

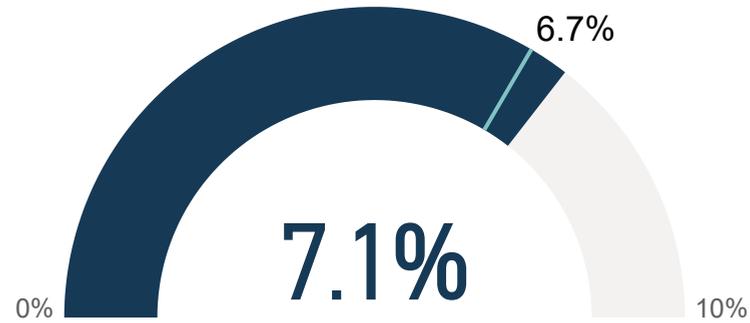
Maidstone Insight Report: Profile of the 0-5 year old population 2021/22

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% of Maidstone population aged 0-5 compared to Kent



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

Rounded to nearest 100

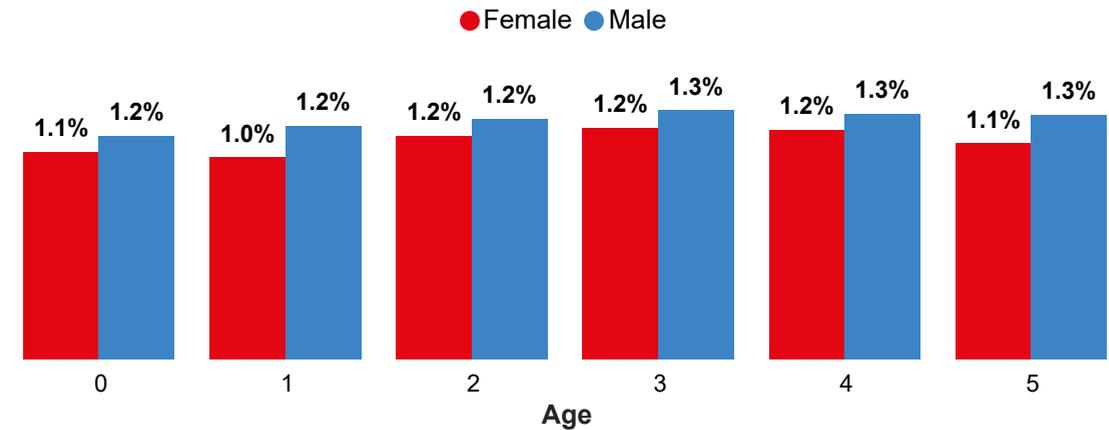
12,600

Maidstone: Rank out of the 12 Kent districts

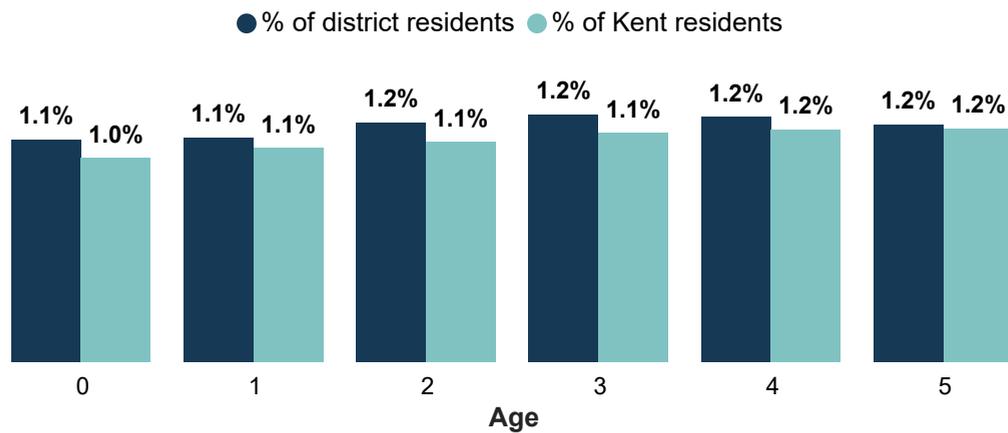
where 1 has the highest proportion and 12 the lowest proportion of 0-5 year olds in the population

