

Registered Suicides of Croydon Residents

Sources and definitions of data

ONS. UK suicides registered in 2024. Published in October 2025.

[LINK TO DATA](#)

OHID. Suicide Prevention Profile. Updated in October 2025.

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In England and Wales when somebody dies unexpectedly, a Coroner investigates the circumstances to establish the cause of death. The investigation, referred to as an 'inquest', is a process that can take months and, in some cases, years. When an inquest has concluded the death is officially registered. For suicides that occurred in England and Wales, the Office for National Statistics then assigns each death with an 'underlying cause' based on the information provided to the Coroner.

In England and Wales data on suicide concern all deaths that were assigned underlying cause of intentional self-harm (for those aged 10 years and above). Deaths caused by injury or poisoning of undetermined intent (for those aged 15 years and above) are also included, based on the assumption that the majority of these deaths will be suicides.

Suicides of Croydon residents

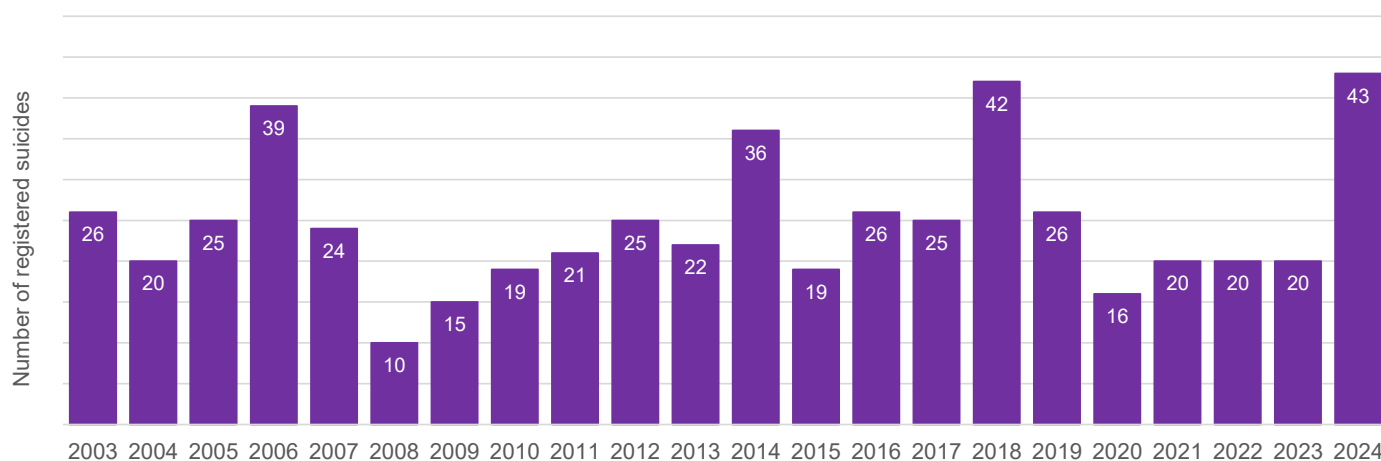
Suicide is a significant cause of death in young adults, and is seen as an indicator of underlying rates of mental ill-health. Suicide is a major issue for society and a leading cause of years of life lost. Suicide is often the end point of a complex history of risk factors and distressing events, but there are many ways in which services, communities, individuals and society as a whole can help to prevent suicides.

Since 2001, an average of 24 deaths due to suicide have been registered each year in Croydon.

Numbers fell considerably in 2020 in-line with regional and national trends. Nationally the ONS have stated that this decrease was likely to be driven by two factors; a decrease in male suicides at the start of the covid-19 pandemic and delays in death registrations because of the pandemic.

Nationally, the rate of suicide registrations in 2024 is at its highest level since 1999. In Croydon, the number has also risen, presumably as suicides occurring in previous years are registered.

