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Chapter 1 – Health & Wellbeing

1a – Demography

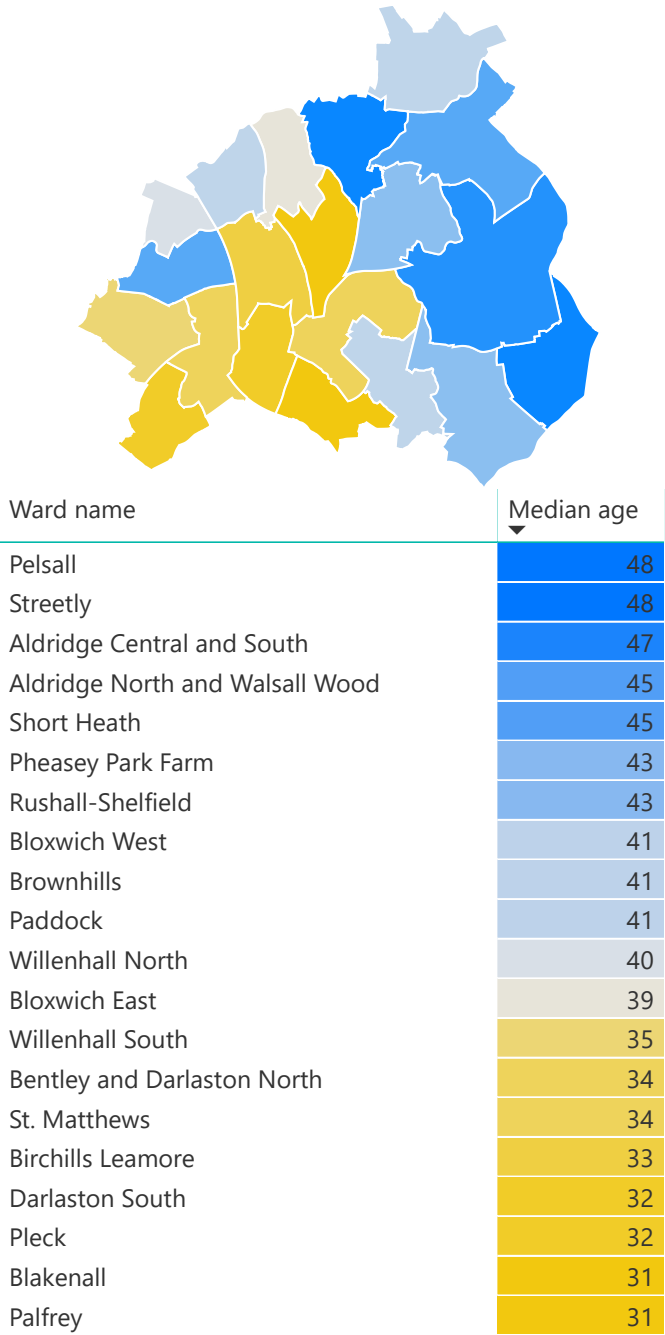
1b – Population Trends

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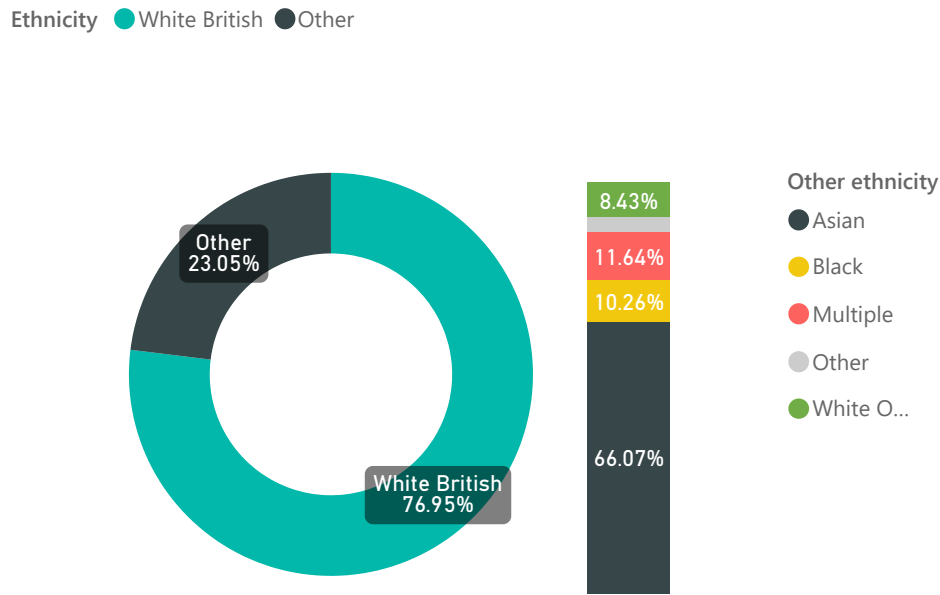
1d – Healthy Life Expectancy

