

Devon Health Profile 2007



This profile gives a snapshot of health in your area. With other local information, this Health Profile has been designed to support action by local government and primary care trusts to tackle health inequalities and improve people's health.

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Devon at a glance

- Devon is a rural county with an older and fast-growing population. There are large differences between the sparsely populated northern areas and the more prosperous south. Access to services is an issue in rural areas.
- Health indicators in Devon are generally good compared with England. On average, people live longer than in England as a whole.
- Early death rates from cancer and heart disease & stroke are lower than the England average and falling.
- Teenage pregnancy rates are low compared to the England average.
- Levels of physical activity are above the England average.
- Although the death rate from smoking in Devon is low, smoking still kills around 1,350 people every year.
- The rate of road injuries and deaths is lower than the England average. However, around 320 people die or are seriously injured on the roads of Devon each year.
- The rate of hip fracture in people aged over 65 is higher than the England average.
- For further information see the latest Public Health Annual Report at www.devonpct.nhs.uk

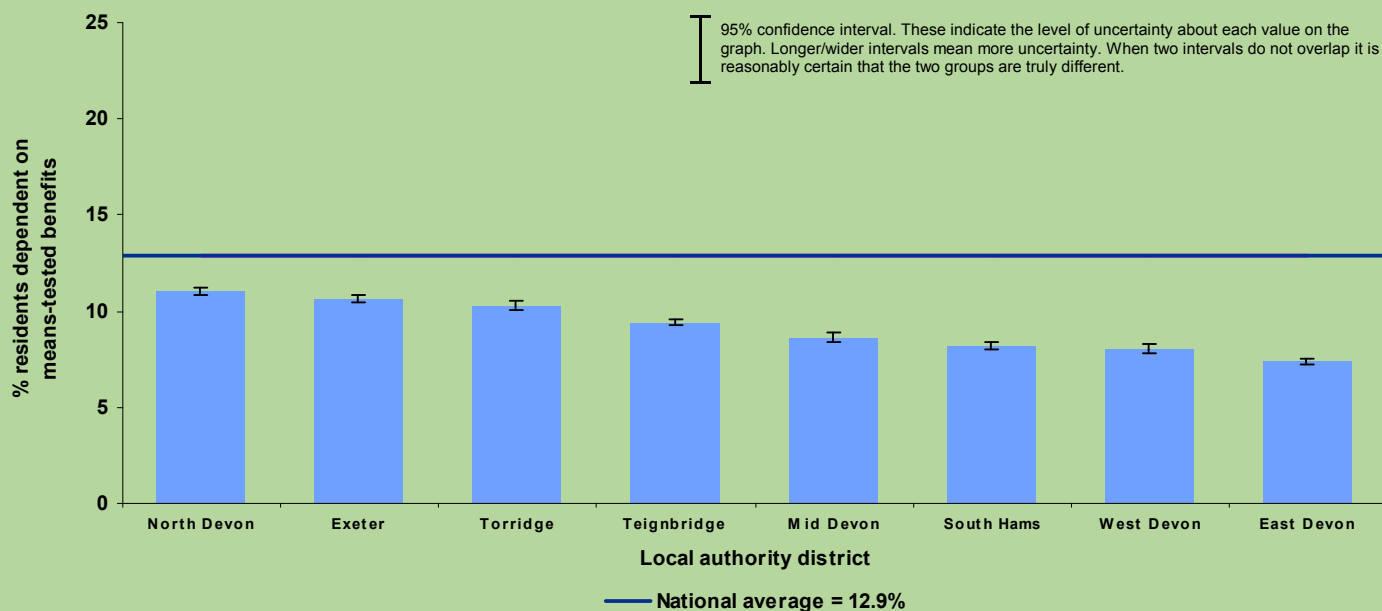
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Income inequalities

This chart shows the percentage of people on low income, for each district of the county (2003). For more detailed information, and to view a Health Profile for each district within the county, see www.communityhealthprofiles.info

In the chart below, the district on the extreme left has the highest percentage of residents dependent on means-tested benefits in the county. The district on the extreme right has the lowest percentage of residents dependent on means-tested benefits in the county.

