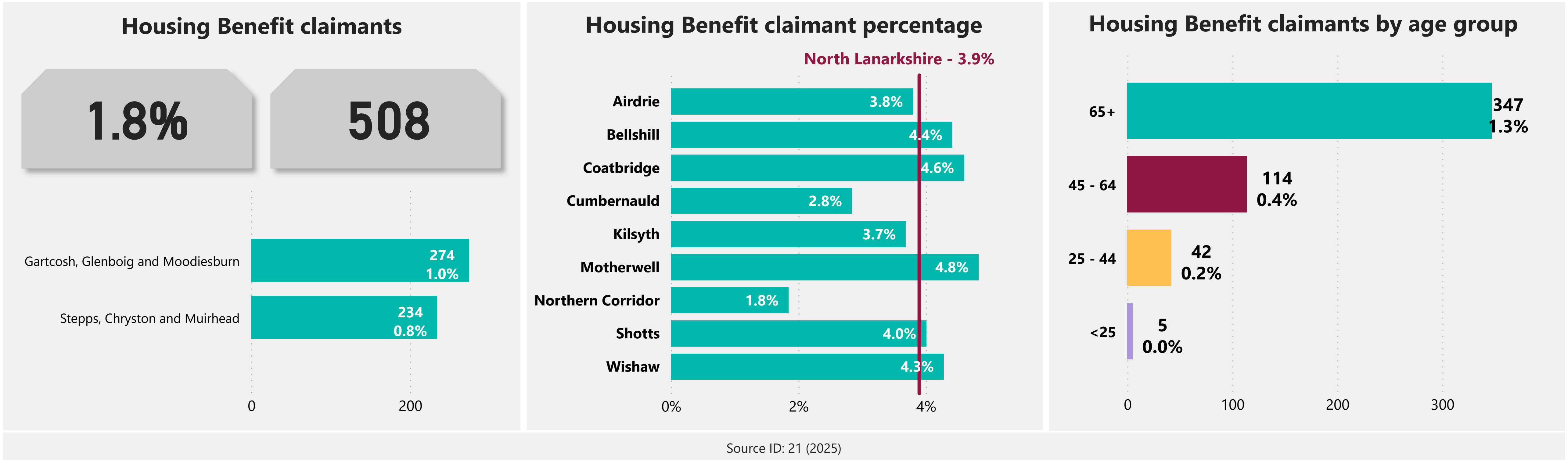
Across North Lanarkshire 9,954 people, 16.42% of the over 65 population, are in receipt of Pension Credit.

Pension Credit is a means-tested benefit designed to support people of state pension age who are on a low income. It is, therefore, a good indicator to gauge low income levels in the older population. People can qualify for either Guarantee Credit or Savings Credit, or both, depending on circumstances. Guarantee Credit is awarded to people whose income is below the threshold and Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who have saved some money for retirement. If both circumstances apply, both benefits may be awarded.

\*The infographics above are produced using DWP data published in February 2025 and the latest ward-level mid-year population estimates from 2021.

# Northern Corridor - Housing Benefit

This dashboard provides an overview of Housing Benefit claimants in Northern Corridor. It highlights the difference across the wards, breaks down recipients by age-group and provides a comparison with other communities and the North Lanarkshire average.



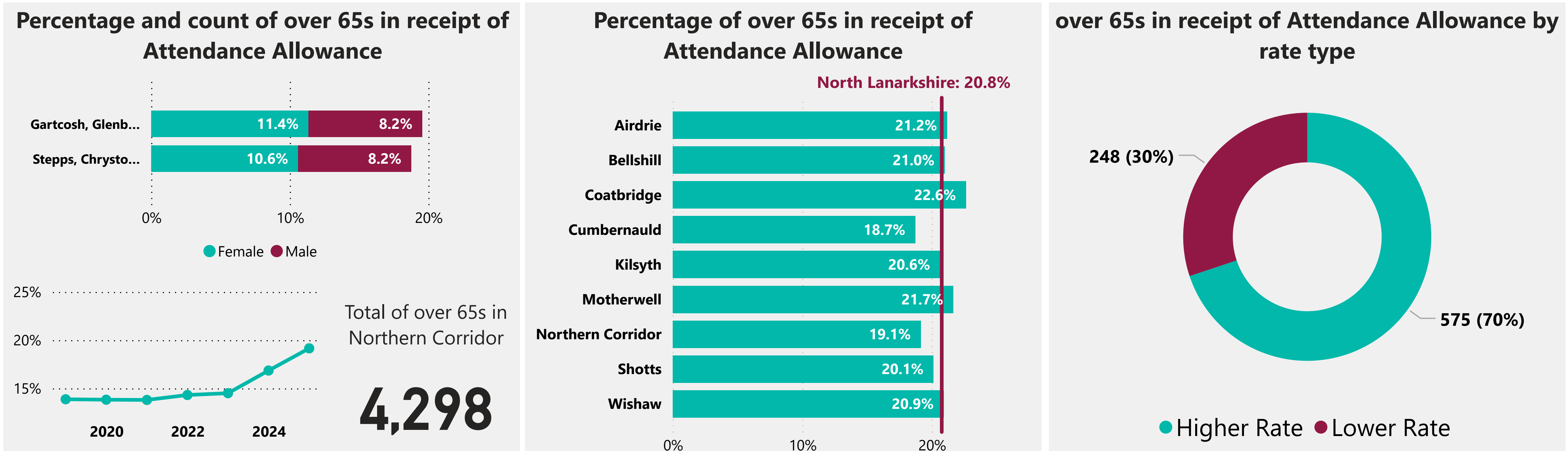
Across North Lanarkshire 13,312 people, 3.9% of the population, receive of Housing Benefit.

Most working-age people in Scotland now receive housing support through Universal Credit, not Housing Benefit. This shift began in 2013 and accelerated with the rollout of Universal Credit across the UK. As a result, Housing Benefit is now largely reserved for people over state pension age, or those living in supported or temporary accommodation. Because pensioners are not required to switch to Universal Credit, they make up the majority of current Housing Benefit recipients in Scotland.