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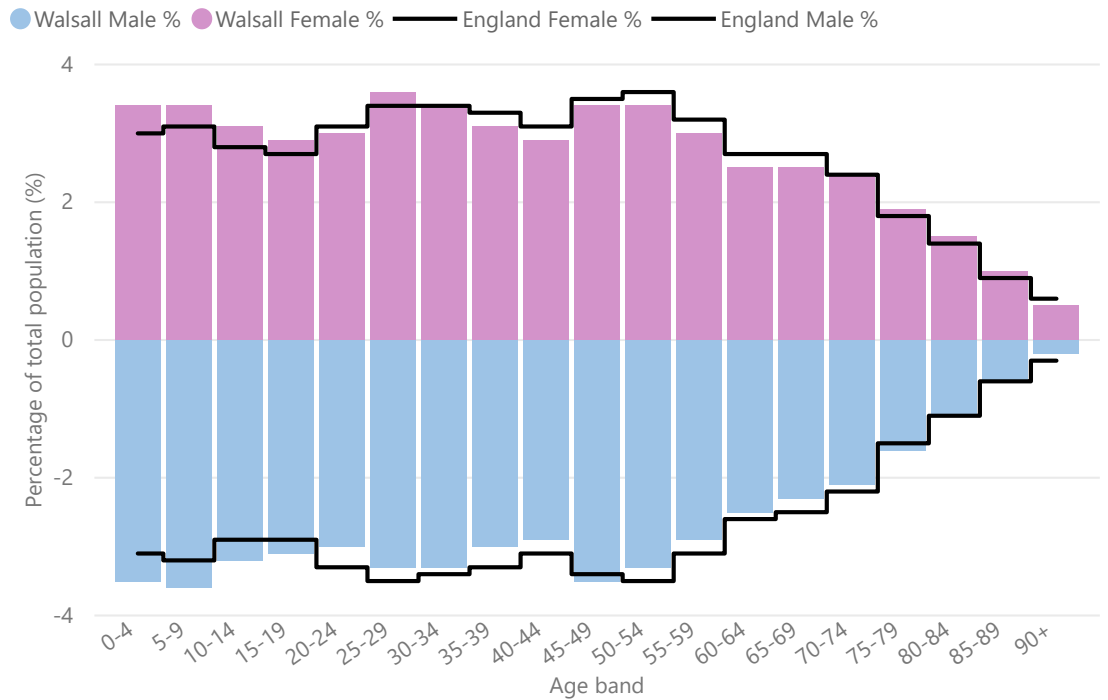
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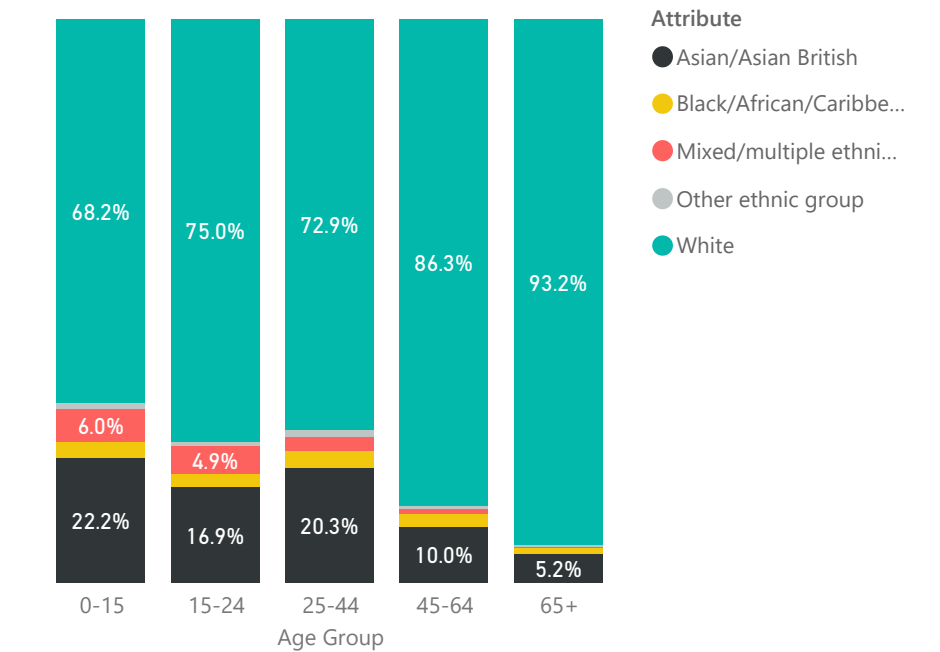
Ethnicity (2011 Census)



Walsall population pyramid 2017 (ONS)



