

Maternity in Bradford District



Resource Pack

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What Does the Data Tell Us?

Bradford District has the **2nd highest** fertility rates in Yorkshire & Humber and the **highest** in West Yorkshire.



Bradford District is ranked **15th of 153** local authorities in England for deliveries to women from ethnic groups



Bradford District has the **highest** proportion of deliveries to women from ethnic groups of 15 local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber



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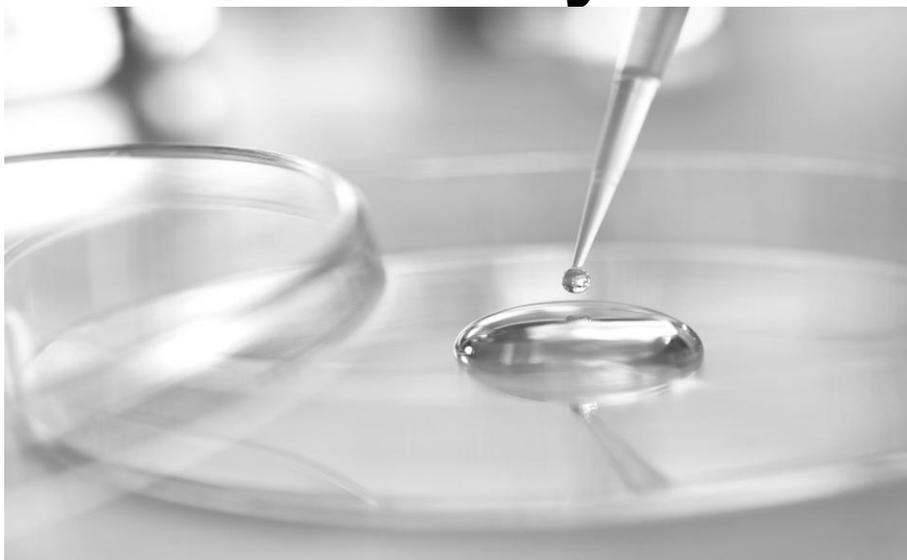
Bradford District's live birth rates are **significantly higher** than regional and national averages.



Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber, Bradford District had the **highest proportion** of low weight term babies



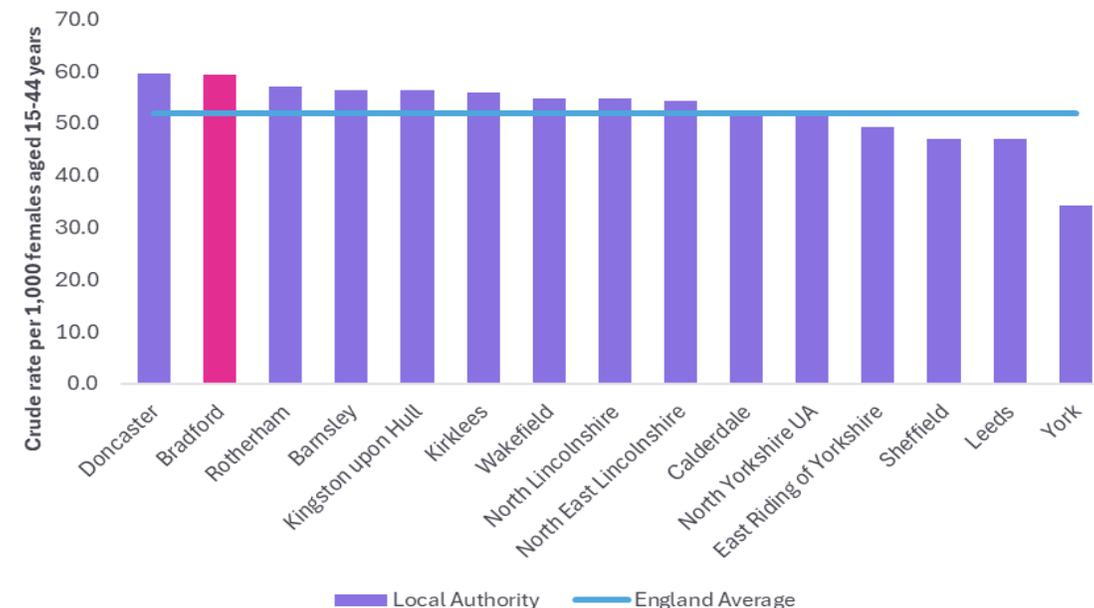
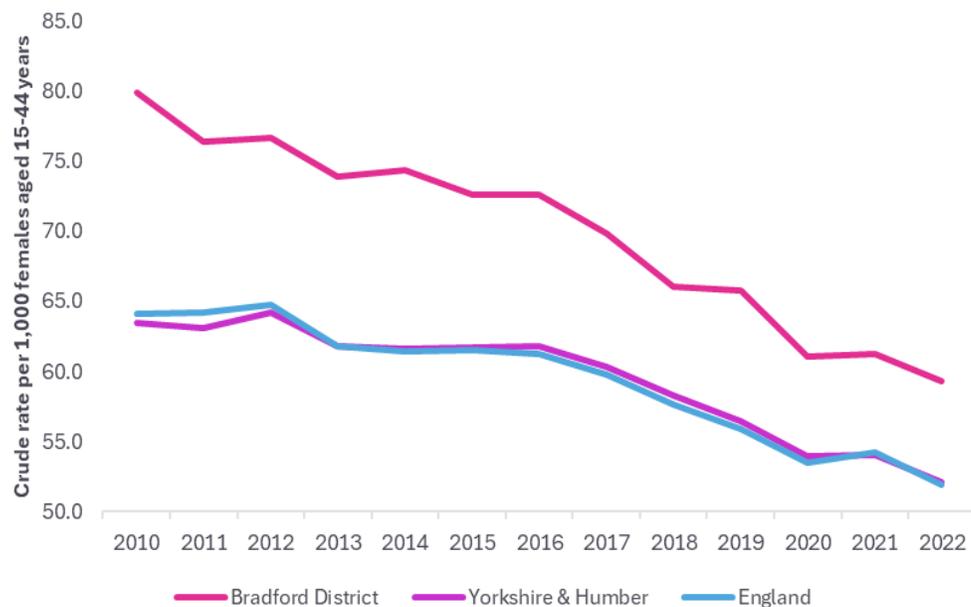
General Fertility Rate