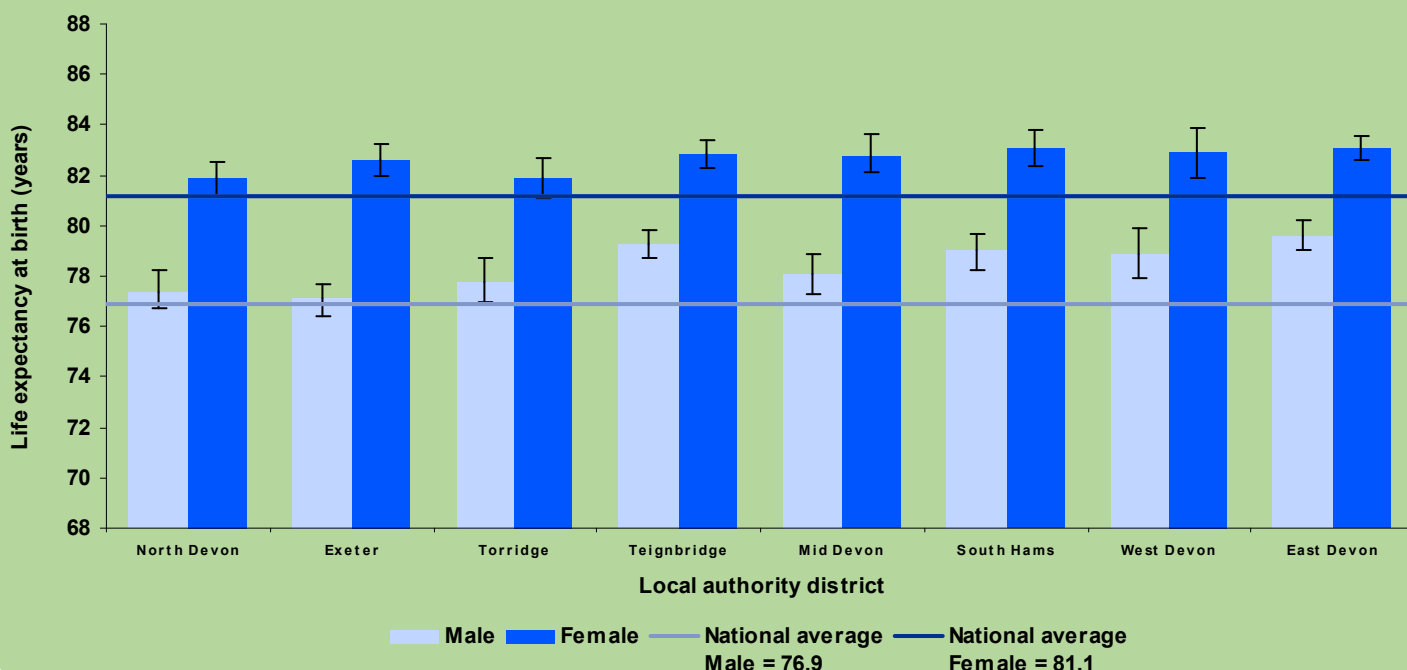


Health inequalities: life expectancy

The chart shows life expectancy at birth for men and women for each district of the county (2003-05). For more detailed information, and to view a Health Profile for each district within the county, see www.communityhealthprofiles.info

In the chart below, the order of districts follows the same order as above.

95% confidence interval. These indicate the level of uncertainty about each value on the graph. Longer/wider intervals mean more uncertainty. When two intervals do not overlap it is reasonably certain that the two groups are truly different.





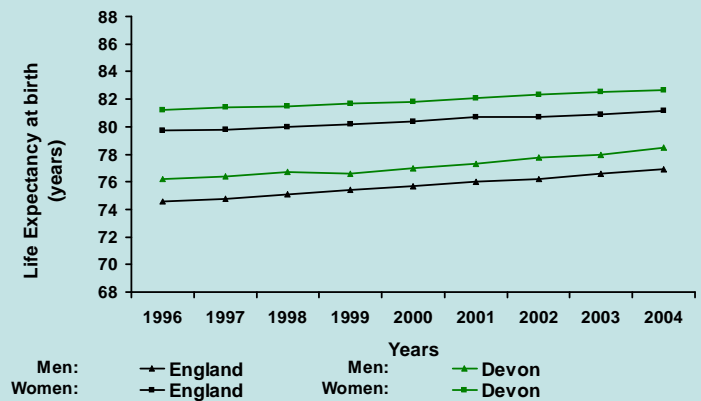
Health inequalities: changes over time

Trend 1 compares the trend in life expectancy at birth for men and women in this local authority with that for England.