\*The infographics above are produced using DWP data published in February 2025 and the mid-year population estimates from 2021.

# Northern Corridor - Attendance Allowance

This dashboard provides an overview of people of state pension who are receiving Attendance Allowance in Northern Corridor. It highlights sex distribution across the area, breaks down recipients by rate type and provides a comparison with other Community Boards and the North Lanarkshire average.



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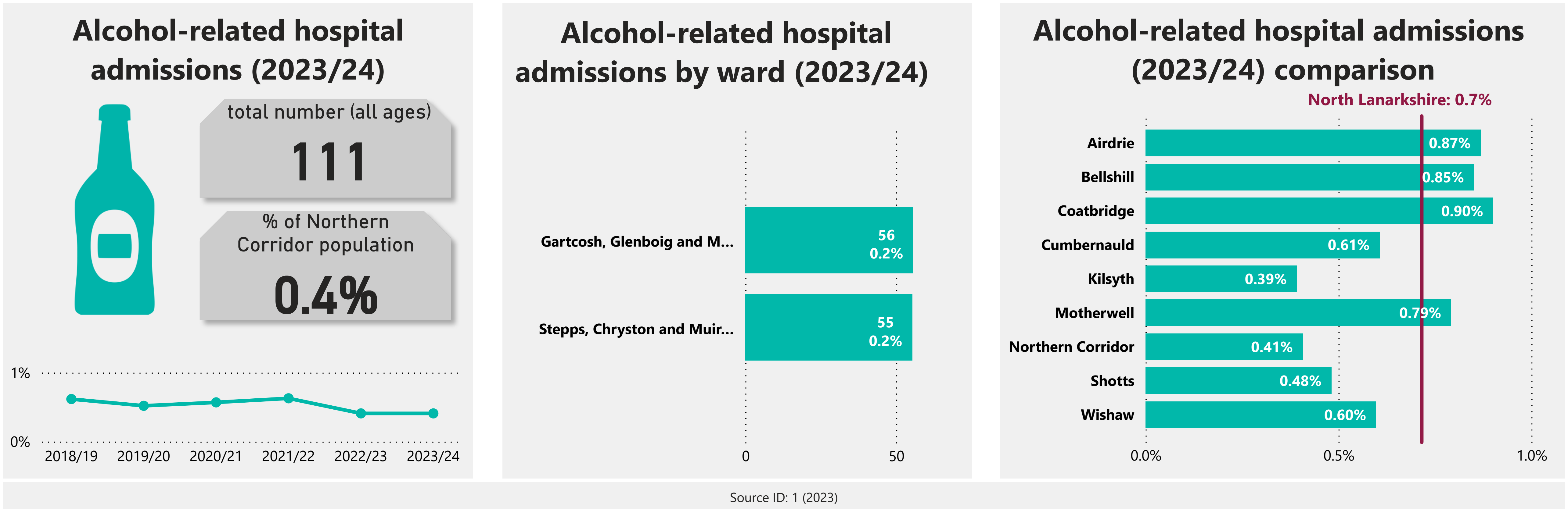
Across North Lanarkshire 12,591 people, 20.8 % of the over 65 year old population, receive Attendance Allowance.

Attendance Allowance is awarded to people aged over 65 years who need help with personal care and day-to-day activities. It is a good measure to gauge the health of the older population.

\*The infographics above are produced using DWP data published in February 2025 and the mid-year population estimates from 2021.

# Northern Corridor - alcohol-related hospital admissions

The infographics below provide data relating to alcohol-related hospital admissions of people of all ages in Northern Corridor. It highlights the difference across the wards and provides a comparison with other community boards and the North Lanarkshire average.

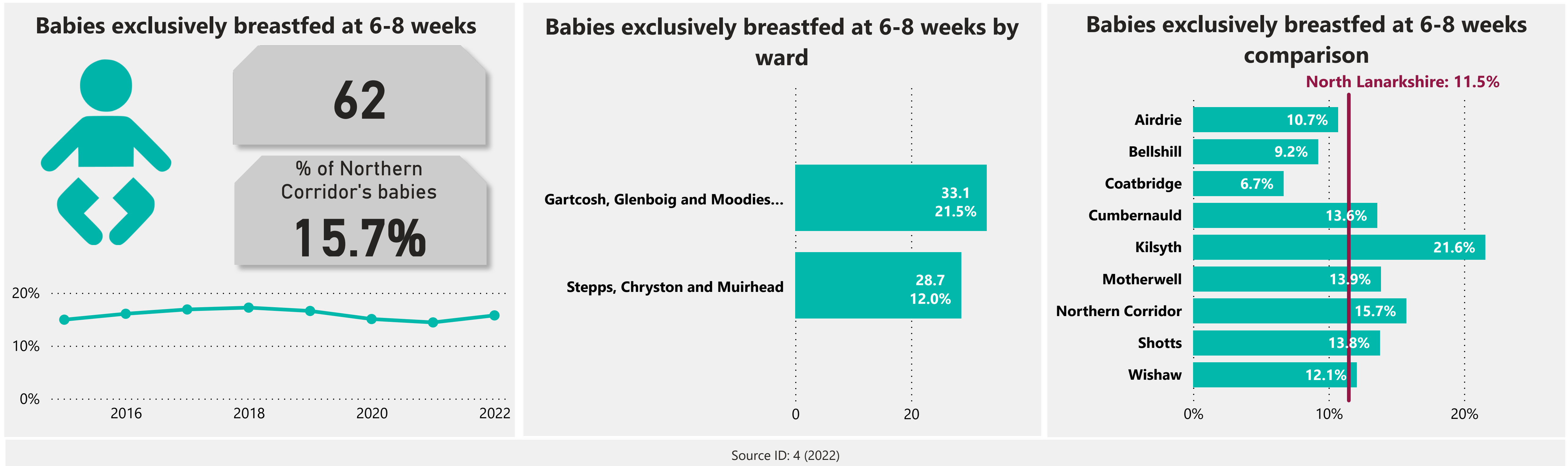


In Northern Corridor, 111 people were admitted to hospital due to alcohol related illness. This equates to 0.4% of the overall population of the area.

