This profile provides a snapshot of child health in this area. It is designed to help the local authority and health services improve the health and wellbeing of children and tackle health inequalities.

### The child population in this area

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<th>West Midlands</th>
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<td><strong>Live births in 2012</strong></td>
<td>4,731</td>
<td>73,940</td>
<td>694,241</td>
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<td><strong>Children (age 0 to 4 years), 2012</strong></td>
<td>23,200 (7.2%)</td>
<td>361,300 (6.4%)</td>
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<td><strong>Children (age 0 to 19 years), 2012</strong></td>
<td>83,800 (25.9%)</td>
<td>1,392,800 (24.7%)</td>
<td>12,771,100 (23.9%)</td>
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<td><strong>Children (age 0 to 19 years) in 2020 (projected)</strong></td>
<td>92,400 (25.7%)</td>
<td>1,458,400 (24.5%)</td>
<td>13,575,900 (23.7%)</td>
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<td><strong>School children from minority ethnic groups, 2013</strong></td>
<td>17,829 (41.4%)</td>
<td>216,695 (29.9%)</td>
<td>1,740,820 (26.7%)</td>
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<td><strong>Children living in poverty (age under 16 years), 2011</strong></td>
<td>25.9%</td>
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<td><strong>Life expectancy at birth, 2010-2012</strong></td>
<td>Boys 78.1</td>
<td>78.7</td>
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<td><strong>Children living in poverty</strong></td>
<td>Girls 82.1</td>
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### Key findings

Children and young people under the age of 20 years make up 25.9% of the population of Coventry. 41.4% of school children are from a minority ethnic group.

The health and wellbeing of children in Coventry is mixed compared with the England average. Infant and child mortality rates are similar to the England average.

The level of child poverty is worse than the England average with 25.9% of children aged under 16 years living in poverty. The rate of family homelessness is worse than the England average.

8.7% of children aged 4-5 years and 20.4% of children aged 10-11 years are classified as obese.

There were 620 children in care at 31 March 2013, which is a higher rate than the England average. A lower percentage of children in care are up-to-date with their immunisations and GCSE achievement is better than the England average for this group of children.

In 2011/12, there were 13,213 A&E attendances by children aged 4 years and under. This gives a rate which is higher than the England average. The hospital admission rate for injury in children is higher than the England average, and the admission rate for injury in young people is similar to the England average.
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Childhood obesity

These charts show the percentage of children classified as obese or overweight in Reception (aged 4-5 years) and Year 6 (aged 10-11 years) by local authority compared with their statistical neighbours. Compared with the England average, this area has a better percentage in Reception and a similar percentage in Year 6 classified as obese or overweight.

Children aged 4-5 years classified as obese or overweight, 2012/13 (percentage)

Children aged 10-11 years classified as obese or overweight, 2012/13 (percentage)

Young people and alcohol

In comparison with the 2005/06-2007/08 period, the rate of young people under 18 who are admitted to hospital because they have a condition wholly related to alcohol such as alcohol overdose is lower in the 2010/11-2012/13 period. The admission rate in the 2010/11-2012/13 period is similar to the England average.

Young people aged under 18 admitted to hospital with alcohol specific conditions (rate per 100,000 population aged 0-17 years)

Young people's mental health

In comparison with the 2007/08-2009/10 period, the rate of young people aged 10 to 24 years who are admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm is higher in the 2010/11-2012/13 period. The admission rate in the 2010/11-2012/13 period is higher than the England average*. Nationally, levels of self-harm are higher among young women than young men.

Young people aged 10 to 24 years admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm (rate per 100,000 population aged 10 to 24 years)

*Information about admissions in the single year 2012/13 can be found on page 4

Note: This analysis uses the 85th and 95th centiles of the British 1990 growth reference (UK90) for BMI to classify children as overweight and obese. I indicates 95% confidence interval. Data source: National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), Health and Social Care Information Centre

Data source: Public Health England (PHE)

Data source: Hospital Episode Statistics, Health and Social Care Information Centre

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These charts compare Coventry with its statistical neighbours, the England and regional average and, where available, the European average.

Teenage conceptions in girls aged under 18 years, 2011 (rate per 1,000 female population aged 15-17 years)

In 2011, approximately 49 girls aged under 18 conceived for every 1,000 females aged 15-17 years in this area. This is higher than the regional average. The area has a higher teenage conception rate compared with the England average.

Teenage mothers aged under 18 years, 2012/13 (percentage of all deliveries)

In 2012/13, 1.8% of women giving birth in this area were aged under 18 years. This is similar to the regional average. This area has a higher percentage of births to teenage girls compared with the England average and a higher percentage compared with the European average of 1.2%*.

Breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks, 2012/13 (percentage of infants due 6 to 8 week checks)

In this area, 43.7% of mothers are still breastfeeding at 6 to 8 weeks. This is lower than the England average. 74.9% of mothers in this area initiate breastfeeding when their baby is born. This area has a lower percentage of babies who have ever been breastfed compared with the European average of 89.1%*.

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunisation by age 2 years, 2012/13 (percentage of children age 2 years)

Compared with the England average, a higher percentage of children (96.9%) have received their first dose of immunisation by the age of two in this area. By the age of five, 95.0% of children have received their second dose of MMR immunisation. This is higher than the England average. In the West Midlands, there were 95 laboratory confirmed cases of measles in young people aged 19 and under in the past year.


Data source: PHE


Data sources: Health and Social Care Information Centre, PHE

Note: Where data is not available or figures have been suppressed, no bar will appear in the chart for that area.
The chart below shows how children's health and wellbeing in this area compares with the rest of England. The local result for each indicator is shown as a circle, against the range of results for England which are shown as a grey bar. The red line indicates the England average. The key to the colour of the circles is shown below.

![Chart showing children's health and wellbeing in Coventry compared to England average]