

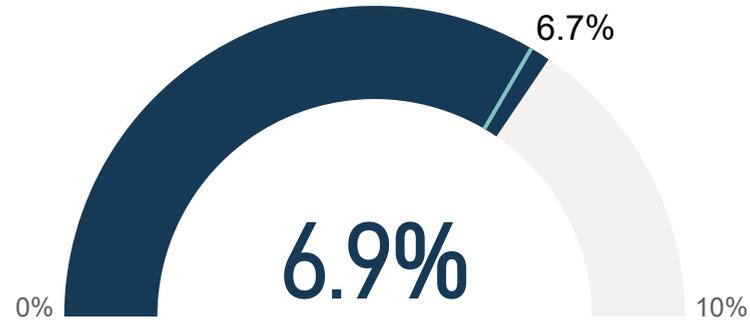
Ashford Insight Report: Profile of the 0-5 year old population 2021/22

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% of Ashford population aged 0-5 compared to Kent



Number of 0-5-year-olds living in Ashford

Rounded to nearest 100

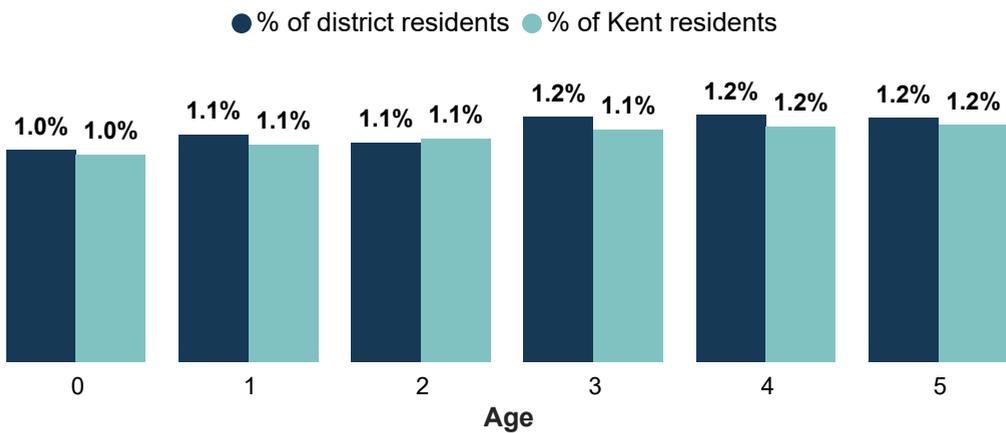
9,200

Ashford: Rank out of the 12 Kent districts

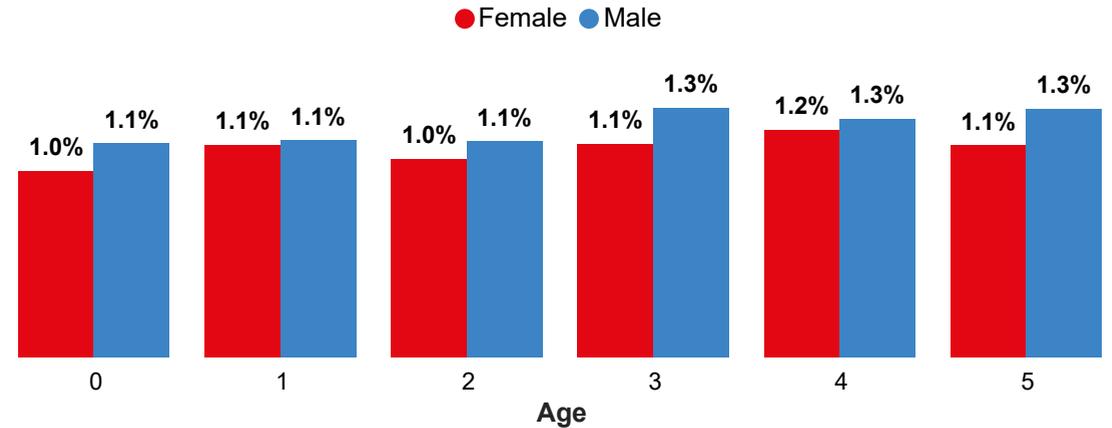
where 1 has the highest proportion and 12 the lowest proportion of 0-5 year olds in the population

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% of Ashford population aged 0-5 compared to Kent