Excessive consumption of alcohol can result in a wide range of health problems. Some may occur after drinking over a relatively short period, such as acute intoxication (drunkenness) or poisoning (toxic effect). Others develop more gradually, only becoming evident after long-term heavy drinking, such as damage to the liver and brain. In addition to causing physical problems, excessive alcohol consumption can lead to mental health problems such as alcohol dependency. Alcohol can also play a factor in a range of other conditions such as injuries, epilepsy and cancer.

# Northern Corridor - mother and baby - breastfeeding

This dashboard provides an overview of babies who are being exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks in Northern Corridor. It highlights the trend over the years, provides a breakdown by ward and shows a comparison with other Community Boards and North Lanarkshire overall.



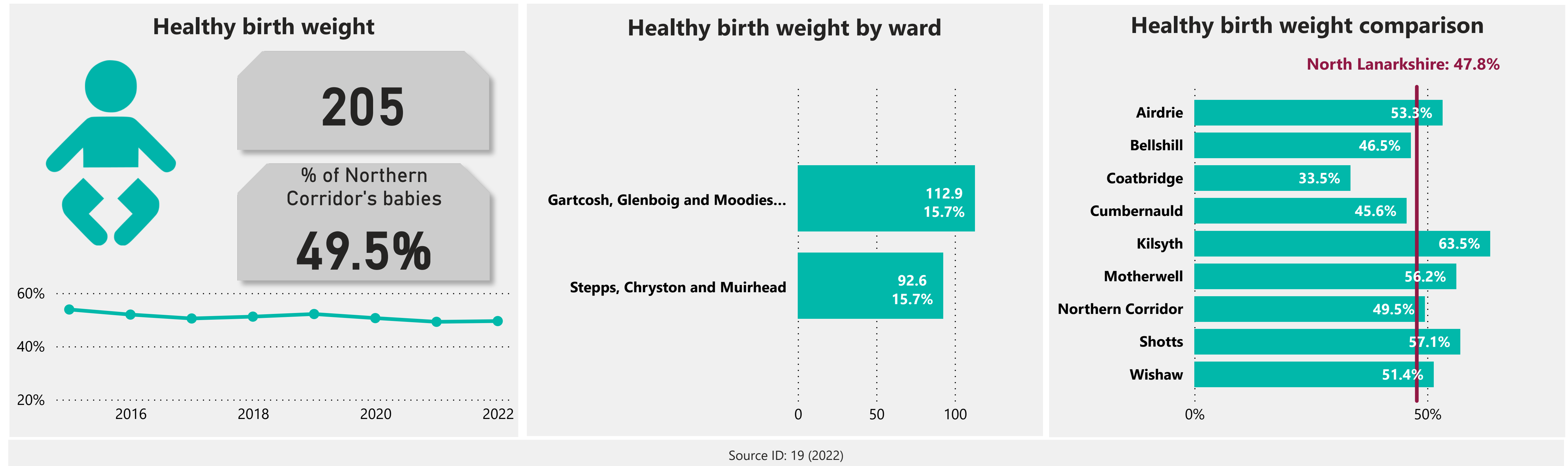
Across North Lanarkshire 520 babies (11.5%) were reported as being exclusively breastfed at their 6-8 week review.

Breastfeeding provides the best nutrition for babies and young children and supports children's health in the short and longer term. Breastfeeding also benefits mothers' health. Improving breastfeeding rates helps to improve the health of babies and mothers and reduce inequalities in health.

\*This data is based on the latest 3 year aggregate 2021/22 to 2023/24.

# Northern Corridor - mother and baby - healthy birth weight

This dashboard provides an overview of healthy birth weight babies in Northern Corridor. It highlights the trend over the years, provides a breakdown by ward and shows a comparison with other community boards and North Lanarkshire overall.



Across North Lanarkshire 2,283 full term babies (47.8%) were a healthy weight at birth.

