

CARDIFF

in 2025

Please note: This report has been developed based on the latest data available and therefore provides a snapshot in time (June 2025).

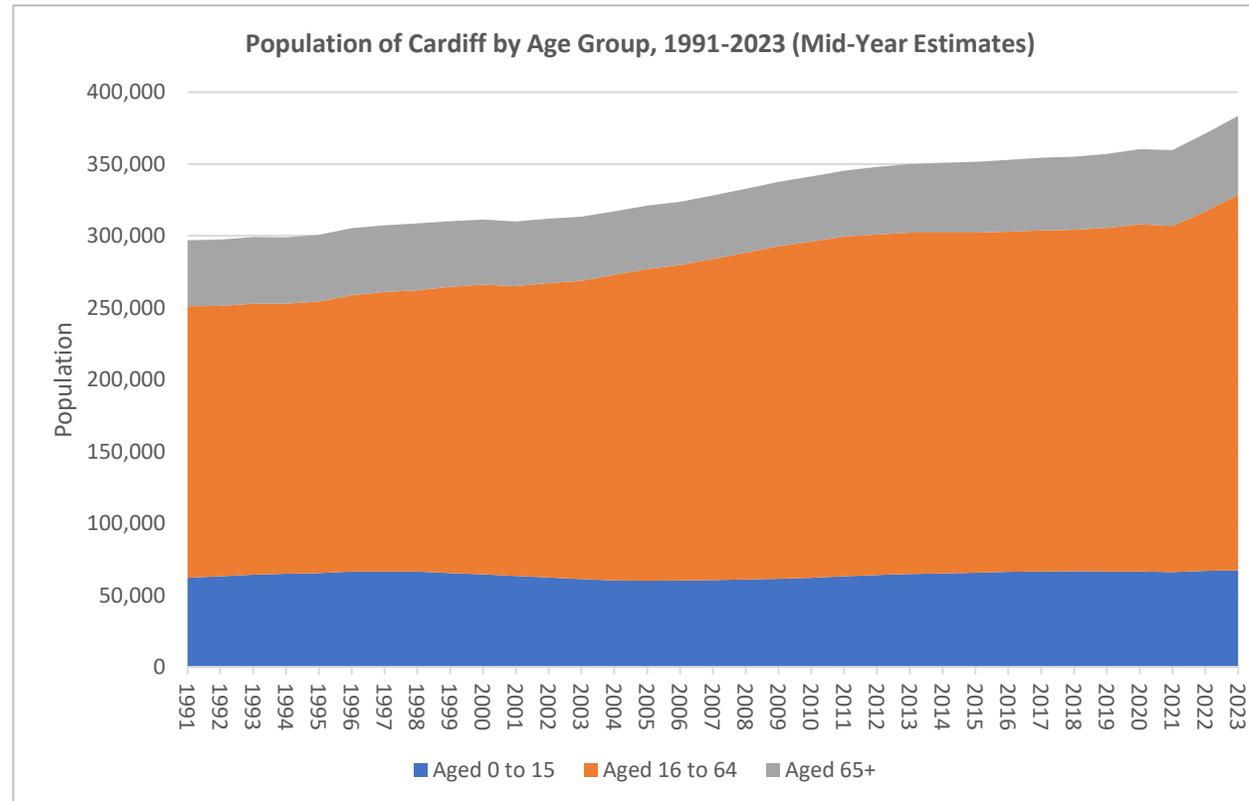
Cardiff's Demography: An Overview



Population Estimates by Age Group

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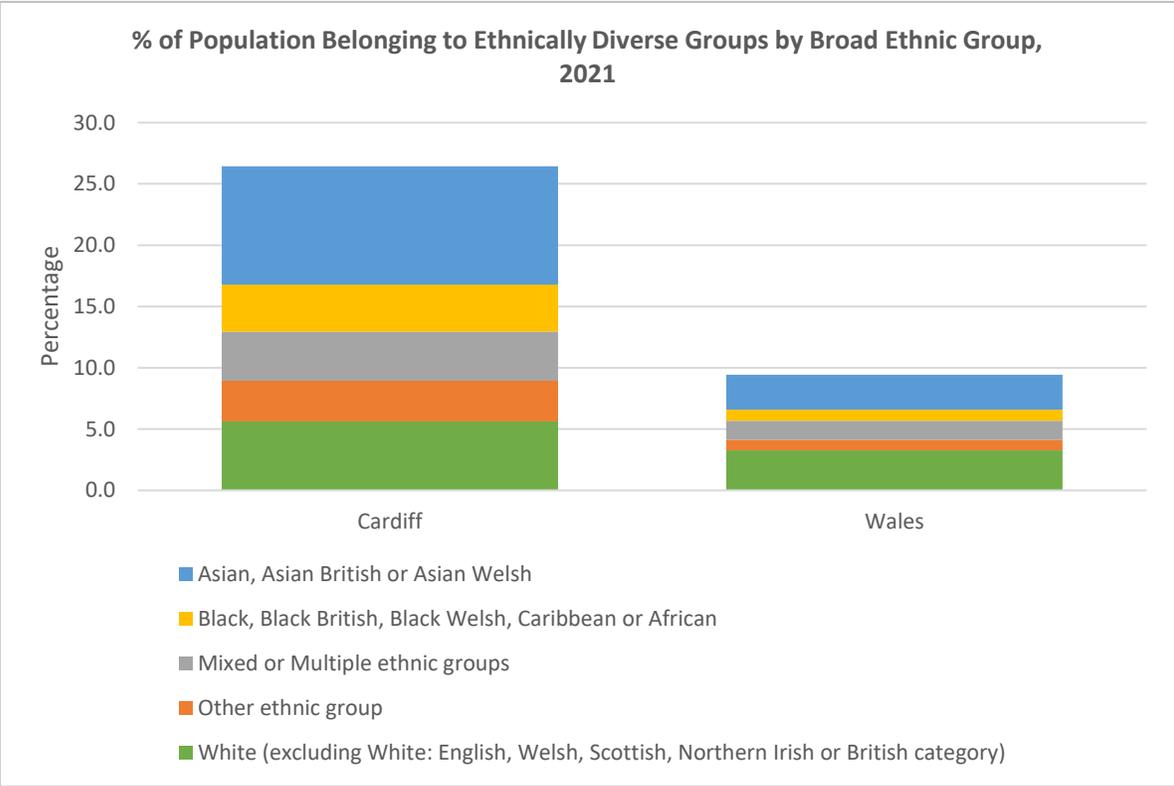
- The latest (mid-2023) population estimate for Cardiff is 383.5k people, up 87k since 1991.
- Between 2011 and 2021 the population grew by just 14k compared with 35k for the previous 10-year period. However, this has been followed by a significant increase of almost 24k people between 2021 and 2023, including over 12k from 2022 to 2023 – the largest one-year increase since records began in 1991 and more than double the largest annual increase seen between 1991 and 2021.
- Since 2011, Cardiff's population aged 65+ has grown by a fifth (19.9%) – three times the rate of increase seen by those aged 0-15 (6.6%) and almost twice that of those aged 16-64 (10.5%).
- In 2023, 17.5% of Cardiff's population were aged 0-15 (67k), 68.2% were aged 16-64 (261k) and 14.3% were aged 65+ (55k).