Ethnicity by Age Group



Key issues

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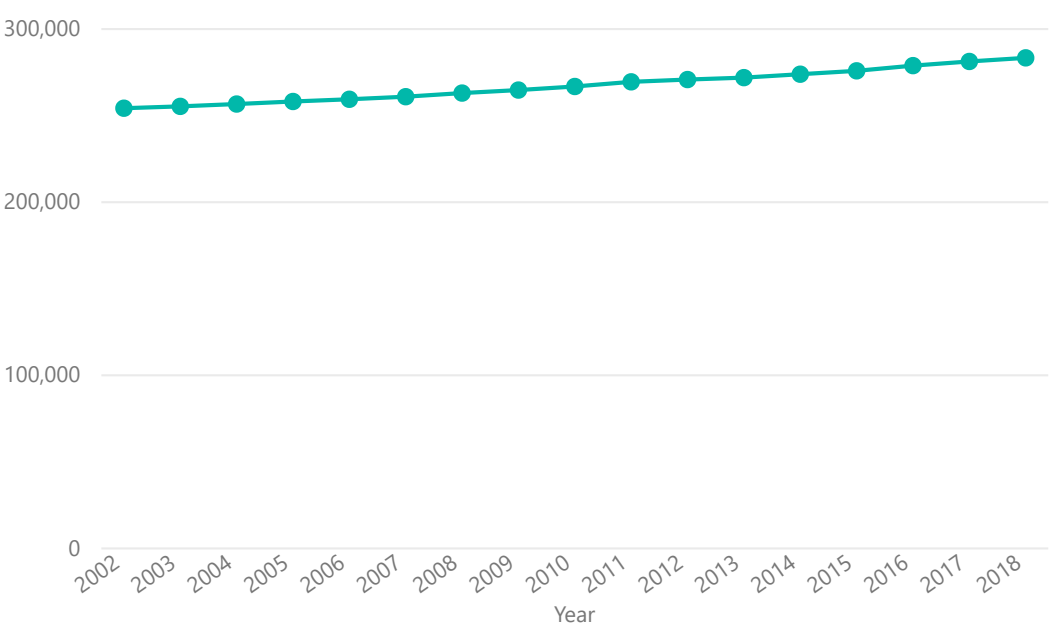
The age of the population is geographically divided: the urban, more deprived areas of the borough are generally younger. The more affluent, least deprived & more rural areas towards the east & south-east are older. This is important to understand the relative demand for services by area.

Walsall has proportionately more young people (under 15) & older people (over 75) population than the England average. In contrast, the working age population is lower than England in most age groups. The net result is a high dependency ratio of **0.64** (dependents : working age), which increases demand for the provision of services.

