

Life Expectancy in Croydon

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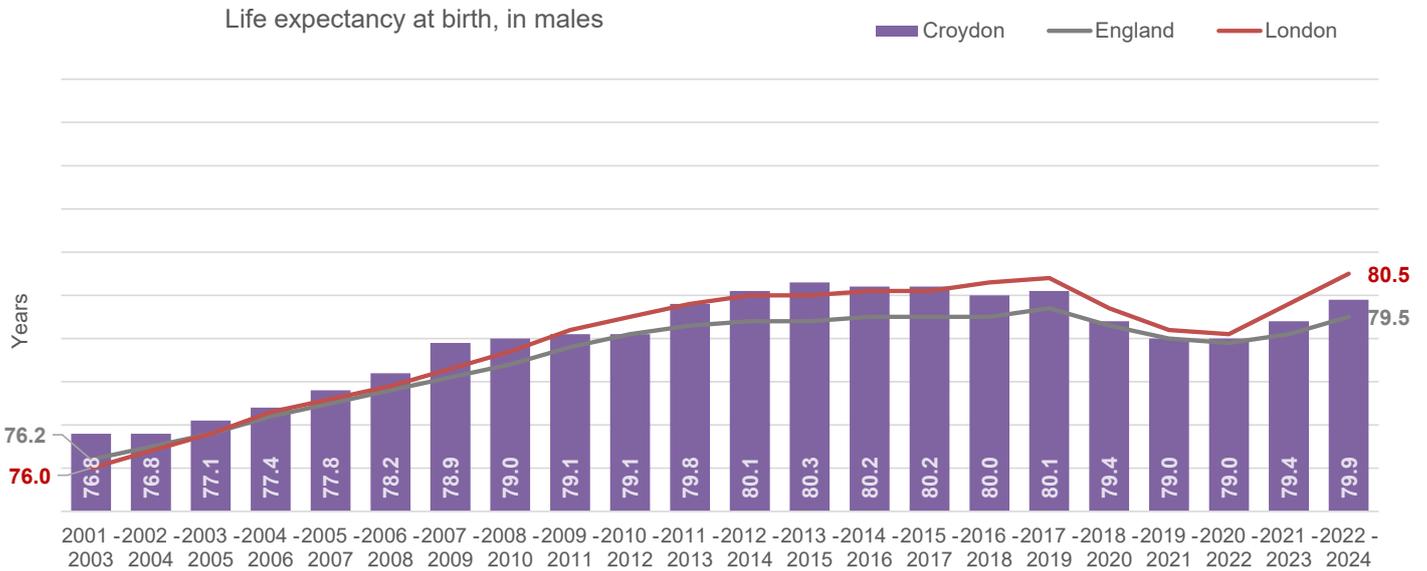
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Life Expectancy at Birth

Life expectancy in England and Wales has generally been increasing over the last 40 years. These improvements have been primarily caused by reductions in mortality at older ages, because of advances in health care and improvements in living and working conditions. Since about 2011, the rate of increase in life expectancy has slowed. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic led to increased mortality, particularly at older ages, in recent years.

Males

Life expectancy at birth for males is now 79.9 years, similar to the period before the pandemic (80.1 in 2017-19) and an increase of 3.1 years since 2001-03

