

Department of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing

Bradford East Constituency

Population and Health Area Profile

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Key Points:

- Bradford East's population aged 0 to 15 years is more than double the population of 65 years and over.
- Bradford East has an estimated 48.8% of children (aged under 16) in low income families.
- 14.3% of households in Bradford East in fuel poverty.
- Female life expectancy at birth rate is 80.4 years and male life expectancy at birth is 75.3 years.
- Under 75 cancer mortality rate, under 75 cardiovascular disease mortality rate and under 75 respiratory disease mortality rate for Bradford East is higher than Bradford district rates.
- The infant mortality rate for Bradford East is lower than Bradford district rate.
- The prevalence of reception aged children who are overweight (including obesity) in Bradford East is the same as the Bradford district prevalence.
- The prevalence of year 6 aged children who are overweight (including obesity) in Bradford East is higher than the Bradford district prevalence.
- Bradford East has a lower estimated proportion of patients with depression (newly diagnosed') than the Bradford district.
- The estimated mental health prevalence in Bradford East is higher than the Bradford district prevalence.
- Eccleshill ward is estimated to have the highest prevalence of CHD (all ages) CODP (all ages) and dementia in Bradford East.
- Bolton and Undercliffe ward is estimated to have the highest prevalence of diabetes (17+ years).
- The estimated percentage of patients (aged 15 years and over) who are recorded as current smokers within Bradford East is slightly higher than the Bradford district.

Bradford East Population Estimates 2024

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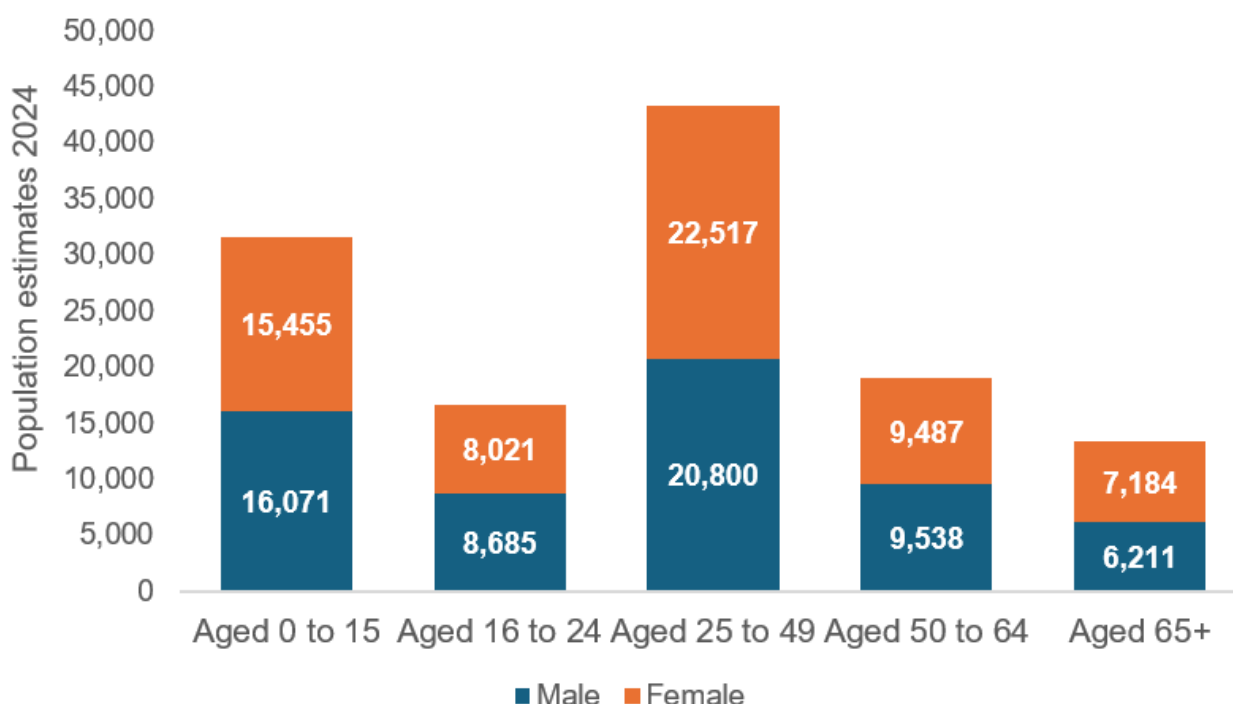
1.1% increase since 2023 population estimates

1. Population

1.1 Bradford East Population by Age and Sex

Latest population estimates for Bradford East (2024) show 62,664 of the population are female with 61,305 male. Bradford East's male population aged 0 to 15 is higher at 16,071 than female with 15,455 which is also evident for 16 to 24 year olds and 50 – 64 year olds.

Figure 1: Bradford East population estimates by age group and sex - 2024



Bradford East's population aged 0 to 15 years for both female and male is more than double the population of 65 years and over (female and male). The population for 0 to 15 years is also higher in Bradford East for female and male (12.5% and 13.0% respectively when compared to the overall district with 11.0% and 11.3%, respectively). 18.3% of residents are female aged 25

to 49 compared to 16.8% male, females aged 25 to 49 account for the highest proportion of Bradford East's population. This is reflected in overall Bradford district population.

Bradford East has a lower proportion of residents aged 50 to 64 years (7.7% female/7.7% male) when compared to the Bradford district at 8.7% female and 8.5% male. Bradford East's population aged 16 to 24 years for both male and female is higher than the Bradford district.

Table 1: Population estimates and proportion of population by sex and age group - 2024

Age	Male			Female		
	Bradford East	Bradford		Bradford East	Bradford	
Aged 0 to 15	16,071	13.0%	11.3%	15,455	12.5%	11.0%
Aged 16 to 24	8,685	7.0%	6.0%	8,021	6.5%	5.6%
Aged 25 to 49	20,800	16.8%	16.1%	22,517	18.2%	17.2%
Aged 50 to 64	9,538	7.7%	8.5%	9,487	7.7%	8.7%
Aged 65+	6,211	5.0%	7.1%	7,184	5.8%	8.4%

1.2 Bradford East Population by Ward and Sex

The 2024 population estimates that Bowling and Barkerend ward had a population of 24,509 which is the highest in Bradford East, this is followed by Bradford Moor with an estimated 22,585 residents. For all six wards within Bradford East the proportion of residents, female and male is similar, however, Bradford Moor and Little Horton have a slightly higher male population.

Table 2: Population estimates and proportion of population by sex and ward - 2024

Bradford East - Population by Ward	Female		Male		Total Population
Bolton and Undercliffe	9,303	50.7%	9,032	49.3%	18,335
Bowling and Barkerend	12,253	50.0%	12,256	50.0%	24,509
Bradford Moor	11,244	49.8%	11,341	50.2%	22,585
Eccleshill	11,282	52.0%	10,425	48.0%	21,707
Idle and Thackley	9,206	51.9%	8,540	48.1%	17,746
Little Horton	11,031	49.7%	11,176	50.3%	22,207

1.3 Bradford East Population by Ethnicity (Census 2021)

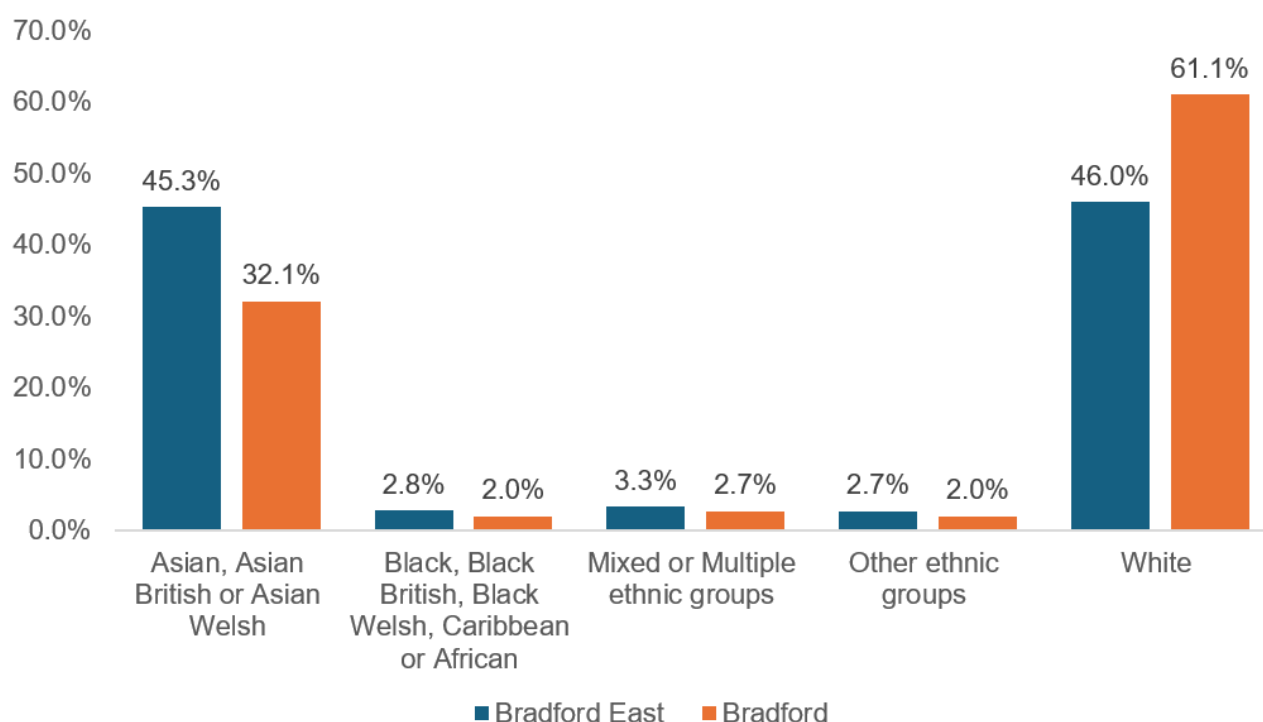
The 2021 census estimated that 45.3% (55,130) of the population in Bradford East describe themselves as Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh compared to 32.1% of the population in the district. Bradford East has a higher proportion of Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African (3,367 – 2.8%) and Mixed or multiple ethnic group (3,252 – 2.7%) compared with the population of the district.