% of Ashford population aged 0-5 by gender and age



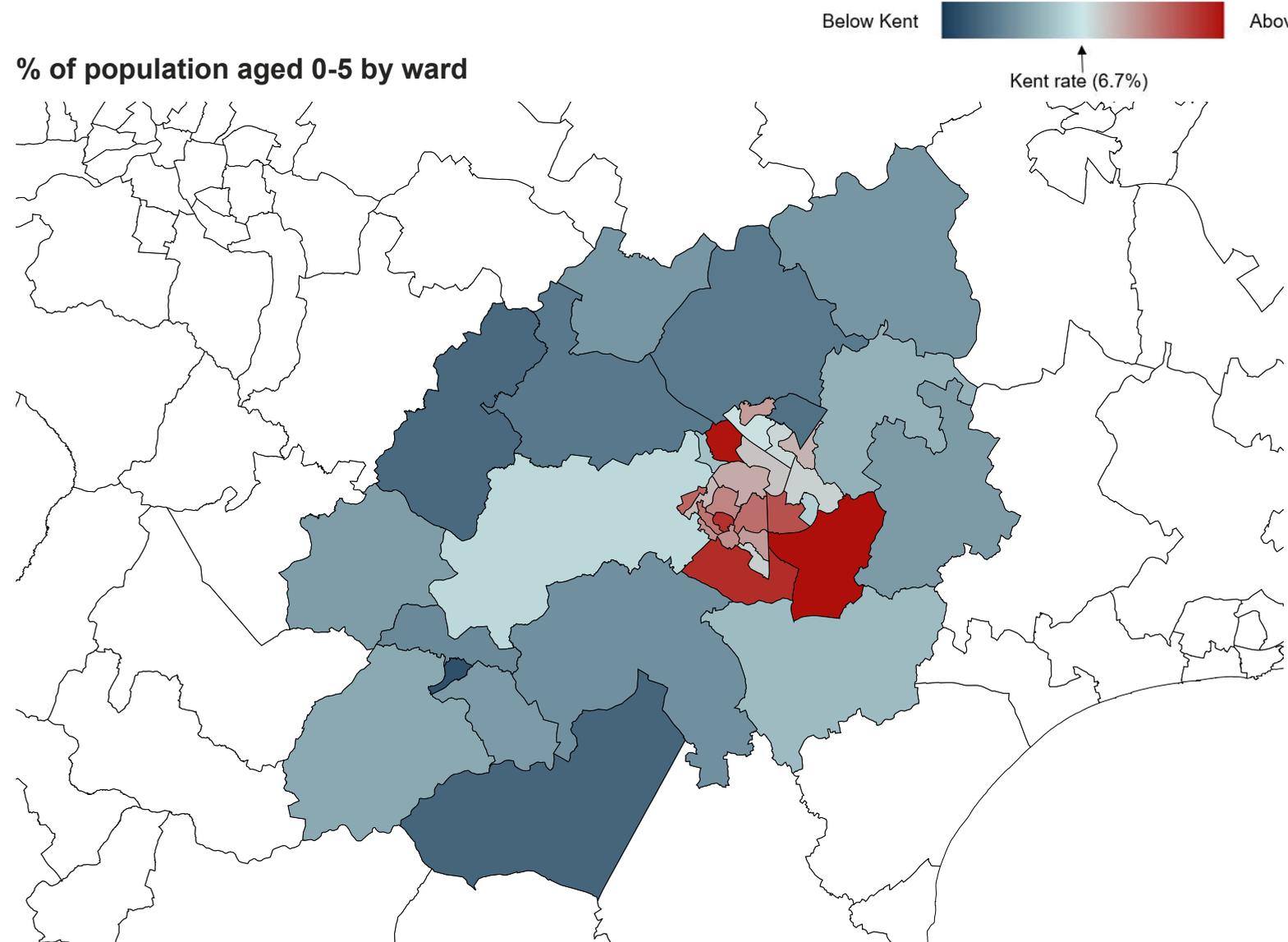
Gender	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Female	700	800	700	800	800	800	4,500
Male	700	700	700	800	800	800	4,700
Total	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	9,200

Ward % aged 0-5

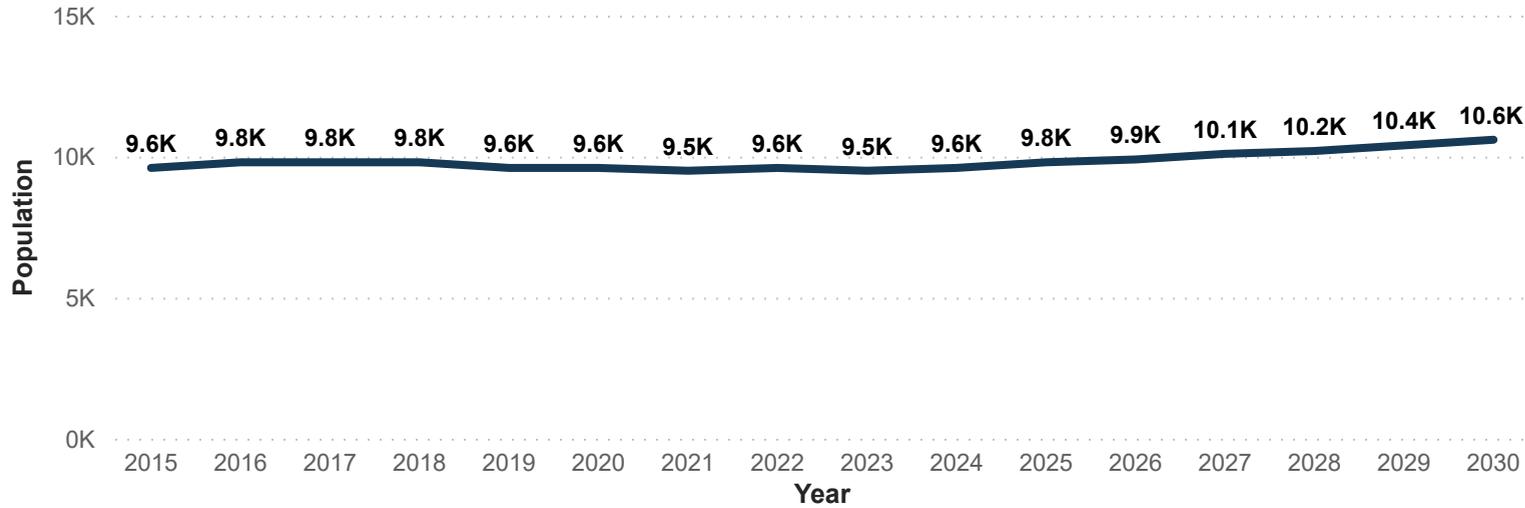
Aylesford & East Stour	9.0%
Beaver	8.2%
Biddenden	5.3%
Bircholt	5.2%
Bockhanger	6.8%
Bybrook	6.9%
Charing	5.1%
Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	7.5%
Downs North	5.1%
Downs West	4.6%
Furley	7.3%
Goat Lees	7.8%
Godinton	5.9%
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Repton	9.9%
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	5.5%
Roman	8.1%
Saxon Shore	5.8%
Singleton East	7.4%
Singleton West	8.7%
Stanhope	9.5%
Tenterden North	3.8%
Tenterden South	5.2%
Tenterden St Michael's	4.9%
Upper Weald	4.6%
Victoria	7.6%
Washford	8.5%
Weald Central	6.4%
Weald North	4.3%
Weald South	5.0%
Willesborough	7.0%
Wye with Hinxhill	5.7%