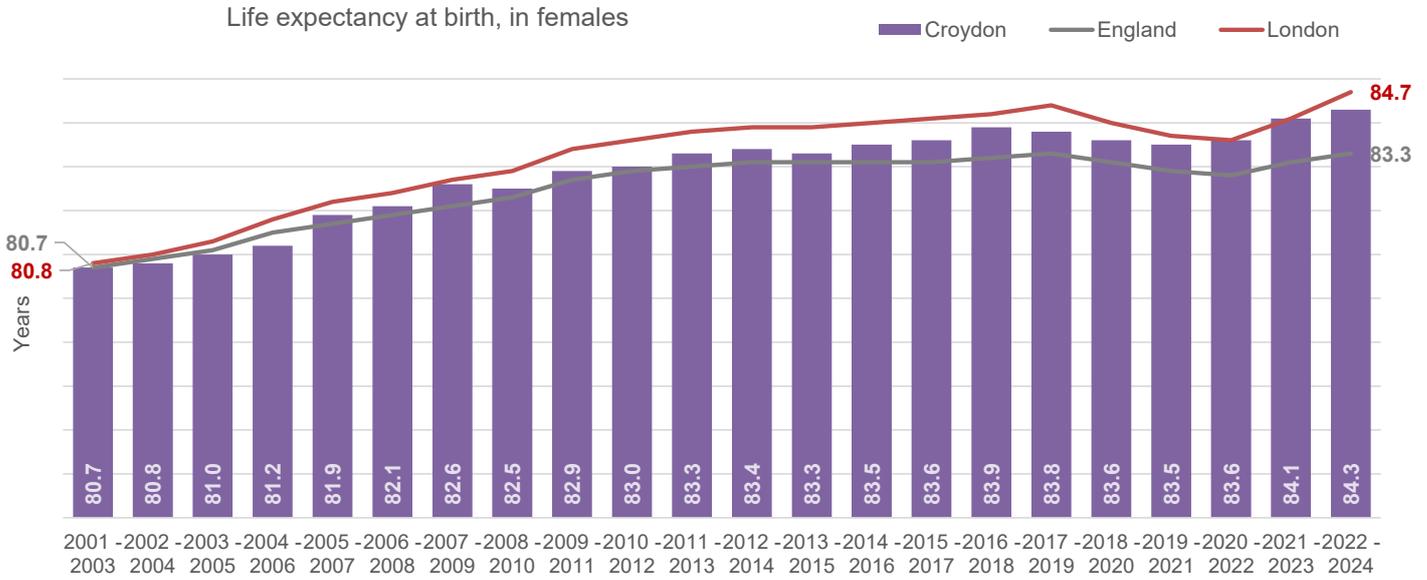


Source: ONS health state life expectancies

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Females

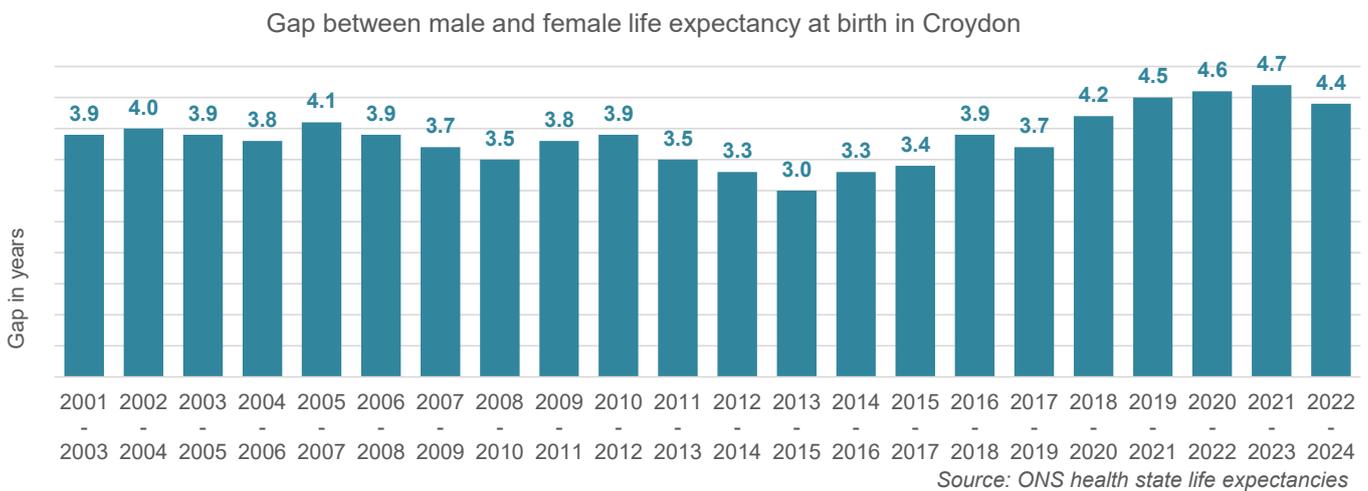
Life expectancy at birth for females is now 84.3 years, up 0.5 years from the period before the pandemic (83.8 years in 2017-19) and an increase of 3.6 years since 2001-03



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Gender gap

There is a 4.4 year gap between male and female life expectancy at birth, an increase from the 3.7 year gap in 2017-19.



