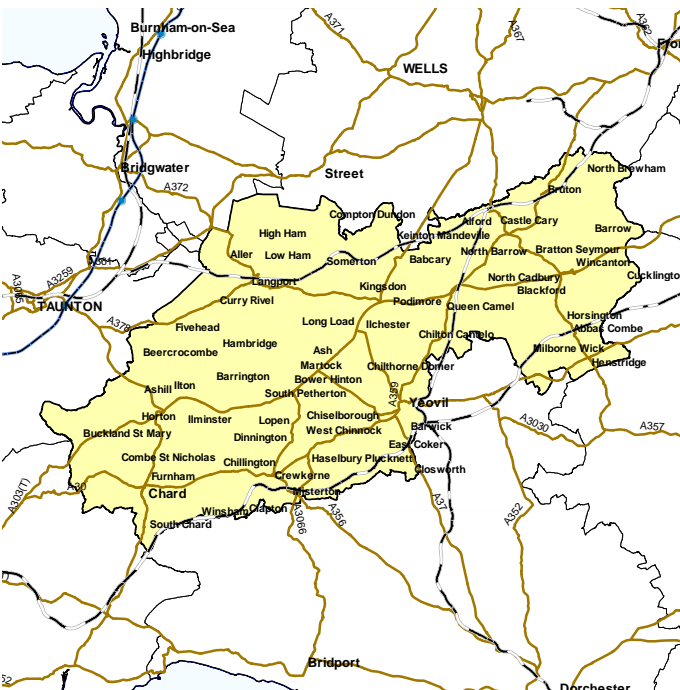


South Somerset

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South Somerset at a glance

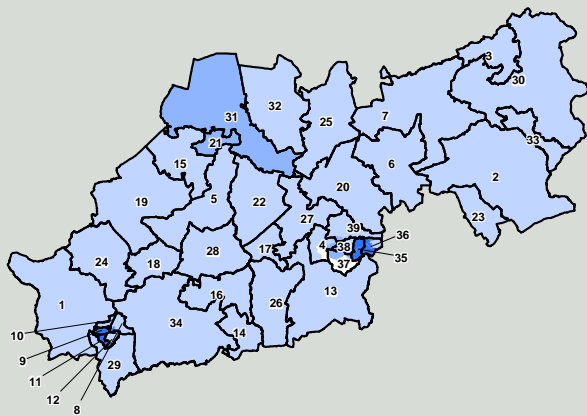
- South Somerset is a prosperous rural area and health indicators are generally better than for England. On average, people live longer than in England as a whole.
- There are pockets of deprivation and health inequalities within South Somerset. The difference in male life expectancy between the most and least deprived areas is 3.5 years.
- Early death rates from heart disease and stroke are lower than for England and falling. The declining trend in cancer deaths has slowed recently.
- The proportion of women who smoke during pregnancy is higher than for England and the South West. The percentage of children participating in physical activity is below average and slightly below the national 85% target. Other lifestyle indicators for South Somerset are better than or similar to the England average.
- GCSE achievement is lower than average although it has improved since last year. The rate of road injury and death remains high and around 100 people are killed or seriously injured on the roads each year.
- The Local Area Agreement prioritises: healthy life expectancy, teenage pregnancy, early deaths from circulatory disease, childhood obesity, alcohol and drug abuse, road injuries and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Physical activity, long term smoking quitters and reducing hip fractures are local priorities.
- Further information can be found in the Annual Public Health Report and the Health and Social Needs Analysis Group report on www.somersetpct.nhs.uk

Deprivation: a national perspective

This map shows differences in deprivation between small areas in this local authority, *compared to the whole of England* (based on IMD 2007).

National deprivation groups

- 1 Least deprived fifth of areas in England
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 Most deprived fifth of areas in England



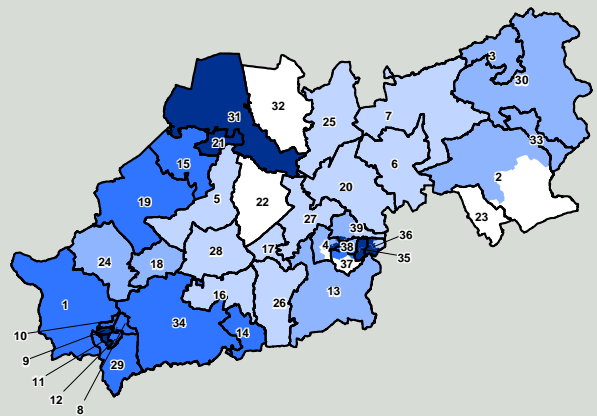
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Deprivation: a local perspective