Table 3: Population estimates and proportion of population by ethnicity – Census 2021

Ethnicity	Bradford East		Bradford
	(n)	%	%
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	55,130	45.3%	32.1%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	3,367	2.8%	2.0%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	3,973	3.3%	2.7%
Other ethnic groups	3,252	2.7%	2.0%
White	56,092	46.0%	61.1%

46.0% (56,092 – 46.0%) of the population in Bradford East describe themselves as White compared with 61.1% in the district. Other ethnic groups account for 2.7% of the Bradford East (3,252) compared to 2.0% of the Bradford district.

Figure 2: Proportion of population by ethnicity – Census 2021



2. Wider Determinants of Health

2.1 Children (aged under 16) in absolute low income families

In 2025, Bradford East had an estimated 48.8% of children (aged under 16) in low income families, higher than the Bradford district with 39.3%.

Bradford Moor had an estimated 60.5% of children in (approximately 3,654 children) in low income families the highest within Bradford East followed by Little Horton ward at 58.6% of children (approximately 3,819).

Idle and Thackley has the lowest estimated number and rate of children, 470 (14.8%) in absolute low income families. Five of the six wards are above the Bradford district rate.

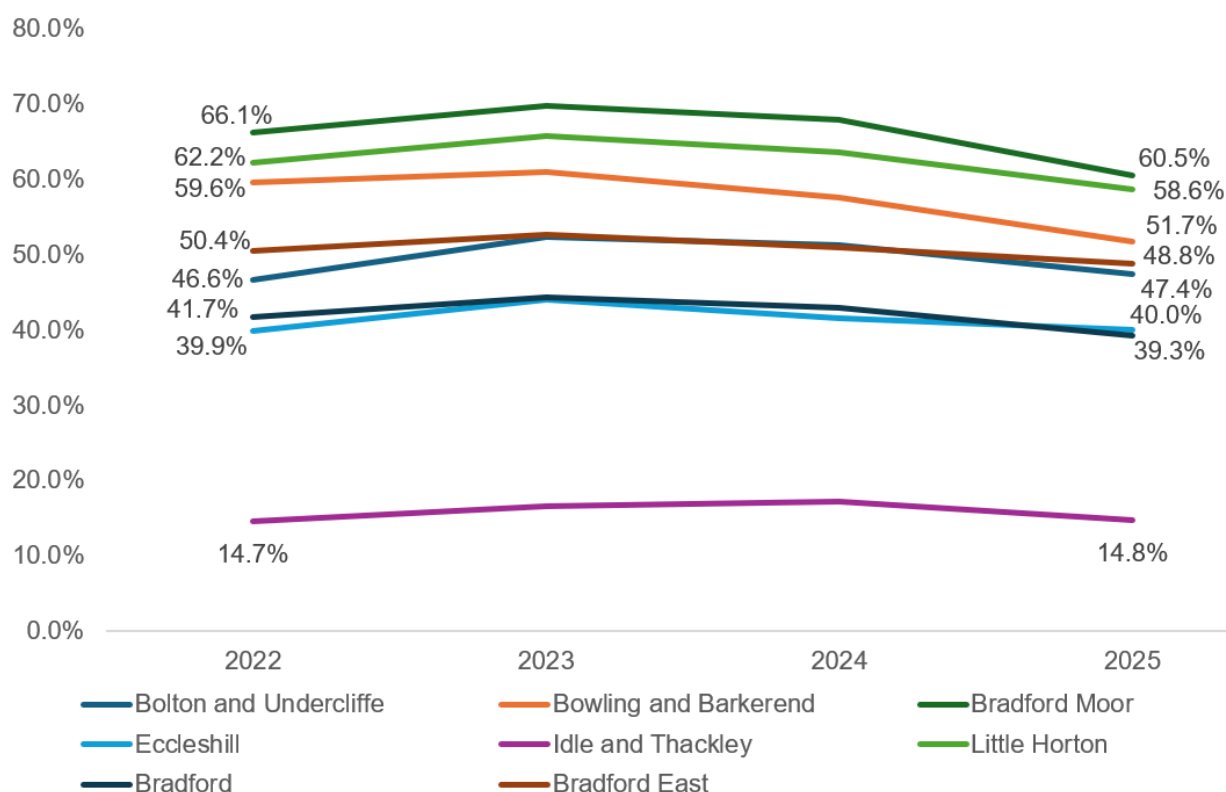
Table 4: Number and proportion of children in absolute low income families by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district - 2025

Children (aged under 16) in absolute low income families - 2025	Number and percentage	
	(n)	%
Bolton and Undercliffe	2,121	47.4%
Bowling and Barkerend	3,427	51.7%
Bradford Moor	3,654	60.5%
Eccleshill	2,227	40.0%
Idle and Thackley	470	14.8%
Little Horton	3,819	58.6%
Bradford East	15,374	48.8%
Bradford	49,390	39.3%

When analysing trends since 2022, three of the six wards within Bradford East have seen a decrease in children in absolute low income families, with Bowling and Barkerend having decreased by 7.8 percentage points when comparing 2025 to 2022.

Bolton and Undercliffe, Idle and Thackley and Eccleshill showing a slight increase. All six wards have seen a decrease since 2024. Idle and Thackley remain the ward with the lowest rate within Bradford East with Bradford Moor the highest. In 2025, the gap between Bradford Moor and the Bradford district is 21.2 percentage points.

Figure 3: Proportion of children in absolute low income families by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2022 to 2025



2.2 Fuel Poverty (Lower Super Output Area ((LSOA)) to best fit ward

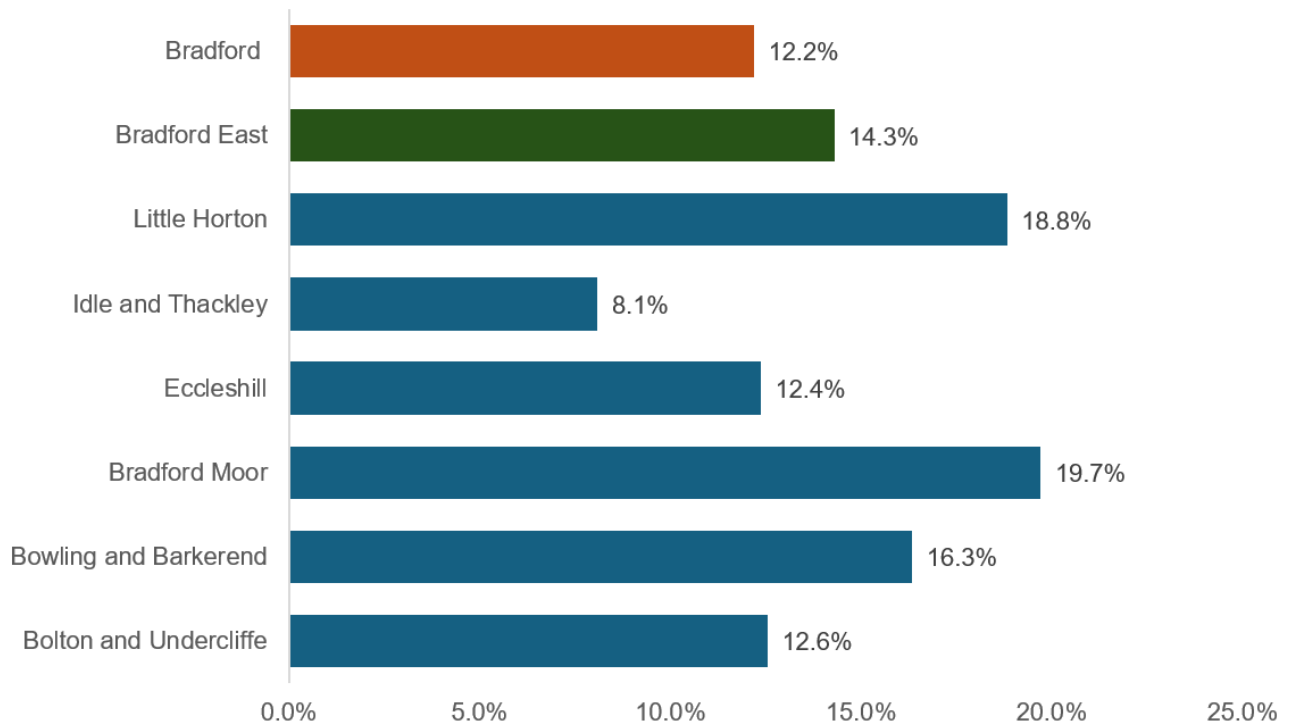
In 2024, there was an estimated 6,299 (14.3%) of households in Bradford East in fuel poverty which is higher than the Bradford district with 12.2% in the district.

