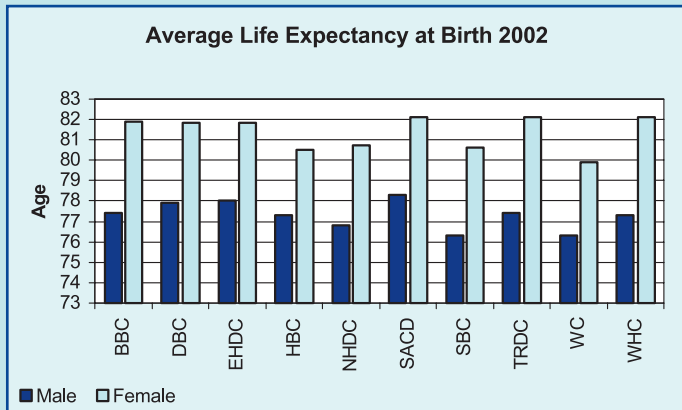




Indicator HE1 - Life Expectancy



Life expectancy at birth is the average number of years that a newborn baby is expected to live if current mortality conditions apply throughout its lifetime. It can be used as proxy measure of health status and also reflects the impact of social and economic circumstances on life expectancy.

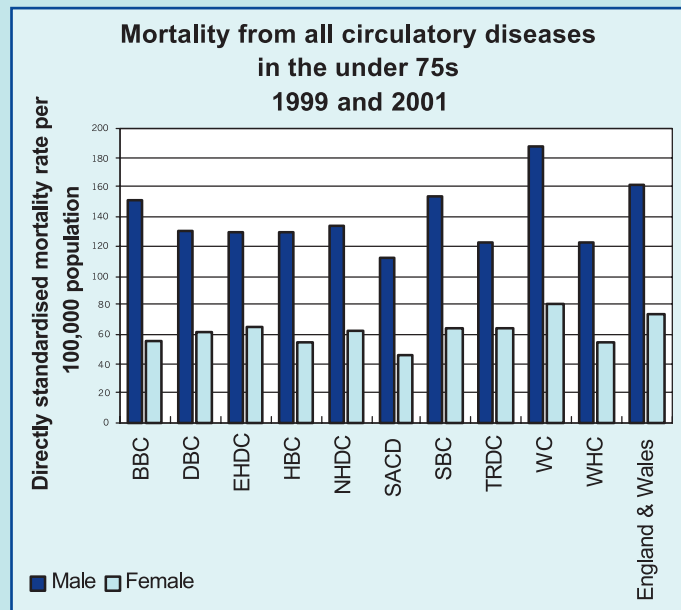
All areas of Hertfordshire have a higher male life expectancy than the national average. Female life expectancy is also above the national average in most areas of Hertfordshire. In Watford female life expectancy is below the national average and in Hertsmere and Stevenage, female life expectancy is very similar to the national average.

Indicator QoL10 - Mortality from circulatory disease in the under 75s

Heart and circulatory diseases are responsible for more deaths in the United Kingdom than any other group of diseases. This group includes coronary heart disease, stroke and other circulatory diseases and accounts for approximately 36% of all deaths in Hertfordshire. Death rates from this group of diseases are amongst the highest in Western Europe.



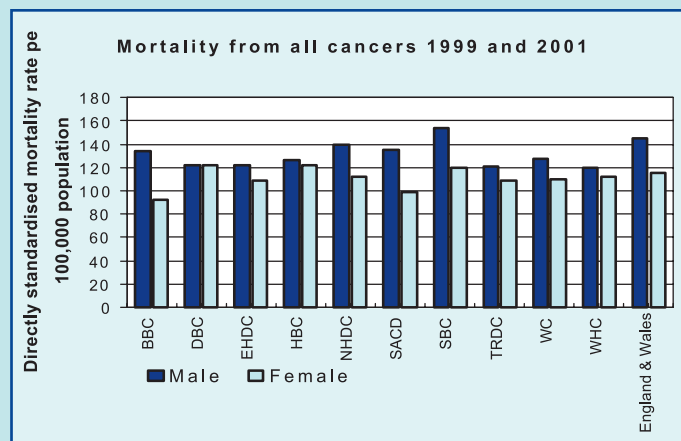
The figure below illustrates the differences in mortality from circulatory diseases across Hertfordshire as well as the average mortality rate for England and Wales. These figures have been standardised to take the age of the population into account.



The circulatory disease mortality rate for males aged 0-74 years across Hertfordshire is generally lower than the average for England and Wales.

However, the mortality rate for males in Watford is higher than the average rate of their gender in England and Wales. The same pattern is seen in circulatory disease mortality rates for females, and again the only area in Hertfordshire with mortality rates exceeding the average for England & Wales is Watford.