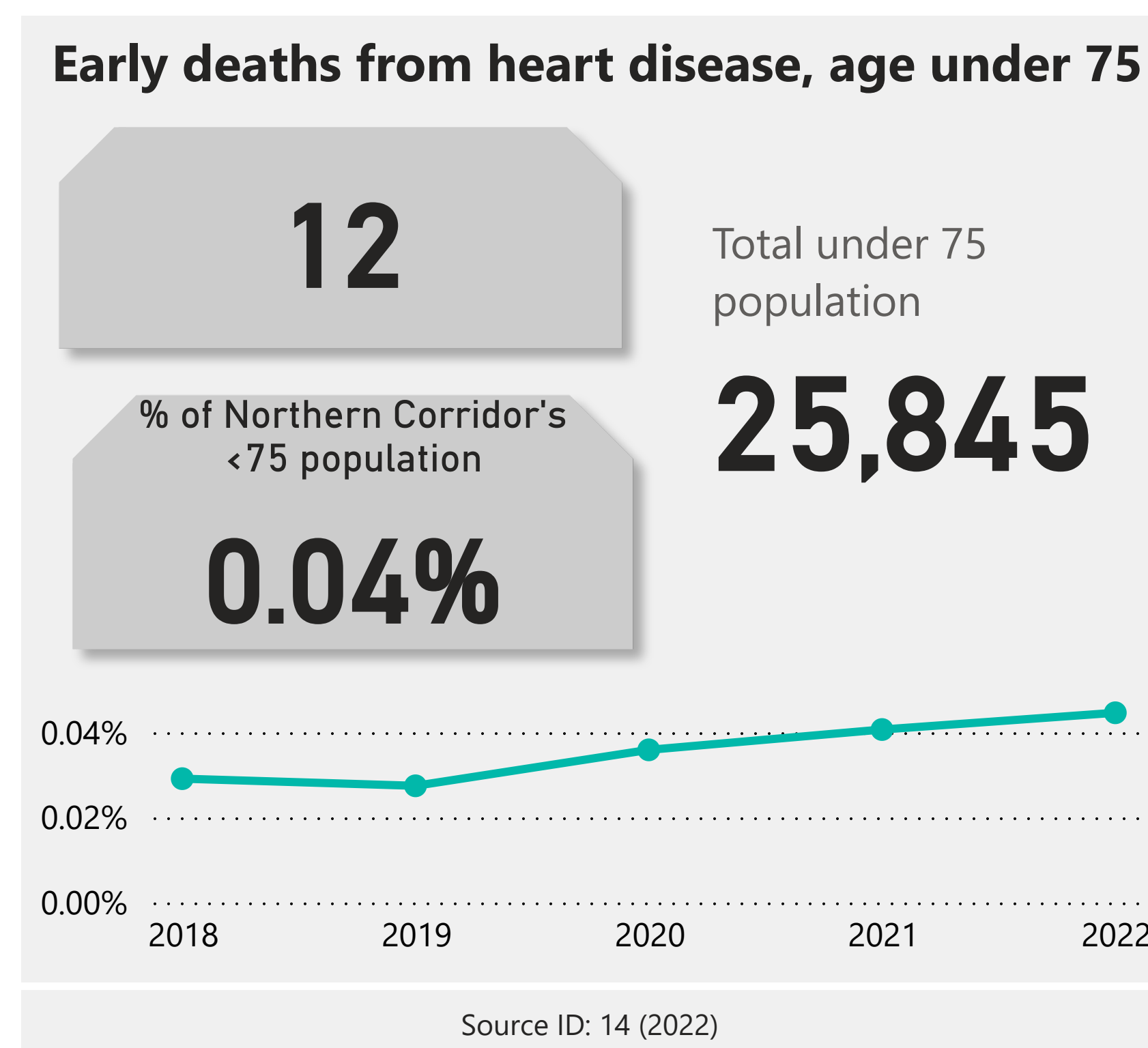
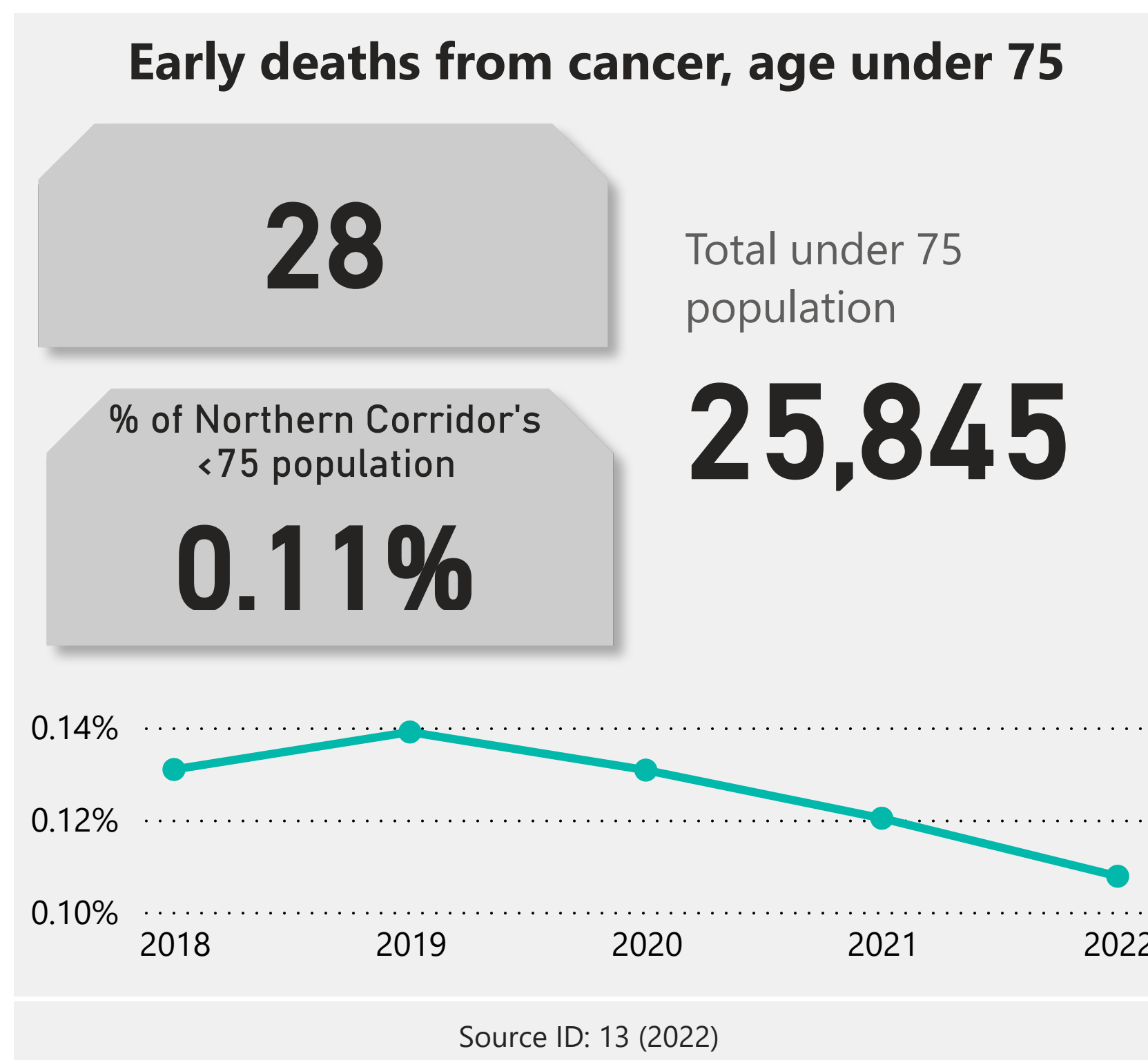
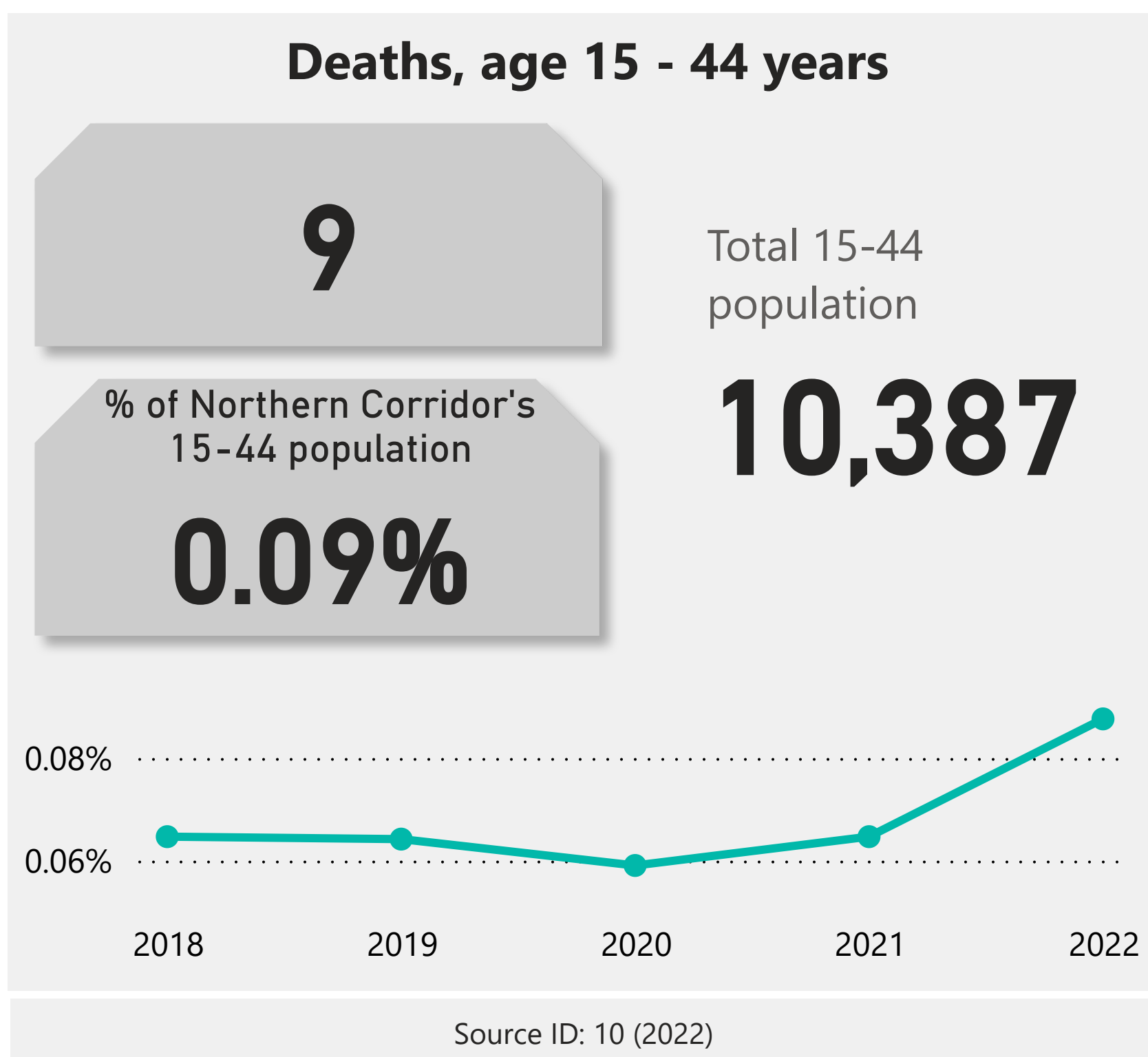
Healthy birth weight is defined as between 2.5kg and 4kg. Birth weight is influenced by deprivation and maternal health - mothers from deprived areas, those who smoke or have poor nutrition, are more likely to have smaller babies, whilst mothers who are obese or have diabetes tend to give birth to larger babies.