General fertility rates have fallen over the years for Bradford District as well as for Yorkshire & Humber and England, with rates for Bradford consistently being **significantly above** the regional and national averages.

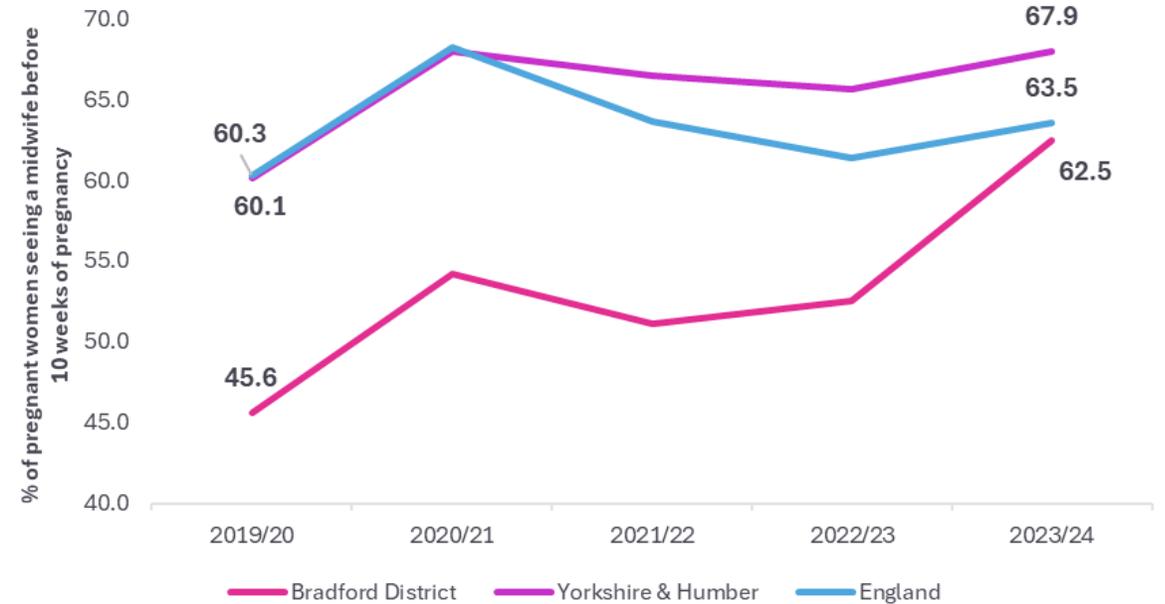
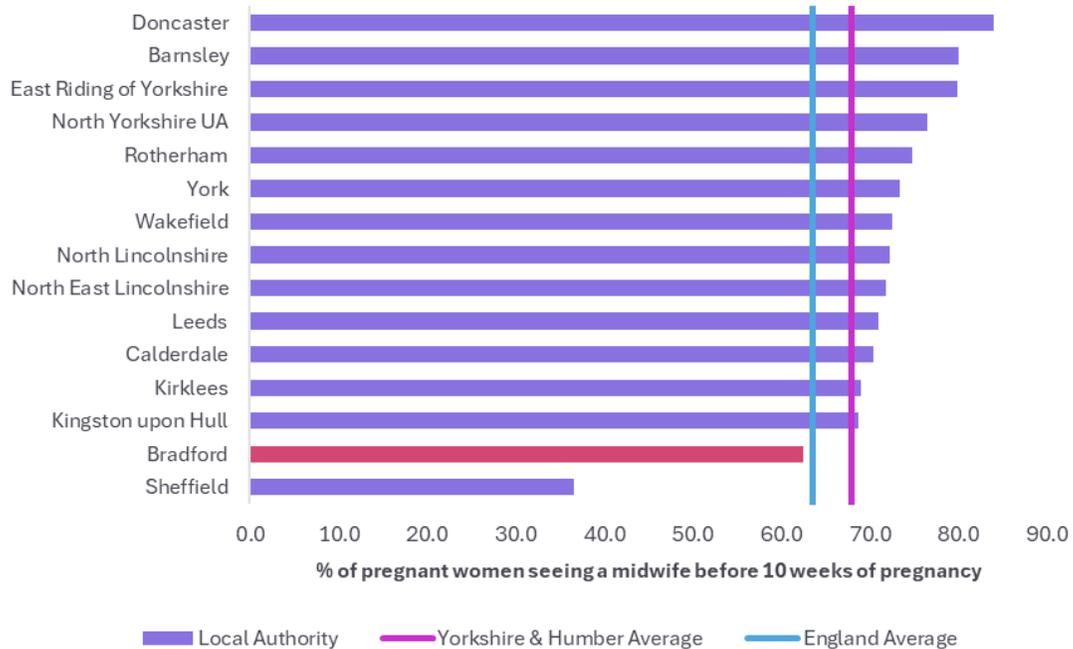
Data for 2022 show that Bradford District's live birth rate is **59.3 per 1,000** females aged 15-44 years. The rate for Yorkshire & Humber is **52.1 per 1,000** live births and the rate for England is **51.9 per 1,000**.

Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber region, Bradford District has the **2nd highest** fertility rate after Doncaster, and the **highest in West Yorkshire**.



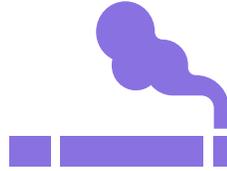
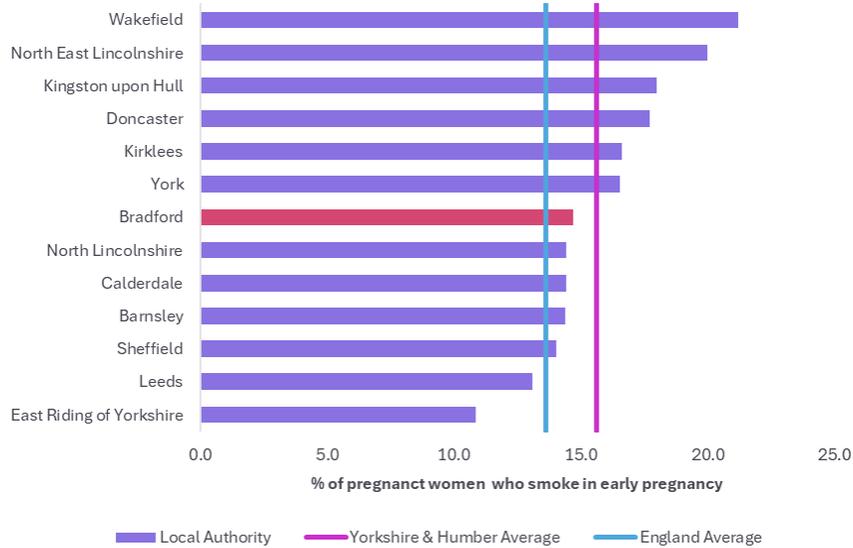
Early Access to Maternity Care

Though proportions in Bradford District remain **significantly lower**, there has been a significant improvement from 2019/20 (45.6%) with an **increase of 16.9 percentage points** between then and 2023/24. However, levels are currently below the national average (**63.5%**) and the regional average (**67.9%**).



The proportion of pregnant women in Bradford District who see a midwife before 10 weeks of pregnancy is **below** both regional and national averages, with **62.5%**. This is the **2nd lowest** in Yorkshire & Humber after Sheffield (36.6%) and the **lowest in West Yorkshire**.

Smoking and Obesity in Early Pregnancy



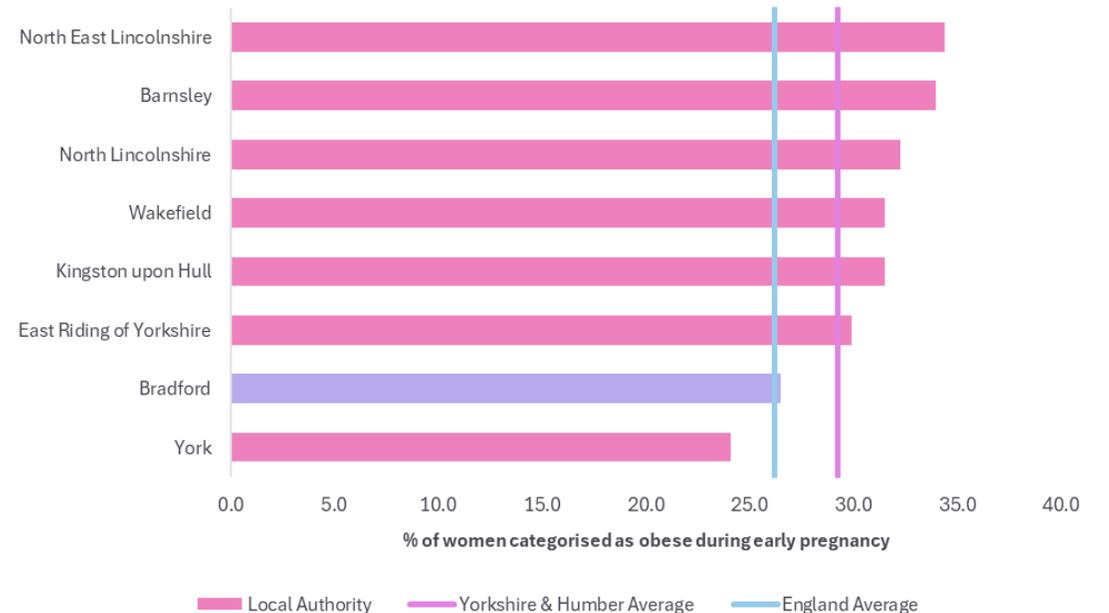
The latest data for 2023/24 shows that **14.7%** of women in Bradford District were smokers within the first 14 weeks of pregnancy, as identified by midwives during early appointments. This is **significantly worse** than the average for England (**13.6%**) and **slightly better** than the average for Yorkshire & Humber (**15.6%**), though not significantly different.