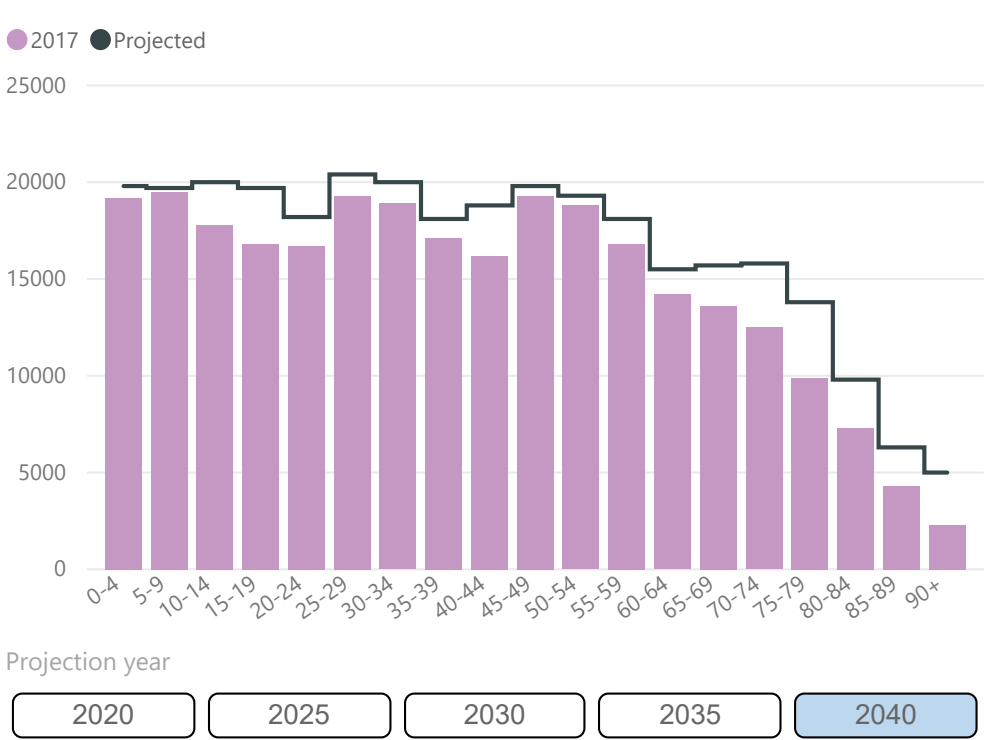
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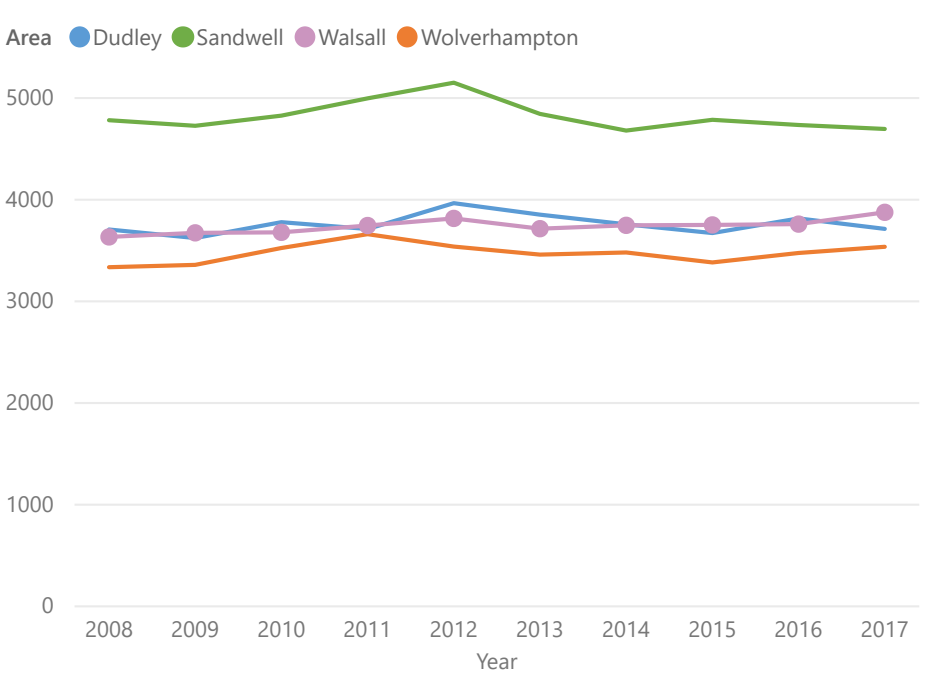
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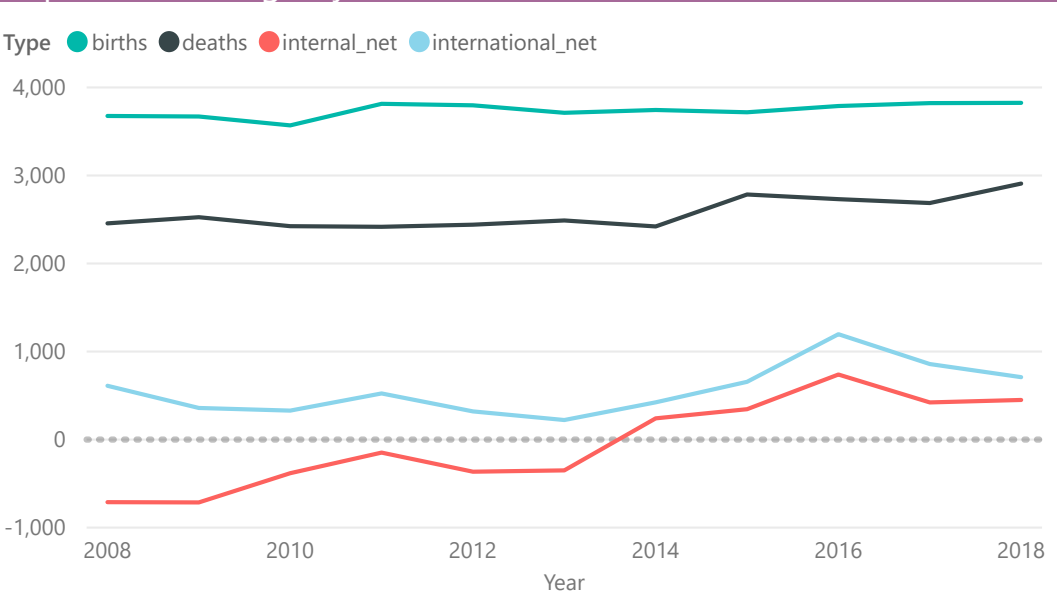
Walsall Borough Projected Population (2016 based)