Table 5: Number and proportion of households in fuel poverty, 2024 by ward, Bradford East and Bradford District

Households in fuel poverty	Number of households	Number of households in fuel poverty	Percentage of households in fuel poverty
Bolton and Undercliffe	7352	923	12.6%
Bowling and Barkerend	7835	1281	16.3%
Bradford Moor	5827	1149	19.7%
Eccleshill	7602	941	12.4%
Idle and Thackley	9098	737	8.1%
Little Horton	7103	1338	18.8%
Bradford East	43,636	6,229	14.3%
Bradford	220,328	26,829	12.2%

The estimated proportion of households in fuel poverty in Bradford East ranged between 8.1% (Idle and Thackley) and 19.7% (Bradford Moor). Five of the 6 wards in Bradford East were higher than the Bradford district of 12.2% and three wards above the Bradford East estimate of 14.3%

Figure 4: Proportion of households in fuel poverty by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024



3. Life expectancy and causes of early death

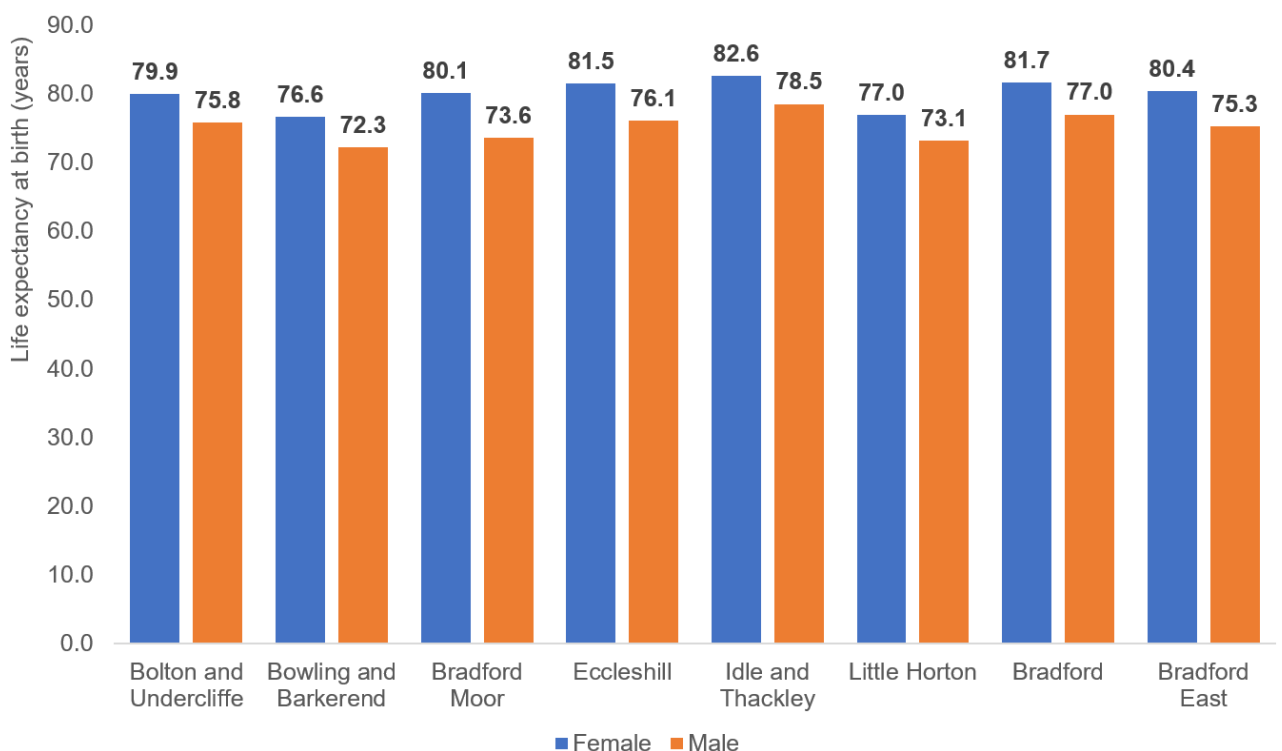
3.1 Life Expectancy

2022-24 female life expectancy at birth rates for wards in Bradford East is between 76.6 years (Bowling and Barkerend) and 82.6 years (Idle and Thackley). Five of the six wards are below the Bradford district rate of 81.7 years with four wards below the Bradford East rate of 80.4 years.

Male life expectancy at birth rates for wards in Bradford East is between 72.3 years in Bowling and Barkerend and 78.5 years in Idle and Thackley. Five of the six wards are below the Bradford district rate of 77.0 years with three wards below the Bradford East rate of 75.3 years.

When comparing the life expectancy at birth rate for female and male within Idle and Thackley there is a difference of 4.1 years.

Figure 5: Life Expectancy at birth, female and male by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-24



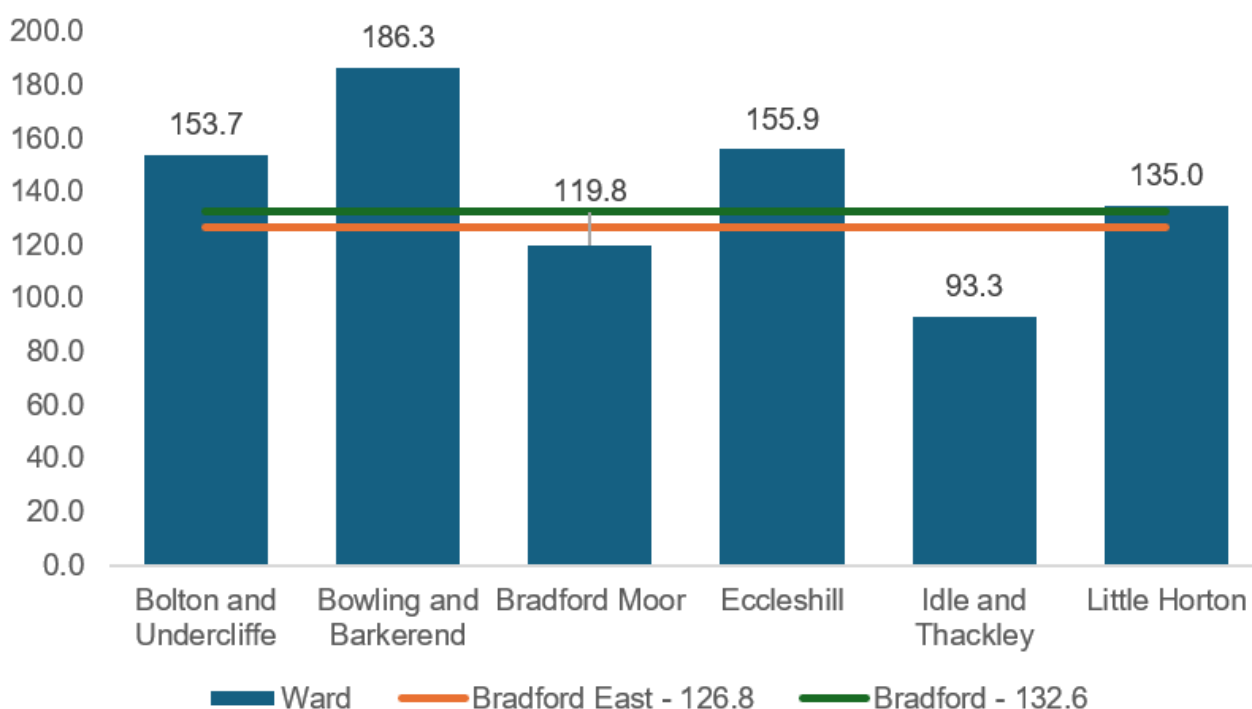
3.2 Premature mortality – cancer

The 2022-24 under 75 cancer mortality rate for Bradford East is 126.8 per 100,000 population which is higher than the Bradford district rate of 132.6 per 100,000 population.

The under 75 cancer mortality rate within Bradford East ranged from 186.3 per 100,000 population in Bowling and Barkerend ward to 93.3 per 100,000 population in Idle and Thackley.

Four of the six wards were above the Bradford district rate (132.6 per 100,000 population) and Bradford East rate (126.8 per 100,000 population).

Figure 6: Under 75 cancer mortality rate per 100,000 population by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-24



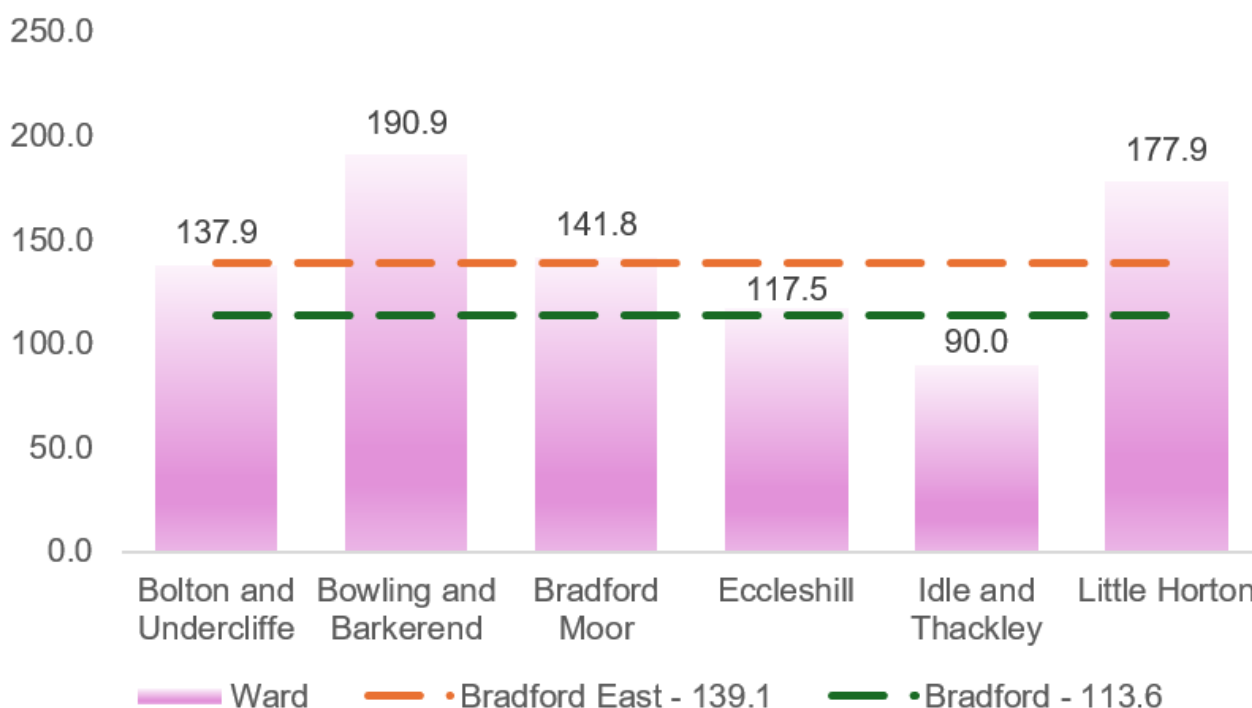
3.3 Premature mortality - cardiovascular disease (CVD)

The 2022-24 under 75 cardiovascular disease mortality rate for Bradford East is 139.1 per 100,000 population is higher than the Bradford district rate of 113.6 per 100,000 population.