It should be noted that there are data quality concerns with this indicator due to the data collection methods.

Data for 2023/24 indicates that Bradford District have a **similar proportion** to England of women categorised as obese during early pregnancy, with **26.5%** of women in Bradford District compared with **26.2%** for England.

Only 8 local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber have data available for this indicator and Bradford District is the **2nd lowest** in this comparison group above York.

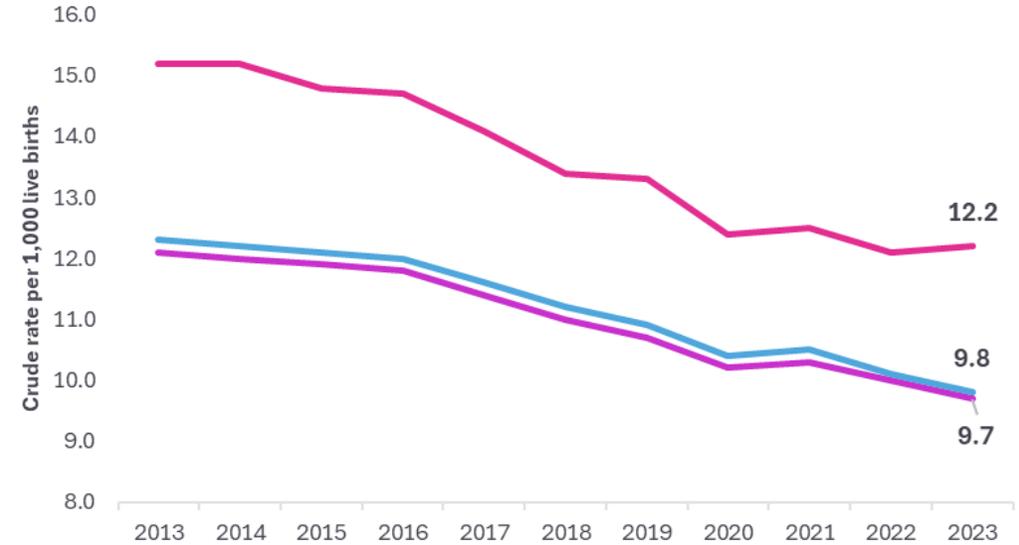
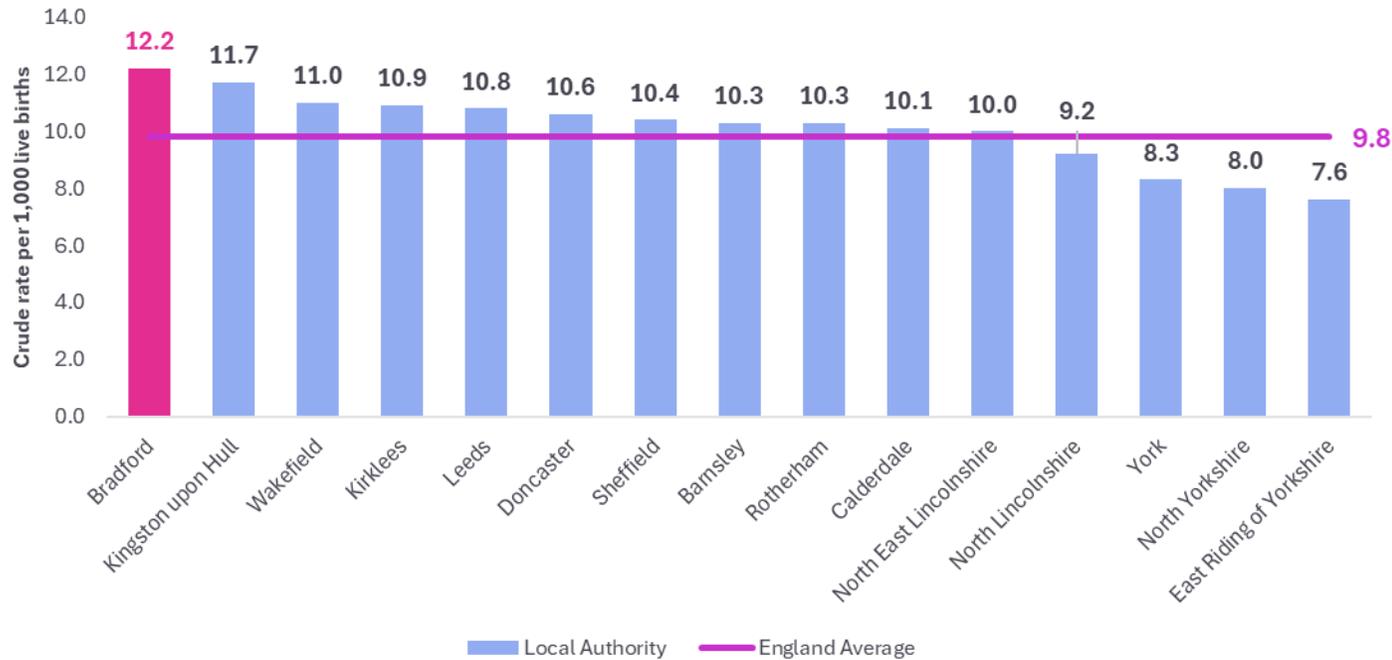
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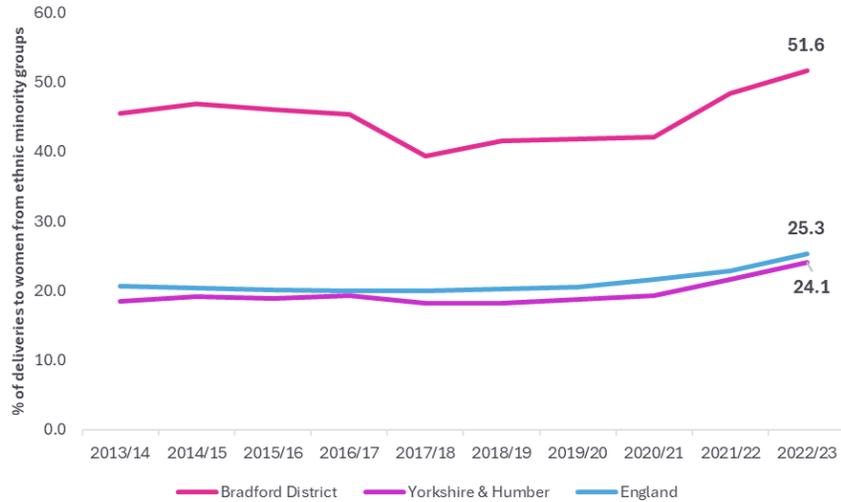
Birth Rates