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



% of Maidstone population aged 0-5 compared to Kent

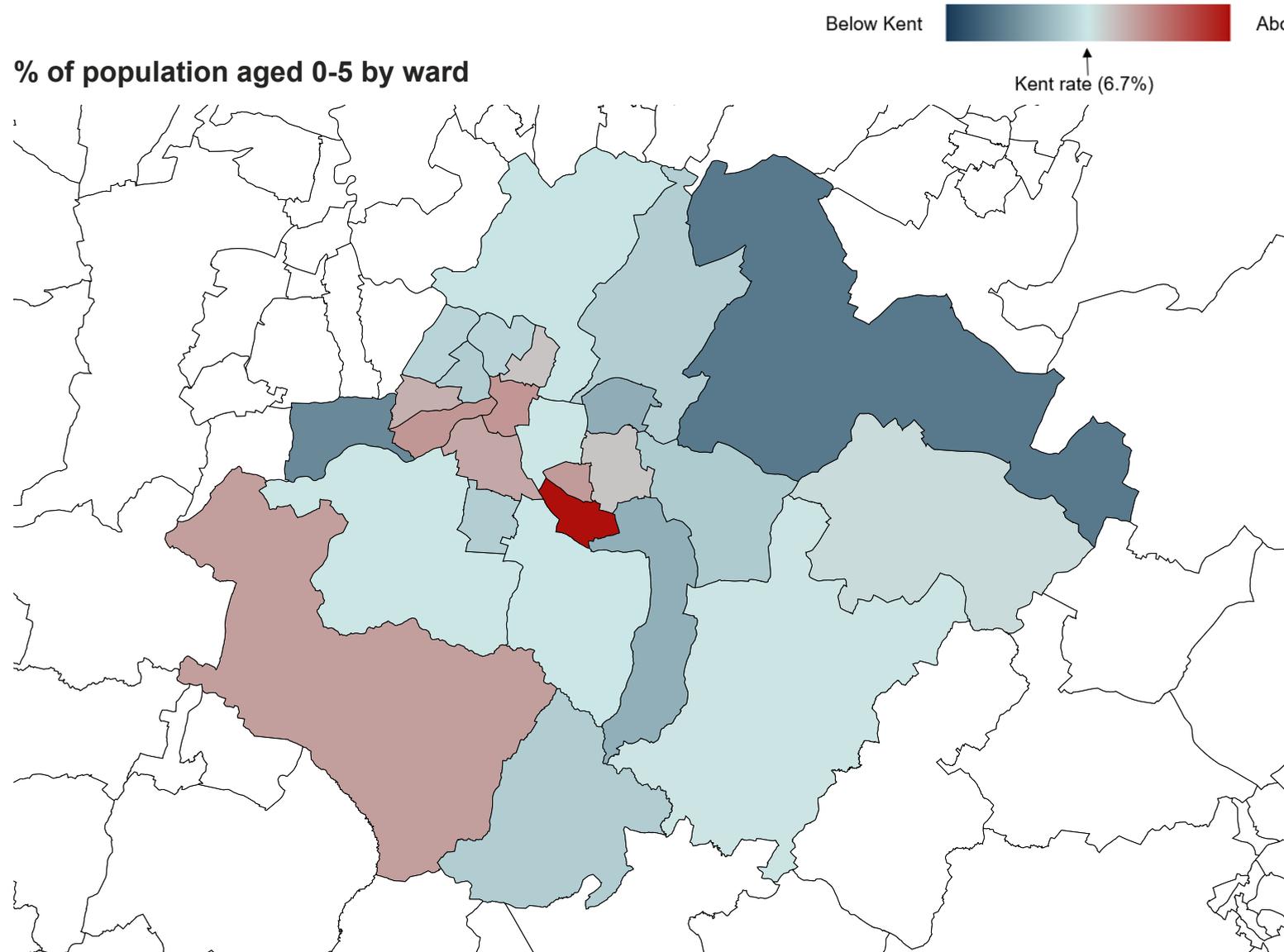


Gender	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Female	1,000	900	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,000	6,100
Male	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	6,500
Total	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,100	12,600