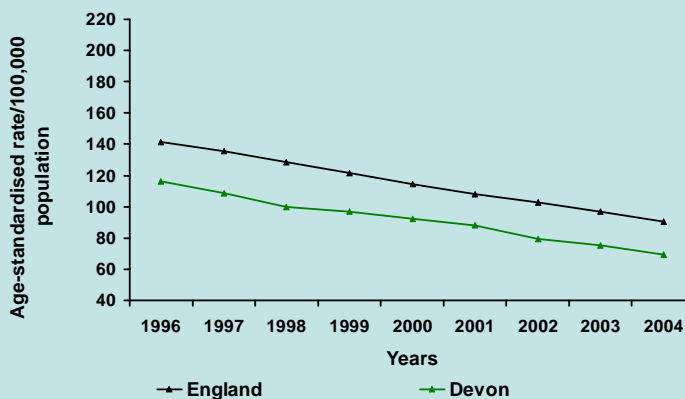
Trend 2 compares the trend in early death rates (all persons under 75 years) from heart disease and stroke in this local authority with that for England.

Trend 3 compares the trend in early death rates (all persons under 75 years) from cancer in this local authority with that for England.

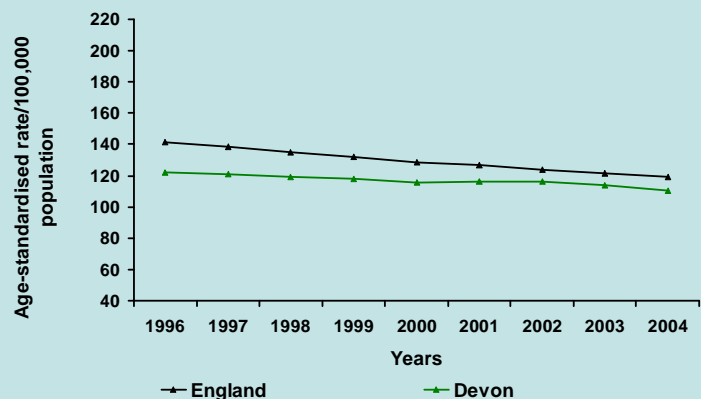
Trend 1:
Life expectancy at birth



Trend 2:
Early death rates from heart disease and stroke



Trend 3:
Early death rates from cancer



Health inequalities: ethnicity

This chart compares the percentage of the population of each ethnic group in the local authority who are in routine and manual occupations. People in these occupations have poorer health than those in professional

occupations, and are more likely to be smokers. The infant death rate is higher than average among babies born into this group. There are national targets to address these health inequalities.

Percentage and number of people aged 16-74 in routine and manual occupations

Ethnic Group	Percentage	Number
White British	28	137809
White Irish	20	559
White Other	18	1458
Mixed	25	424
Indian	15	78
Pakistani	18	21
Bangladeshi	35	68
Asian Other	15	59
Black Caribbean	28	76
Black African	22	61
Black Other	28	29
Chinese	15	165
Other	25	186

Note: This chart is based on the 2001 Census. Where the total population in an ethnic group in the local authority is less than 30, no data have been presented and the number column shows n/a. Where the number is less than 5, no percentage is shown.

Confidence intervals are shown for local data

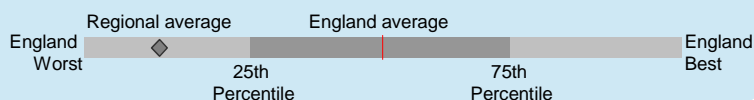
England - average
Devon

Health summary for Devon

The chart below shows a number of indicators of people's health in this local authority. It shows the local value for each indicator compared to the England worst, England best, England average and Regional average. The circle indicating the local value is shown as amber if it is significantly better or red if it is significantly worse than the England average. An amber circle may still indicate an important public health burden. A white circle is not significantly different from the England average. For technical information about each indicator, see www.communityhealthprofiles.info