Data from NOMIS from 2013 – 2023 shows that Bradford District's live birth rates are **significantly higher** than regional and national averages, with **12.2 per 1,000 live births** compared with **9.7 per 1,000** for Yorkshire & Humber and **9.8 per 1,000** for England.

This dataset also shows that Bradford District has the **highest** live birth rate per 1,000 compared to other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber.



Deliveries to Women from Ethnic Groups

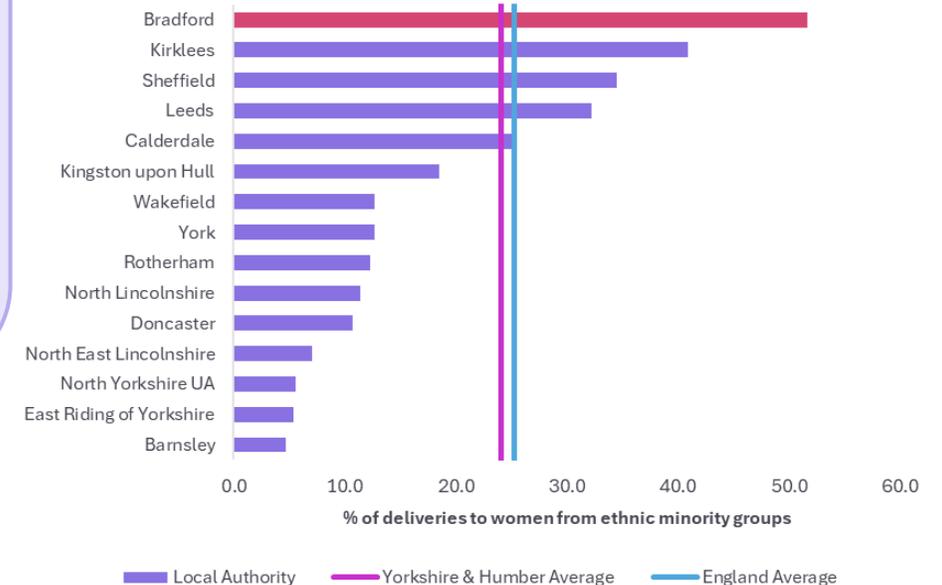


Bradford District has consistently had **significantly higher** proportions of deliveries to women from ethnic groups for around 10 years and trends indicate that this is **increasing** at a faster rate than regional and national averages.