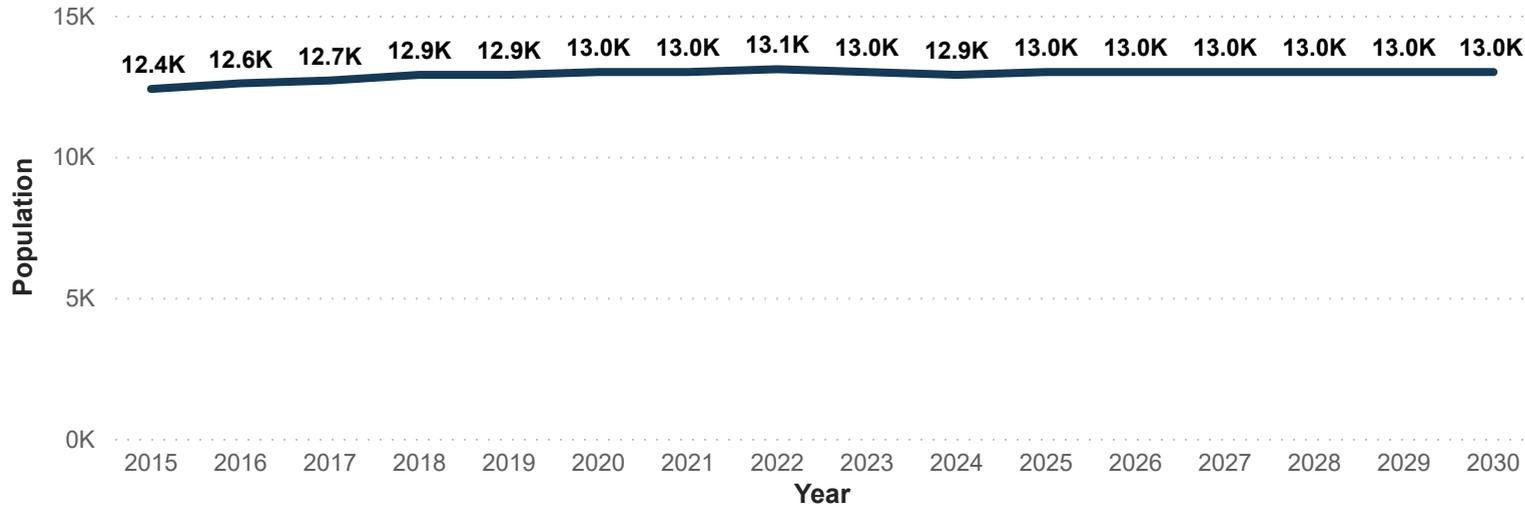
Ward	% aged 0-5
Allington	6.3%
Barming and Teston	4.9%
Bearsted	5.6%
Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	6.7%
Boxley	6.6%
Bridge	6.2%
Coxheath and Hunton	6.7%
Detling and Thurnham	6.2%
Downswood and Otham	7.2%
East	7.2%
Fant	7.9%
Harrietsham and Lenham	6.9%
Headcorn	6.7%
Heath	7.5%
High Street	7.9%
Leeds	6.1%
Loose	6.2%
Marden and Yalding	7.8%
North	6.3%
North Downs	4.6%
Park Wood	12.2%
Shepway North	6.7%
Shepway South	7.9%
South	7.7%
Staplehurst	6.2%
Sutton Valence and Langley	5.6%

Maidstone: 0-5 Population by Ward

Profile of the 0-5 population



Population aged 0-5 in Maidstone

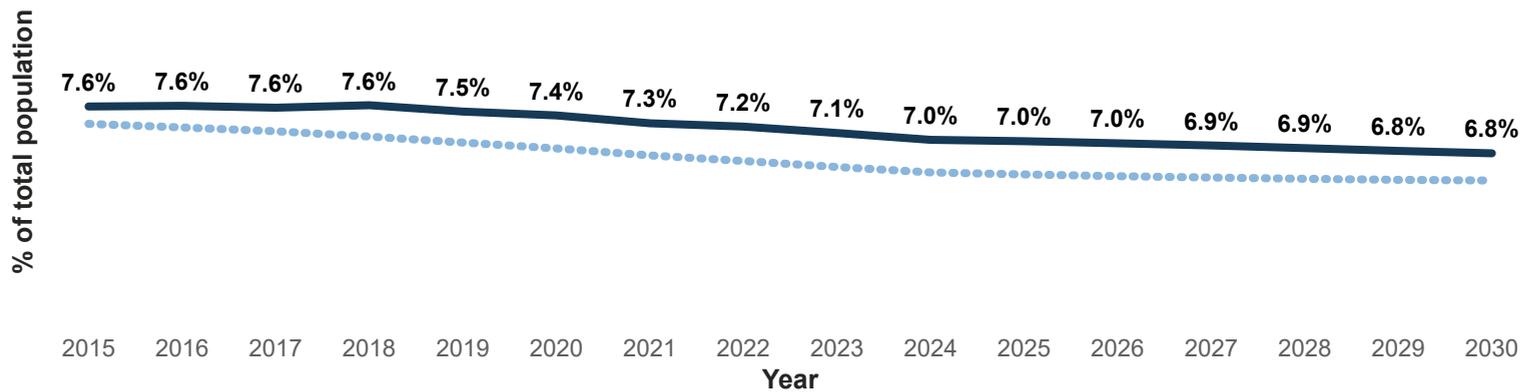


Maidstone: Forecasted population of 0-5s

13,100 2022	13,000 2030	-0.8% % change 2022-30
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Proportion of population aged 0-5 in Maidstone compared to Kent