This matters because an unhealthy birth weight can lead to issues during labour and infancy, as well as health issues later in life.'

\*This data is based on the latest 3 year aggregate 2021/22 to 2023/24.

# Northern Corridor - deaths

This dashboard provides an overview of early deaths in Northern Corridor in 2022 and also shows trends over the years. It specifically looks at deaths in those under 75 years of age where cancer or coronary heart disease was the primary cause of death.



To put these figures into context, in 2022 in North Lanarkshire a total of 159 people aged between 15 and 44 died. This equates to 0.13% of the 15 to 44 year old population of the council area. In terms of deaths primarily caused by cancer in under 75 years old, the total deaths in North Lanarkshire was 504, which is 0.16% of the under 75 population. Additionally, in North Lanarkshire there were 210 deaths in those aged under 75 where the primary cause was coronary heart disease. This equates to 0.07% of the under 75 population of the area.

**\*This data is based on a three year rolling average. Deaths assigned to year based on death registration date.**

# Northern Corridor - crime

The infographics below show the crime rate and number and proportion of young people living in the most crime prevalent areas in Northern Corridor.

## Crude rate of recorded crime (per 10,000 people)



**289.3**

Source ID: 31 (2022)

## Young people (aged 0-25) living in the most crime affected areas



total number of 0-25s

**352**

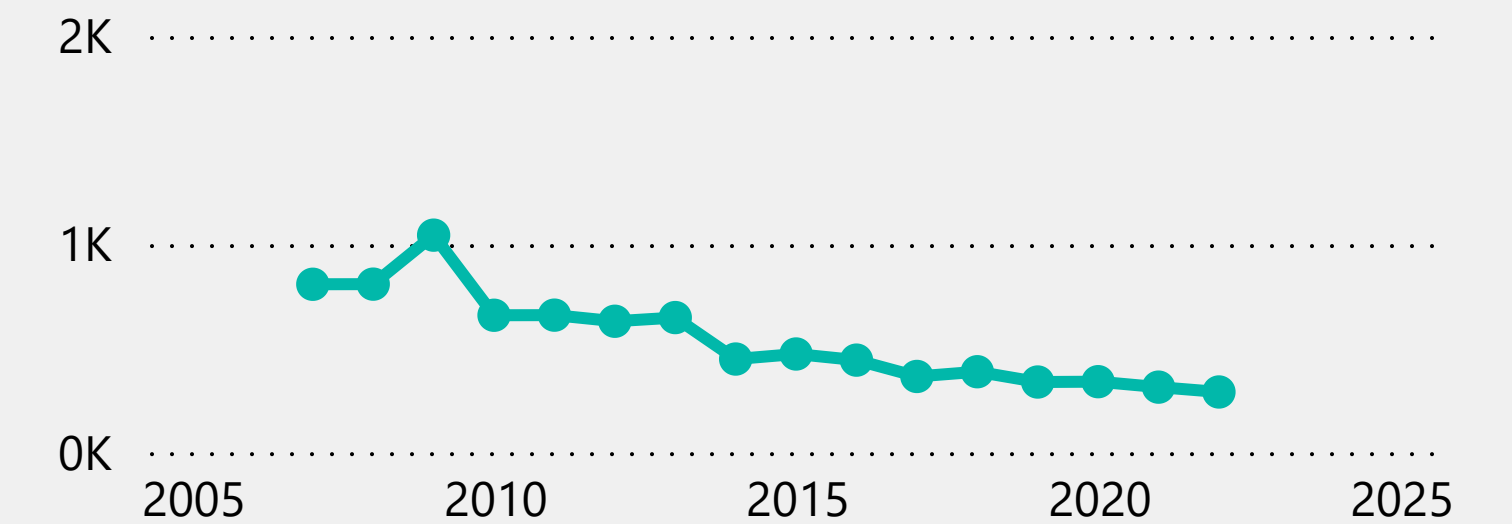
proportion of 0-25s

**7.0%**

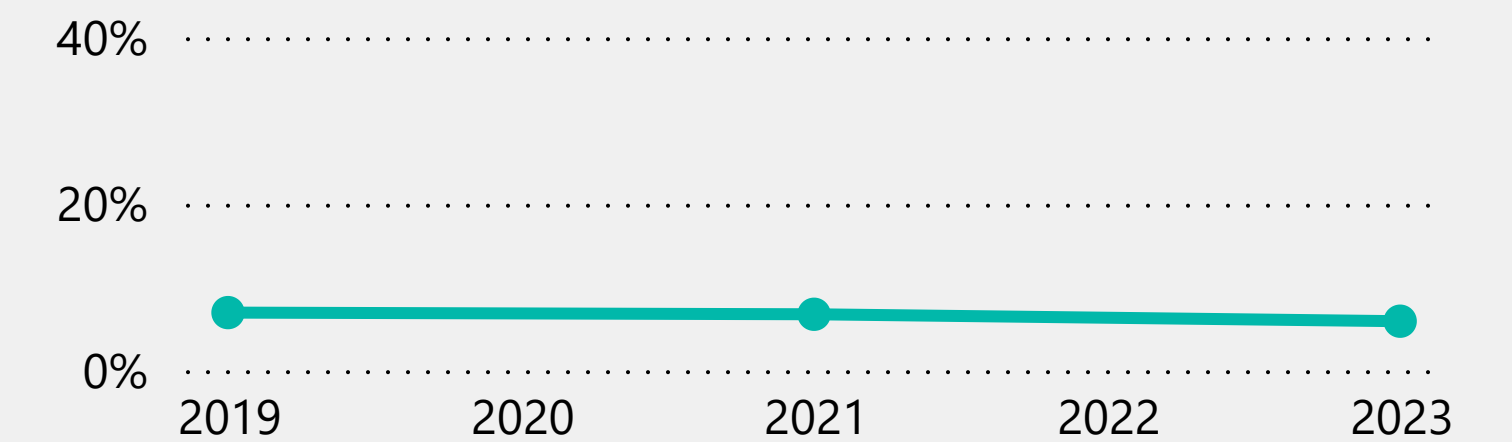
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## Trends

### Crime rate (per 10,000 population)



### 0-25s living in the most crime affected areas



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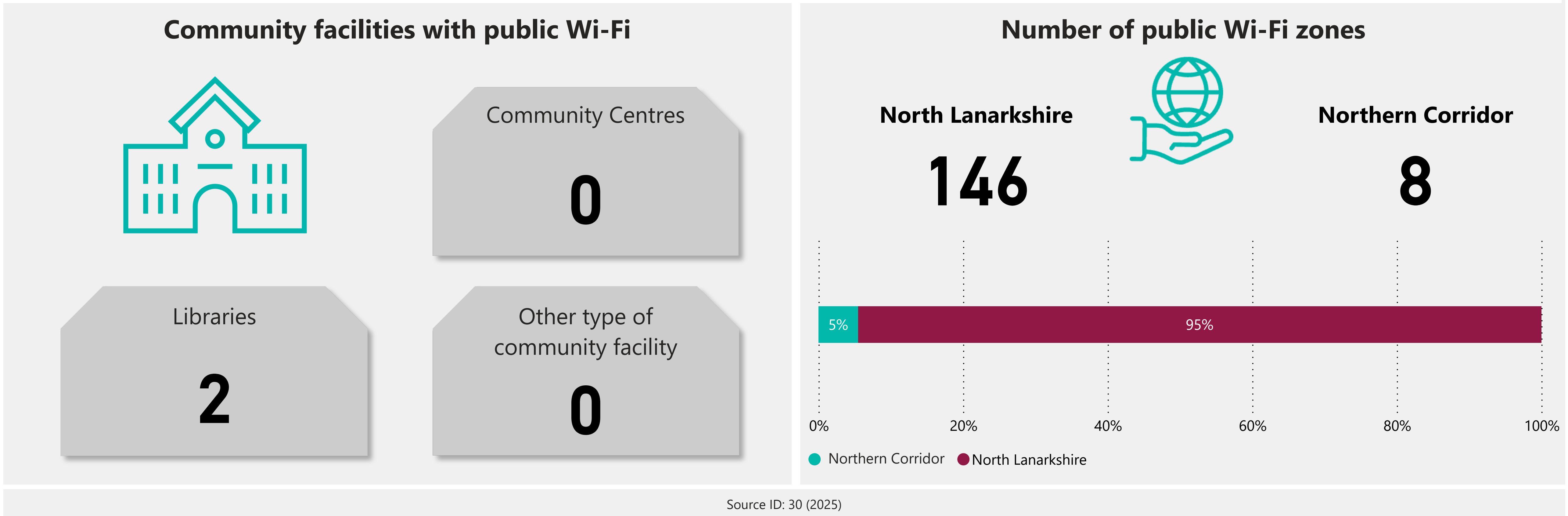
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In Northern Corridor the crude rate of recorded crime - that is crimes and offences committed and cleared up per 10,000 people, is 289.3 as of 2022. This is a decrease of 13.3 compared to 2021 which means an improvement of the crime rate.

