

Life Expectancies & General Health

Life expectancy at birth in 2015-17 was **78.5** years for males and **82.3** years for females.



Healthy life expectancy at birth in 2015-17 was **59.1** years for males and **60.3** years for females.

In 2017/18, **70%** of adults described their health as 'good' or 'very good'.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

There were **16.5** suicide deaths per 100,000 population in 2015-17.



In 2017/18, **18%** of respondents scored highly (≥ 4) on the General Health Questionnaire (GHQ12) which could indicate a mental health problem.

Major Diseases & Conditions

In 2015/16 – 17/18 there were **2,062** admissions per 100,000 population due to **circulatory disease**, and **2,074** due to **respiratory disease**.

The number of new cases of **cancer** diagnosed in 2010-16 stood at **596** incidences per 100,000 population.

In 2017, there were **225** persons per 1,000 population prescribed **antihypertensive** drugs.



Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking



Smoking prevalence among adults stood at **18%** in 2017/18.

In 2015/16-17/18, there were **691** alcohol related admissions per 100,000 population.

In 2017/18, **77%** of adults reported drinking alcohol.

Pregnancy & Early Years



New Indicator

In 2017, **8.1%** of live births were considered **small for their gestational age**.

In 2017, **48%** of mothers were **breastfeeding** on discharge from hospital.

The **under 17 teenage birth rate** stood at **1.3** births per 1,000 population in 2017.

Hospital activity



In 2017/18 there were **24** admissions to hospital per 100 population.

The **emergency** admission rate stood at **9,234** admissions per 100,000 population.

There were **10,884** day case admissions per 100,000 population in 2017/18.

Premature Mortality

The **preventable mortality** rate stood at **207** deaths per 100,000 population in 2013-17.



There were **74** deaths per 100,000 population aged under 75 years due to **circulatory disease** in 2013-17.

The under 75 death rate due to **respiratory disease** in 2013-17 was **34** deaths per 100,000 population.

There were **149** deaths per 100,000 population aged under 75 years due to **cancer** in 2013-17.

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Further Information

This annual fact sheet presents a summary of the latest position in Northern Ireland for a range of public health indicators including life expectancies, standardised death and admission rates, smoking prevalence and obesity rates. Previously a number of these figures would have been first published as part of the health inequalities annual report. In order to provide timely updates, these outputs are published early with the corresponding inequality analyses following at a later date.

The fact sheet is accompanied by a set of downloadable tables that include figures for all health indicators available at the Northern Ireland, Health & Social Care Trust and Local Government District levels.

Further information & downloadable tables:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/dhssps-statistics-and-research/health-inequalities-statistics>

Previous statistics:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/health-inequalities-statistics>

This release does not include assessments of change or sub-regional differences. Further analysis and assistance in assessing change can be provided by Public Health Information & Research Branch upon request.

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