The under 75 cardiovascular disease mortality rate within Bradford East ranged from 190.9 per 100,000 population in Bowling and Barkerend ward to 90.0 per 100,000 population in Idle and Thackley.

Five of the six wards were above the Bradford district rate (113.6 per 100,000 population) with four wards above the Bradford East rate (139.1 per 100,000 population).

Figure 7: Under 75 cardiovascular disease mortality rate per 100,000 population by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-24



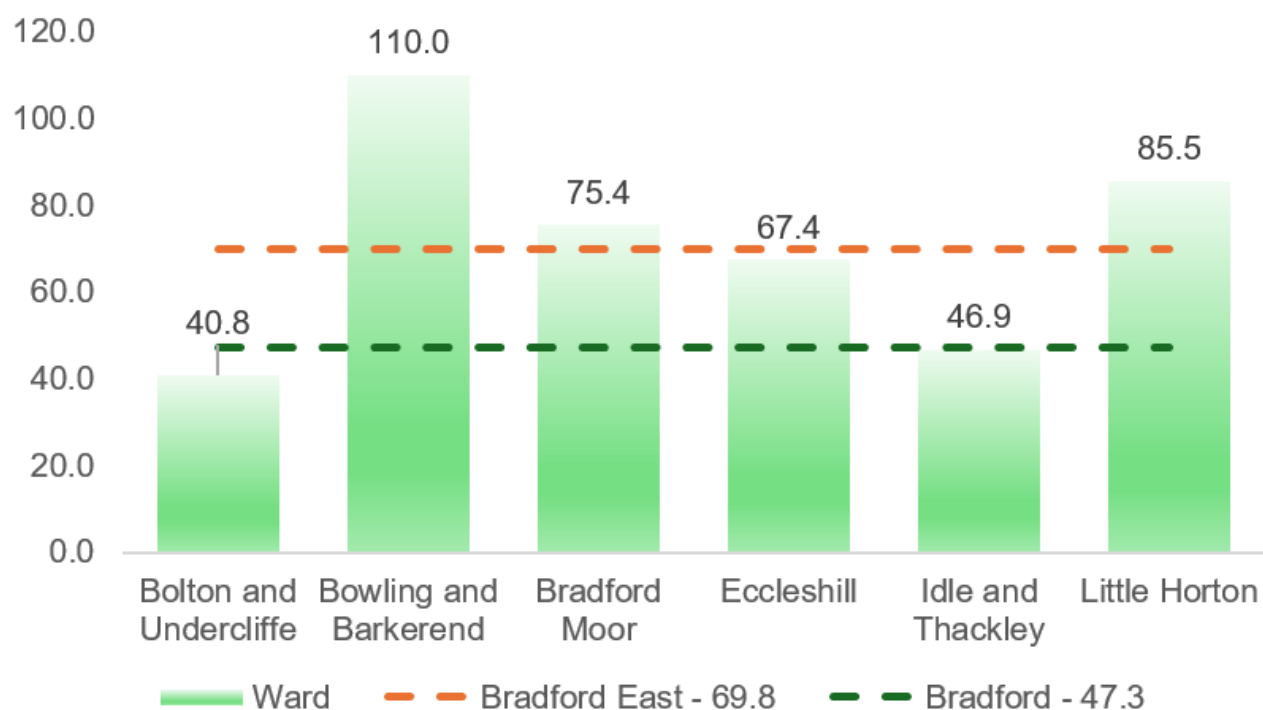
3.4 Premature mortality – respiratory disease

The 2022-24 under 75 respiratory disease mortality rate for Bradford East is 69.8 per 100,000 population which is higher than the Bradford district rate of 47.3 per 100,000 population.

The under 75 respiratory disease mortality rate within Bradford East ranged from 110.0 per 100,000 population in Bowling and Barkerend ward to 40.8 per 100,000 population in Bolton and Undercliffe ward.

Four of the six wards were above the Bradford district rate of 47.3 per 100,000 population and the Bradford East rate (139.1 per 100,000 population).

Figure 8: Under 75 respiratory disease mortality rate per 100,000 population by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-24



4. Child Health

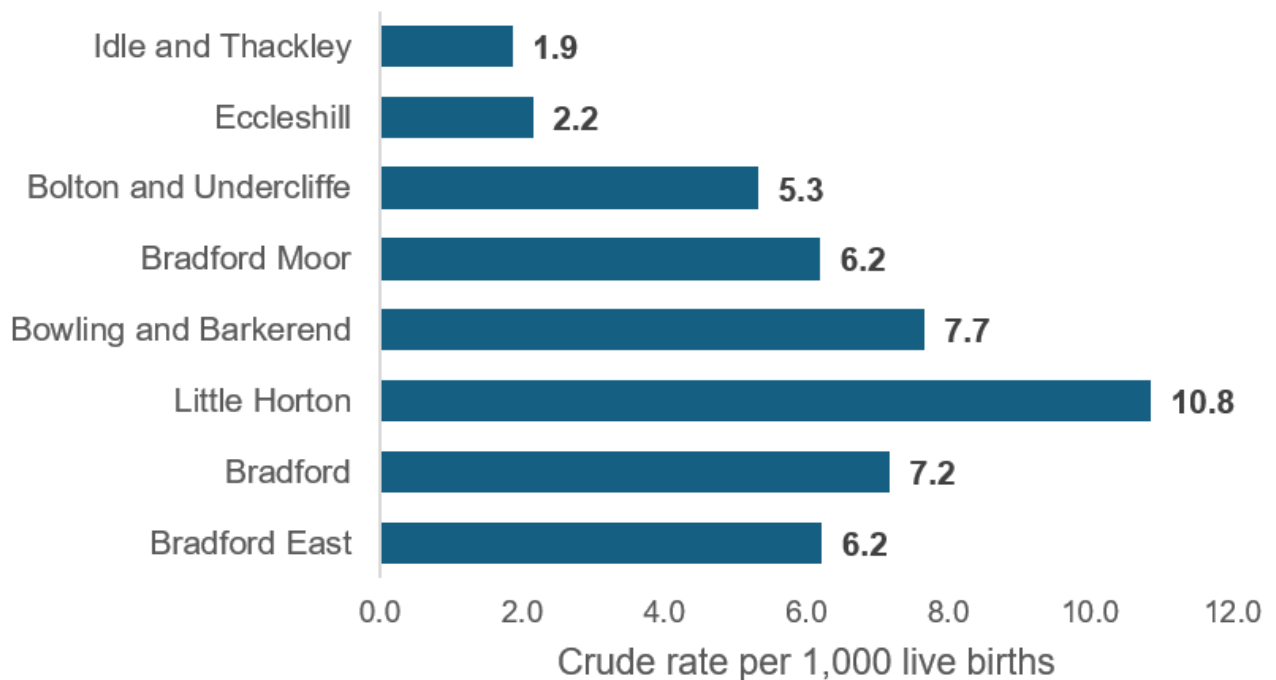
4.1 Infant Mortality

The 2022-24 infant mortality rate for Bradford East, 6.2 per 1,000 live births is lower than Bradford rate of 7.2 per 1,000 live births.

The infant mortality rate for wards within Bradford East ranged between 10.8 per 1,000 live births in Little Horton to 1.9 per 1,000 live births in Idle and Thackley.

Two wards, Little Horton (10.8 per 1,000 live births) and Bowling and Barkerend (7.7 per 1,000 live births) had a higher infant mortality rate than the Bradford district rate (7.2 per 1,000 live births) and Bradford East rate (6.2 per 1,000 live births). The gap between Little Horton and the Bradford district is 3.6 per 1,000 live births.

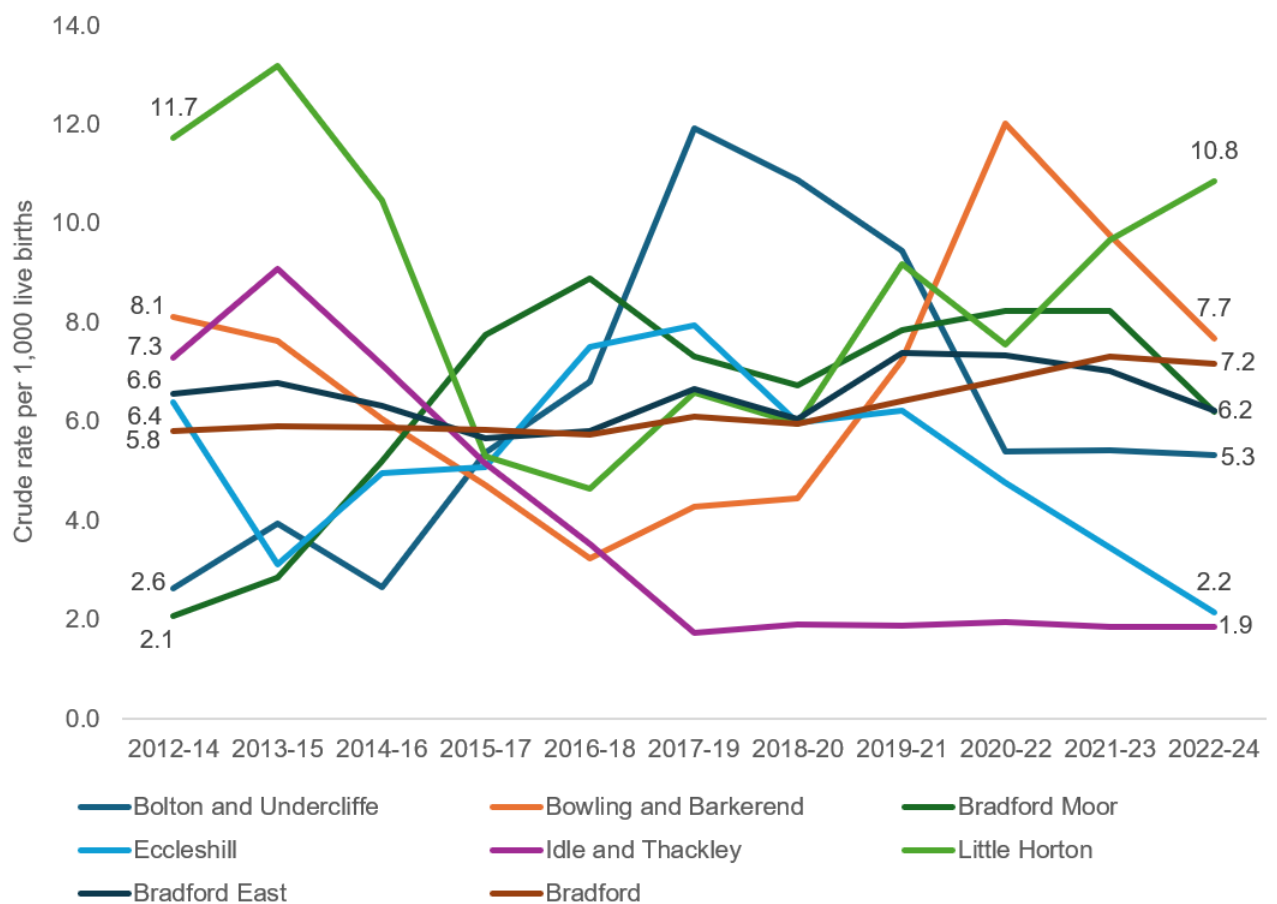
Figure 9: Infant mortality rate 1,000 live births by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-24