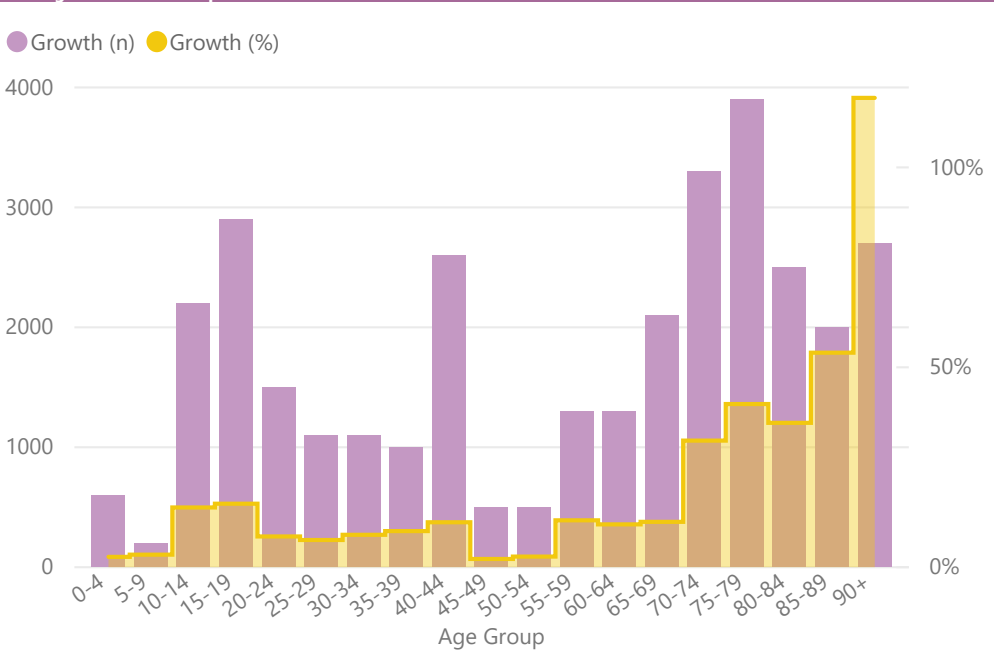
Live Births



Population change by Reason (ONS Estimates)



Projected Population Growth (2016 based)



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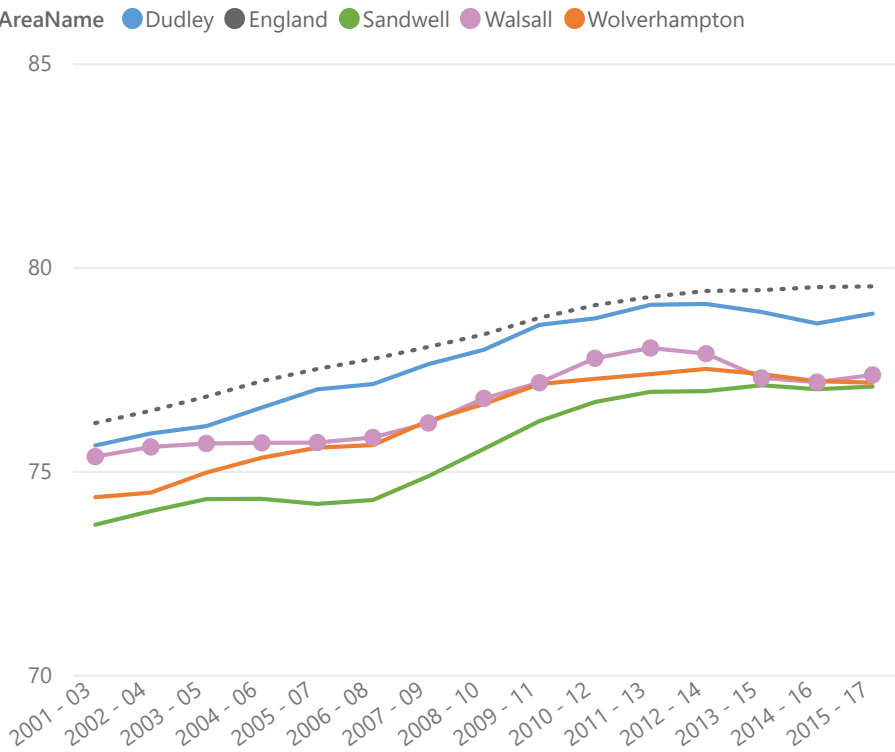
Internal migration has seen the largest shift, with an estimated net gain of 1161 individuals per year by 2018 compared to 2008.

Walsall's population is aging & will see a significant increase in those aged 65 & over - particularly in the 90+ age band. This will be important in determining the future demand on services.

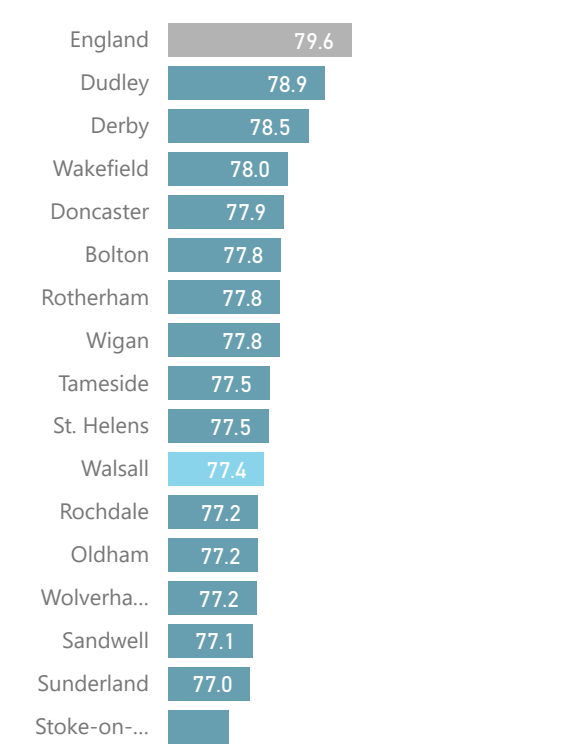
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Male

