



Data Report: November 2021

(showing data to the end of October 2021)

This report provides data on Foodbank use from 2019 to the present.

Key messages from the data:

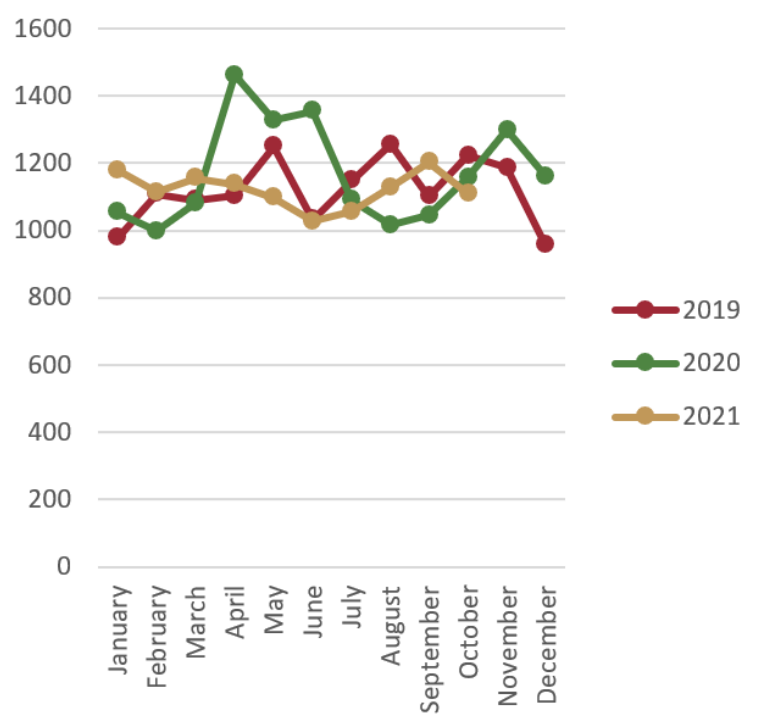
- From 6 October, Universal Credit was reduced by £20 per week. Shortly after that we began to ask clients whether the reason the client has come to the Foodbank connected to that cut in Universal Credit. On 124 occasions, answered “yes” to this question.
- With that reduction in Universal Credit, the ending of furlough support and the increase in energy prices due to the price cap being raised just as winter approaches, we have anticipated an increase in demand in our services. So far, that increase has not materialised, probably as it is too early for the full impact of the changes to be felt.
- The graph and table shows how the number of client visits has remained between 1000 and 1200 since the beginning of 2019, the clear exceptions being April – June 2020, the months of the tightest lockdown restrictions.
- Over the 4 months from June to September there has been a clear upward trend in the overall number of client visits, the number of family parcels given out, and the total number of meals provided. However, this upward trend did not continue in October.
- It's not possible to know why there was a reduction in visits to the foodbank, or why the anticipated increase hasn't happened. However, a possible explanation may be that the work of the CARF and Fife Council Community Development Team workers based in our centres is having a positive impact on our clients.
- The graph on page 5 shows that the reductions in client visits were seen at Viewforth and Linton Lane, but not at our other distribution centres.
- Since the end of March 2021, we have recorded the number of adults and children who we are providing with food – since then, 37% of those people receiving food from us were children.
- The percentage of children receiving food in our various distribution points varies from around 26 - 28% in New Volunteer House and Burntisland, to 41% in Viewforth.

Although our data provides important information about what we are doing, it's crucial to remember that there is an individual story behind each visit to the foodbank. One of those stories occurred 3 weeks after the reduction in Universal Credit - a lady came to the foodbank for the first time. She was very nervous and apprehensive; on chatting with our volunteers she said she was horrified to be in the position of needing help to source food for her family. She had no idea that her benefit would reduce having only begun to claim for the first time recently. She became very tearful when she was just about to leave the building as she left ashamed to be seen coming out of a foodbank. Our volunteers helped her out of the building while trying to reassure her as much as possible.