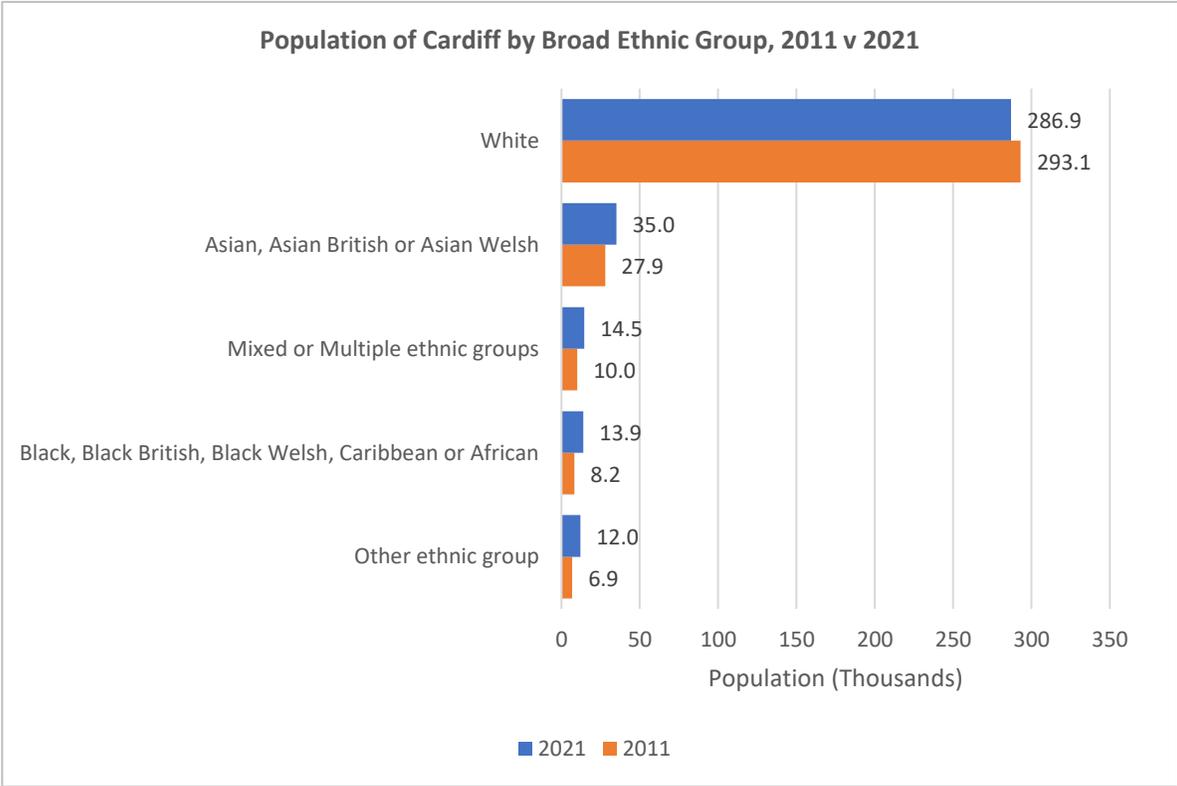
Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, ONS

Ethnicity

- Key Points:**
- The 2021 Census showed that 26.4% of Cardiff’s population (96k people) belonged to ethnically diverse groups, almost three times the Wales-wide proportion of 9.4%.
 - Since the 2011 Census, the number of residents belonging to a White ethnic group has fallen by over 6k. In contrast, each of the non-White ethnic groups have seen numbers increase:
 - Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh: +7.1k
 - Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African: +5.7k
 - Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups: +4.5k
 - Other ethnic group: +5.1k



Source: 2021 Census



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NB. Ethnically Diverse Groups include all ethnicities except White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British