Domain	Indicator	Local No. Per Year	Local Value	Eng Avg	Eng Worst	England Range	Eng Best
Our communities	1 Income deprivation	65915	9.2	12.9	31.1		3.3
	2 Ecological footprint	n/a	5.238	5.470	6.430		4.904
	3 Homelessness	1192	6.5	7.8	35.8		0.0
	4 Children in poverty	19587	15.4	21.3	58.8		5.2
	5 GCSE achievement *	4614	58.0	57.5	33.6		81.9
	6 Violent crime	10021	13.8	19.8	41.1		5.0
Giving children and young people a healthy start	7 Smoking in pregnancy						
	8 Breast feeding						
	9 Obese children						
	10 Physically active children *						
	11 Teenage pregnancy (under 18) *	389	30.9	42.1	95.3		12.8
The way we live	12 Adults who smoke *	n/a	24.1	26.0	37.3		15.5
	13 Binge drinking adults	n/a	14.6	18.2	29.2		8.8
	14 Healthy eating adults	n/a	27.5	23.8	11.4		38.1
	15 Physically active adults	n/a	13.5	11.6	7.5		17.2
	16 Obese adults	n/a	19.4	21.8	31.0		14.6
How long we live and what we die of	17 Life expectancy - male *	n/a	78.5	76.9	72.5		82.2
	18 Life expectancy - female *	n/a	82.7	81.1	78.1		86.2
	19 Deaths from smoking	1346	185.4	234.4	366.5		147.6
	20 Early deaths: heart disease & stroke *	658	69.5	90.5	151.3		44.9
	21 Early deaths: cancer *	1004	110.2	119.0	168.0		81.6
	22 Infant deaths *	27	4.1	5.1	9.9		1.2
	23 Road injuries and deaths	318	43.9	59.9	214.1		20.2
Health and ill health in our community	24 Feeling 'in poor health'	56316	6.4	7.8	15.4		4.2
	25 Mental health	10220	24.0	27.4	72.0		8.5
	26 Hospital stays due to alcohol	1681	229.6	247.7	652.4		85.6
	27 Drug misuse	2208	4.9	9.9	34.9		1.3
	28 People with diabetes	24579	3.4	3.7	5.9		2.1
	29 Children's tooth decay	n/a		1.5	3.2		0.4
	30 Sexually transmitted infections						
	31 Older people: hip fracture	1483	691.0	565.3	936.8		259.7

- Significantly better than England average
- Significantly worse than England average
- Not significantly different from England average
- * PSA Target Measure 2005-2008



Note (numbers in bold refer to the above indicators)

1 % of residents dependent on means-tested benefits. 2003. **2** Land (hectares per capita) required to support an average resident's lifestyle; no significance calculated. 2001. **3** % of households on local authority housing register who are statutorily homeless. 2004/05. **4** % in low-income households. 2001. **5** % achieving 5 A*-C. 2005/06. **6** Crude rate/1,000 pop 2005/06. **7 8 9 10 30** No comparable local data currently available. **11** Crude rate/1,000 female pop. aged 15-17. 2002-04. **12 13 14 16** %. Direct estimates from the Health Survey for England. **12 13 16** 2000-02. **14** 2001-02. **15** %. 2005/06. **17 18** Years. 2003-05. **19** Directly age standardised rate/100,000 pop. aged 35 or over. 2003-05. **20 21** Directly age standardised rate/100,000 pop. under 75. 2003-05. **22** Crude rate/1,000 live births. 2003-05. **23** Crude rate/100,000 pop. 2003-05. **24** Directly age standardised %. 2001. **25** Crude rate claimants of benefits/allowances for mental or behavioural disorders/1,000 working age pop. 2005. **26** Directly age sex standardised rate/100,000 pop. 2005/06. **27** Crude rate/1,000 pop. aged 15-64; no significance calculated for lower tier authorities. 2004/05. **28** %. 2005/06. **29** Average no. of decayed, missing and filled teeth in children aged 5; data incomplete or missing for some areas. 2005/06. **31** Directly age standardised rate/100,000 pop. aged 65 and over. 2005/06.

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