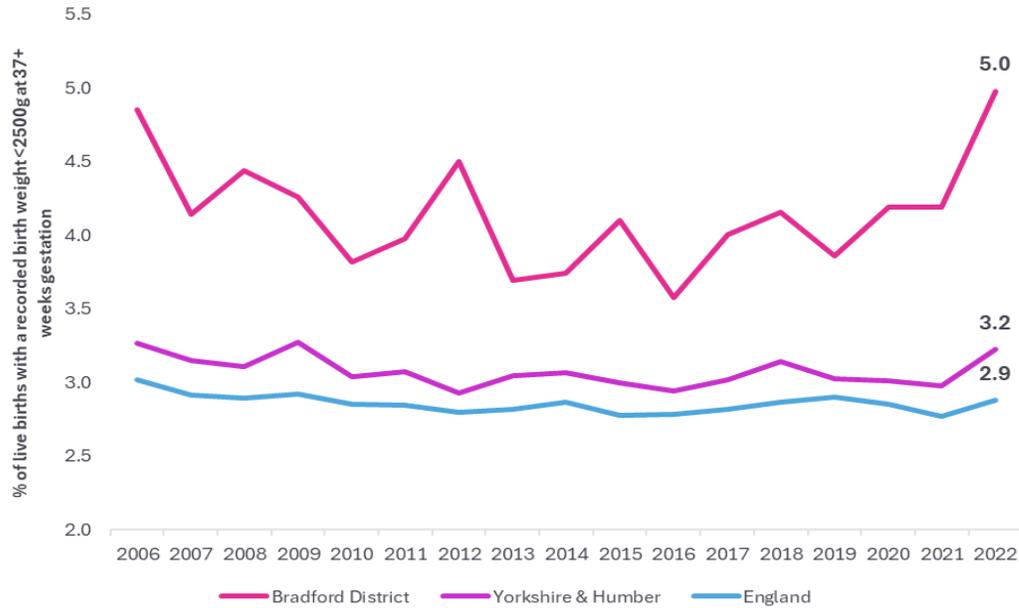


Bradford District is ranked **15th** of 153 local authorities in England for deliveries to women from ethnic groups

Bradford District has the highest proportion of deliveries to women from ethnic groups of 15 local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber with **51.6%**. This is significantly higher than both regional and national averages.



Low Birth Weight (Term Babies)

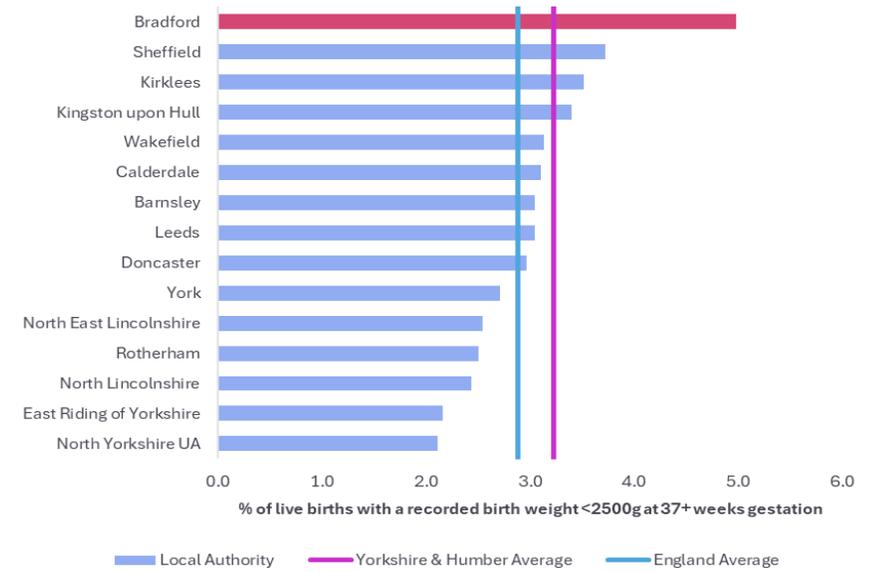


With **5%**, Bradford District has a **significantly higher** proportion of term births with a low birth weight than Yorkshire & Humber (**3.2%**) and England (**2.9%**). Though levels have fluctuated, they have remained **significantly higher** and are increasing exponentially.

The latest data shows that Bradford District currently has the **2nd highest** proportion of low birth weight of term babies in England after City of London.

Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber, Bradford District had the **highest proportion** of low weight term babies and is **significantly worse** than all other local authorities in the region.

*than the national rank for the previous year

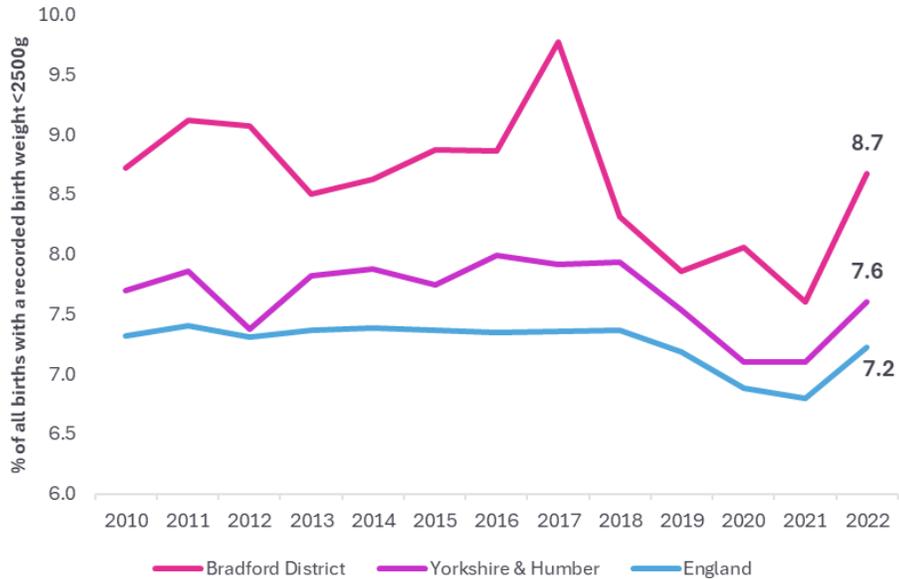


National Rank (where 1 is highest)