Sadly, we are concerned that there will be many more stories like this in the months to come.

Table and graph showing number of visits in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021—the table also shows the change from the same month last year as a percentage

NUMBER OF VISITS (not including those for				
	2019	2020	2021	% change from 2020
January	977	1053	1179	12.0%
February	1108	999	1114	11.5%
March	1088	1083	1153	6.5%
April	1102	1461	1138	-22.1%
May	1250	1327	1095	-17.5%
June	1032	1355	1027	-24.2%
July	1147	1089	1057	-2.9%
August	1255	1018	1129	10.9%
September	1099	1044	1202	15.1%
October	1222	1159	1106	-4.6%
November	1188	1299		
December	955	1161		



Graphs and table showing the different parcel sizes given out and the total number of meals provided in 2019—2021 (table and one graph on next page)

(NB the total number of meals figure is calculated by multiplying the number of parcels x size of parcel (single, couple or family etc) x 3 days x 3 meals a day. Therefore it is an indicative and not exact figure. As 'Extras only' means that a full parcel was not given on that visit, they have not been taken into account in calculating the total number of meals or people provided with food.)

Graph showing the total number of meals provided

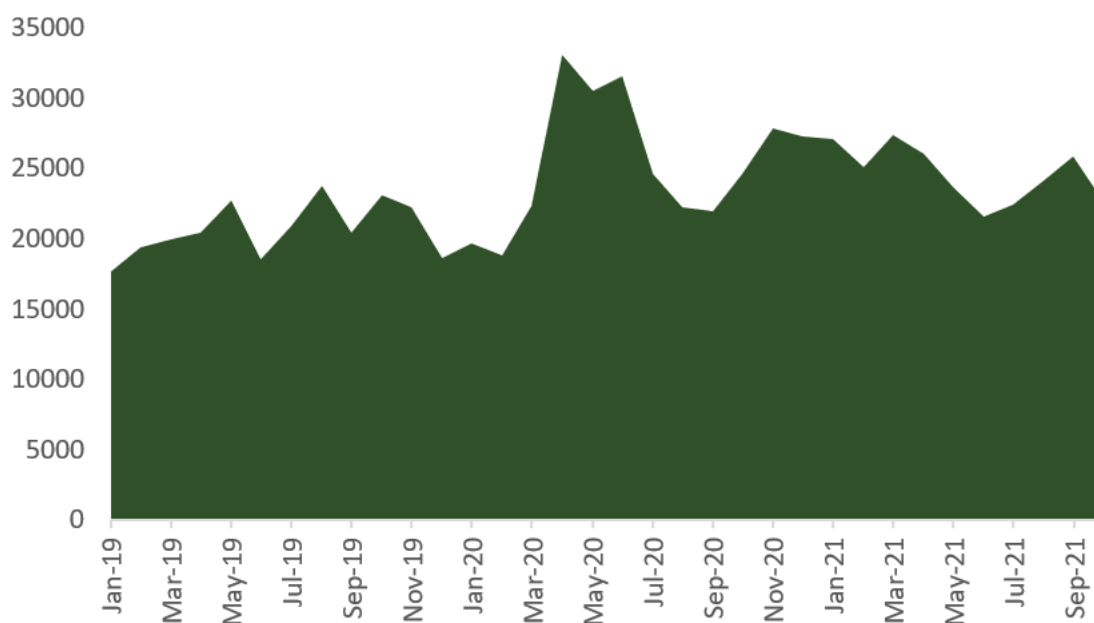
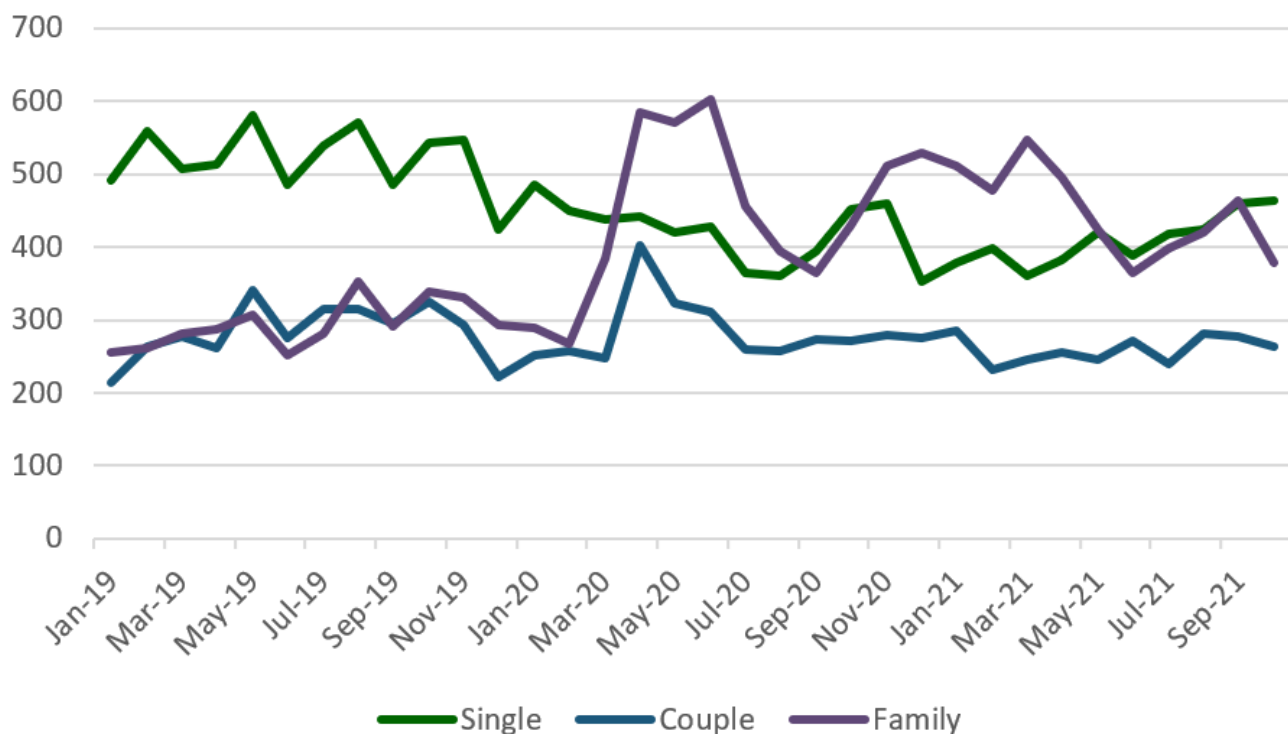