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

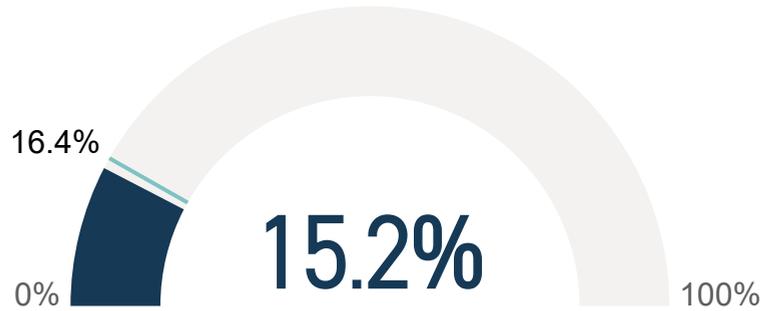


Kent: Forecasted population of 0-5s

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 Maidstone compared to Kent



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

Rounded to nearest 100

1,900

Maidstone: CiLIF rank out of the 12 Kent districts

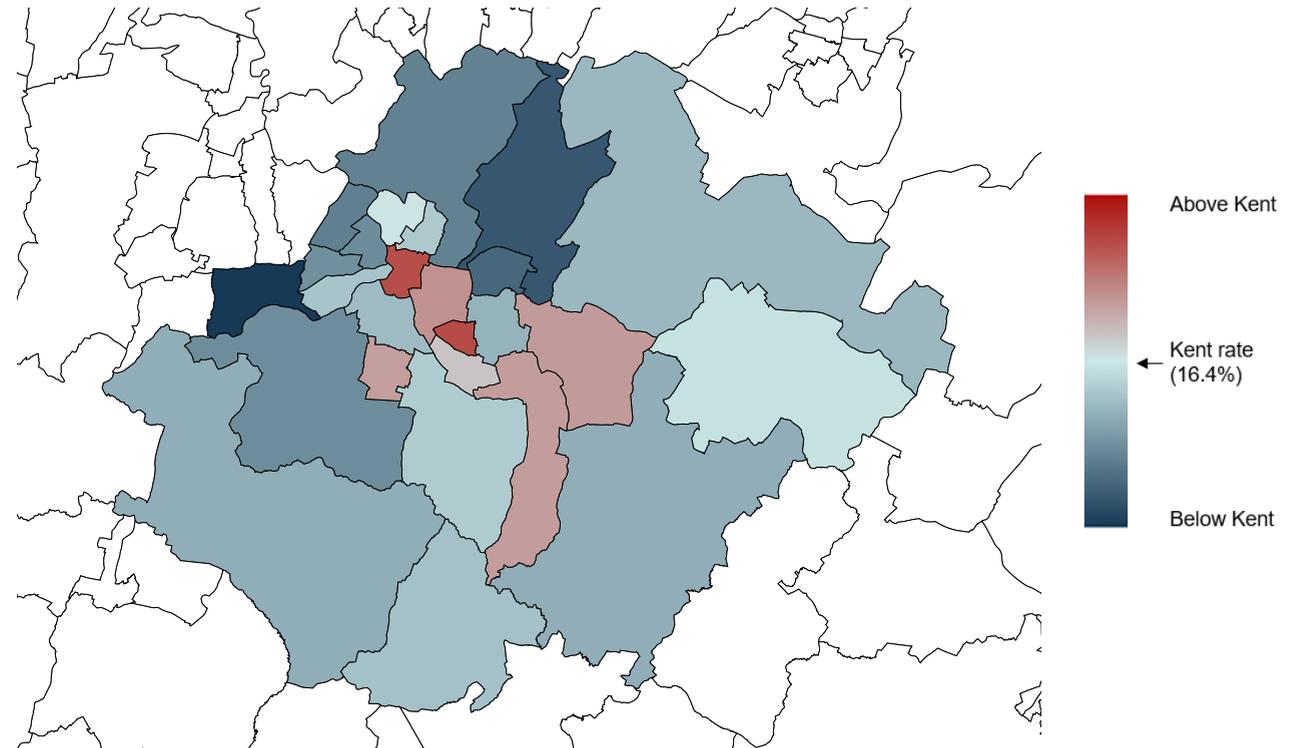
where 1 has the highest proportion and 12 the lowest proportion of 0-5 year olds living in relative low-income families

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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, 1,900 children aged 0-5 lived in a relative low-income family in Maidstone, which is 15.2% 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 570 children aged 0-5 in Maidstone with an Early Help (EH) case in 2021/22, which is a rate of 4.5% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is lower than the Kent rate of 4.8%.