Ashford: 0-5 Population by Ward

Profile of the 0-5 population



Population aged 0-5 in Ashford

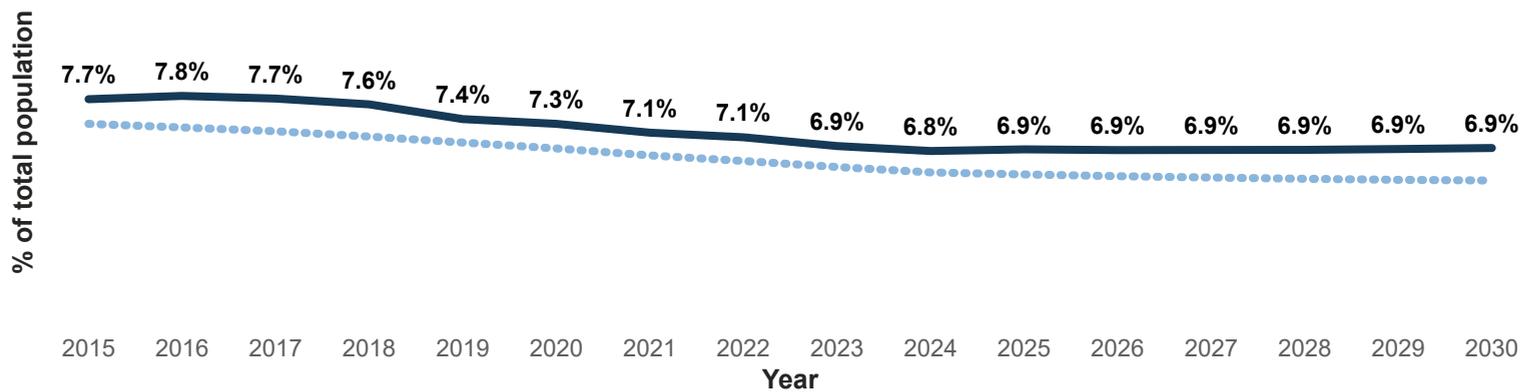


Ashford: Forecasted population of 0-5s

9,600 2022	10,600 2030	10.4% % change 2022-30
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Proportion of population aged 0-5 in Ashford compared to Kent

● % of district residents aged 0-5 ● % of Kent residents aged 0-5

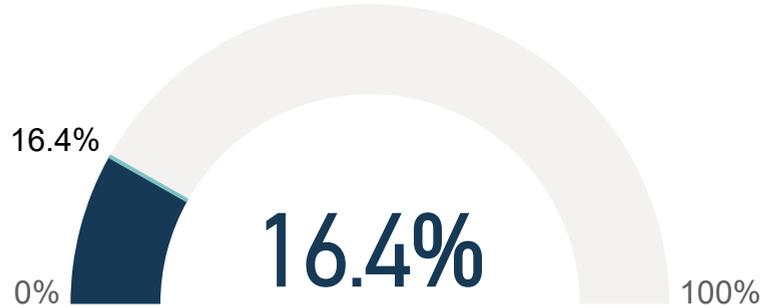


Kent: Forecasted population of 0-5s

109,500 2022	113,600 2030	3.7% % change 2022-30
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Note: Data labels relates to the district population.