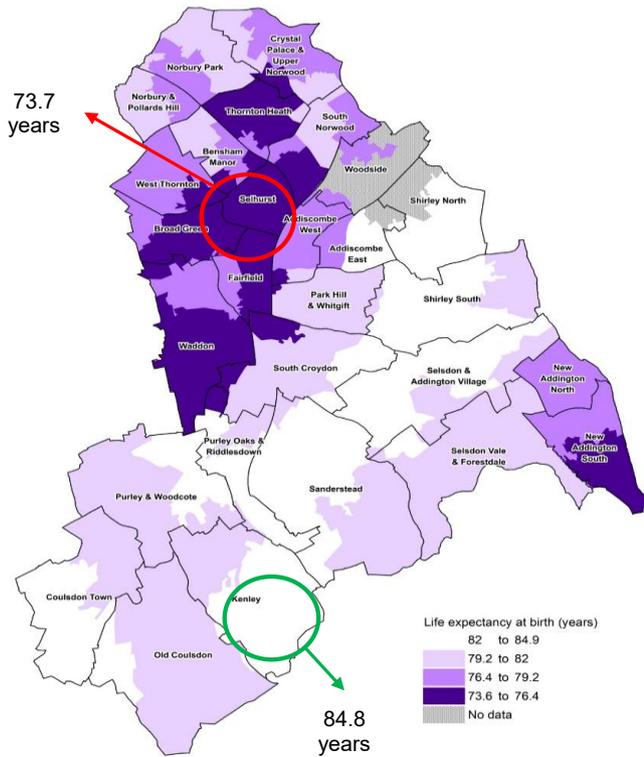
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Differences across Croydon

Life expectancy at birth is different within different areas of Croydon.

Males and females with the highest and lowest life expectancies are not necessarily from the same areas.

Male Life Expectancy at birth, 2019-2023

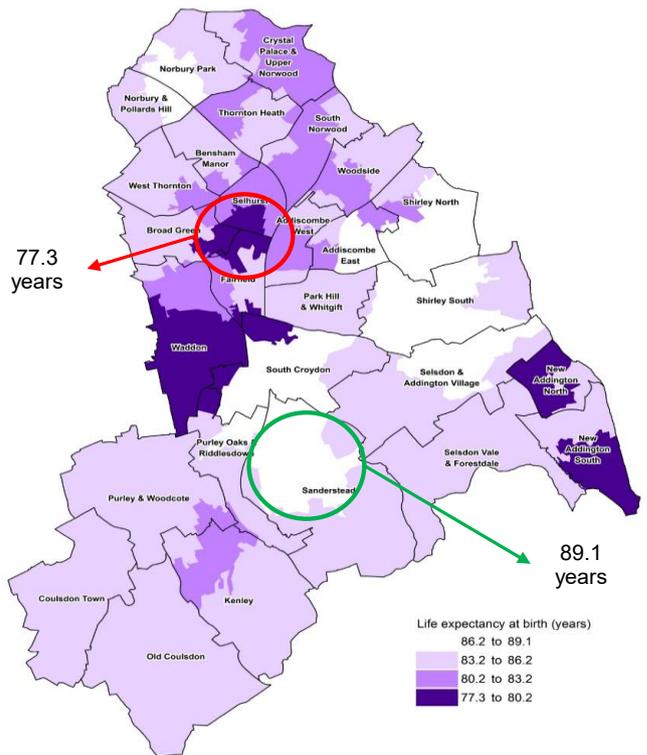


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Males

In males, the small area with the highest life expectancy is in Kenley South.
The small area with the lowest life expectancy is in Selhurst South & West Croydon.

Female Life Expectancy at birth, 2019-2023



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Females

In females, the small area with the highest life expectancy is in Sanderstead.
The small area with the lowest life expectancy is in Selhurst South & West Croydon.