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Local deprivation groups

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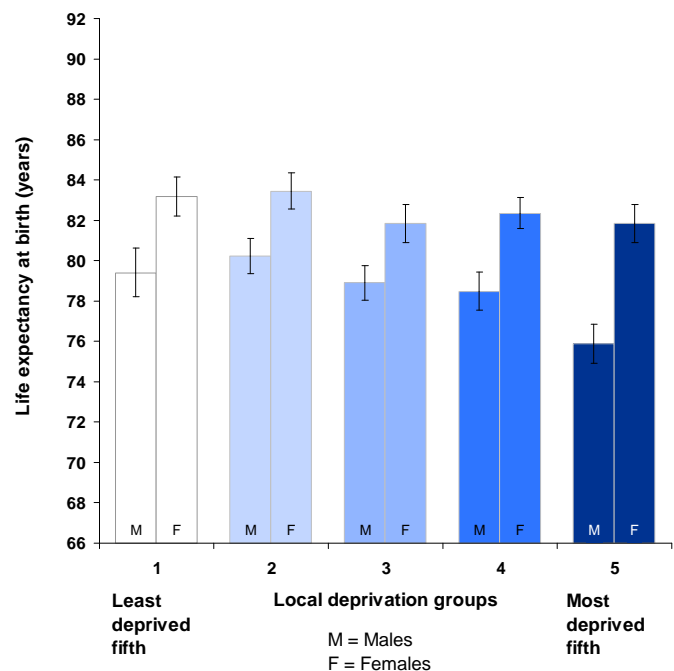
Ward legend

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Blackdown | 30 Tower |
| 2 Blackmoor Vale | 31 Turn Hill |
| 3 Bruton | 32 Wessex |
| 4 Brympton | 33 Wincanton |
| 5 Burrow Hill | 34 Windwhistle |
| 6 Camelot | 35 Yeovil Central |
| 7 Cary | 36 Yeovil East |
| 8 Chard Avishayes | 37 Yeovil South |
| 9 Chard Combe | 38 Yeovil West |
| 10 Chard Crimchard | 39 Yeovil Without |
| 11 Chard Holyrood | |
| 12 Chard Jocelyn | |
| 13 Coker | |
| 14 Crewkerne | |
| 15 Curry Rivel | |
| 16 Eggwood | |
| 17 Hamdon | |
| 18 Ilminster | |
| 19 Islemoor | |
| 20 Ivelchester | |
| 21 Langport and Huish | |
| 22 Martock | |
| 23 Milborne Port | |
| 24 Neroche | |
| 25 Northstone | |
| 26 Parrett | |
| 27 St Michael's | |
| 28 South Petherton | |
| 29 Tatworth and Forton | |

Ward boundaries 2005 are superimposed upon MSAO (Middle Super Output Area) boundaries. Each MSAO is shaded by Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007. For details refer to www.communities.gov.uk. Numbers correspond to ward legend. Ward boundaries may have changed.

Health inequalities: a local perspective

Inequalities in life expectancy (2002-2006) for men and women who live in areas with different levels of deprivation (within this local authority).



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

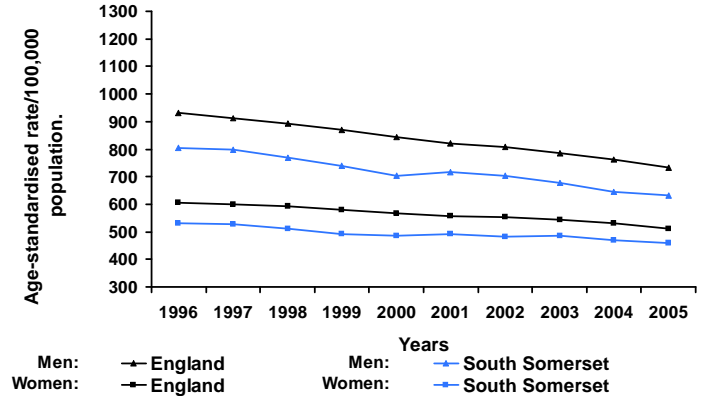
These trend graphs show how changes in health for this local authority compare with changes for the whole of England. Data points are mid-points of 3 year moving averages of annual rates i.e. 1996 represents the 3 year period 1995-97.

Trend 1 compares death rates (at all ages and from all causes) in this local authority with those for England.