% of 0-5s living in a relative low-income family in Ashford compared to Kent



Number of 0-5 year olds living in a relative low-income family

Rounded to nearest 100

1,500

Ashford: CiLIF rank out of the 12 Kent districts

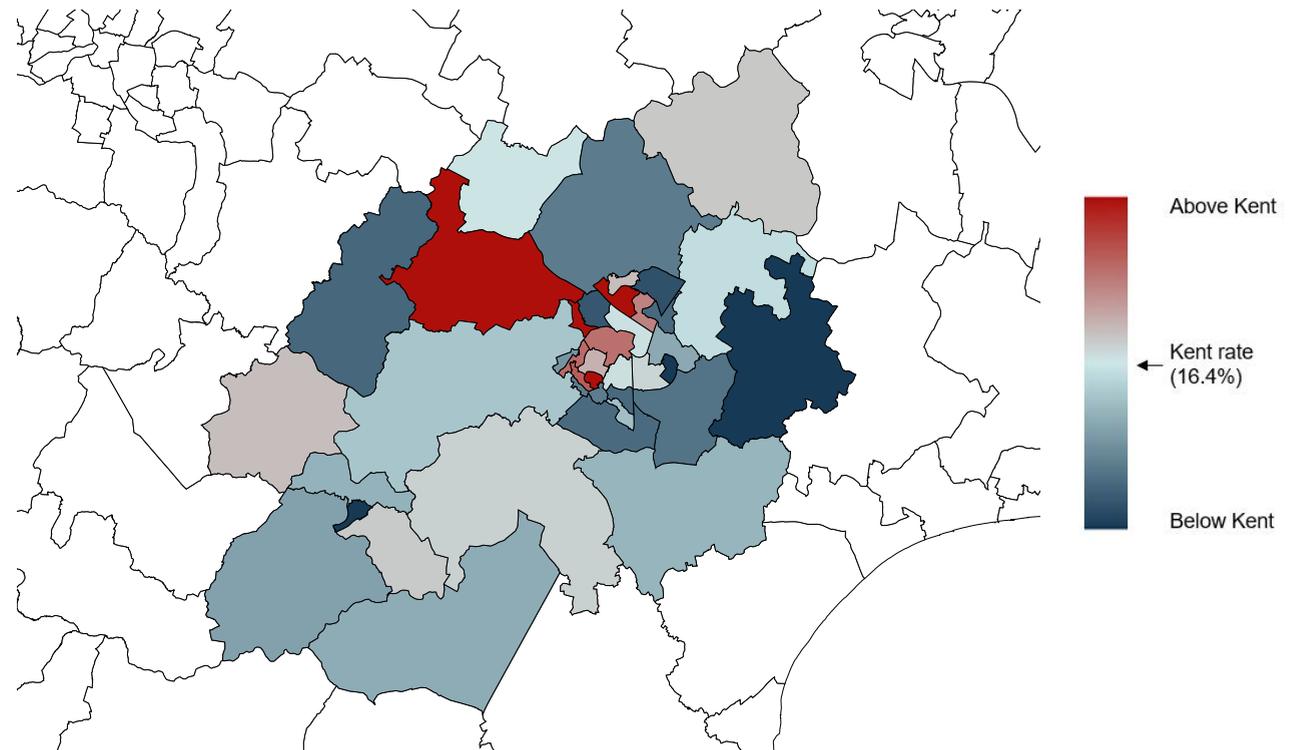
where 1 has the highest proportion and 12 the lowest proportion of 0-5 year olds living in relative low-income families

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The children in low income families (CiLIF) statistics provide information on the number and proportion of children living in Relative and Absolute low income before housing costs (BHC) in the reference year. A family must have claimed one or more of Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Housing Benefit at any point in the year to be classed as low income in these statistics.

In 2021/22, 1,500 children aged 0-5 lived in a relative low-income family in Ashford, which is 16.4% of the 0-5 population in the district. The rate for Kent is 16.4%.

% of 0-5s living in a relative low-income family by ward



% of 0-5 year olds who had an Early Help case



% of 0-5 year olds who had an social care case/referral



There were 491 children aged 0-5 in Ashford with an Early Help (EH) case in 2021/22, which is a rate of 5.3% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is higher than the Kent rate of 4.8%.