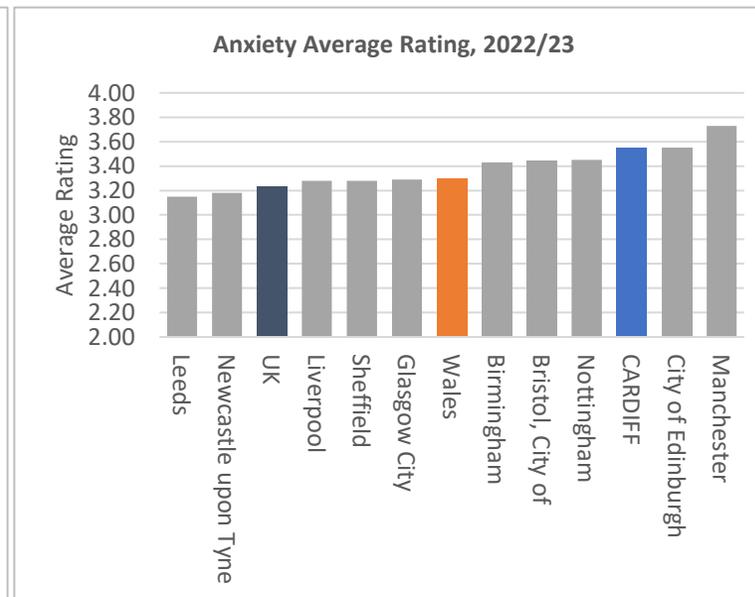
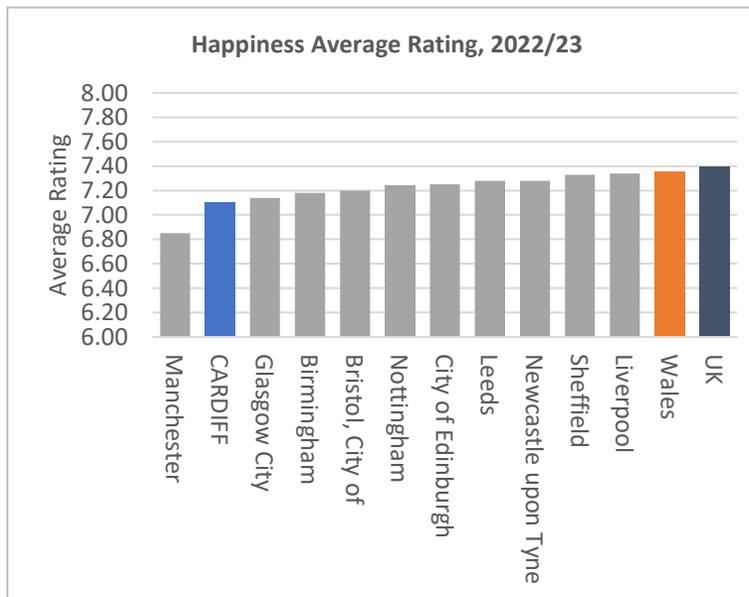
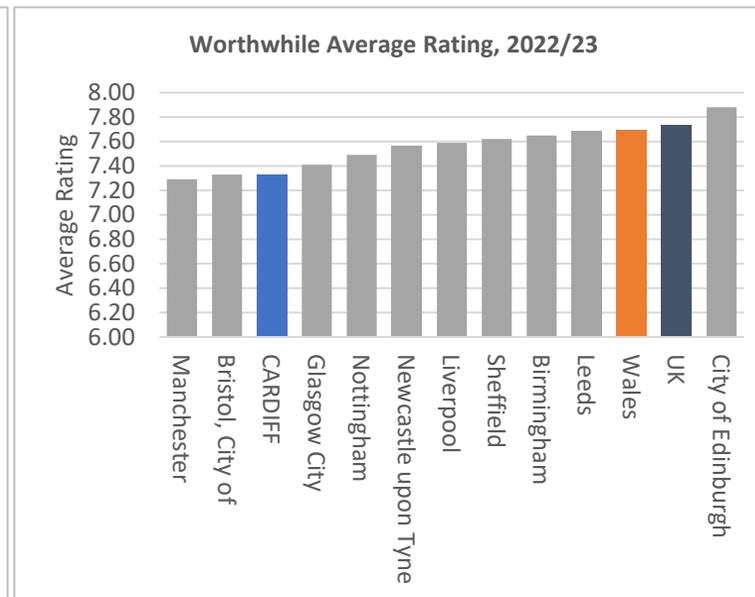
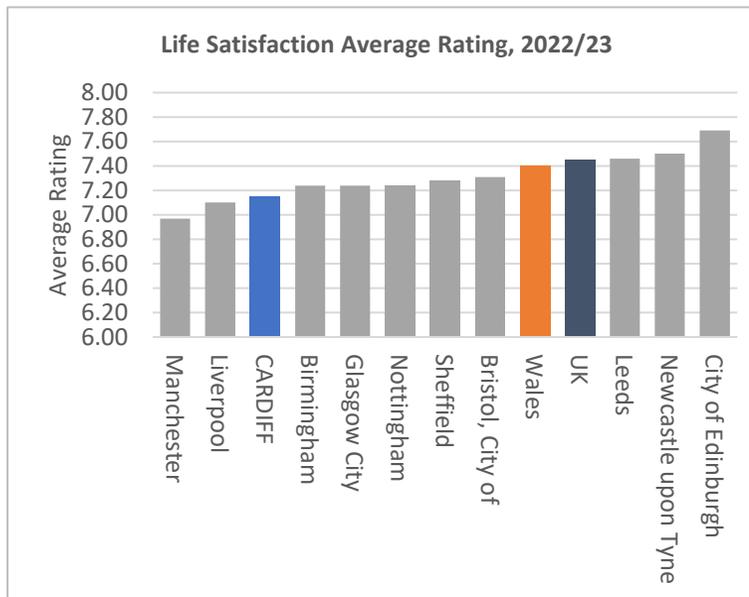
Personal Well-being