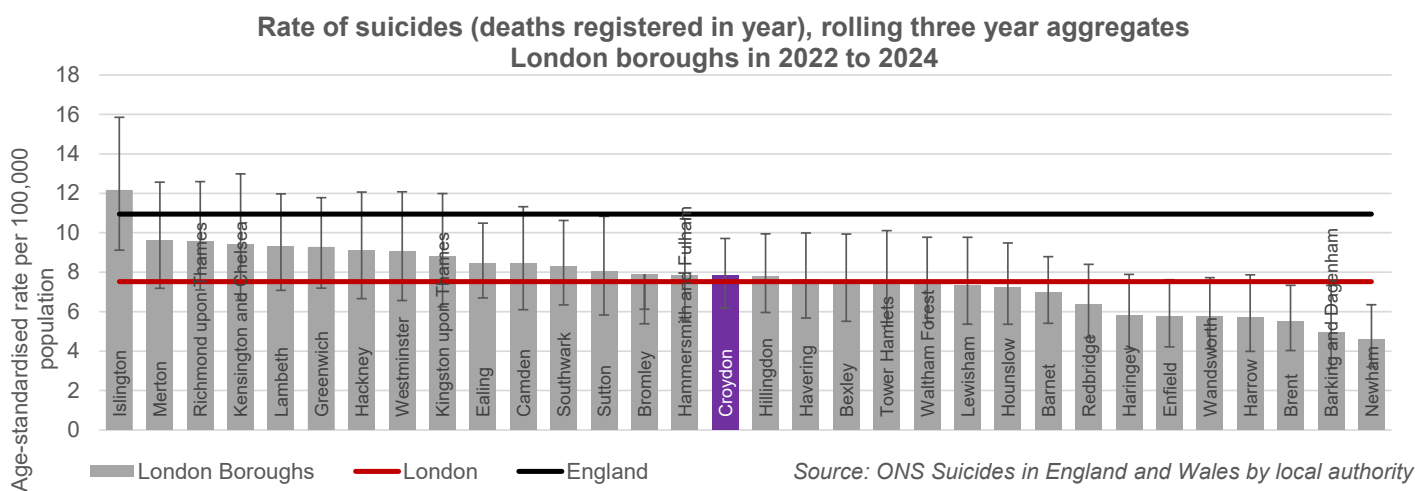
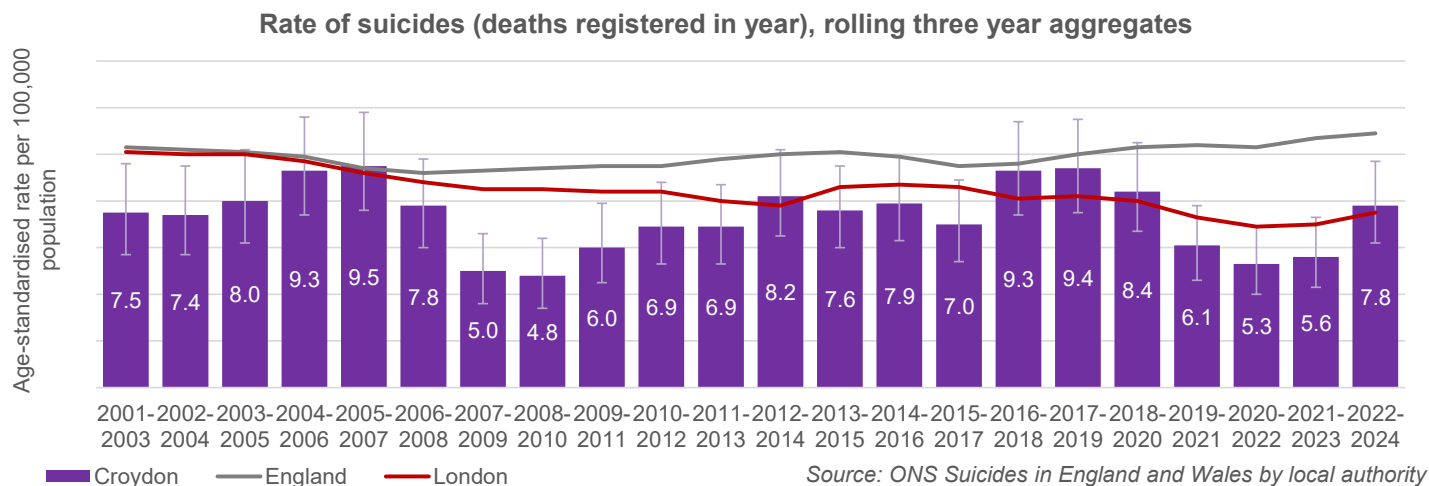
Number of suicides (deaths registered in year) in Croydon