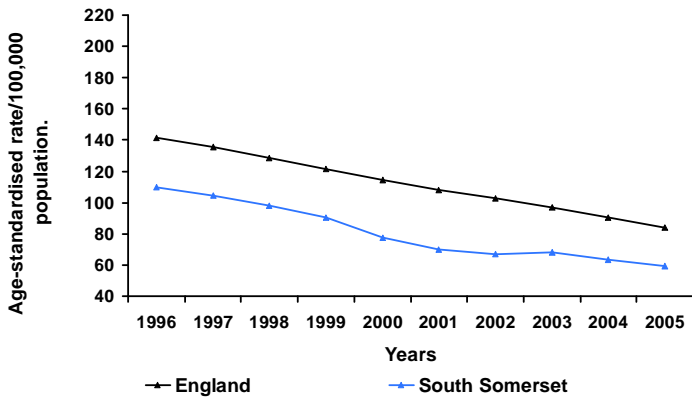
Trend 2 compares rates of early death from heart disease and stroke (in people under 75) in this local authority with those for England.

Trend 3 compares rates of early death from cancer (in people under 75) in this local authority with those for England.

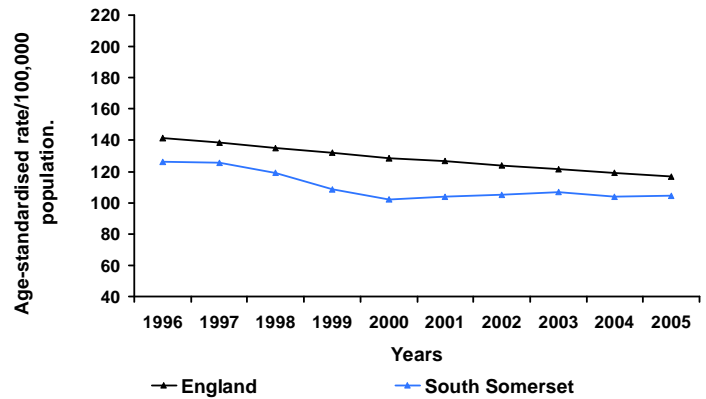
Trend 1: All age, all cause mortality



Trend 2: Early death rates from heart disease and stroke



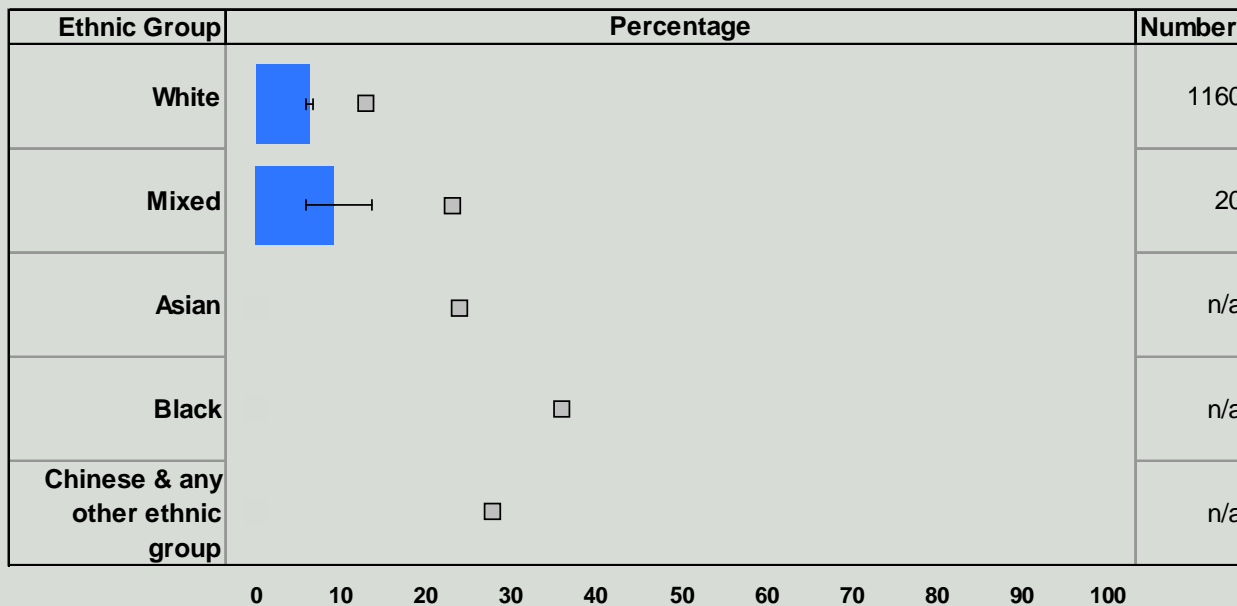
Trend 3: Early death rates from cancer



Health inequalities: ethnicity

This chart compares the percentage of children in each ethnic group who are eligible for free school meals (2007). Eligibility for free school meals is an indicator of deprivation, and people who suffer more deprivation tend to have poorer health. Comparing deprivation by ethnic group helps identify potential health inequalities between groups.

Percentage and number of children eligible for free school meals



Where the total school 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.

□ England - average
■ South Somerset

Confidence intervals are shown for local data