Personal Well-being: Life satisfaction, Happiness, Worthwhile, Anxiety

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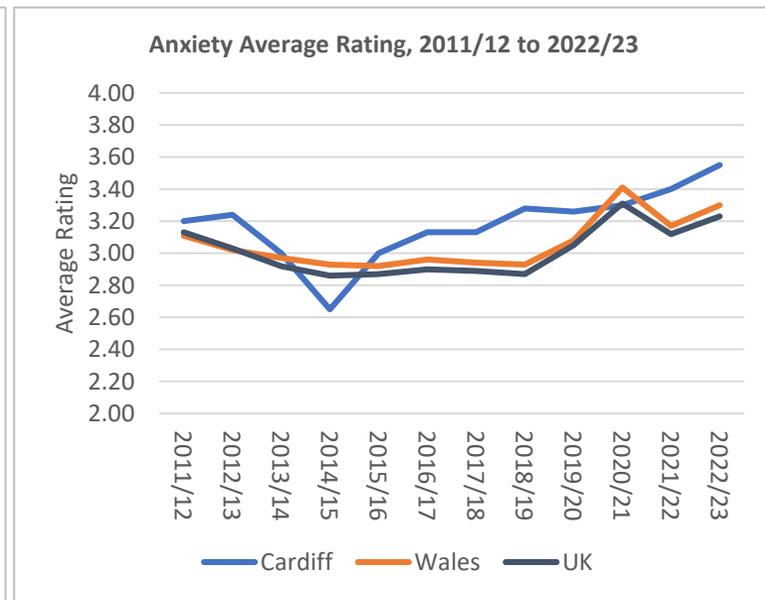
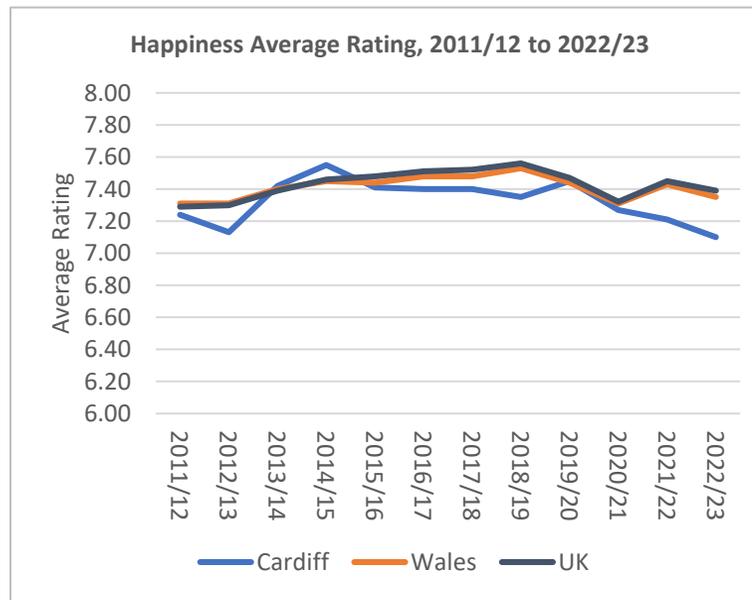
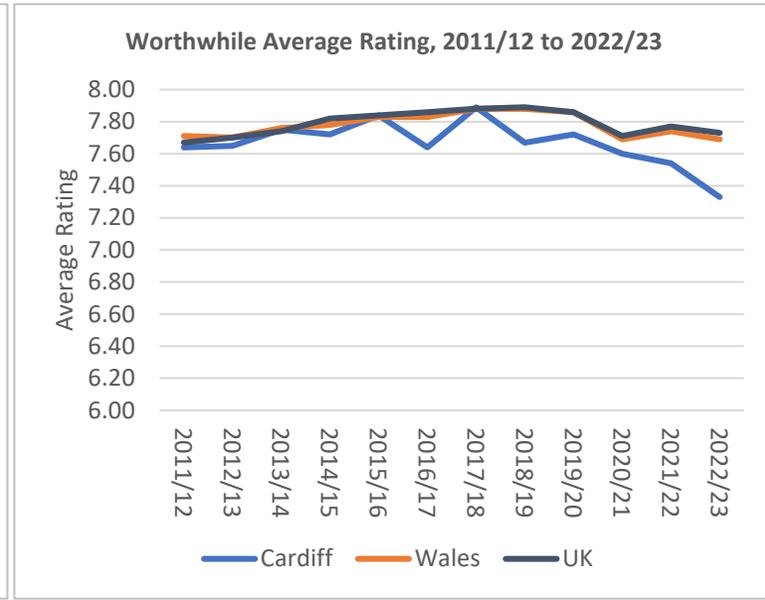
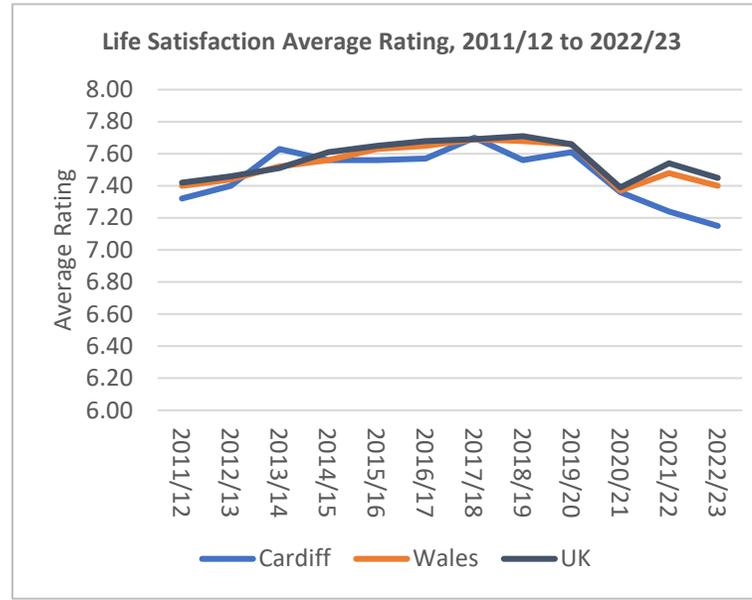
- In 2022/23, Cardiff ranked relatively poorly compared with other major cities (and Edinburgh) as well as both Wales and UK.
- Third lowest major UK city rating for Life Satisfaction and below both the Wales and UK average rating.
- Joint-second lowest Worthwhile rating and below both the Wales and UK average rating.
- Second lowest major UK city for Happiness rating and below both the Wales and UK average rating.
- Joint-second highest 'Anxiety' level and above both the Wales and UK average rating