Table showing the different parcel sizes given out and the total number of meals provided in this and the previous year

Pack size	Single	Couple	Family	Single + Couple	Other (including extras only (not included in total meals or people))	Total number of meals provided	total number of people provided with food	%age change from previous year in number of meals provided
Jan-20	486	251	289	13	14	19647	2183	11.2%
Feb-20	449	258	268	18	6	18819	2091	-2.8%
Mar-20	437	247	384	4	11	22311	2479	11.8%
Apr-20	442	403	585	29	2	33075	3675	62.4%
May-20	420	322	570	15	0	30501	3389	34.5%
Jun-20	427	312	602	14	0	31509	3501	70.3%
Jul-20	365	260	456	8	0	24597	2733	18.0%
Aug-20	361	257	395	5	0	22230	2470	-6.2%
Sep-20	394	273	365	12	0	21924	2436	7.5%
Oct-20	452	272	429	6	0	24570	2730	6.3%
Nov-20	460	280	512	9	38	27855	3095	25.3%
Dec-20	353	275	530	3	47	27288	3173	46.8%
Jan-21	378	285	512	4	46	27072	3008	37.8%
Feb-21	399	231	478	6	44	25119	2791	33.5%
Mar-21	360	245	546	2	54	27360	3040	22.6%
Apr-21	383	255	496	4	56	26001	2889	-21.4%
May-21	420	245	425	5	63	23625	2625	-22.5%
Jun-21	389	271	365	2	78	21573	2397	-31.5%
Jul-21	419	240	398	0	106	22419	2491	-8.9%
Aug-21	425	281	421	2	130	24093	2677	8.4%
Sep-21	459	277	463	3	129	25866	2874	18.0%
Oct-21	463	263	378	2	94	22563	2507	-8.2%

