



Life expectancy at birth 2022-24

At a glance:

- Life expectancy at birth is 77 for males and 81.7 for females in Bradford
- Since 2001-3 rates for life expectancy at birth have increased by 2.4 years for males and 2.5 years for females in Bradford
- Bradford has the joint lowest life expectancy rates for males and the second lowest life expectancy rate for females in West Yorkshire

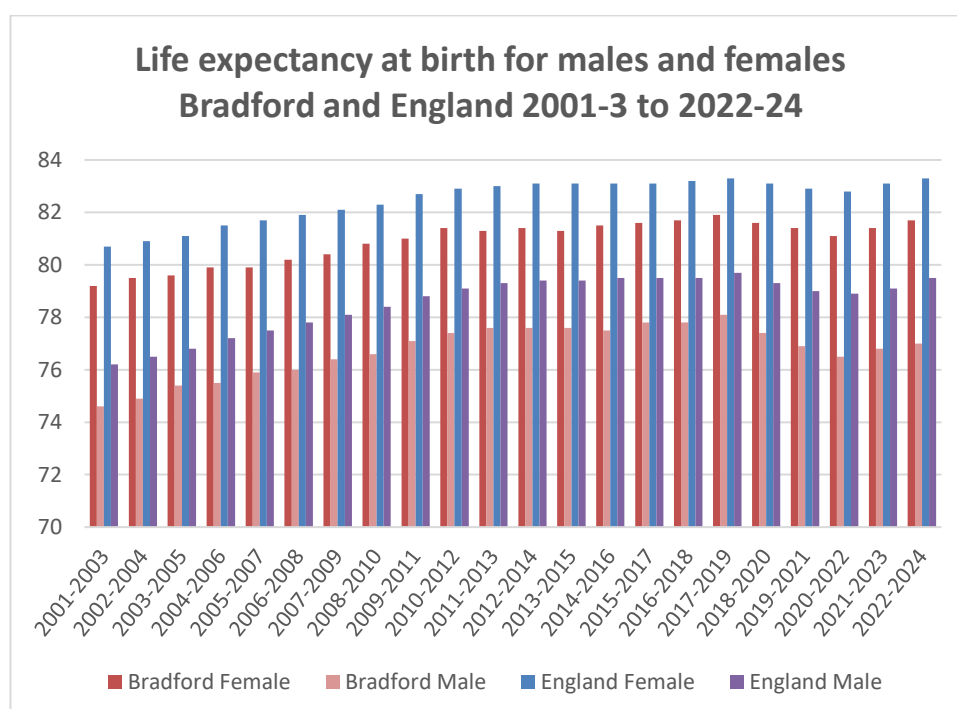
Introduction

The Government's Office for National Statistics (ONS) has published an update to life expectancy data in each local council area. The figures use the mid-year population estimates and mortality data for three consecutive years. The latest data available is for 2022-2024.

The life expectancy figures are an estimate of the average number of years that someone living in the area and experiencing that area's age-specific mortality rates would survive; they are not an indication of how many years a person living in the area could actually expect to live.

Results

Life expectancy in Bradford for females at birth is 81.7 years and for males is 77 years. This compares unfavourably with the England figure of 83.3 for females and 79.5 for males.



Bradford has the second lowest life expectancy at birth (after Wakefield) for females in West Yorkshire and the lowest life expectancy at birth figures for males in West Yorkshire.

Life expectancy rates for Bradford have improved since 2001-3. Female life expectancy at birth increased by 2.5 years and male life expectancy at birth increased by 2.4 years. Although the gap between male and female life expectancy narrowed from 2003-6 to 2017-19, reaching the lowest figure of 3.7 years in 2011-13. By 2022-24 the gap had increased to 4.7 years.

The national picture

A report published by The King's Fund in December 2024 identified that life expectancy in large areas of Britain are still below pre-pandemic levels and this is true for both males and females living in the Bradford District. The report also found that whilst life expectancy in most Western European countries had returned to pre-pandemic levels, this is not true for England as a whole.

Life expectancy and deprivation

An examination of life expectancy data for 2021-23 shows that males living in the 20% most deprived areas have a life expectancy of 70.7. Males living in the 20% least deprived areas have a life expectancy of 82.6 years.

Females living in the 20% most deprived areas have a life expectancy of 76 years. Females living in the 20% least deprived areas have a life expectancy of 86.4 years.

Data sources and further information

Source: ONS – Life expectancy at birth and at age 65 by local areas UK

Link:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/lifeexpectancies/bulletins/nationallifetablesunitedkingdom/2022to2024>

Bradford Joint Strategic Needs Assessment:

<https://jsna.bradford.gov.uk/>

The King's Fund: "Latest life expectancy data!"

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/insight-and-analysis/press-releases/life-expectancy-data-geographical-divide#:~:text=Latest%20life%20expectancy%20data%20shows%20geographical%20divide%20in%20health%20in%20England&text=Commenting%20on%20new%20data%20from,still%20below%20pre%2Dpandemic%20levels.>

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