Personal Well-being: Life satisfaction, Happiness, Worthwhile, Anxiety (continued..)

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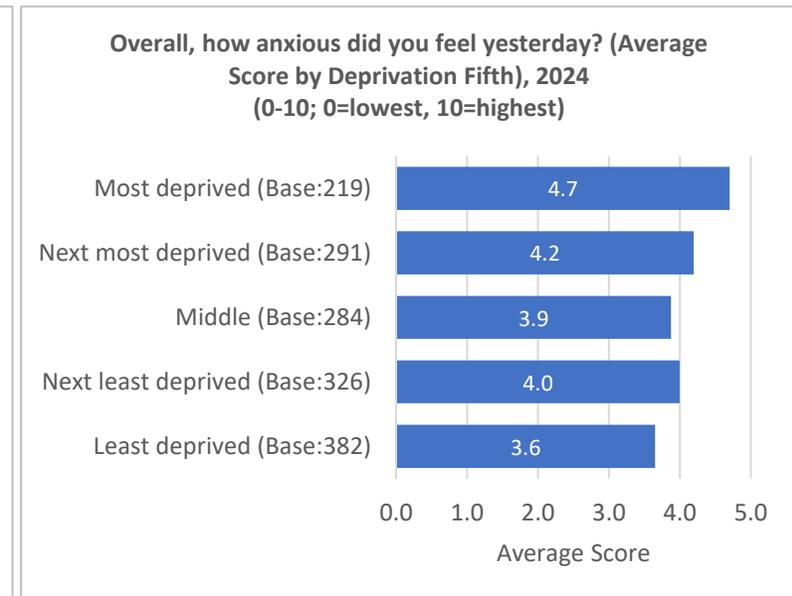
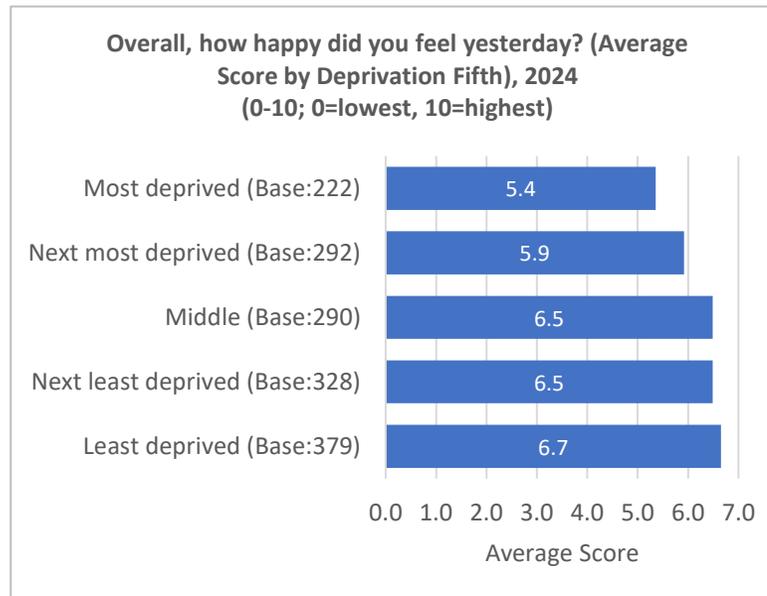
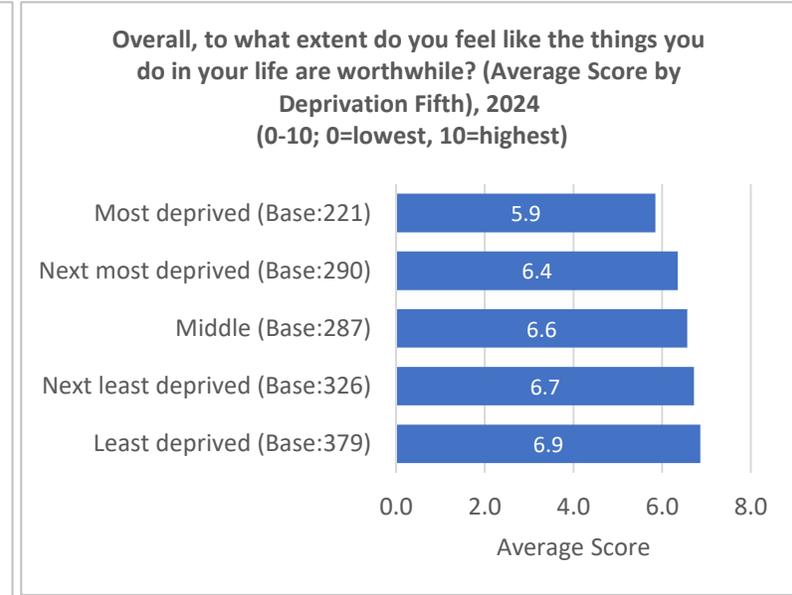
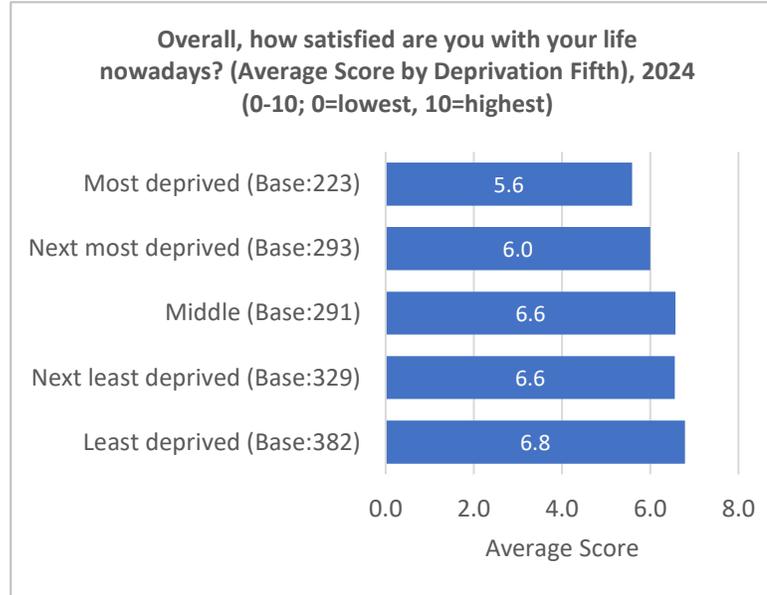
- Cardiff's average rating for Life Satisfaction, feeling Worthwhile and Happiness have exceeded the 7/10 mark since 2011/12.
- However, since 2019/20 all of these indicators of personal well-being have followed a downward trend, potentially as a result of events such as the pandemic and cost of living crisis, and have diverged away from the Wales and UK figures.
- Similarly, anxiety levels in Cardiff have seen an upward trend since 2019/20 and in recent years, with the exception of 2020/21, have been above both the Wales and UK averages.
- In 2022/23, all of the four indicators were at their worst levels since records began in 2011/12.