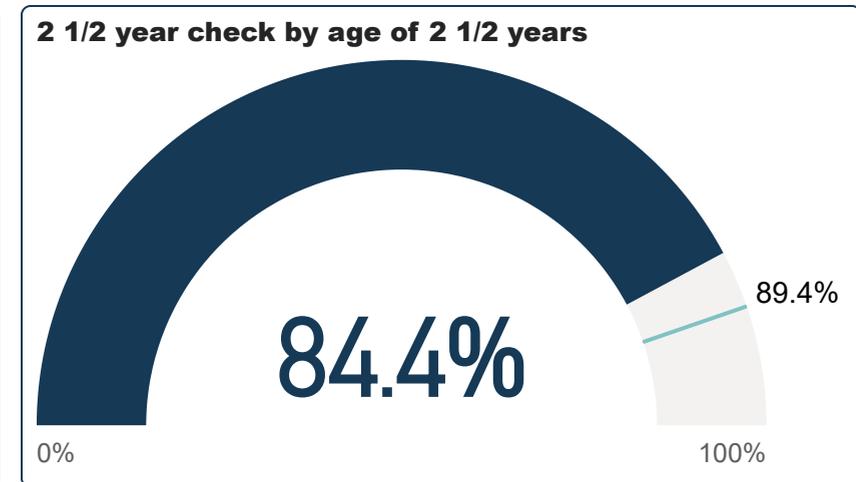
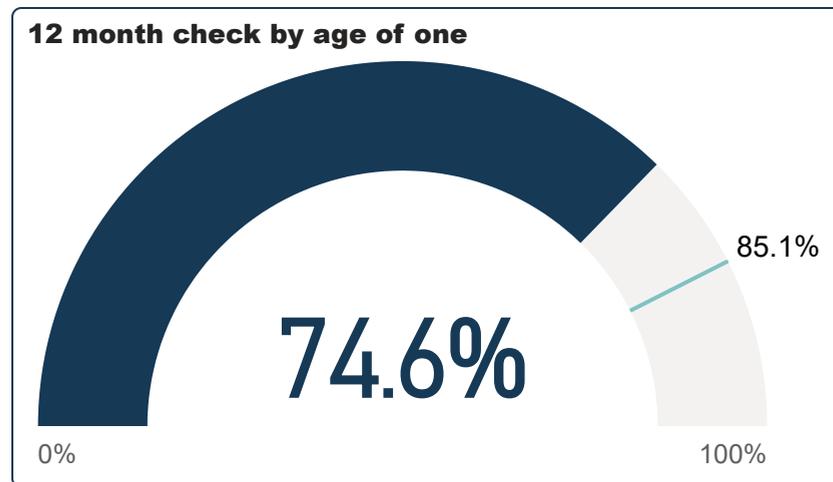
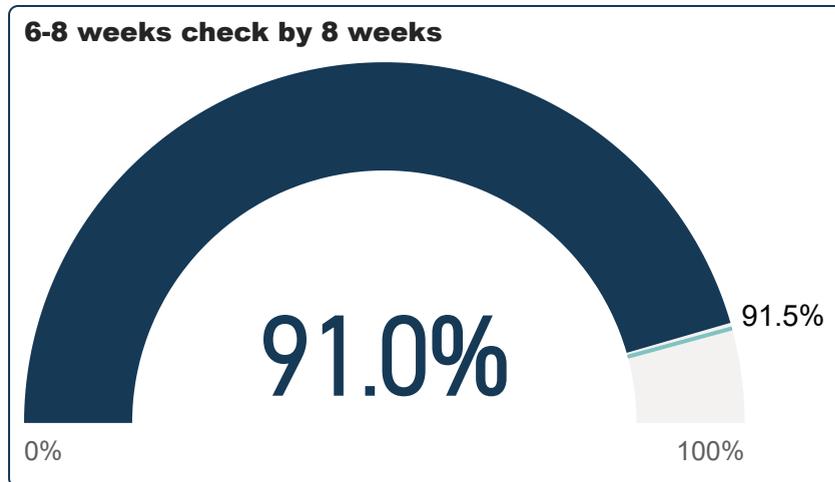
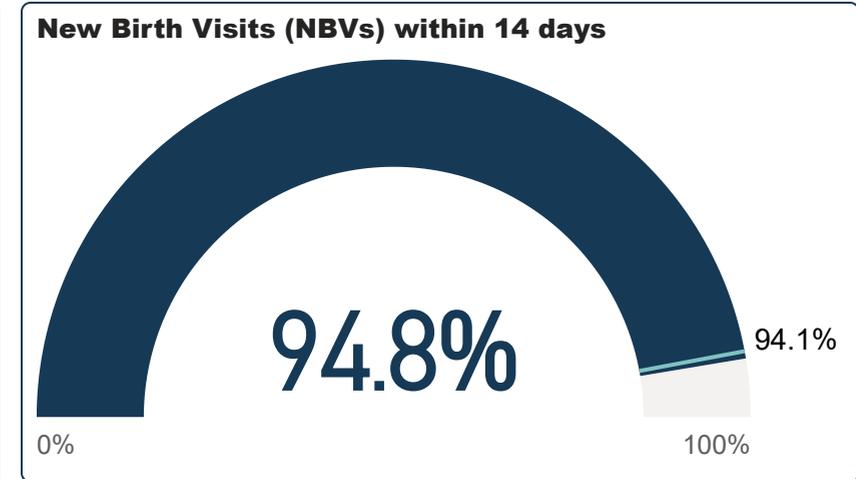
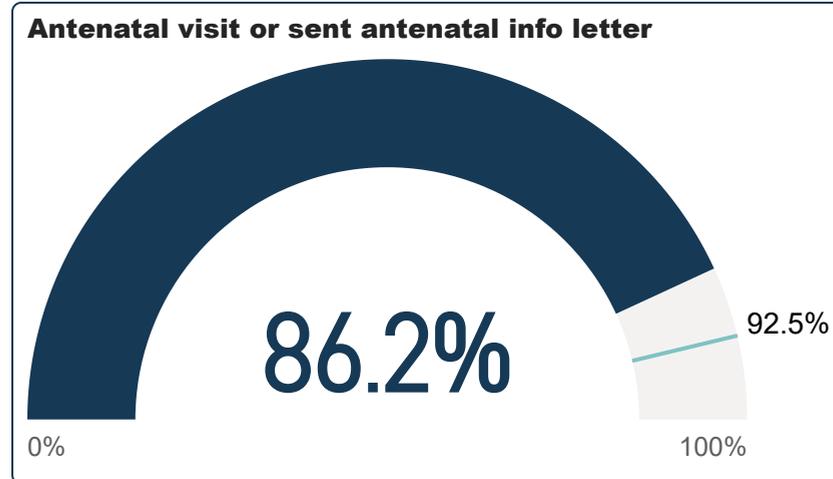
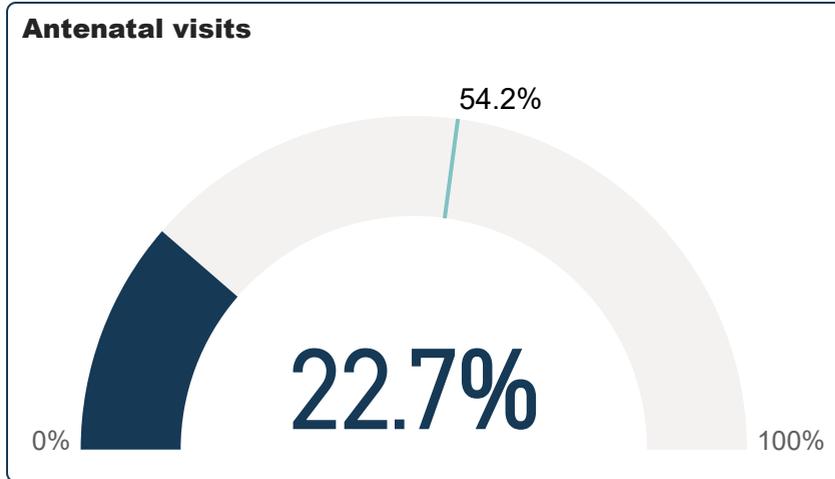
There were 544 children aged 0-5 in Maidstone with a social care care or referral in 2021/22, which is a rate of 4.3% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is lower than the Kent rate of 4.9%.