Since 2012/14 whilst there has been no specific trends in infant mortality rates across all wards, when compared to 2012/14, Bradford East has seen a decrease in infant mortality rates, in addition, four of the six wards within Bradford East have also seen a decrease in infant mortality rates. The largest decrease is Idle and Thackley ward having decreased by 5.4 per 1,000 live rates when 2012/14 to 2022/24.

Bolton and Undercliffe and Bradford Moor have seen an increase; this is also reflected in the Bradford district rate which has increased by 1.4 per 1,000 live births.

Figure 10: Infant Mortality rate 1,000 live births by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district 2012/14 to 2022/24



4.2 Reception excess weight

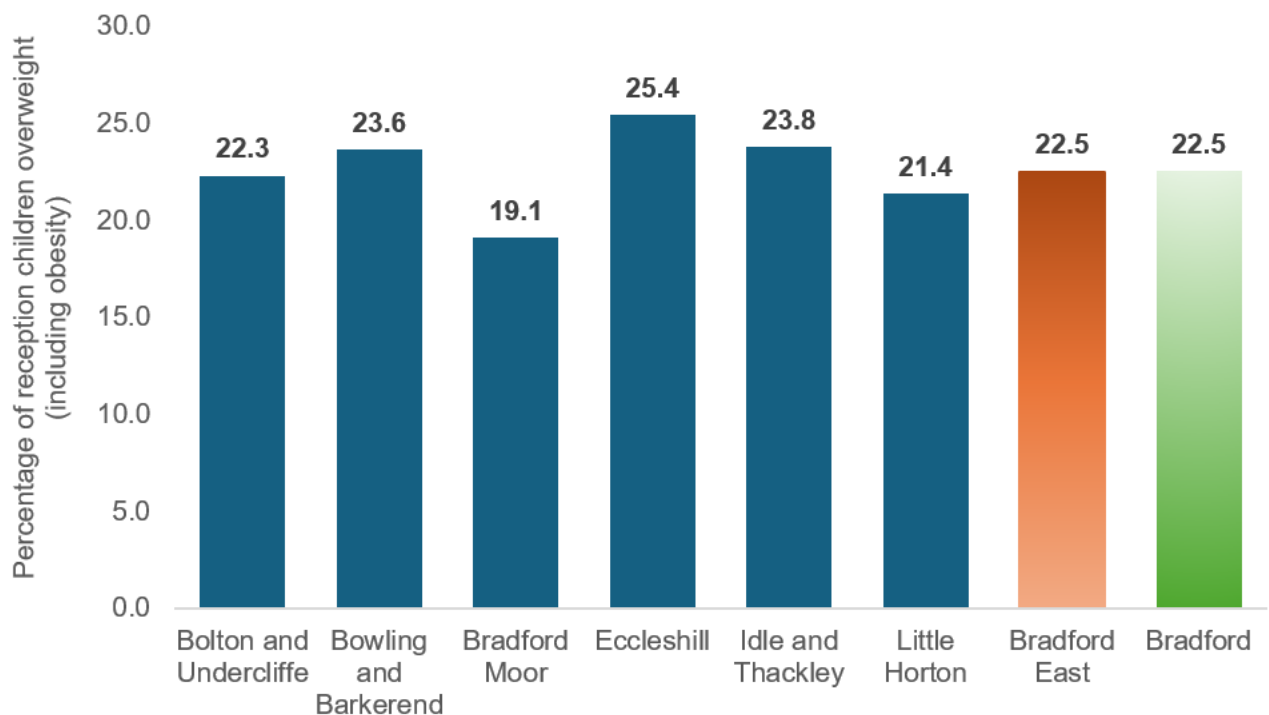
The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) collects height and weight measurements of reception aged children and year 6 children, primarily in mainstream state-maintained schools in England. Local authorities are mandated to collect data from mainstream state-maintained schools.¹

The three year (2022-23 to 2024-25) prevalence of 22.5% for reception aged children who are overweight (including obesity) in Bradford East is the same as the Bradford district.

The prevalence of reception aged children who are overweight (including obesity) for wards in Bradford East ranges from 19.1% in Bradford Moor to 25.4% in Eccleshill.

Bowling and Barkerend, Eccleshill and Idle and Thackley are above the Bradford district and Bradford East prevalence.

Figure 11: Proportion of reception aged children who are overweight (including obesity) by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-23 to 2024-25

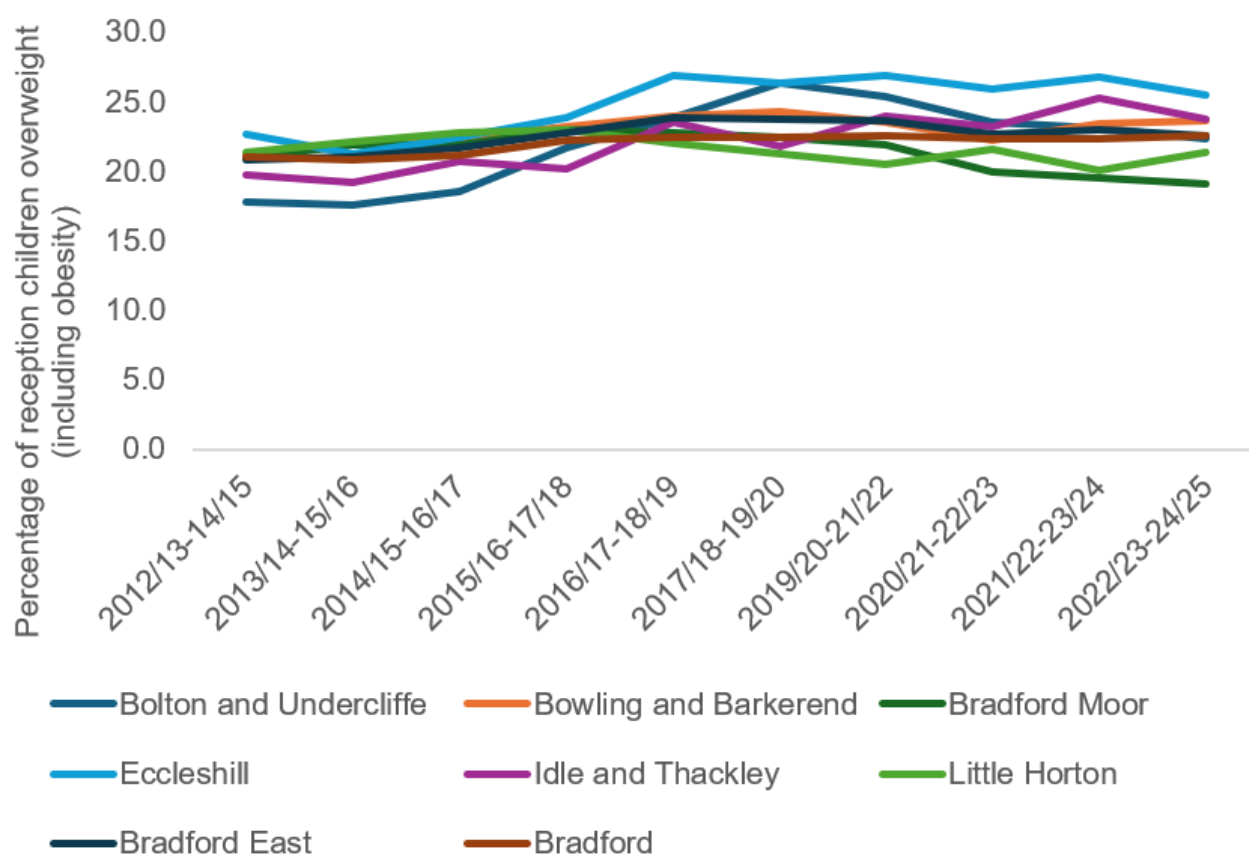


¹ [Fingertips | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Since 2012/13 – 2014/15 whilst there has been no specific trends, since 2017/18 – 2019/20 two wards in Bradford East, Bolton and Undercliffe and Bradford Moor have seen year on year decreases.

However, when compared to 2012/13 – 2014/15, Bradford East and the Bradford district has increased, this is also seen in five of the six wards. Bradford Moor is the only ward in Bradford East which has decreased, and this is by 1.8 percentage points.