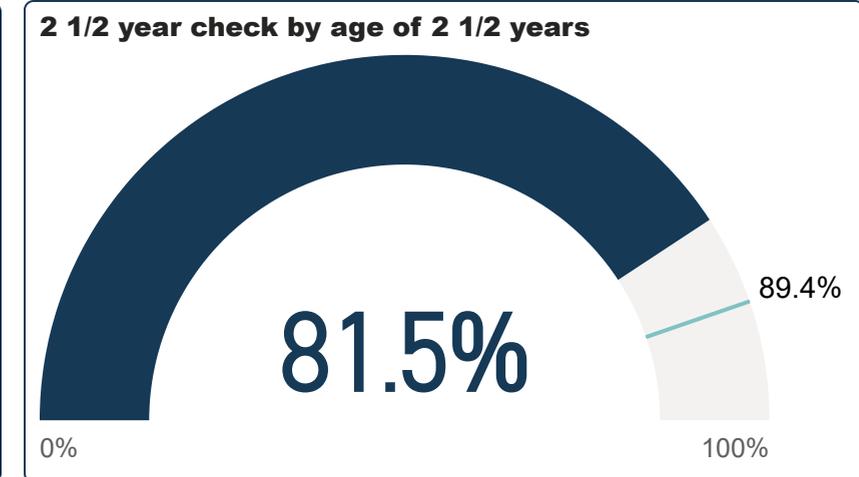
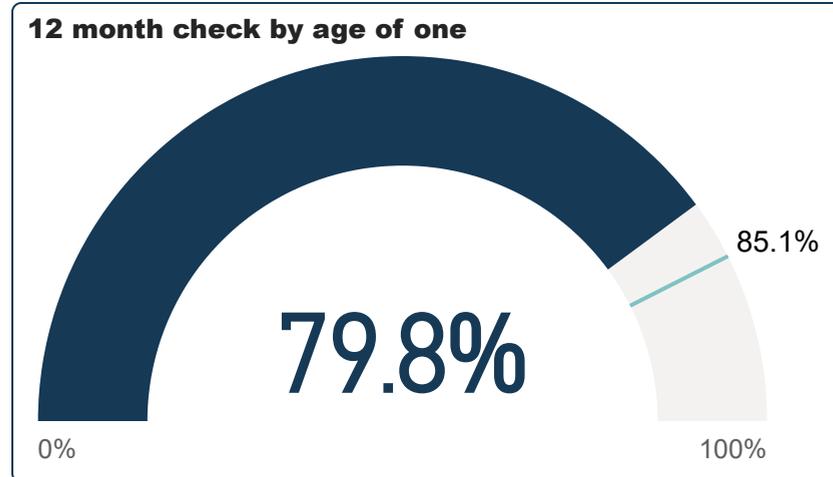
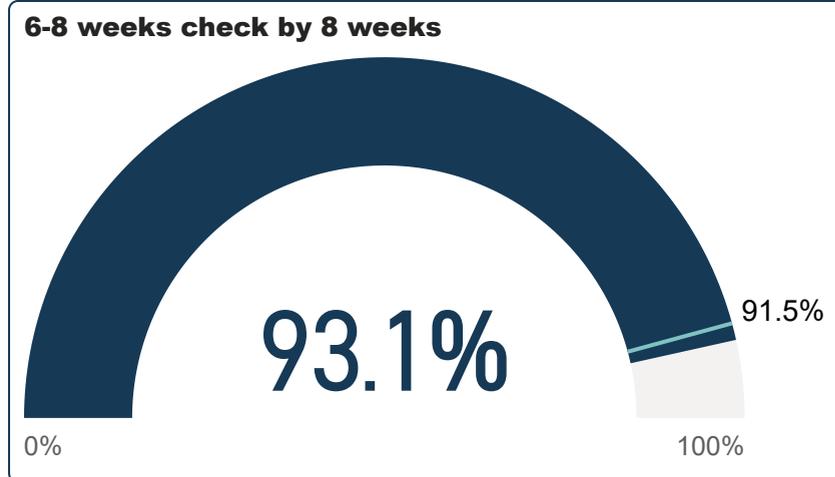
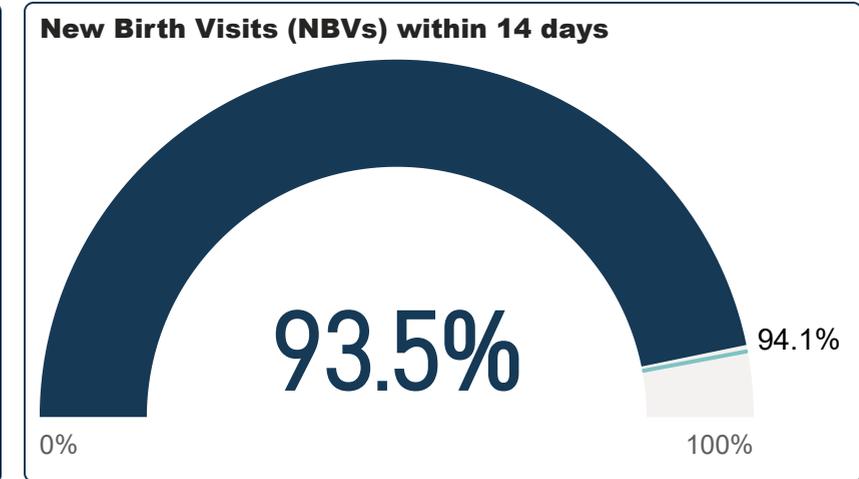
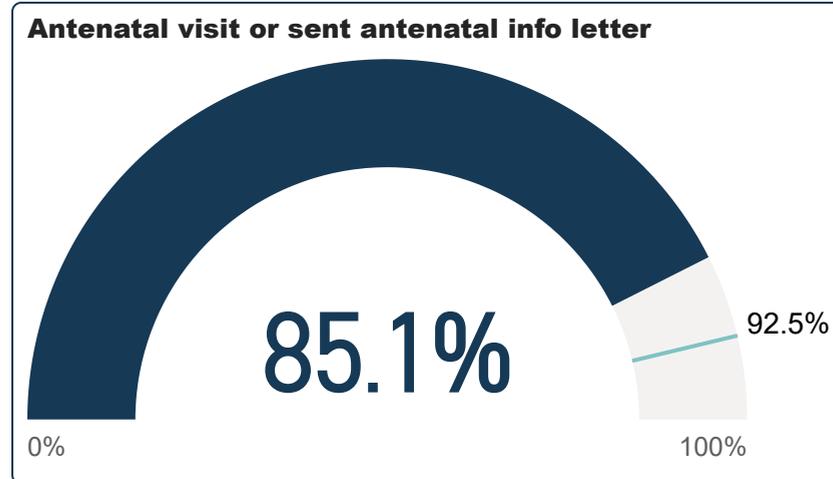
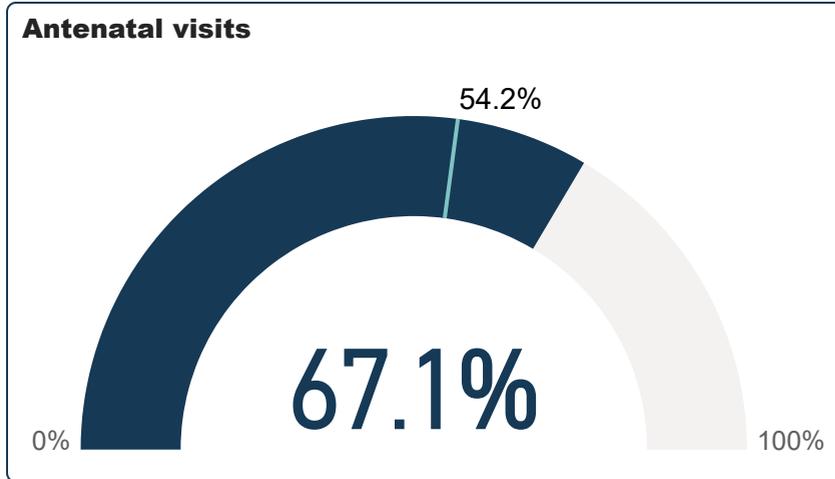
There were 473 children aged 0-5 in Ashford with a social care care or referral in 2021/22, which is a rate of 5.2% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is higher than the Kent rate of 4.9%.