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

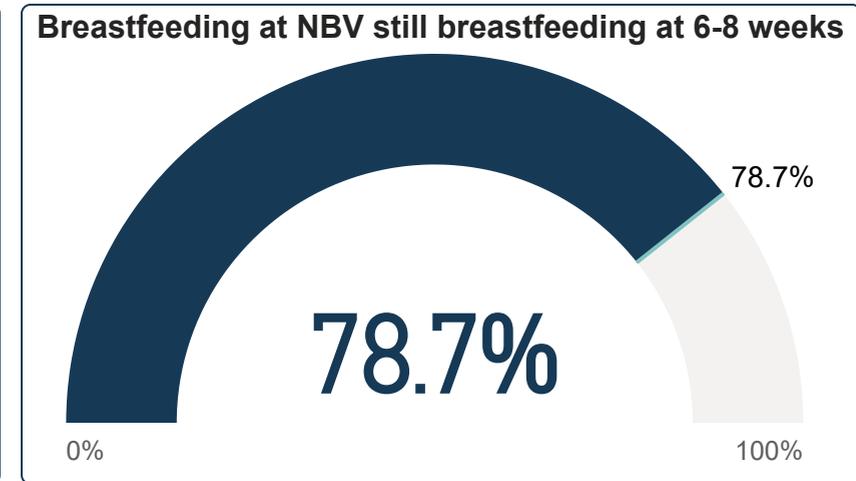
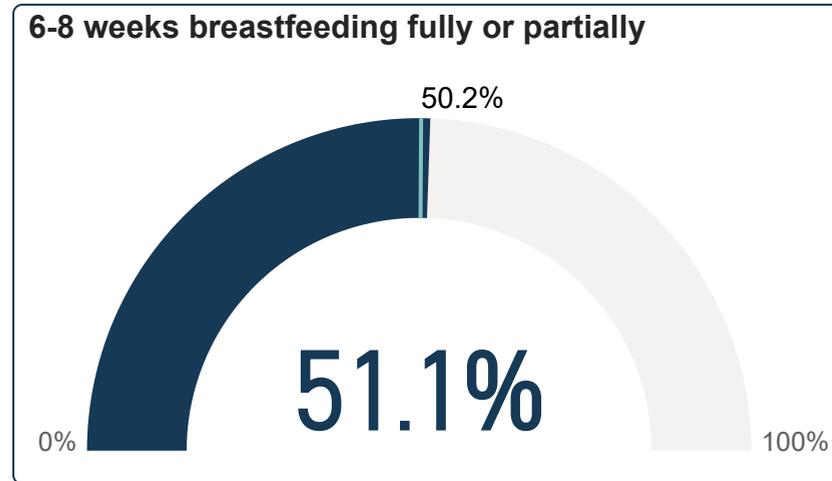
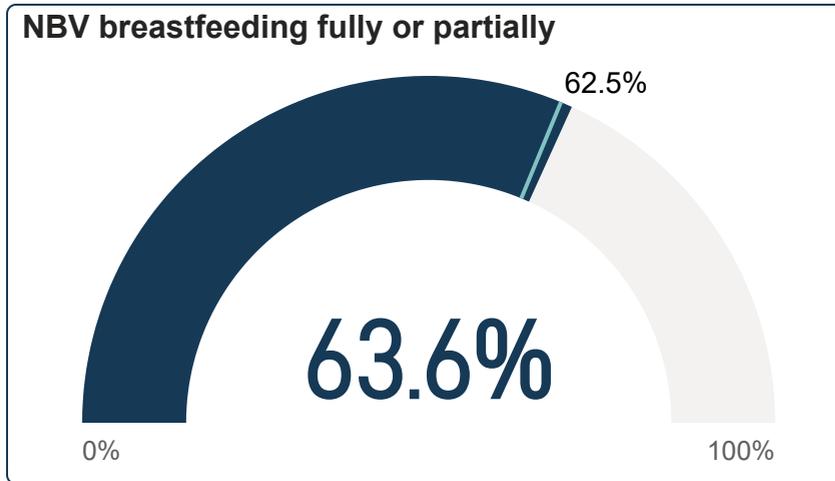
Age	% with an Early Help case	% with a social care case/referral
0	3.0%	6.6%
1	3.0%	3.4%
2	4.5%	3.8%
3	4.1%	3.9%
4	5.9%	4.6%
5	6.6%	3.8%
Total	4.5%	4.3%

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 365 Healthy Child Clinics held in Maidstone in 2021/22. This means that there were 1 clinic held for every 5.4 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 235 Breastfeeding Groups held in Maidstone in 2021/22. This means that there were 1 group held for every 8.4 children aged under 1-years-old*.