Figure 12: Proportion of reception aged children who are overweight (including obesity) by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district 2012/13 – 2014/15 to 2022/23 - 2024/25



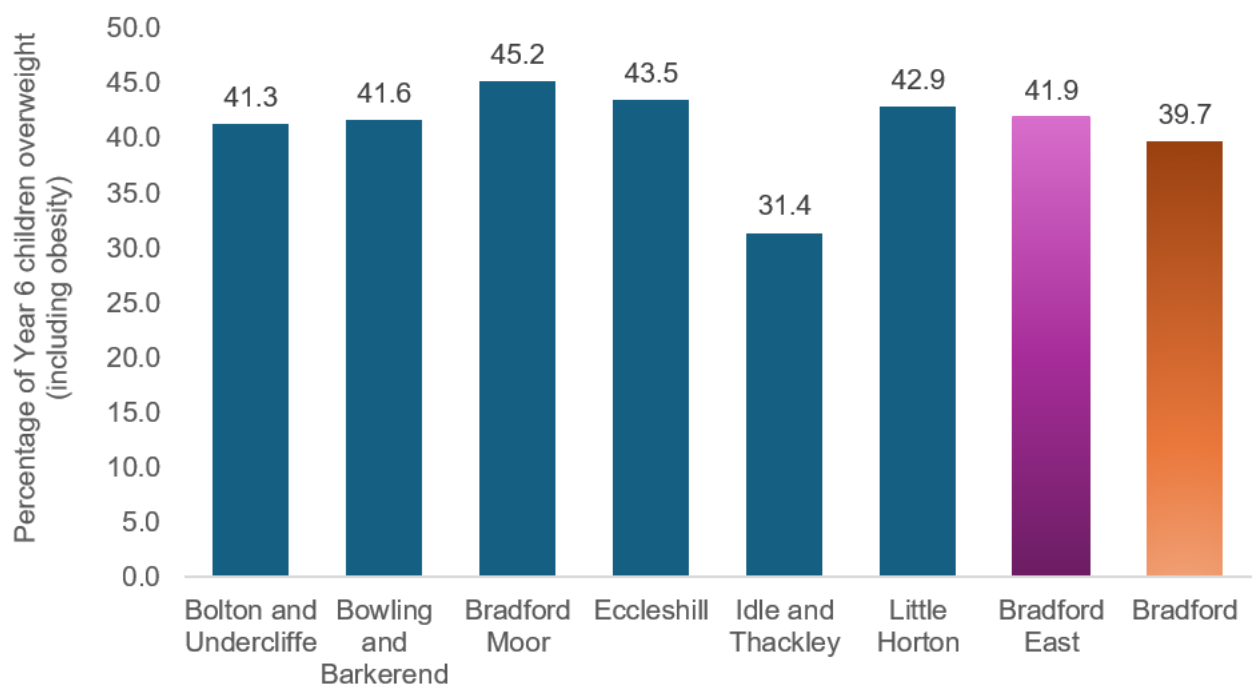
4.3 Year 6 excess weight

The three year (2022-23 to 2024-25) prevalence of 41.9% for year 6 aged children who are overweight (including obesity) in Bradford East is higher than the Bradford district prevalence of 39.7%.

The prevalence of year 6 aged children who are overweight (including obesity) for wards in Bradford East ranges from 31.4% in Idle and Thackley to 45.2% in Bradford Moor.

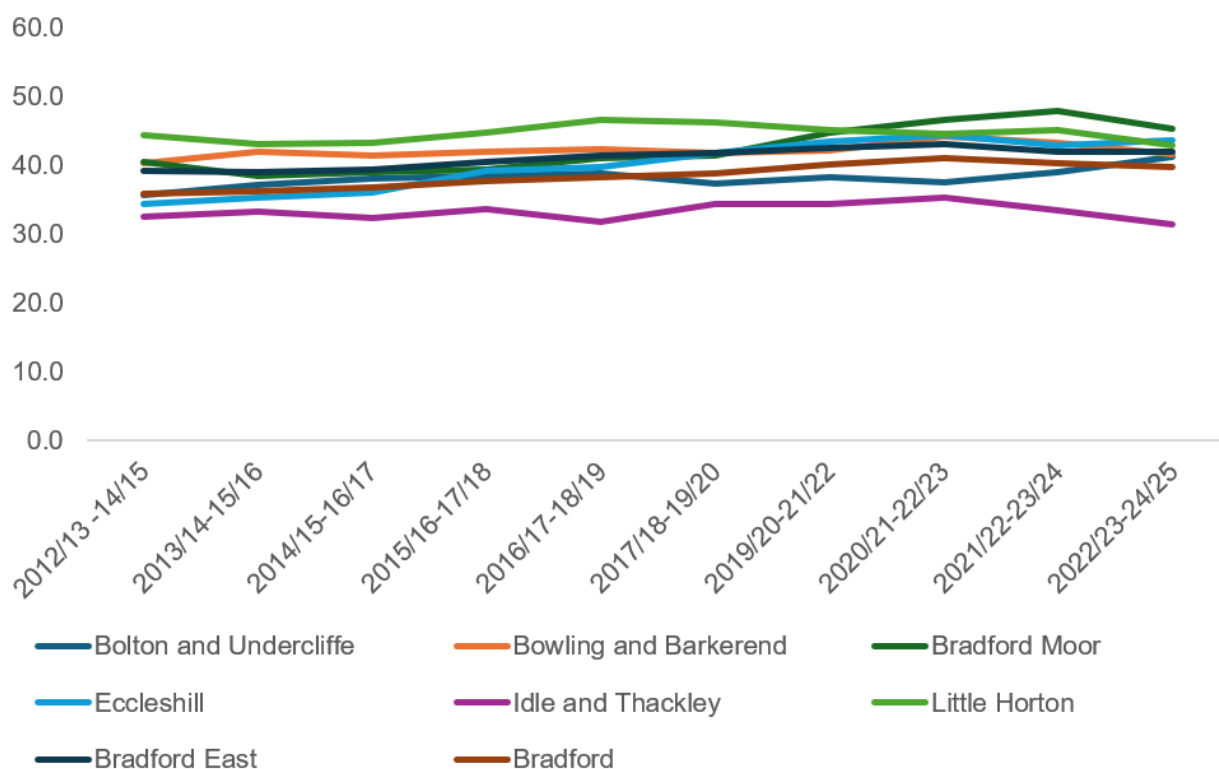
Bradford Moor, Eccleshill and Little Horton are above the Bradford East prevalence with five of the six wards above the Bradford district prevalence.

Figure 13: Proportion of year 6 aged children who are overweight (including obesity) by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district – 2022-23 to 2024-25



Since 2012/13 – 2014/15, four of the six wards in Bradford East, Bradford Moor, Idle and Thackley and Little Horton have increased. Idle and Thackley and Little Horton wards have decreased, for Idle and Thackley this is 1.1 percentage points and Little Horton, 1.4 percentage points.

Figure 14: Proportion of year 6 aged children who are overweight (including obesity) by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district 2012/13 – 2014/15 to 2022/23 -2024/25



5. Mental Health

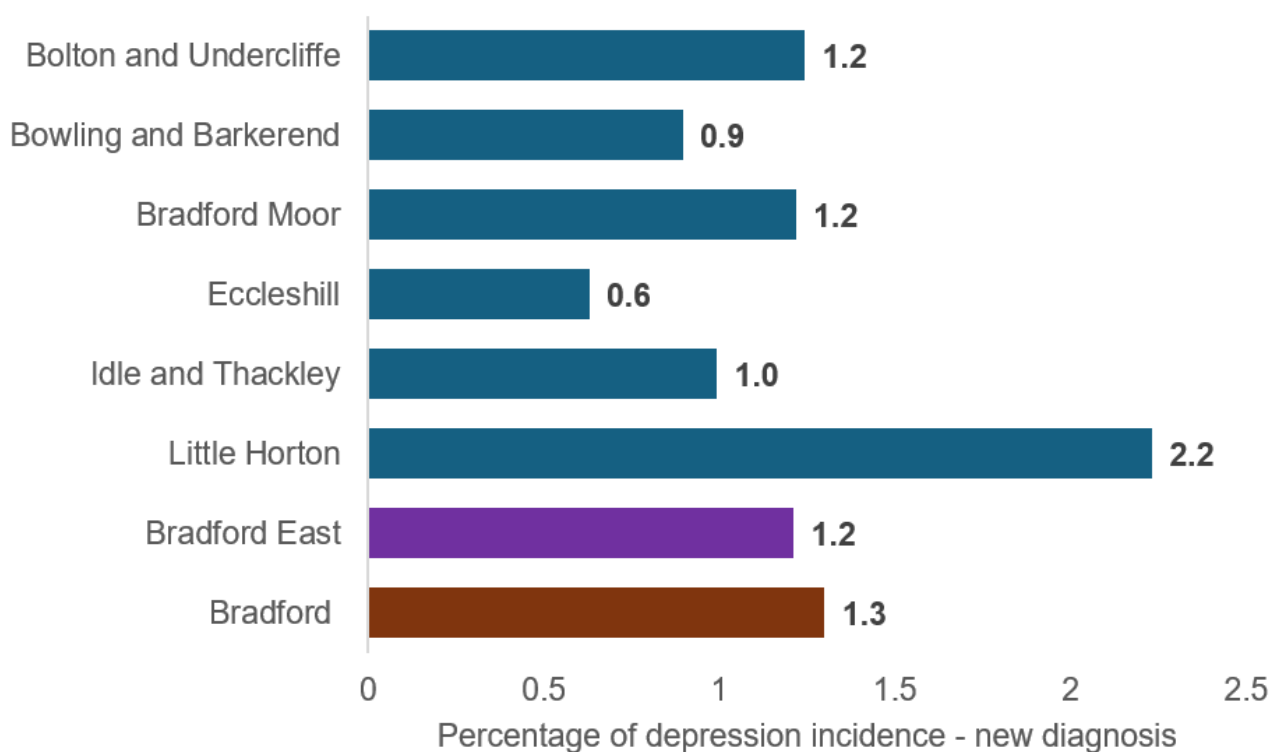
5.1 Depression

Interpret with caution - estimated prevalence using best fit GP practice to individual ward

In 2024-25, there was an estimated 1.2% of patients aged 18 and over with depression, marked as 'newly diagnosed' on GP patient records this is lower than 1.3% in the Bradford district.