As of 2023, there are 352 0-25 year olds living in areas of Northern Corridor ranked by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) as the most crime deprived (crime is more prevalent in these areas). This is roughly 7.0% of the population of young people in Northern Corridor. This has remained unchanged since 2022.

# Northern Corridor - community facilities with public Wi-Fi and public Wi-Fi zones

This dashboard provides an overview of public Wi-Fi availability and community facilities in Northern Corridor, showing how many Wi-Fi zones exist locally compared to North Lanarkshire and the distribution of key facilities such as libraries and community centres.



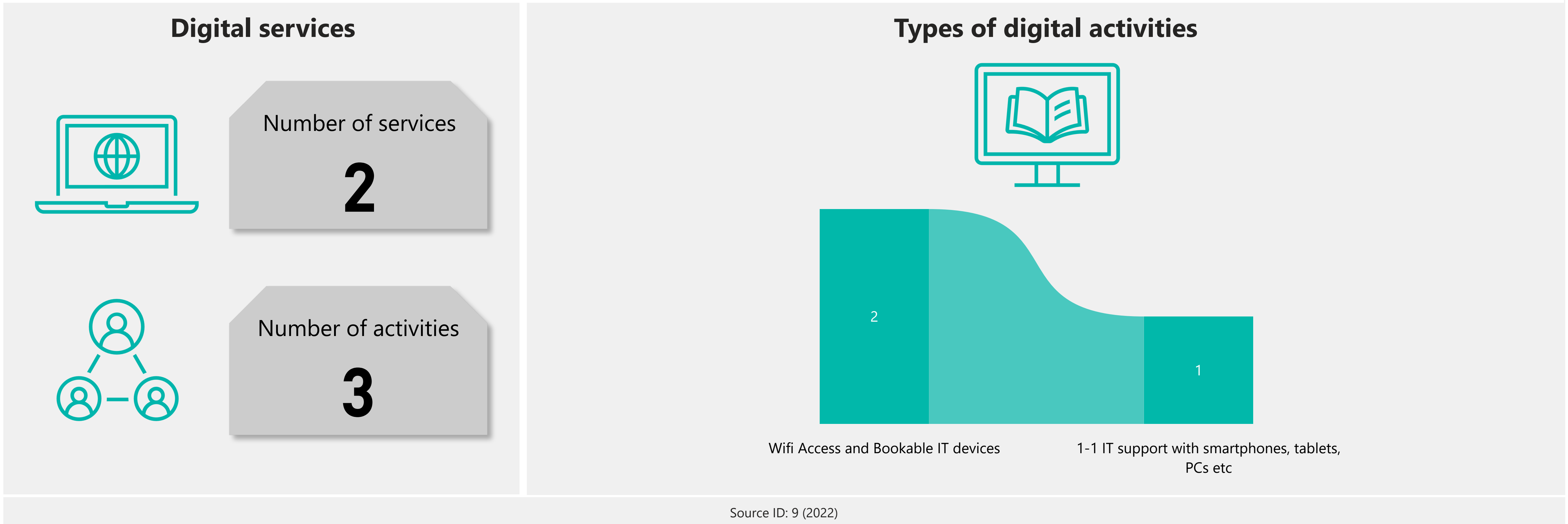
In Northern Corridor, there are currently 8 public Wi-Fi zones available for residents, representing 5.5 % of North Lanarkshire's total of 146 zones.

The types of sites in this area that provide Wi-Fi coverage are: retirement housing complex, primary school (hub), leisure centre, community facility, library and secondary school.

Northern Corridor has 2 libraries, no community centres and no other types of community facilities. Across North Lanarkshire, there are 17 libraries, 14 community centres, and 11 other types of community facilities. The total number of community facilities with public Wi-Fi across North Lanarkshire is 42.

# Northern Corridor - digital services

This dashboard provides an overview of the digital services and activities available in Northern Corridor, showing how many services are offered and the types of activities that support digital skills and access to technology.