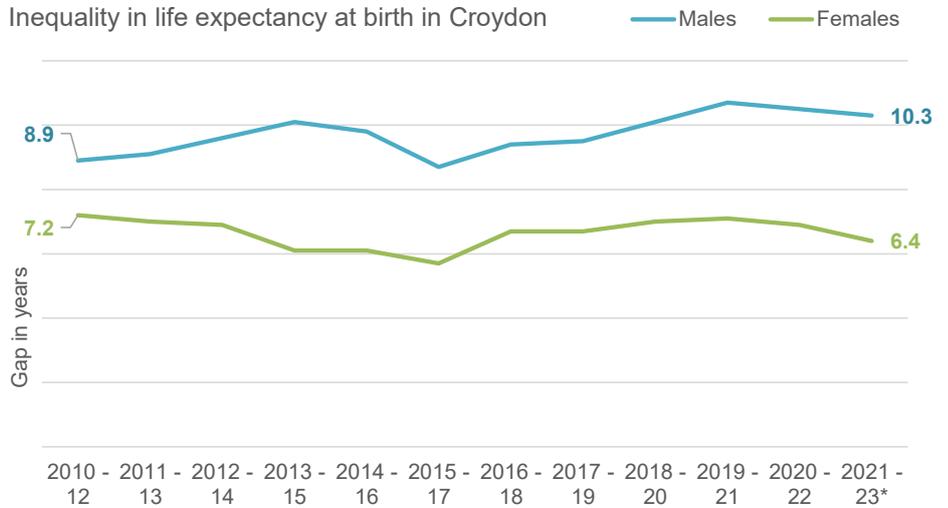
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Inequality in Life Expectancy at Birth

The slope index of inequality looks into the differences in life expectancy across the whole range of deprivation and summarises this into a single number, showing how many years separate life expectancy within Croydon's most and least deprived areas.

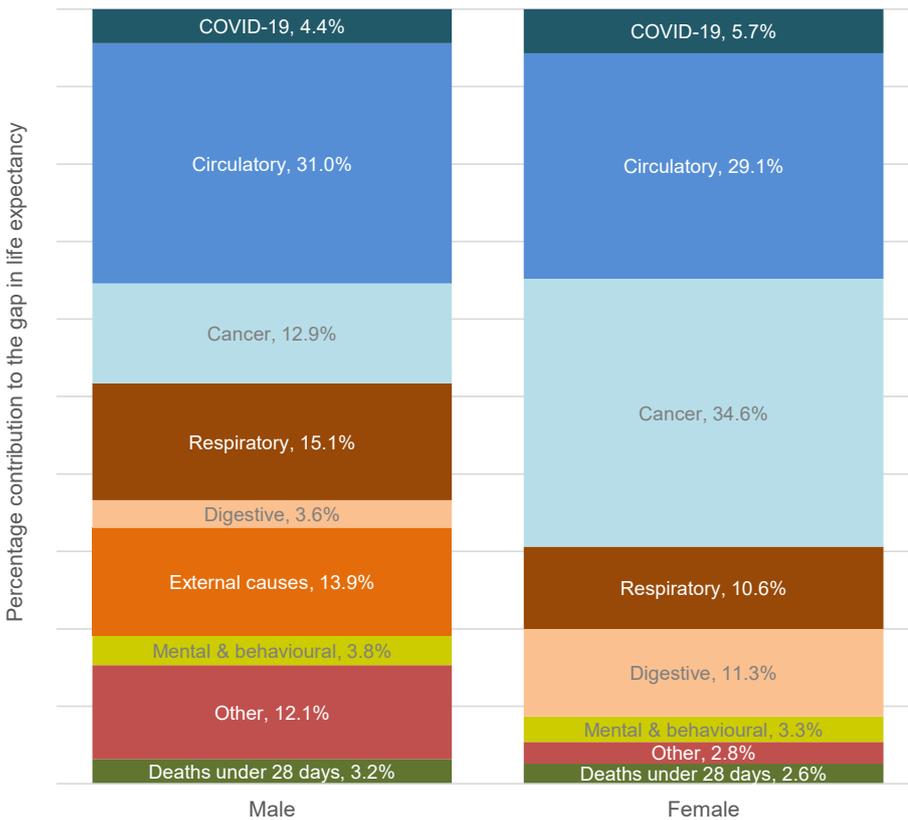
In females, those living in the least deprived areas of Croydon can expect to live 6.4 years longer than those living in the most deprived areas of Croydon. This is the fourth largest inequality gap in London.

In males, those living in the least deprived areas of Croydon can expect to live 10.3 years longer than those living in the most deprived areas of Croydon. This is the fourth largest inequality gap in London.



Source: OHID Public Health Outcomes Framework
* latest data based on provisional population data

Gap in life expectancy at birth (2022-23) between most and least deprived areas in Croydon by broad cause of death



In males, circulatory diseases accounted for the majority of the gap in life expectancy, in females cancer was the main cause of the gap.