Little Horton is estimated to have the highest prevalence of depression (new diagnosis) at 2.2% followed by Bolton and Undercliffe and Bradford Moor, both with 1.2%. Five of the six wards were below the Bradford district rate of 1.3%.

Figure 15: Patients aged 18 and over with depression (newly diagnosed) by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024-25



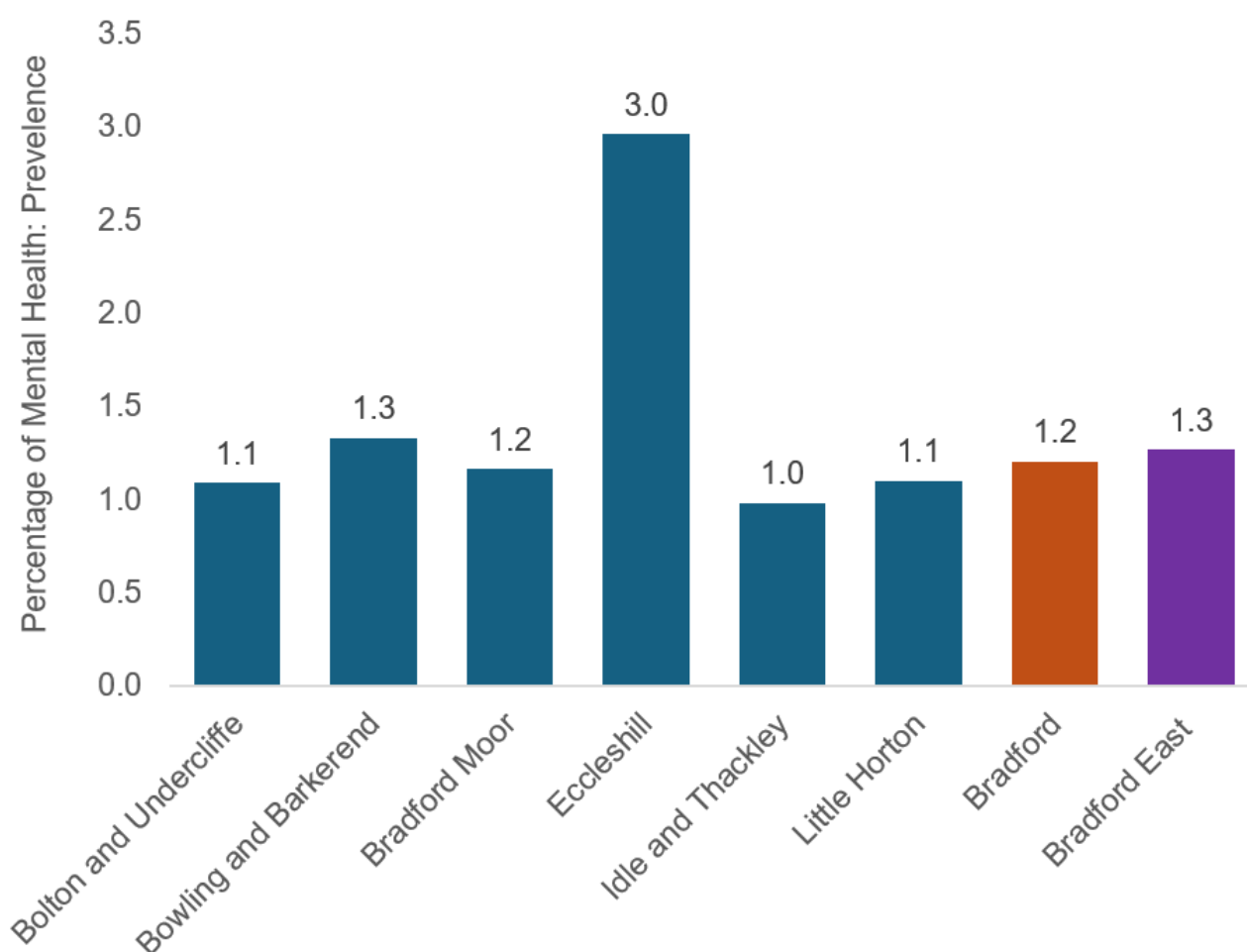
5.2 Mental Health

Interpret with caution - estimated prevalence using best fit GP practice to individual ward

The estimated mental health prevalence – all ages, (patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses as recorded on practice disease registers) in Bradford East in 2024/25 is 1.3%, which is slightly higher the Bradford district prevalence of 1.2%.

Eccleshill is estimated to have the highest prevalence of mental health at 3.0% followed by Bowling and Barkerend with 1.3%. Idle and Thackley has the lowest estimated prevalence with 1.0%. Three of the six wards were below the Bradford district rate of 1.2%.

Figure 16: Mental health prevalence, all ages by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024-25



6. Disease and Poor Health

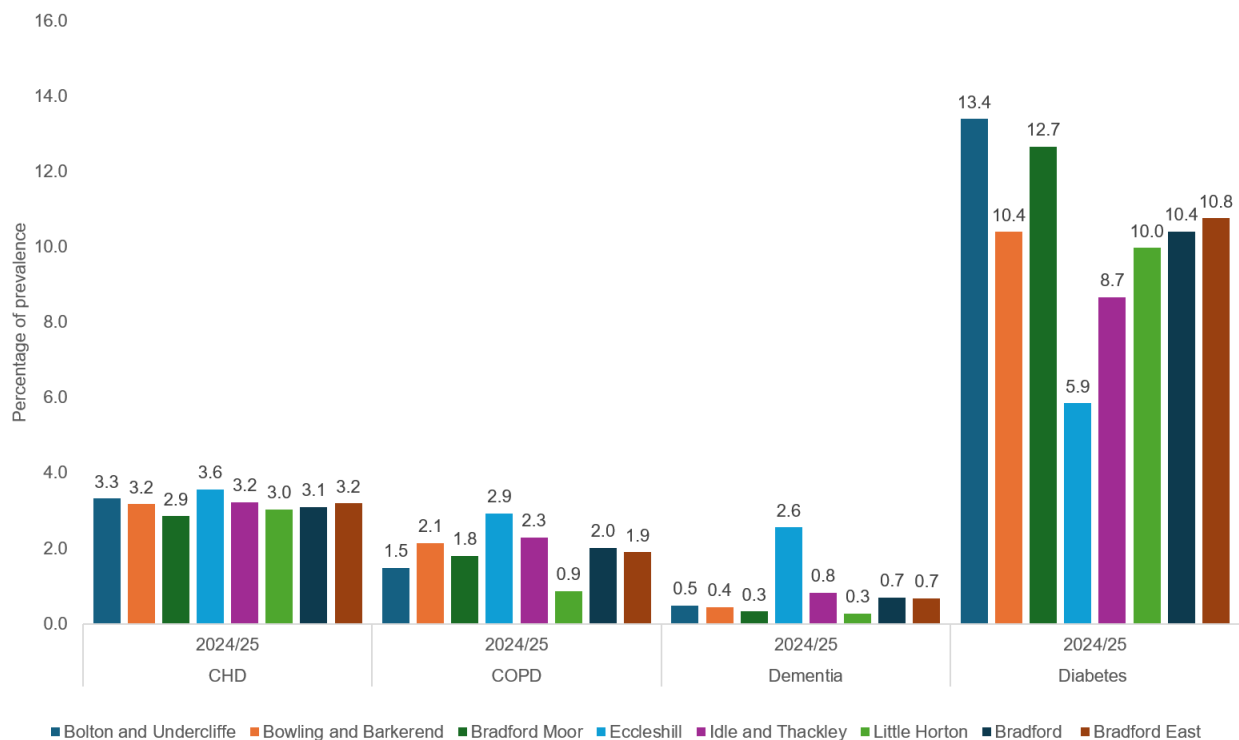
6.1 Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Dementia, Diabetes

Interpret with caution - estimated prevalence using best fit GP practice to individual ward

In 2024-25, Eccleshill was estimated to have the highest prevalence of CHD (all ages) at 3.6% higher than Bradford at 3.1% and Bradford East at 3.2%. Bradford Moor had the lowest estimated prevalence at 2.9%. The prevalence estimates for COPD (all ages) shows Eccleshill having the highest rate at 2.9% followed by Idle and Thackley at 2.3% both wards were higher than Bradford at 2.0% and Bradford East (1.9%).

For Diabetes (17+ years), Bolton and Undercliffe is estimated to have the highest at 13.4% followed by Bradford Moor with 12.7%. Eccleshill has the highest prevalence of dementia (all ages) with 2.6% higher than the Bradford district and Bradford East prevalence at 0.7%.