Graph showing the different parcel sizes given out: 2019—2021



Tables showing the total number of adults and children provided with food and the numbers at each distribution points (since April 2021, we have been recording the number of adults and children that we are providing with food)

NB: as the adults and children may be provided with food more than once in the month, this is not a count of the total number of individual adults and children we have helped.

	TOTALS		
	ADULTS	CHILDREN	%AGE CHILDREN
Apr-21	1946	1283	39.7%
May-21	1858	1094	37.1%
Jun-21	1743	959	35.5%
Jul-21	1782	977	35.4%
Aug-21	1919	1082	36.1%
Sep-21	2053	1250	37.8%
Oct-21	1830	937	33.9%
OVERALL %AGE CHILDREN			36.5%

	SA Burntisland			Enlightenments			Link Living			Linton Lane			New Volunteer			Viewforth		
	A	C	%age children	A	C	%age children	A	C	%age children	A	C	%age children	A	C	%age children	A	C	%age children
Apr-21	205	84	29.1%	1	2	66.7%	123	51	29.3%	579	357	38.1%	221	89	28.7%	817	700	46.1%
May-21	164	60	26.8%	8	14	63.6%	38	14	26.9%	610	346	36.2%	306	99	24.4%	732	561	43.4%
Jun-21	202	71	26.0%	16	8	33.3%	47	23	32.9%	568	335	37.1%	268	84	23.9%	642	438	40.6%
Jul-21	134	47	26.0%	13	4	23.5%	42	16	27.6%	648	350	35.1%	283	126	30.8%	662	434	39.6%
Aug-21	136	43	24.0%	6	5	45.5%	42	24	36.4%	706	425	37.6%	233	71	23.4%	796	514	39.2%
Sep-21	155	96	38.2%	11	4	26.7%	39	22	36.1%	717	456	38.9%	256	88	25.6%	875	584	40.0%
Oct-21	182	74	28.9%	24	4	14.3%	23	19	45.2%	579	335	36.7%	263	87	24.9%	759	418	35.5%
OVERALL %AGE			28.4%			39.1%			33.5%			37.1%			25.9%			40.6%

Universal Credit - number of visits where the client answered "yes" to the question: Is the reason the client has come to the Foodbank connected to the cut in Universal Credit (in October 2021)? (NB a client could have visited more than once in the month)

Oct-21	124
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Graph showing the number of visits to our distribution points since April 2020 (NB the Salvation Army in Burntisland only opened in mid-September, replacing Solid Rock from that time; Enlightenments only opened in September 2020 but was closed between January and April 2021 due to the lockdown; Link Living was closed for part of August and September 2020 due to flooding)