Compared to London, the % contribution to the gap in life expectancy in males was higher for external causes (13.9% in Croydon compared to 7.1% in London). The % contribution to the gap was lower for cancer (12.9% in Croydon compared to 20.9% in London).

Compared to London, the % contribution to the gap in life expectancy in females was higher for cancer (34.6% in Croydon compared to 20.2% in London). The % contribution to the gap was lower for other causes (2.8% in Croydon compared to 13.8% in London) and respiratory causes (10.6% in Croydon compared to 17.9% in London).

Source: OHID Segment Tool

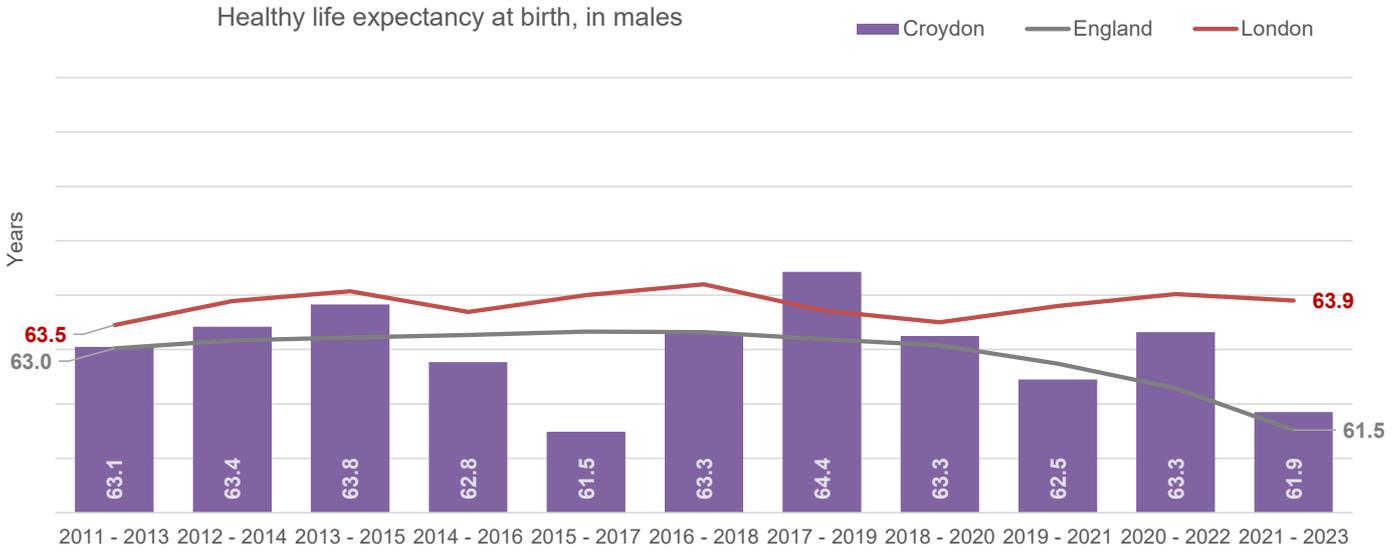
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Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth

Healthy Life Expectancy estimates the number of years live in 'good' or 'very good' health.