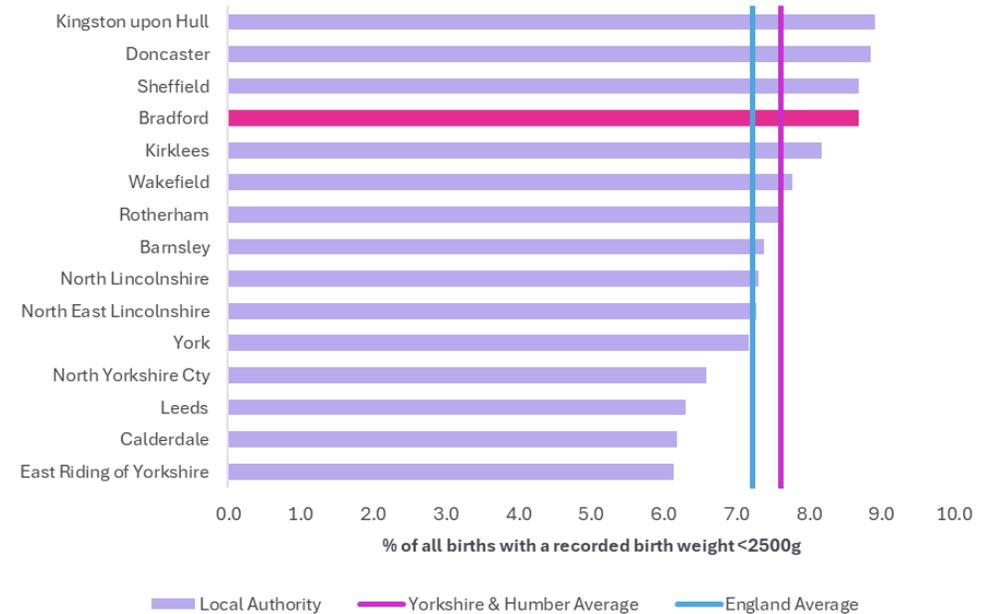
Low Birth Weight (All Babies)

Bradford District has **19th highest** proportion of babies with a birth weight under 2,500g compared with 153 local authorities in England.



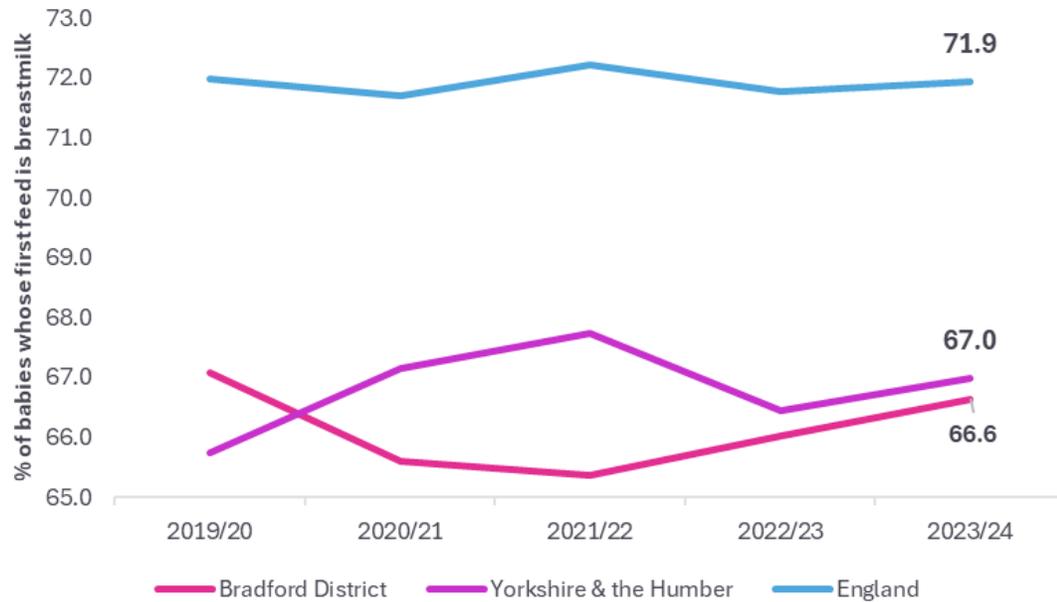
The proportion of all babies born with a low birth weight in Bradford District according to the latest data (2022) is **significantly higher** than the regional and national averages, with **8.7%**. The average for Yorkshire & Humber is **7.6%** and the average for England is **7.2%**.

As with data for low birth weight of term babies, Bradford District's levels have remained **significantly higher** for more than 10 years.



Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber, Bradford District has **4th highest** proportion and the **highest** in West Yorkshire.