Indicator QoL10 - Mortality from cancer in the under 75s



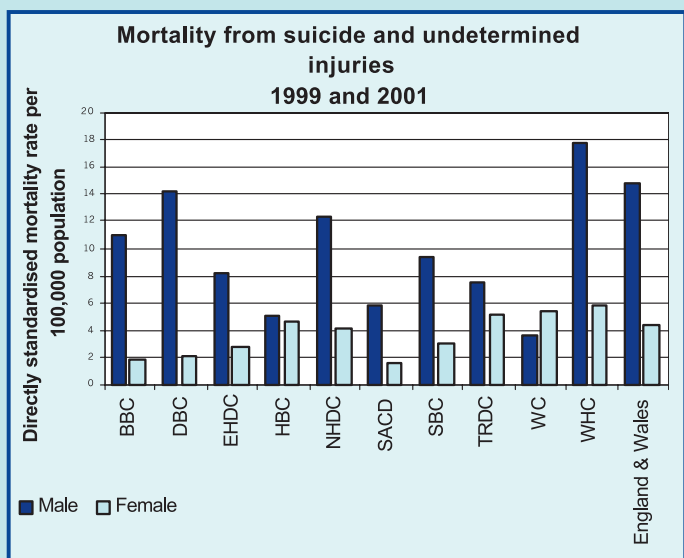


Cancer is among the three leading causes of death in the United Kingdom and accounts for approximately 25% of all deaths in Hertfordshire. However, the male mortality rate for the 0-74 year age group is below the national average in the region, except in Stevenage. The female mortality rate for the 0-74 year age group in the region is also below the average for England & Wales, except in Dacorum, Hertsmere and Stevenage.



Indicator QoL 10 - Mortality from suicide and undetermined injuries, all ages

These figures show the mortality rate for suicide and undetermined injury across Hertfordshire and the average rate from these causes for England & Wales as whole. These figures have been standardised to take account of the age structure of the population in each area.



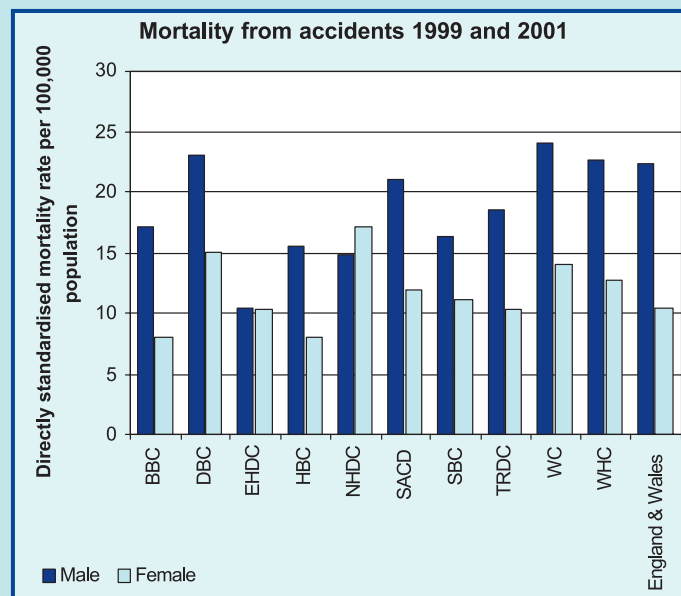
Suicide and undetermined injury rates are higher in general for men than for women in all areas of Hertfordshire. Suicide rates in England are amongst the lowest in the European Union and in Hertfordshire the male mortality rate is even lower than the national average in most areas. Only Watford has a higher rate than the average for England & Wales.

The pattern for female mortality rates is slightly different. Hertsmere, Three Rivers, Watford and Welwyn Hatfield mortality rates from suicide and undetermined injury are all above the national average.

Caution should be taken when interpreting these rates because they are based on small numbers that may vary considerably from year to year.

Indicator QoL10 - Mortality from accidents, all ages

The chart shows mortality from accidents in all areas of Hertfordshire. These figures have been standardised to account for the age structure of the population.



Accident mortality is generally lower for women than for men in all areas of Hertfordshire. North Hertfordshire is the only area where the female accident mortality rate is higher than the equivalent rate for males.

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Watford, Welwyn Hatfield and Dacorum have higher male mortality rates from accidents than the average for England and Wales. The highest male death rate in Hertfordshire is in Watford, a rate of 24 deaths per 100,000 population.



Broxbourne, East Hertfordshire, Hertsmere and Three Rivers have a lower female accident mortality rate than the average for England

and Wales. The highest female death rate due to accidents in Hertfordshire is in North Hertfordshire, a rate of 17 deaths per 100,000 population.

Indicator QoL 5 - Infant Mortality

The chart opposite shows the infant mortality rate during the first year of life per 1,000 live births in all areas of Hertfordshire and the average infant mortality rate for England and Wales.

On average Hertfordshire has better baby and infant health than the national average, but there are some areas that have infant mortality rates approaching or even exceeding the national average, including Welwyn Hatfield, Watford and Stevenage.