% of 0-5 year olds with an Early Help case or social care case/referral by age

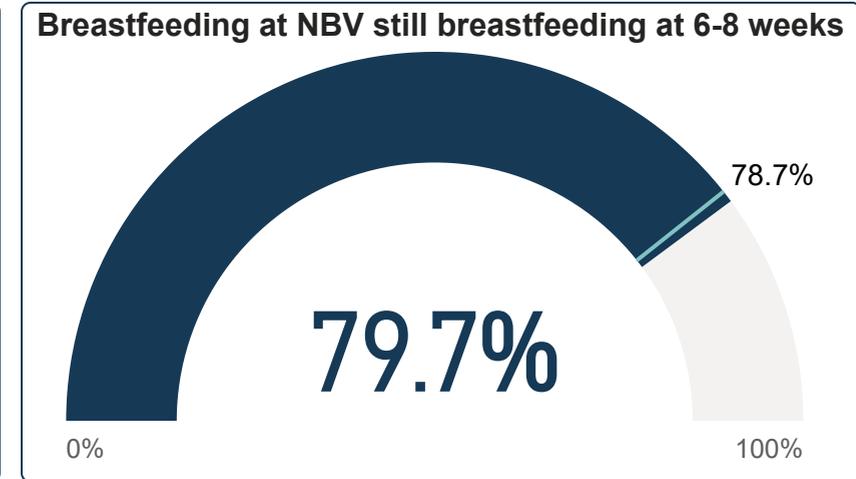
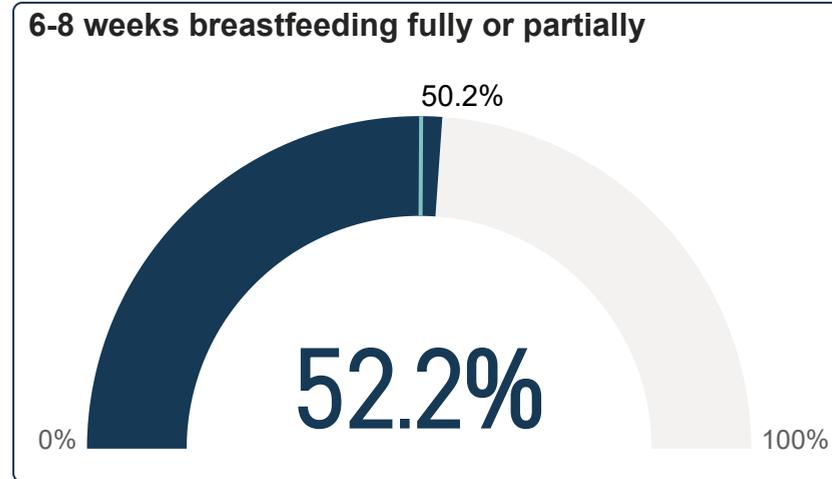
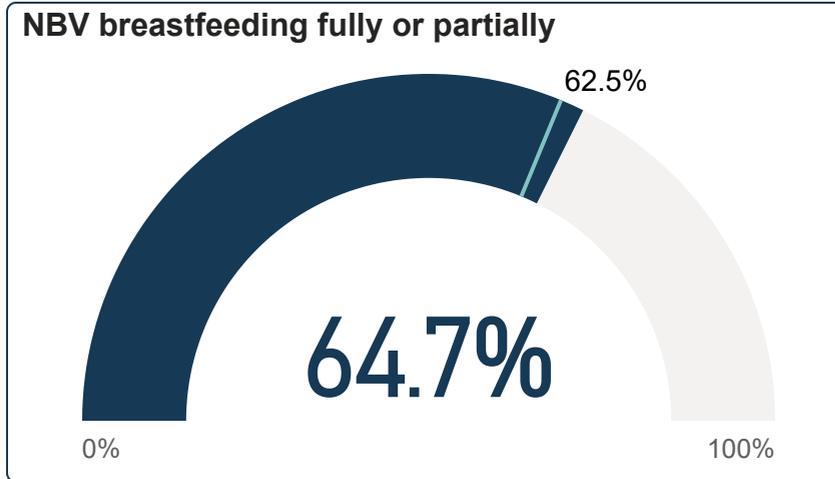
Age	% with an Early Help case	% with a social care case/referral
0	3.3%	6.5%
1	4.4%	4.3%
2	4.4%	4.7%
3	5.4%	4.3%
4	6.4%	5.4%
5	7.7%	5.7%
Total	5.3%	5.2%