Males

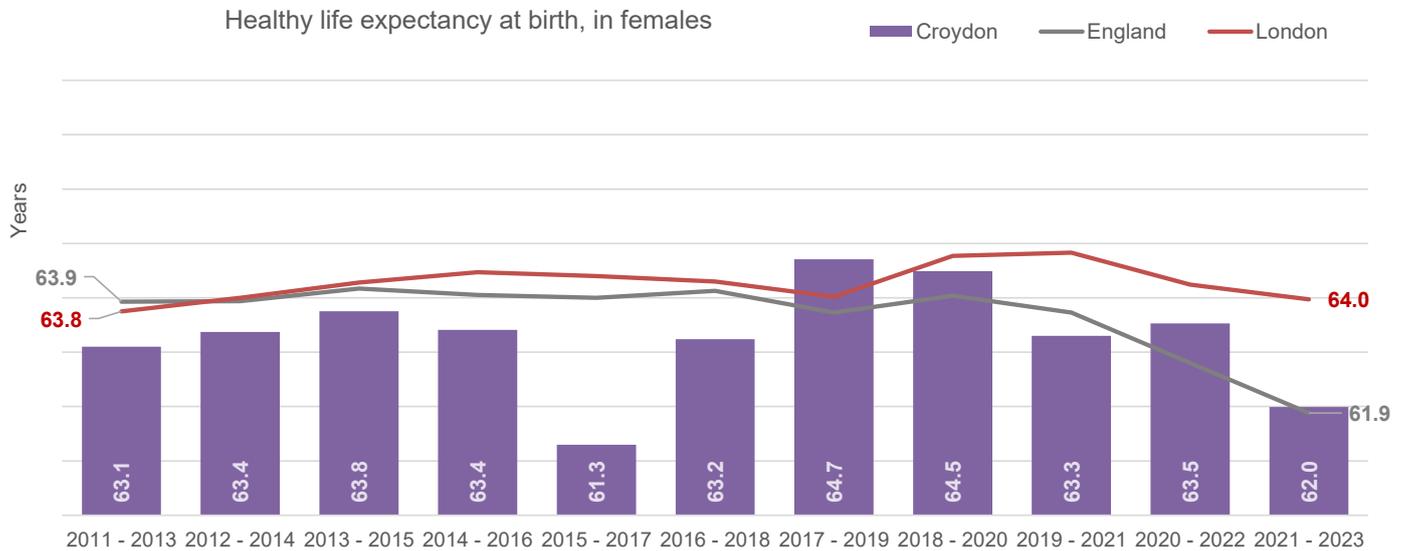
Healthy life expectancy at birth for males is now 61.9 years, an decrease of 1.4 years since 2018-20 and a decrease of 1.2 years since 2011-13.



Source: ONS health state life expectancies

Females

Healthy life expectancy at birth for females is now 62.0 years, a decrease of 2.5 years since 2018-20 and a decrease of 1.1 years since 2011-13.



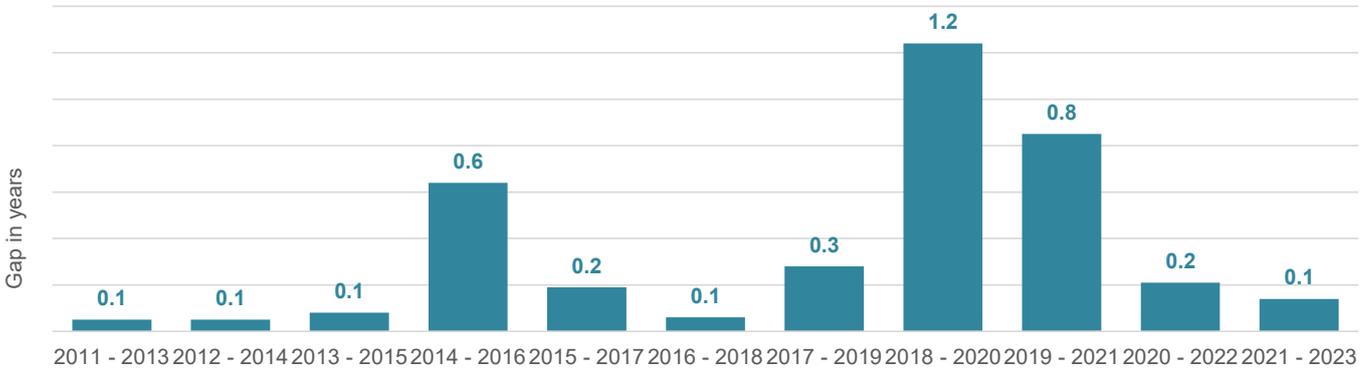
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Gender gap

There is a 0.1 year gap between male and female healthy life expectancy, a decrease from the 1.2 year gap in 2018-20

Gap between male and female healthy life expectancy at birth in Croydon



Source: ONS health state life expectancies

Comparing life expectancy at birth with healthy life expectancy at birth

When healthy life expectancy does not rise in-line with overall life expectancy, this means that residents may be living for longer in poor health

With a life expectancy at birth of 79.4 years and a healthy life expectancy at birth of 61.9 years, male residents of Croydon have a gap of 17.5 years, this equates to 22.1% of their lives estimated to spend in poor health.

With a life expectancy at birth of 84 years and a healthy life expectancy at birth of 62 years, female residents of Croydon have a gap of 22.1 years, this equates to 26.2% of their lives estimated to spend in poor health.

Difference between life expectancy at birth and healthy life expectancy at birth of Croydon residents - shows gap in years and therefore proportion of life estimated to live in poor health



Source: ONS health state life expectancies