Personal Well-being: Life satisfaction, Happiness, Worthwhile, Anxiety (continued...)

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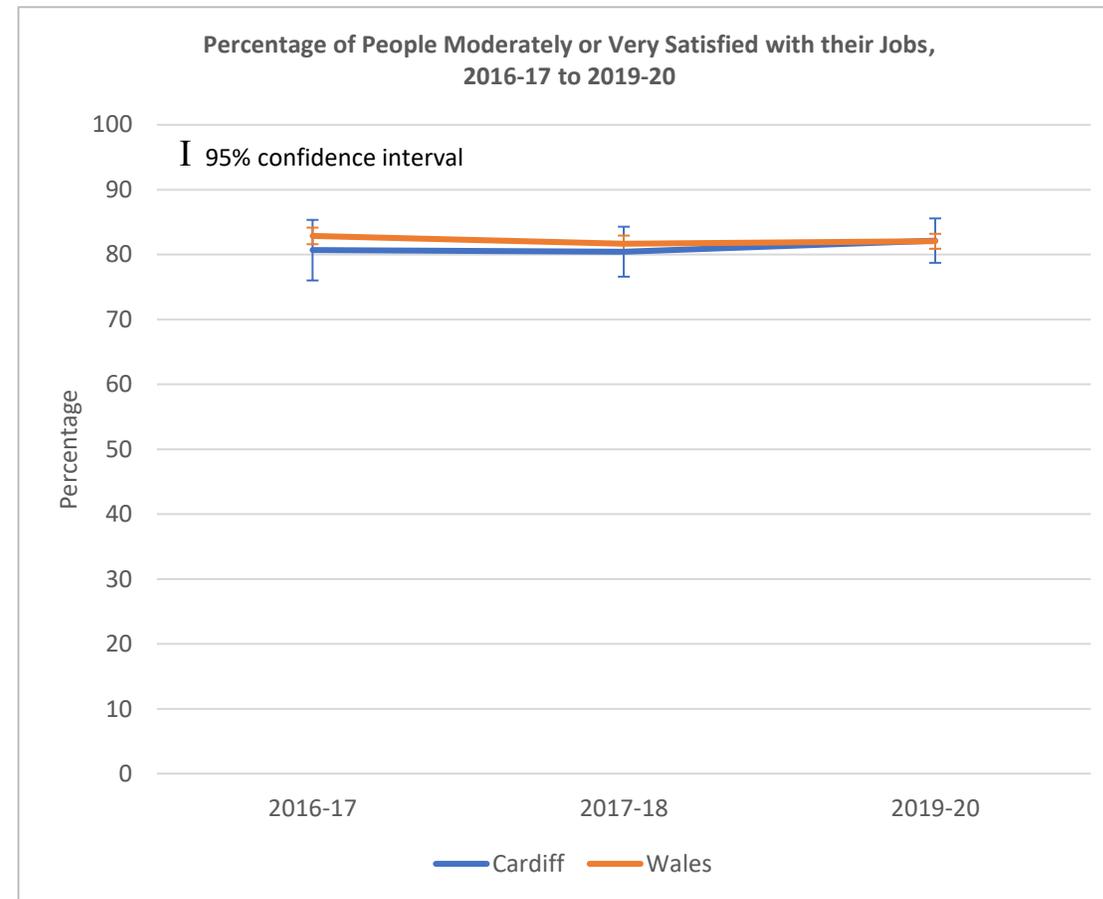
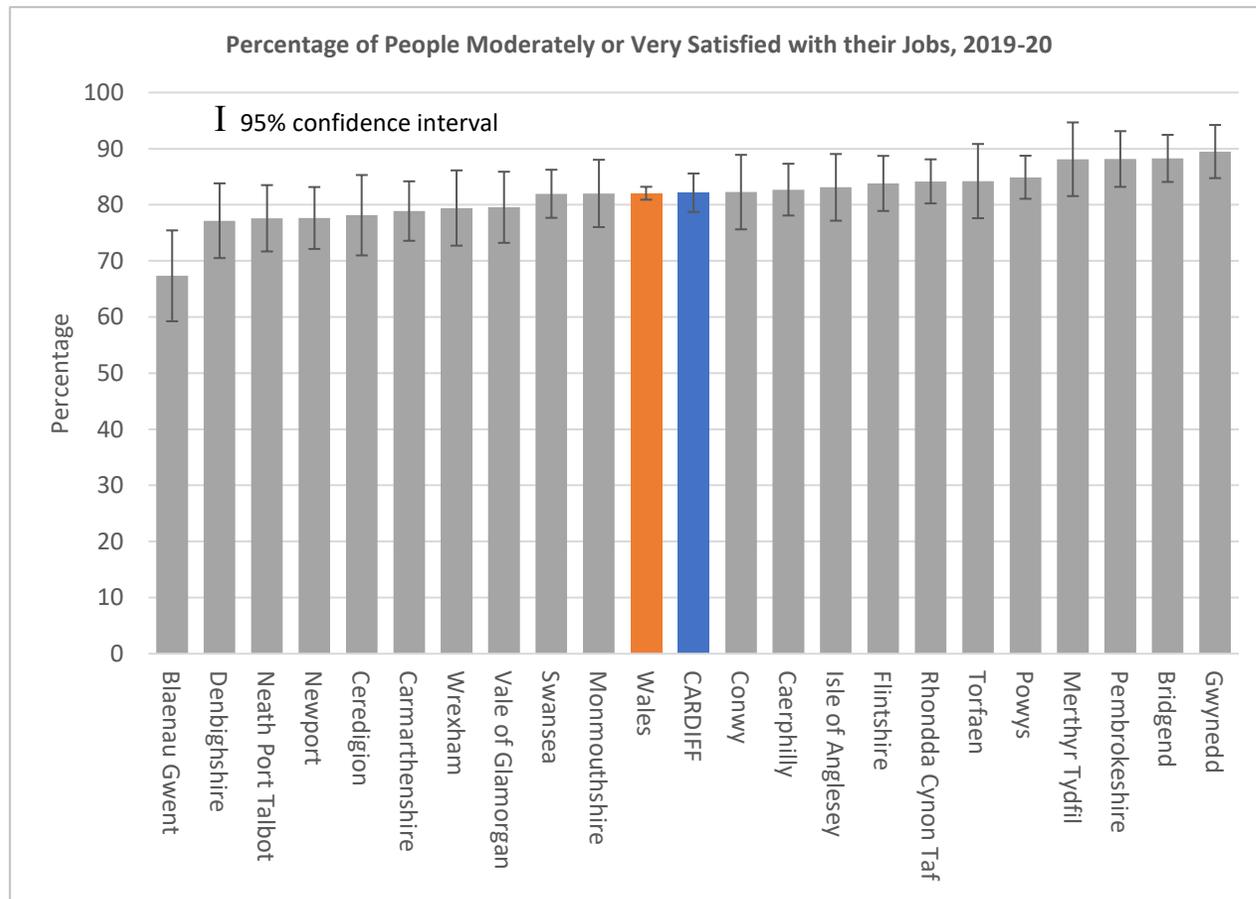
- Across the range of measures, personal wellbeing deteriorates as deprivation increases.



Percentage of People Moderately or Very Satisfied with their Jobs

Key Points:

- In 2019-20 (latest available data), more than four-fifths (82%) of people in Cardiff were moderately or very satisfied with their jobs, the same proportion as for Wales as a whole.
- This figure has been relatively stable since 2016-17.