The figures for Early Help and social care cases are a distinct count of 0-5 year olds involved in a request for support that resulted in support during the 2021-22 academic year. The age is calculated as of 31/08/2022 and unborn are included in the figures for 0 year olds. The rates have been calculated using the 2021 ONS mid-year estimate population figures.

Proportion of health visits or checks completed within target time in 2021/22, compared to the Kent rate (turquoise line).



Proportion of infants recorded as being breastfed at the New Birth Visit (NBV) and 6-8 week check, compared to the Kent rate (turquoise line).



Healthy Child Clinic rates

There were 79 Healthy Child Clinics held in Ashford in 2021/22. This means that there were 1 clinic held for every 17.7 children aged under 1-years-old*.

This is a lower rate compared to Kent overall (1 clinic held for every 2.9 children aged under 1-years-old).

Breastfeeding Groups rates

There were 175 Breastfeeding Groups held in Ashford in 2021/22. This means that there were 1 group held for every 8.0 children aged under 1-years-old*.

This is a higher rate compared to Kent overall (1 group held for every 8.1 children aged under 1-years-old).

*Calculated using the 2021 ONS mid-year estimates for 0-year-olds.

Ward	% of 0-5s who have visited *
Aylesford & East Stour	9.8%
Beaver	13.5%
Biddenden	15.6%
Bircholt	*
Bockhanger	12.2%
Bybrook	8.1%
Charing	7.9%
Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	7.0%
Downs North	*
Downs West	*
Furley	11.8%
Goat Lees	8.5%
Godinton	22.5%
Highfield	7.2%
Isle of Oxney	8.8%
Kennington	18.8%
Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	11.8%
Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	4.5%
Norman	14.6%
Park Farm North	10.2%
Park Farm South	9.9%
Repton	7.0%
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	10.8%
Roman	6.1%
Saxon Shore	*
Singleton East	13.1%
Singleton West	5.3%
Stanhope	8.6%
Tenterden North	8.6%
Tenterden South	5.6%
Tenterden St Michael's	14.2%
Upper Weald	9.2%
Victoria	13.0%
Washford	8.0%
Weald Central	15.1%
Weald North	6.5%
Weald South	4.8%
Willesborough	7.8%
Wye with Hinxhill	5.0%

Ashford: Visits to Children Centres

Profile of the 0-5 population

Number of 0-5s who have visited a Children Centre



% of 0-5s who have visited a Children Centre



Total visits by 0-5 year olds to Children Centres



In the 2021/22 academic year, children centres had visits from 885 children aged 0-5 who lived in Ashford, which is rate of 9.6% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is lower than the Kent rate of 10.1%.

In total, there were 3,335 visits to children centers in 2021/22 from children aged 0-5 who lived in Ashford.

Children Centre visits by age

Age	Children that have visited a centre	% children that have visited a centre	Total number of visits by children
0	224	2.4%	1,149
1	145	1.6%	559
2	207	2.2%	701
3	158	1.7%	419
4	138	1.5%	316
5	110	1.2%	191
Total	885	9.6%	3,335

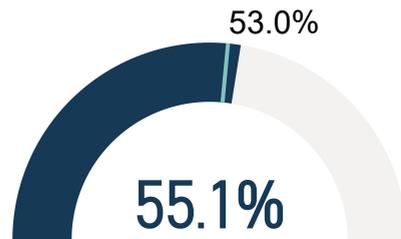
Children centre visits include visits in the 2021-22 academic year and are summarised both as visits by unique children and total number of visits by all children. The rates of visits have been calculated using the 2021 Census population figures.