Source: ONS Suicides in England and Wales by local authority

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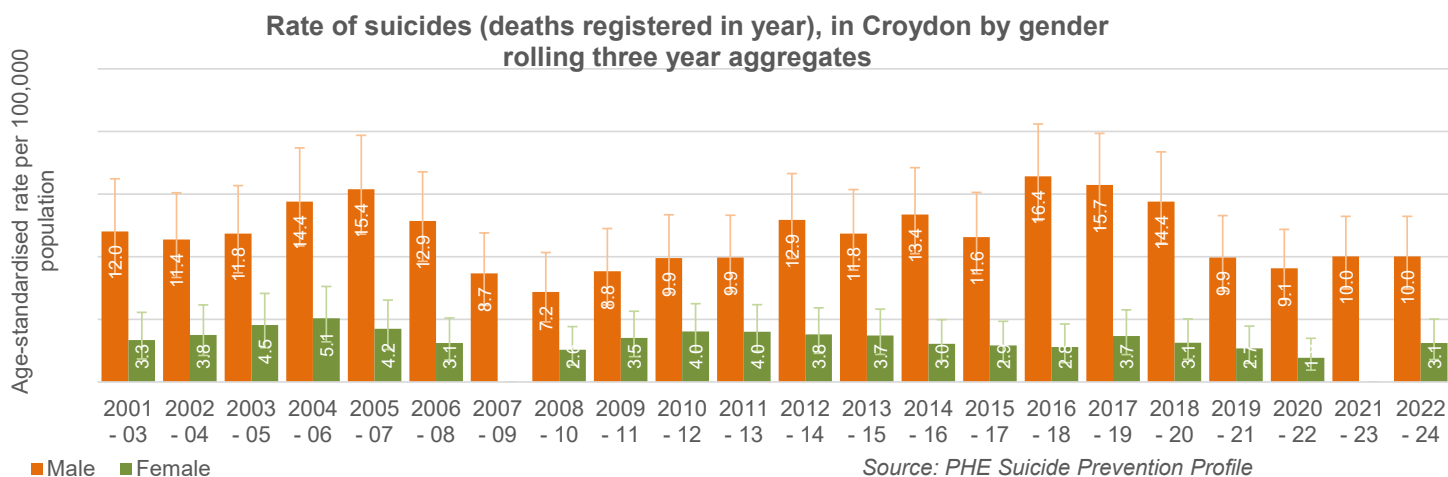
In the latest 3-year data (2022-2024), 83 suicides were registered, a rate of 7.8 per 100,000 population. This is statistically similar to the overall London rate.



Gender differences

In Croydon, as across the country, males have a much higher suicide rate than females.

In the latest 3-year data (2022-2024), Croydon had the 11th highest rate of male suicide registrations and the fifth lowest rate of female suicide registrations.



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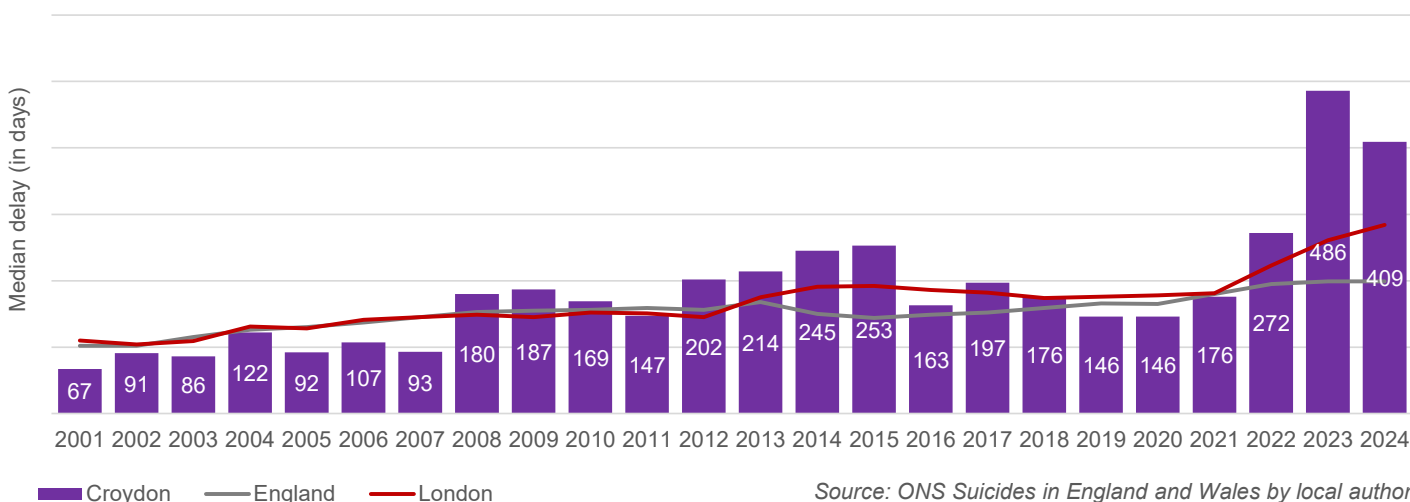
Average time taken to register a death

In England, all deaths by suicide are certified by a coroner and cannot be registered until an inquest is completed. This results in a delay between the date the death occurred and the date of registration. National data shows a growing delay in registration over time, with a decreasing proportion of suicides registered in a given year also occurring within that same year. Only 39% of suicides registered in England and Wales in 2024 had a date of death in 2024, compared with 67% in 2002, when a much higher proportion of registrations reflected suicides from the same year.

In England, the median time taken to register a suicide death in 2024 was 199 days. In Croydon this was 409 days, around 58 weeks.

This is the 5th longest median registration delay for suicides across all London boroughs.

Median registration delay (in days) for suicides



Median registration delay (in days) for suicides London boroughs in 2024