This is a lower 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 *
Allington	5.4%
Barming and Teston	*
Bearsted	3.2%
Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	6.2%
Boxley	3.5%
Bridge	5.0%
Coxheath and Hunton	6.7%
Detling and Thurnham	4.9%
Downswood and Otham	9.1%
East	7.4%
Fant	6.9%
Harrietsham and Lenham	4.3%
Headcorn	15.2%
Heath	7.3%
High Street	9.7%
Leeds	4.0%
Loose	3.8%
Marden and Yalding	12.3%
North	6.5%
North Downs	5.7%
Park Wood	9.3%
Shepway North	6.6%
Shepway South	11.9%
South	7.6%
Staplehurst	11.4%
Sutton Valence and Langley	*

Maidstone: 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 952 children aged 0-5 who lived in Maidstone, which is rate of 7.6% of the 0-5 population in the district. This is lower than the Kent rate of 10.1%.

In total, there were 3,799 visits to children centers in 2021/22 from children aged 0-5 who lived in Maidstone.

Age	Children that have visited a centre	% children that have visited a centre	Total number of visits by children
0	292	2.3%	1,435
1	158	1.3%	748
2	183	1.5%	600
3	177	1.4%	469
4	149	1.2%	337
5	101	0.8%	210
Total	952	7.6%	3,799

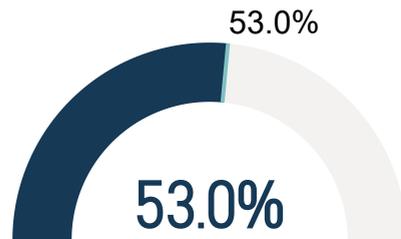
Children centre visits include visits in the 2021-22 academic year and are summarised both as visits by unique children and total number of visits by all children. The rates of visits have been calculated using the 2021 Census population figures.

* 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

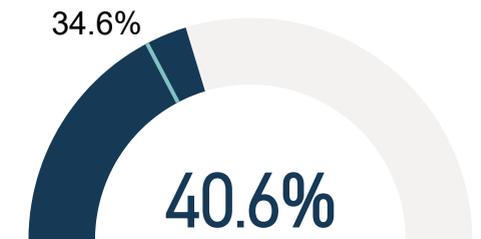
All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare each week for 38 weeks a year, or fewer hours per week over more weeks of a year (up to 570 hours).



In Maidstone in the summer term 2022, 53.0% of 3 and 4 year olds had taken up Free Early Education (FEE) and 40.6% had taken up Extended Funded Entitlement (EFE). Overall take-up was 93.6%.

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*
Coxheath	-152	50.4%
Lenham and Harrietsham	-130	61.7%
Maidstone Central and South	720	66.1%
Maidstone North	190	76.4%
Maidstone Rural South East	-194	47.2%
Maidstone South East	-338	50.9%
Maidstone West	386	80.9%
Marden and Staplehurst	-234	49.2%

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*
Coxheath	-21	34.8%
Lenham and Harrietsham	-20	58.1%
Maidstone Central and South	120	66.0%
Maidstone North	-29	73.0%
Maidstone Rural South East	-25	33.3%
Maidstone South East	-144	36.1%
Maidstone West	76	81.0%
Marden and Staplehurst	-45	45.8%

* 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 Maidstone by need type

Need type	% of 0-5s with an EHCP
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	30.6%
Moderate Learning Difficulty	4.8%
Physical Disability	10.2%
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty	1.4%
Severe Learning Difficulty	3.4%
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	2.0%
Specific Learning Difficulty	1.4%
Speech, Language and Communication Needs	44.2%
Visual Impairment	2.0%

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

The most common need type among 0-5 year olds in Maidstone is Speech, Language and Communication Needs (44.2%).

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
Allington	64.6%
Barming and Teston	75.0%
Bearsted	76.4%
Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	75.0%
Boxley	66.3%
Bridge	60.9%
Coxheath and Hunton	68.6%
Detling and Thurnham	72.7%
Downswood and Otham	66.7%
East	53.9%
Fant	59.7%
Harrietsham and Lenham	55.3%
Headcorn	75.9%
Heath	70.5%
High Street	67.5%
Leeds	50.0%
Loose	68.3%
Marden and Yalding	69.9%
North	59.8%
North Downs	61.1%
Park Wood	66.3%
Shepway North	60.0%
Shepway South	69.9%
South	72.1%
Staplehurst	78.1%
Sutton Valence and Langley	65.5%

Maidstone: Foundation Stage Profile (Year R)

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



Of the 2,075 children assessed in Maidstone, 66.3% 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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