* the rate cannot be shown as the number of 0-5s who have visited from the ward is less than 5.

Overall take-up of free early education by 3 & 4 year olds

Summer term 2022

Free Early Education (FEE)



Universal entitlement

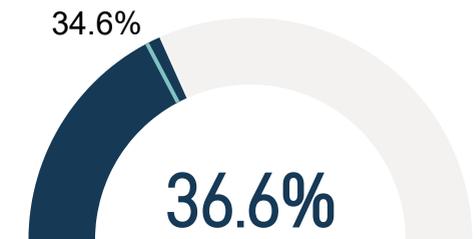
All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare each week for 38 weeks a year, or fewer hours per week over more weeks of a year (up to 570 hours).



In Ashford in the summer term 2022, 55.1% of 3 and 4 year olds had taken up Free Early Education (FEE) and 36.6% had taken up Extended Funded Entitlement (EFE). Overall take-up was 91.6%.

In comparison, for Kent the take-up rates were 87.5% overall, 53.0% for FEE and 34.6% for EFE.

Extended Funded Entitlement (EFE)



Extended entitlement

Eligible 3 and 4 year olds can receive an extra 15 hours of free childcare each week. Eligibility depends on:

- parent(s) working status
- parent(s) income
- child's age and circumstances
- parent(s) immigration status

Please note that the data does not include children taking up childcare in neighbouring authorities, so take up rates in Dartford and Sevenoaks will be higher than shown in this report.

Modelled surplus/deficit of 0-4 year old childcare places



Modelled surplus/deficit of 30 hour childcare places



Primary Planning Area	Modelled surplus/deficit of 0-4 childcare places	% of funded 3 & 4 year olds accessing childcare in the same planning area as their home address*
Ashford East	-120	61.4%
Ashford North	550	78.6%
Ashford Rural East	-53	38.9%
Ashford Rural West	-49	55.2%
Ashford South	-22	61.7%
Charing	-40	35.4%
Chilham	-51	0.0%
Hamstreet and Woodchurch	-79	55.8%
Tenterden North	-49	50.0%
Tenterden South	29	57.3%

Primary Planning Area	Modelled surplus/deficit of 30 hour childcare places	% of EFE claimants accessing a childcare place in the same planning area as their home address*
Ashford East	24	58.4%
Ashford North	154	77.6%
Ashford Rural East	-5	26.1%
Ashford Rural West	10	60.0%
Ashford South	-9	43.4%
Charing	-10	43.5%
Chilham	-12	0.0%
Hamstreet and Woodchurch	-8	36.4%
Tenterden North	10	68.4%
Tenterden South	16	56.3%

* Summer 2022

The childcare sufficiency assessment is based on population forecasts by Edge Analytics and models the required childcare places. This is then compared against the available childcare places.

Number of 0-5s with an EHCP



% of 0-5s with an EHCP



Share of 0-5 year olds with an EHCP in Ashford by need type

Need type	% of 0-5s with an EHCP
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	52.8%
Hearing Impairment	0.9%
Moderate Learning Difficulty	2.8%
Physical Disability	8.3%
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty	5.6%
Severe Learning Difficulty	6.5%
Speech, Language and Communication Needs	22.2%
Visual Impairment	0.9%

1.2% of 0-5 year olds in Ashford have an EHCP. The rate for Kent is 1.2%.

The most common need type among 0-5 year olds in Ashford is Autistic Spectrum Disorder (52.8%).

The EHCP data includes all children aged 0-5 on 31 August 2021. The rates have been calculated using the 2021 ONS mid-year estimate population figures.

Ward % Good Level of Development

Aylesford & East Stour	61.5%
Beaver	53.6%
Biddenden	73.9%
Bircholt	86.1%
Bockhanger	59.4%
Bybrook	77.8%
Charing	72.7%
Conningbrook & Little Burton Farm	66.7%
Downs North	90.5%
Downs West	76.9%
Furley	72.9%
Goat Lees	65.1%
Godinton	76.6%
Highfield	75.0%
Isle of Oxney	60.9%
Kennington	83.3%
Kingsnorth Village & Bridgefield	73.7%
Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry	75.6%
Norman	64.0%
Park Farm North	57.5%
Park Farm South	81.5%
Repton	79.5%
Rolvenden & Tenterden West	68.4%
Roman	75.0%
Saxon Shore	54.8%
Singleton East	73.8%
Singleton West	73.1%
Stanhope	54.5%
Tenterden North	66.7%
Tenterden South	42.9%
Tenterden St Michael's	76.2%
Upper Weald	78.3%
Victoria	56.6%
Washford	73.7%
Weald Central	64.8%
Weald North	64.0%
Weald South	68.1%
Willesborough	71.8%
Wye with Hinxhill	85.0%

Ashford: Foundation Stage Profile (Year R)

Profile of the 0-5

% of Year R pupils who achieved a Good Level of Development

68.3%

Of the 1,564 children assessed in Ashford, 68.3% of Year R pupils achieved a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) profile in the 2022 assessment.

This is higher than the Kent rate of 65.4%.

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