Male Life expectancy at Birth



Statistical neighbours 2015-17



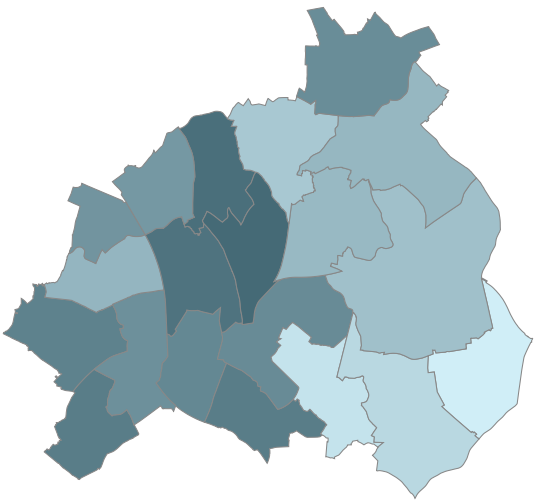
Key issues

Estimated life expectancy for males in Walsall is just 77.2 years, compared with 78.8 for the West Midlands & 79.5 for England as a whole.

Although overall life expectancy has increased by 1.8 years since 2001, the gap between Walsall & England has widened since 2011-13, to 2.3 years: a significantly larger difference than with Female life expectancy.

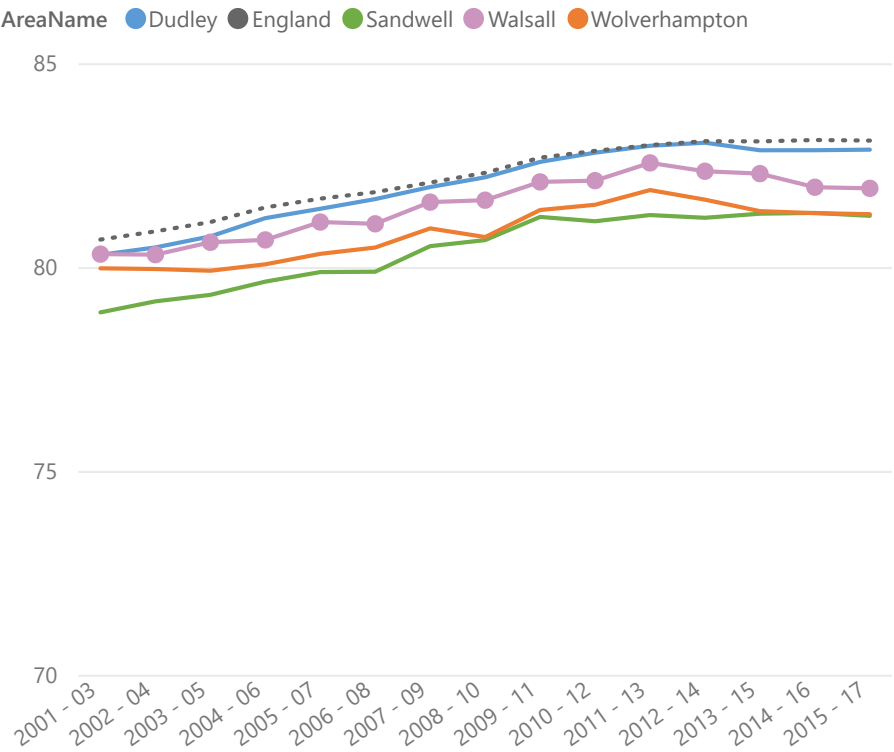
Male life expectancy differs widely across the borough, ranging 8.4 years with the lowest in Blakenall (74.5 years) & the highest in Streetly (82.9 years).

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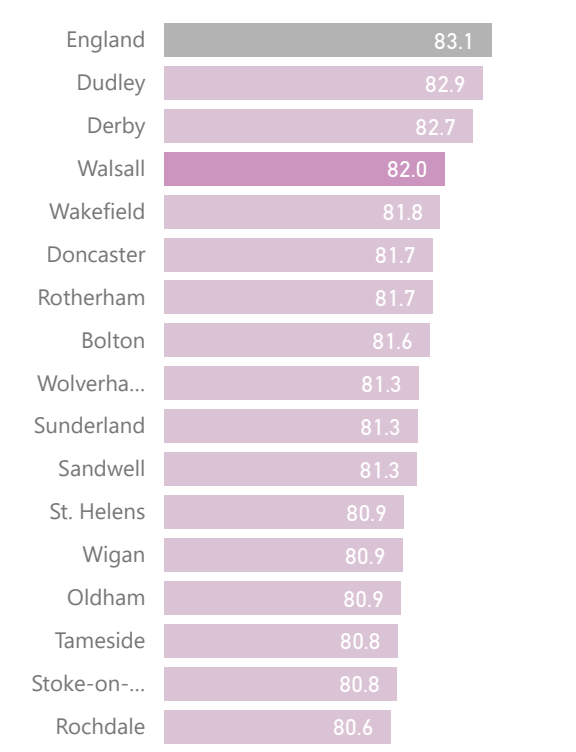