Figure 17: Coronary Heart Disease (CHD), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Dementia, Diabetes prevalence by wards, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024-25



6.2 Obesity

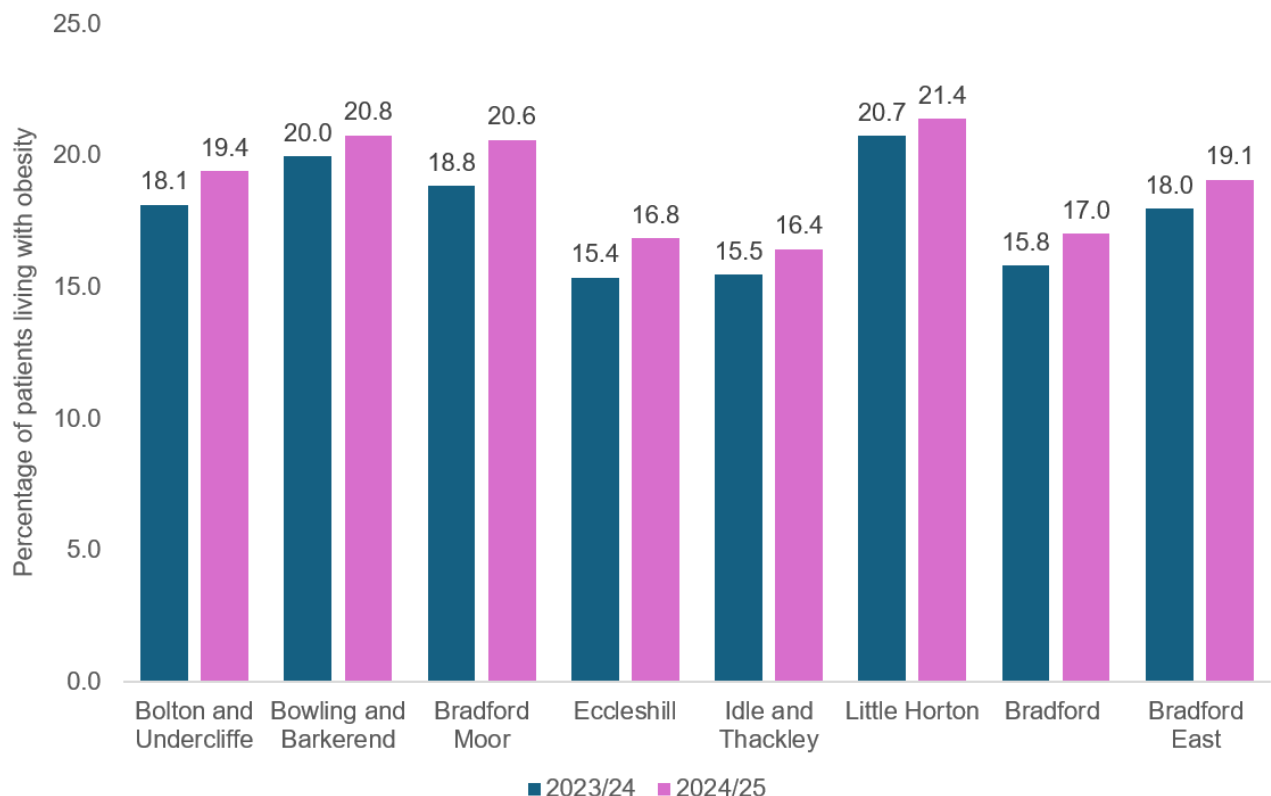
Interpret with caution - estimated prevalence using best fit GP practice to individual ward

The estimated percentage of patients (18 years and over) living with obesity in Bradford East is 19.1% compared to 17.0% for the Bradford district in 2024-25 which has increased since the 2023/24 estimates, increases have also been observed for all six wards in Bradford East.

In 2024/25, Little Horton is estimated to have the highest prevalence of obesity at 21.4% followed by Bowling and Barkerend with 20.8%.

Idle and Thackley has the lowest estimated prevalence with 16.4% a difference of 0.6 percentage points when compared to the Bradford district. Two of the six wards were below the Bradford district rate of 17.0%.

Figure 18: Estimated prevalence of patients living with obesity, by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024/25



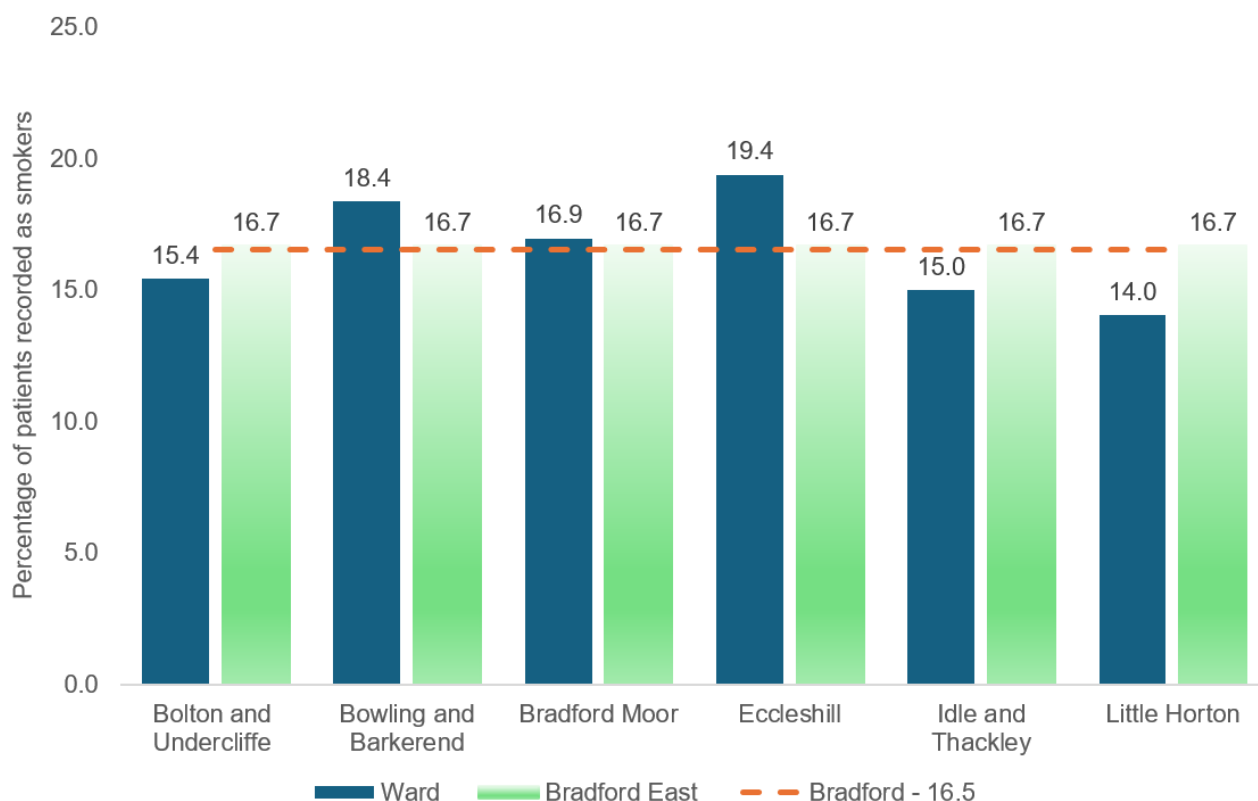
6.3 Smoking Prevalence

Interpret with caution - estimated prevalence using best fit GP practice to individual ward

The estimated percentage of patients (aged 15 years and over) who are recorded as current smokers within Bradford East is 16.7% which is slightly higher than the Bradford district estimated prevalence of 16.5%. Wards within Bradford East ranges from 19.4% in Eccleshill to 14.0% in Little Horton.

Three of the six wards within Bradford East are below the Bradford district prevalence (16.5%) and Bradford East prevalence at 16.7%.

Figure 19: Estimated smoking prevalence (15 years +) by ward, Bradford East and Bradford district, 2024/25



7. Area Profile Summary

Bradford East

The chart shows how people's health and wellbeing within this area compares to the Bradford district. Values are rated using the RAG system where:

Red = worse than district average

Amber = same as district average

Green = better than district average

Indicator	Unit	Time Period	Bradford	Bradford East	Bolton and Undercliffe	Bowling and Barkerend	Bradford Moor	Eccleshill	Idle and Thackley	Little Horton
Wider Determinants of Health										
Children in absolute low income families (under 16)	%	2025	39.3%	48.8%	47.4%	51.7%	60.5%	40.0%	14.8%	58.6%
Fuel Poverty	%	2024	12.2%	14.3%	12.6%	16.3%	19.7%	12.4%	8.1%	18.8%
Life Expectancy and Causes of Early Death										
Life Expectancy at birth - Females	Years	2022-24	81.7	80.4	79.9	76.6	80.1	81.5	82.6	77.0
Life Expectancy at birth - Males	Years	2022-24	77.0	75.3	75.8	72.3	73.6	76.1	78.5	73.1
Premature mortality - Cancer (Under 75)	per 100,000	2022-24	132.6	126.8	153.7	186.3	119.8	155.9	93.3	135.0
Premature mortality - Cardiovascular diseases (CVD) - Under 75	per 100,000	2022-24	113.6	139.1	137.9	190.9	141.8	117.5	90.0	177.9
Premature mortality (Under 75) - Respiratory	per 100,000	2022-24	47.3	69.8	40.8	110.0	75.4	67.4	46.9	85.5
Child Health										
Infant Mortality	per 1,000	2022-24	7.2	6.2	5.3	7.7	6.2	2.2	1.9	10.8
Reception excess weight	%	2022/23 - 2024/25	22.5%	22.5%	22.3%	23.6%	19.1%	25.4%	23.8%	21.4%
Year 6 excess weight	%	2022/23 - 2024/25	39.7%	41.9%	41.3%	41.6%	45.2%	43.5%	31.4%	42.9%
Mental Health										
Depression prevalence (18 years +)	%	2024-25	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%	2.2%
Mental Health prevalence (all ages)	%	2024-25	1.2%	1.3%	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%	3.0%	1.0%	1.1%
Disease and Poor Health										
Coronary heart disease (CHD) - all ages	%	2024-25	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	2.9%	3.6%	3.2%	3.0%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) - all ages	%	2024-25	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%	2.1%	1.8%	2.9%	2.3%	0.9%
Dementia - all ages	%	2024-25	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	2.6%	0.8%	0.3%
Diabetes - 17 years +	%	2024-25	10.4%	10.8%	13.4%	10.4%	12.7%	5.9%	8.7%	10.0%
Obesity - 18 years +	%	2024-25	17.0%	19.1%	19.4%	20.8%	20.6%	16.8%	16.4%	17.0%
Smoking Prevalence (15 years +)	%	2024-25	16.5%	16.7%	15.4%	18.4%	16.9%	19.4%	15.0%	14.0%

Further information:

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) provides information on the current and future health and wellbeing needs of people in Bradford District visit <https://jsna.bradford.gov.uk>

For further details regarding the population and economy for Bradford East constituency visit: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/understanding-bradford-district/constituency-and-ward-profiles/constituency-profiles/>

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