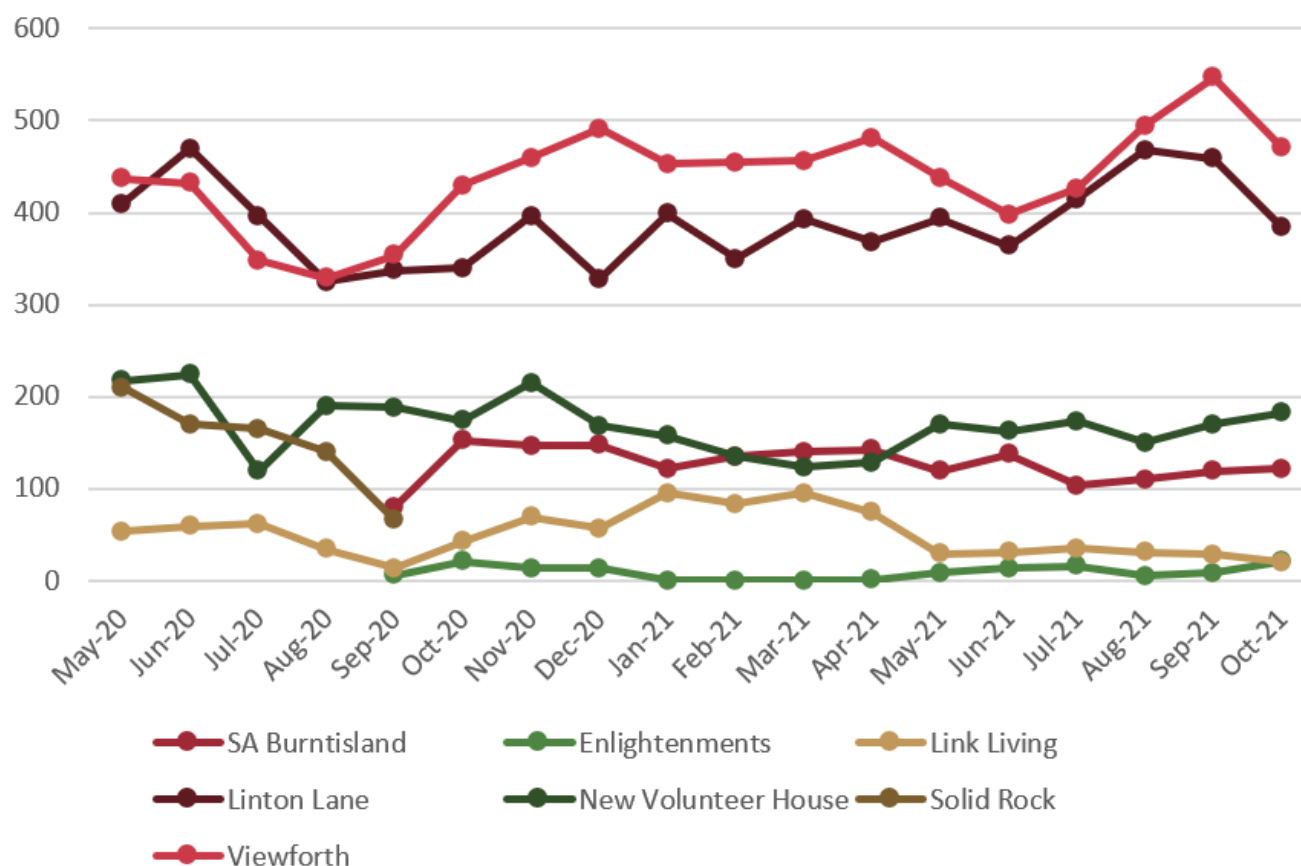


Table showing the percentage of our visits to our distribution points in the past 12 months

	SA Burntisland	Enlightenments	Link Living	Linton Lane	New Volunteer House	Viewforth
Nov-20	11.2%	1.0%	5.3%	30.5%	16.6%	35.4%
Dec-20	12.2%	1.1%	4.7%	27.3%	14.0%	40.8%
Jan-21	9.9%	0.0%	7.8%	32.6%	12.8%	37.0%
Feb-21	11.7%	0.0%	7.2%	30.2%	11.7%	39.3%
Mar-21	11.6%	0.0%	7.9%	32.6%	10.2%	37.8%
Apr-21	11.9%	0.1%	6.2%	30.8%	10.7%	40.3%
May-21	10.3%	0.7%	2.5%	34.0%	14.7%	37.8%
Jun-21	12.4%	1.2%	2.8%	32.9%	14.7%	36.0%
Jul-21	8.8%	1.4%	3.0%	35.5%	14.8%	36.5%
Aug-21	8.7%	0.4%	2.5%	37.2%	11.9%	39.3%
Sep-21	8.9%	0.6%	2.1%	34.5%	12.8%	41.1%
Oct-21	10.1%	1.8%	1.7%	32.1%	15.2%	39.3%