Female

Female Life expectancy at Birth



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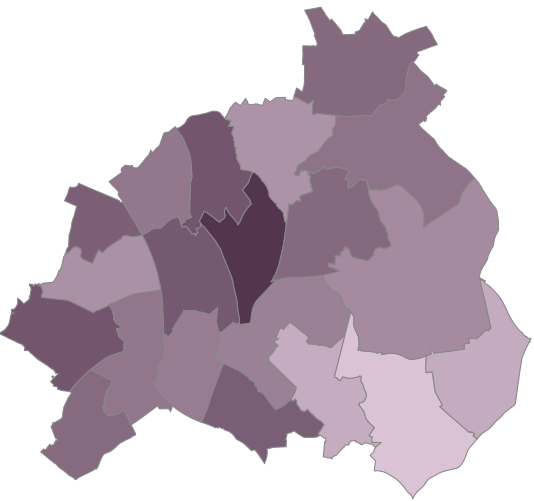


Key issues

Estimated life expectancy for females in Walsall is 82 years, compared with 82.7 for the West Midlands & 83.1 for England as a whole.

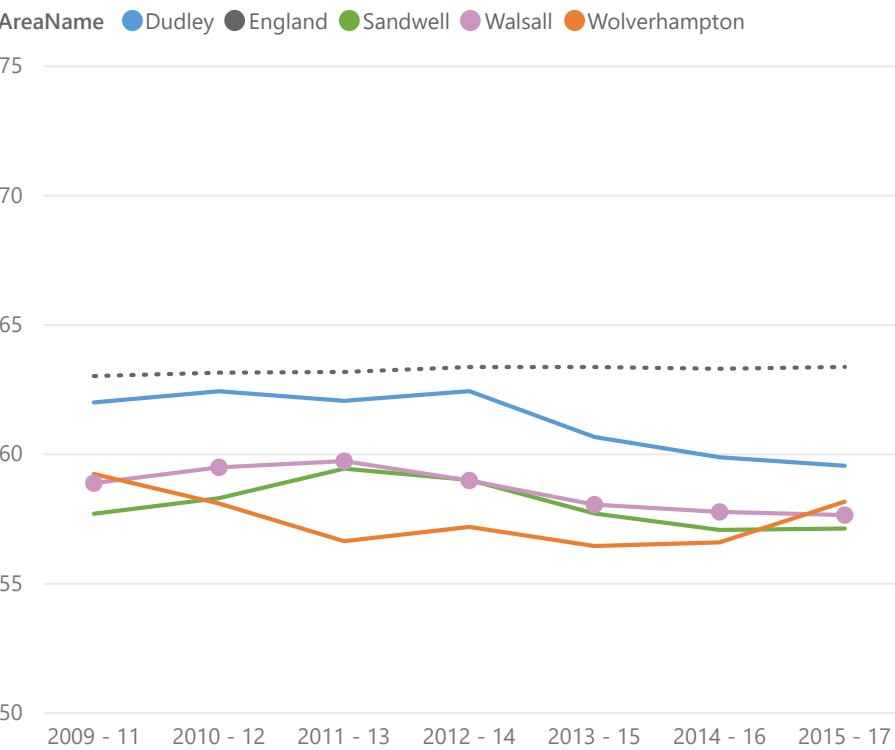
Women in Walsall are expected to live 1.6 years longer than in 2001, however since 2011-13 there has been a consistent decline: there is a gap of 1.1 years compared to England (in 2011-13 this gap was just 0.4 years)

Female life expectancy differs by 10.7 years across the borough, with the lowest in Blakenall (77.8 years) & the highest in Pheasey (88.5 years). Blakenall is significantly below the next lowest (Willenhall South, 80.3 years). This picture closely matches deprivation, with the lowest life expectancy seen in the most deprived, & highest in the least deprived, areas of Walsall.