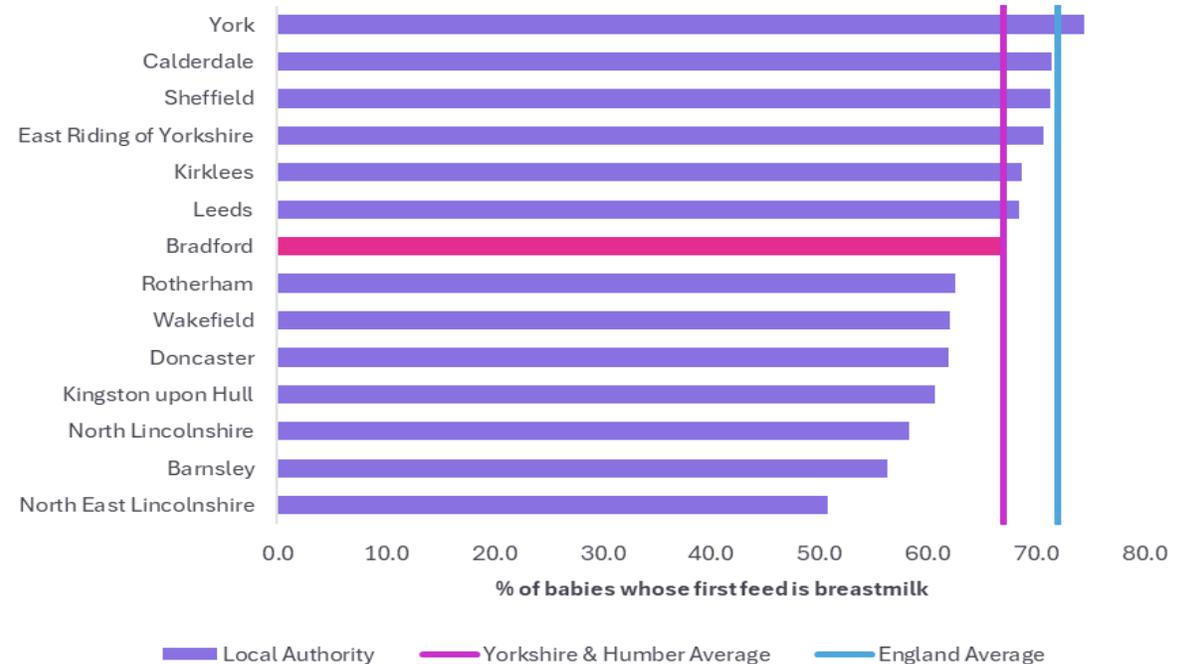
Baby's First Feed Breastmilk



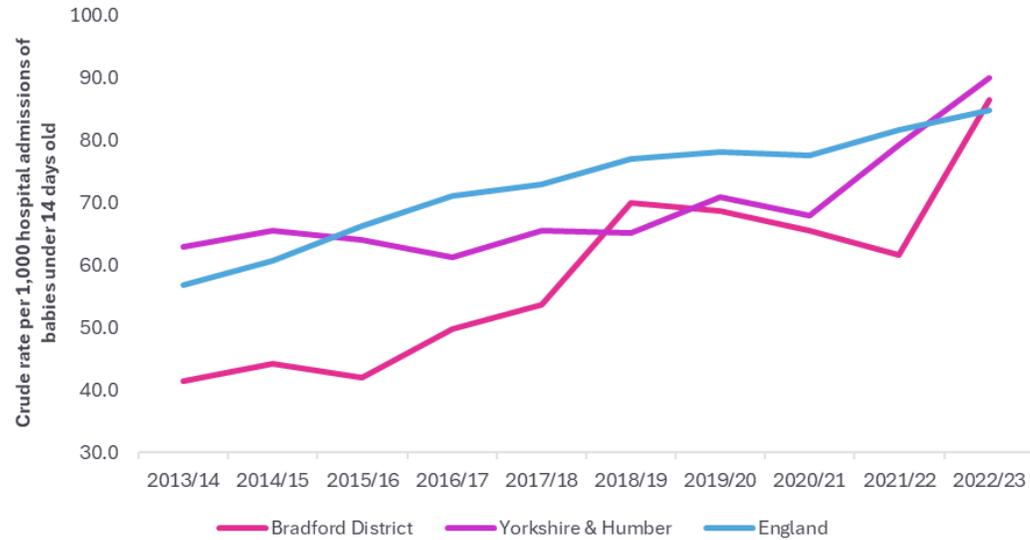
Proportions of babies whose first feed is breastmilk in Bradford District is **significantly below** the average for England, with **66.6%** compared with **71.9%** for England. Both Bradford District and Yorkshire & Humber have consistently been worse than England for around 5 years.

Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber, Bradford District has **7th highest** proportion of babies whose first feed is breastmilk and is **2nd lowest** in West Yorkshire.

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Hospital Admissions of Babies Under 14 Days



For hospital admissions of babies under 14 days, Bradford District has **similar rates** to Yorkshire & Humber and England, with **86.3 per 1,000**. The crude rate for Yorkshire & Humber is **89.9 per 1,000** and for England is **84.4 per 1,000**.

In 2013/14, Bradford District was significantly better than regional and national averages, rates have worsened since then with a **difference of 44.9 per 1,000** between then and 2022/23.

Compared with other local authorities in Yorkshire & Humber, Bradford District has **6th lowest** rate of hospital admissions and has the **2nd lowest** rate in West Yorkshire, above Leeds.

