

# Brighton & Hove: Pregnancy and maternity 2021 data



2,304 births

in Brighton & Hove in 2021



A 22% decrease

since 2013 (663 fewer births)

## Definition

Live births recorded in national statistics in Brighton & Hove, the South East and England.



## Pregnancy and maternity

A total of 2,099 live births (32 births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years) were recorded in Brighton & Hove in 2022.



## Lower than England

This is lower than England (52 per 1,000) and the South East (52 per 1,000), and is the lowest of all upper tier local authorities in England.



## Decreasing

The number of births in Brighton & Hove has fallen by 29% since 2013, from 2,967 in 2013 to 2,100 in 2022. The general fertility rate fell from 45 per 1,000 in 2013 to 32 per 1,000 in 2022.

In 2022 the rate of new births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years in Brighton & Hove (32 per 1,000) was significantly lower than England (52 per 1,000) and the South East (52 per 1,000) (Table 1).

The city also has a lower fertility rate in those under 18 years of age (0.7 per 1,000) than England (3.2 per 1,000) and the South East (2.2 per 1,000).

The total fertility rate is the measure of the number of children each woman has in her lifetime. In Brighton & Hove, the total fertility rate is 1.00, significantly lower than England at 1.49. This is much lower than replacement level fertility, which is 2.08 - this value represents the average number of children a woman would need to have to reproduce herself by bearing a daughter who survives to childbearing age.

In the city in 2022 there were 9 recorded stillbirths, equivalent to a rate of 4.3 per 1,000 births. This was similar to England where the rate was 3.9 per 1,000.

Table 1: Births

	2021, Brighton & Hove (n)	2021, Brighton & Hove: Rate per 1,000 women	2021, England: Rate per 1,000 women	2021, South East: Rate per 1,000 women	2013, Brighton & Hove (n)	2013, Brighton & Hove: Rate per 1,000 women	Change Brighton & Hove (n)	Change Brighton & Hove (%)
Live births	2,099	32	52	52	2,967	45	-868	-29%



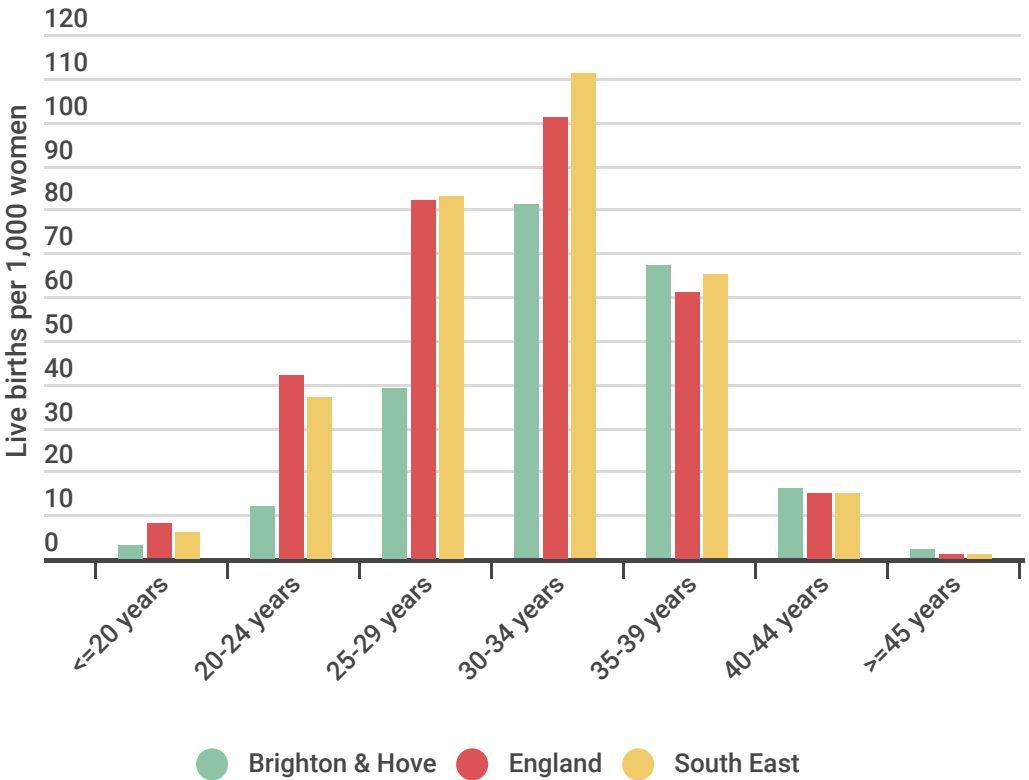
Access to range of data from Census 2021, including local data at different geographical levels, maps and 2011 census data is available locally on [Community Insight](#) and nationally at [Census 2021](#). Data on births in England and Wales are available from the [Office for National Statistics](#).



Mothers in the city are, on average, older (33 years) than in England and the South (both 31 years). The age-specific fertility rate measures the annual number of births to women of a specified age group per 1,000 women in that age group. In Brighton & Hove, the age-specific fertility rate was lower than England and the South East in all age groups apart from among women aged 35-39 years where the rate is higher, showing that locally women have children at older ages (Figure 1).

In Brighton & Hove, in 2022, 40% of live births were to at least one parent who was born outside the UK, higher than England at 37%.

**Figure 1: Age-specific fertility rates**



### Population and population groups

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<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment-jsna/population-and-population-groups>