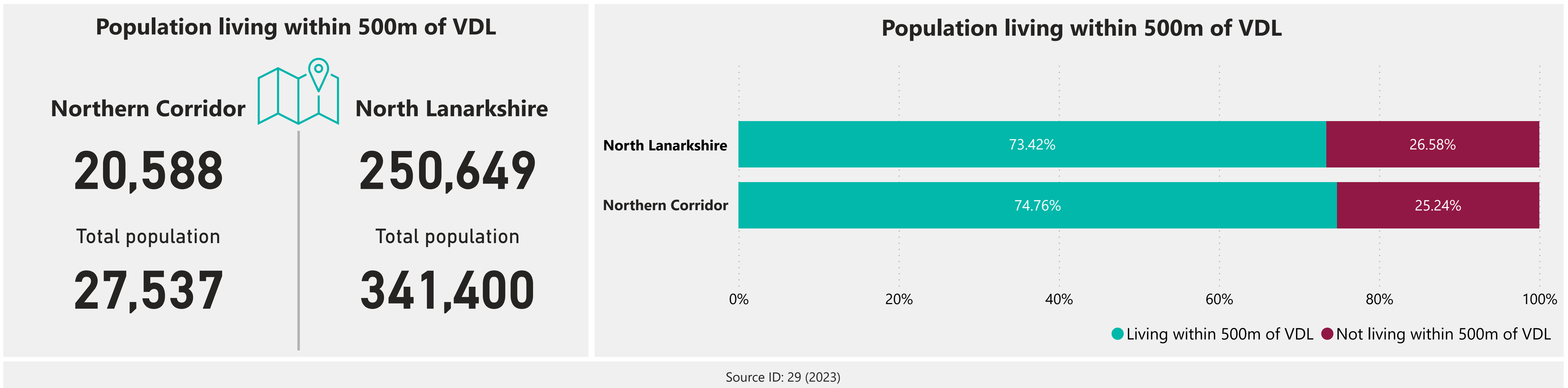


Northern Corridor offers 2 digital services that support the development of digital skills of the community and broaden access to technology resources. Those services include public access to WiFi and IT and available support for skills and training.

Northern Corridor has 2 digital activities. Those activities include WiFi access and bookable IT devices and 1-to-1 IT support with smartphones, tablets and PCs.

# Northern Corridor - vacant and derelict land

This dashboard provides an overview of the population living within 500 metres of vacant and derelict land (VDL) in Northern Corridor and compares this with North Lanarkshire.



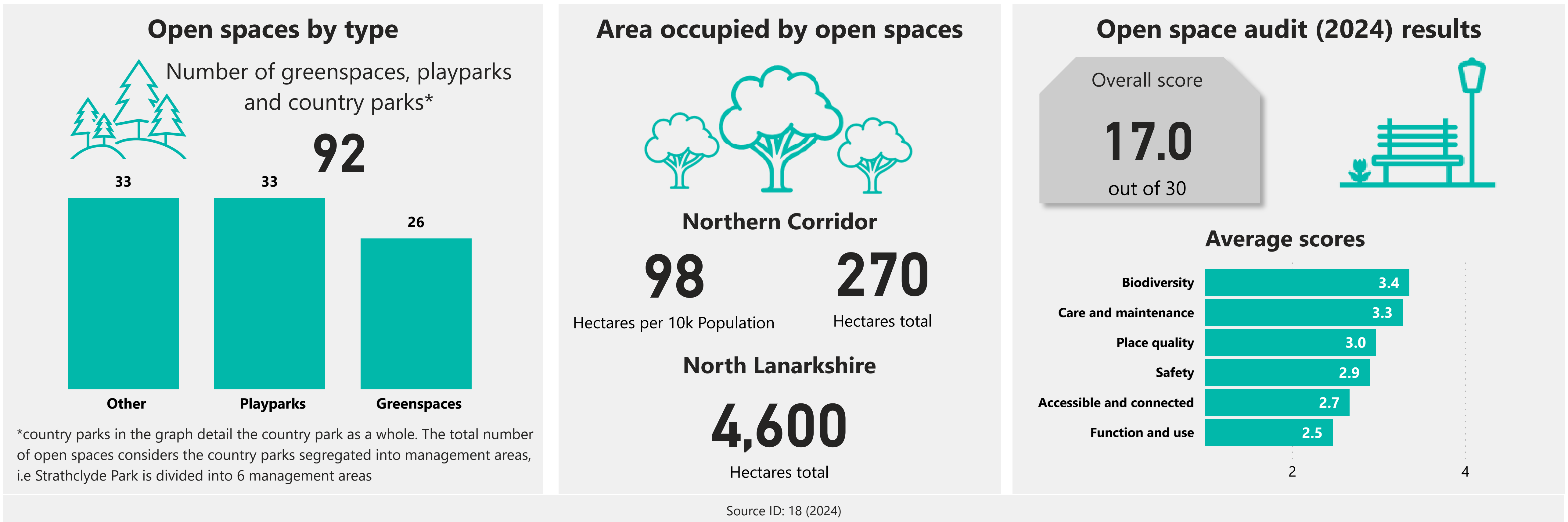
[Vacant and Derelict Land \(VDL\)](#) is land that is unused for its intended purpose or that is too damaged to be used without repair. Living close to vacant and derelict land is known to impact on the physical health of the population, contribute to poorer health outcomes, lower life expectancy and negatively impacting community wellbeing.

The existence of VDL matters. It can cause physical and psychological harm to communities. It is also a missed opportunity to use land productively, for a range of purposes. While there has been positive progress in recent years, VDL remains a significant issue. Half of Scotland's population lives within 1000 metres of vacant land. The figure is much higher in low income areas – in 2021, 49% of Scotland's total vacant and derelict land was located within the 15% most deprived areas of Glasgow.

In Northern Corridor, 20,588 people live within 500 metres of vacant and derelict land out of a total population of 27,537. Across North Lanarkshire, 73.42% of the population live within 500 metres of VDL compared to 74.76% in Northern Corridor. These figures highlight the proportion of residents affected by proximity to VDL.

# Northern Corridor - greenspaces, playparks and country parks

This dashboard provides an overview of the number and quality of greenspaces, playparks, and country parks in Northern Corridor, including their distribution and average assessment scores.



In Northern Corridor, there are 26 greenspaces (191 hectares), 33 playparks (30 hectares) and 33 other open space areas (49 hectares). The graph shows the number of each category within the area. North Lanarkshire has a total of 1,296 greenspaces, playparks and country parks, which equate to a total of 4,600 hectares of open space. Northern Corridor has 270 hectares of open space.

The average score of open space quality reflect assessments on biodiversity, care and maintenance, place quality, safety, accessibility and function based on a scale from 1 to 5. The overall average total score is 17.0 out of 30.