



## Research Report

# Poverty, Deprivation & Disadvantage in Warwick District

This report combines a number of current data sources, including Warwick District Council housing and council tax benefits data, to provide an overview of the extent and location of poverty, deprivation and disadvantage in Warwick district.

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## **Introduction**

This report combines a number of current data sources to provide an overview of the extent and location of poverty, deprivation and disadvantage in Warwick district. Data sources used are the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004, the 2001 Census, CACI Ltd PayCheck data and Warwick District Council's Housing and Council Tax benefits data.

The report has been compiled by the Research Unit at Warwickshire County Council specifically to inform the work of Warwick District Council's Community Resources Directorate in the development of a district-wide anti-poverty strategy.

### ***Super Output Areas***

This report is based upon Super Output Areas. Super Output Areas (SOA) are replacing electoral wards as the primary means of dissemination of small area Government (and other) statistics. There are three types of SOA for which statistics will be made available – lower, middle and upper layers. The IMD 2004 has been released for the lower layer. Other government statistics, with risks of disclosing more personal and/or confidential information, will be published for middle or higher layers. Each lower layer SOA is smaller than an electoral ward and contains c.1000-2000 people.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (described below) was the first data set to be based upon the new Super Output Areas (lower layer). The Research Unit have now produced 2001 Census information for each Super Output Area in Warwickshire and for the purposes of this report, in order to aid comparison and the identification of priority areas, the Warwick DC council tax and housing benefits data and CACI PayCheck information has been mapped to the same geography.

Further information on Super Output Areas can be found at the Office for National Statistics geography website - [www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/soa.asp) or from the Research Unit.

Super Output Areas are not, unfortunately, easily referenced. Where SOAs are named within this report, the ward within which the SOA is contained and a broad description of the locality (e.g. Warwick Gates) is also given. The Research Unit can provide further details of the exact localities of each SOA on request. If, for example, a particular area within one of the thematic maps of this report interests you please do not hesitate to contact the Research Unit for further details of its exact location.

Locality names have been given to these areas by the Research Unit and are NOT designed to reflect communities 'on the ground.' They are merely to make the areas more meaningful than, for example, EO1031092!