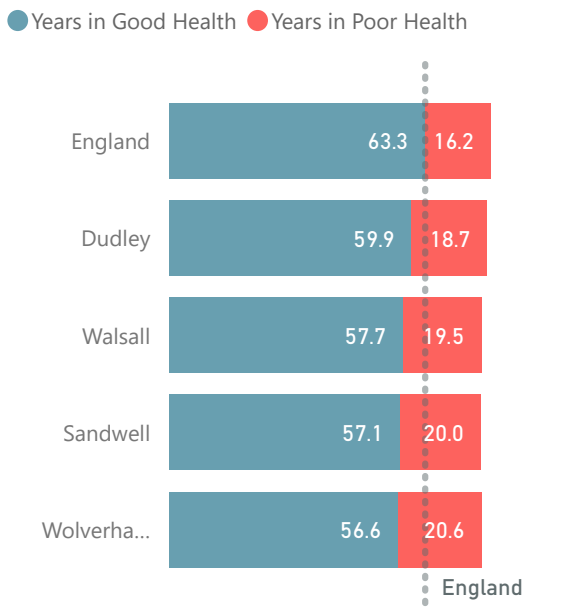


Male

Male Healthy Life expectancy at Birth



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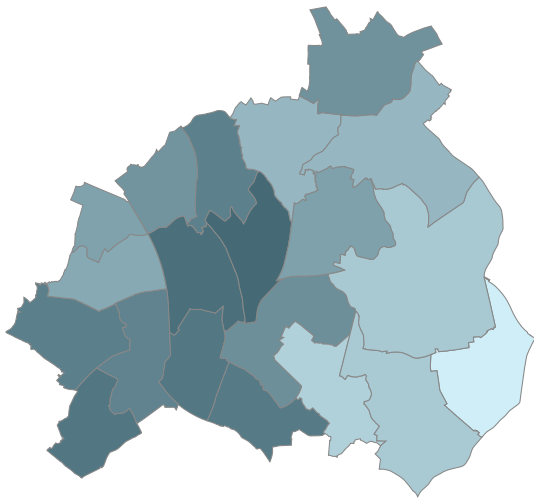
Key issues

Healthy life expectancy for males in Walsall has seen a decline in recent years, with difference of 5.6 years between Walsall & England (2014-16). An average male can expect to live 25% of his life in poor health.

Walsall is very similar to the rest of the Black Country boroughs which are also significantly below the England average.

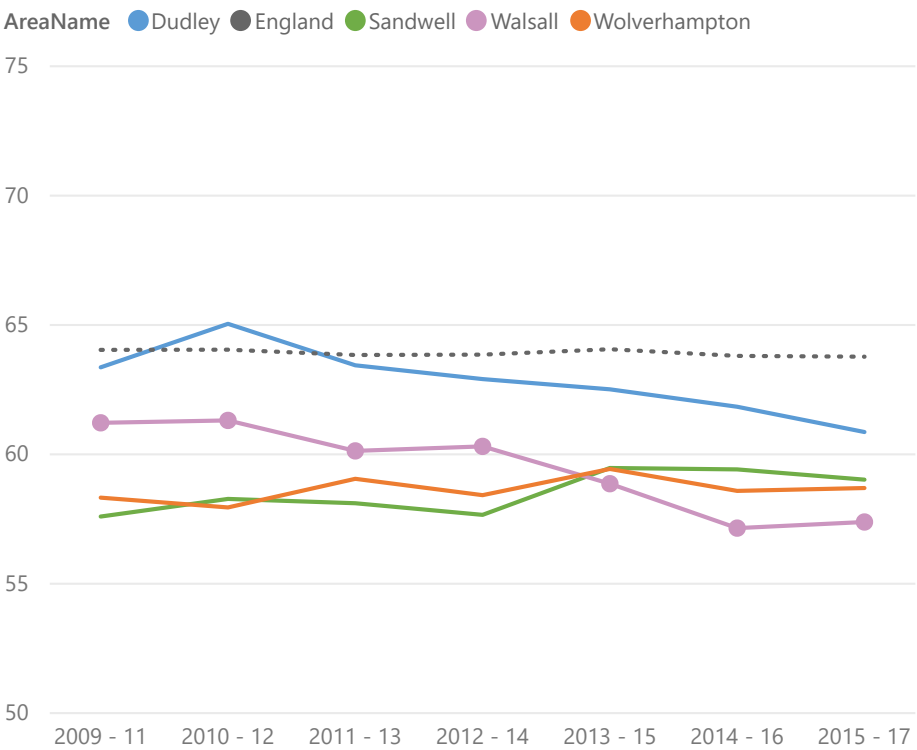
The greater the years lived in poor health, the greater the impact on services & healthcare & impact on productivity.

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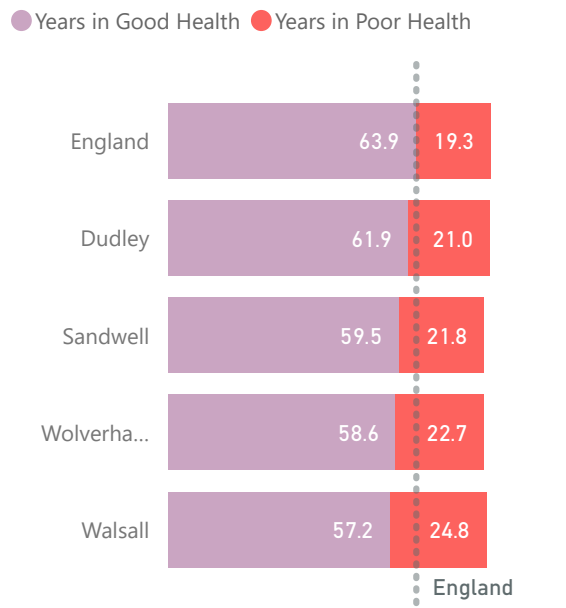


Female

Female Healthy Life expectancy at Birth



Statistical neighbours 2015-17



Key issues

Healthy life expectancy for females in Walsall has seen a sharp decline in recent years, falling by 4.1 years since 2009 to 57.2 years. For the first time, in 2014-16 Walsall female healthy life expectancy dropped below that of Walsall males.

Walsall is similar to the other Black Country boroughs but now ranks last of the 4, with women spending an average of 30% of her life in poor health.

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