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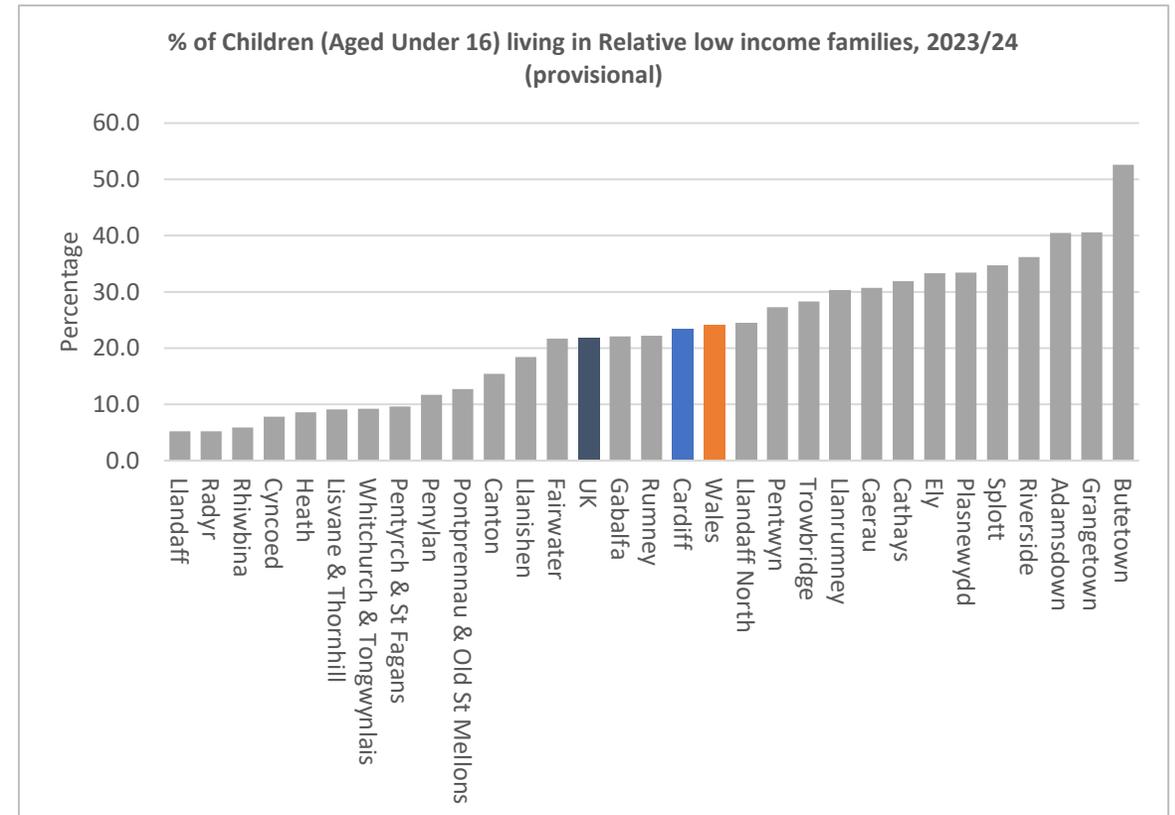
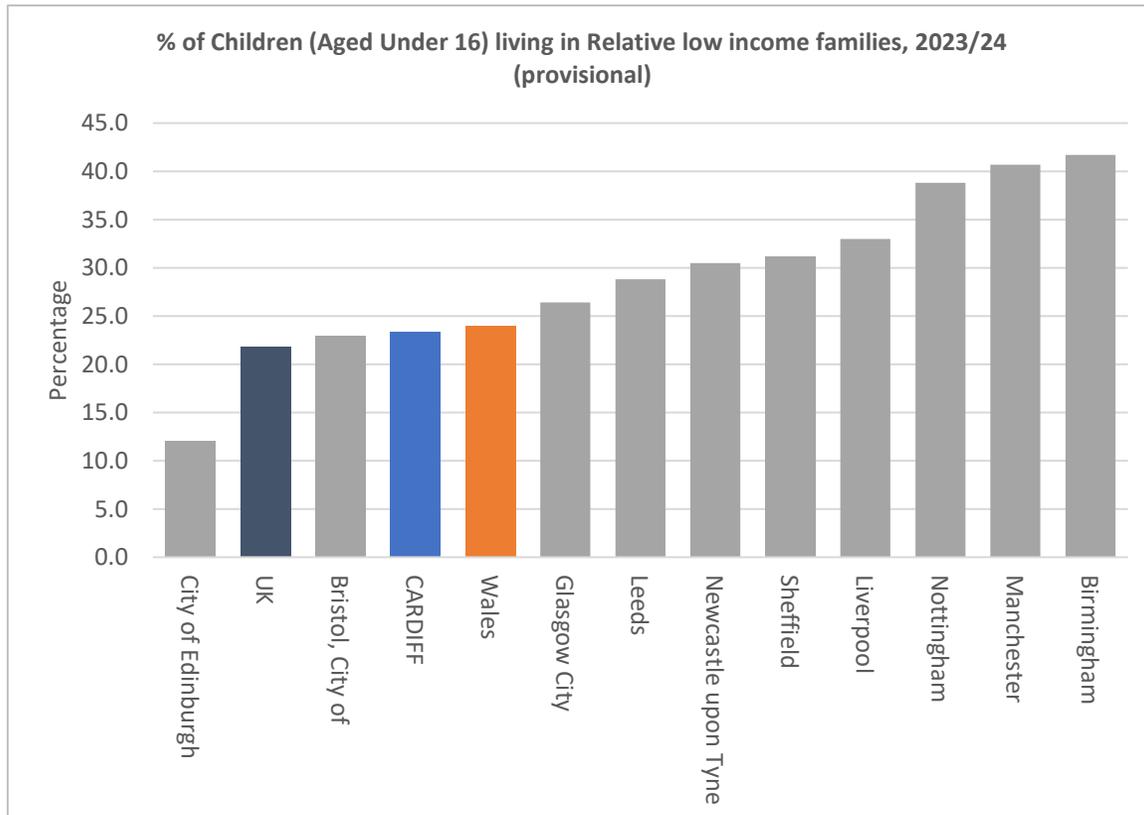


Percentage of Children in Relative Low Income Families

Key Points:

- In 2023/24, almost a quarter (23.4%) of children (aged under 16) in Cardiff were living in Relative low income families. This is the 3rd lowest percentage across the major UK cities and slightly below the figure for Wales of 24.0%. However, it exceeds the UK average of 21.8%.
- Across Cardiff's wards, the proportion ranges tenfold from 5.2% in both Llandaff and Radyr to 52.6% in Butetown. The figure also exceeds two-fifths in Adamsdown and Grangetown.

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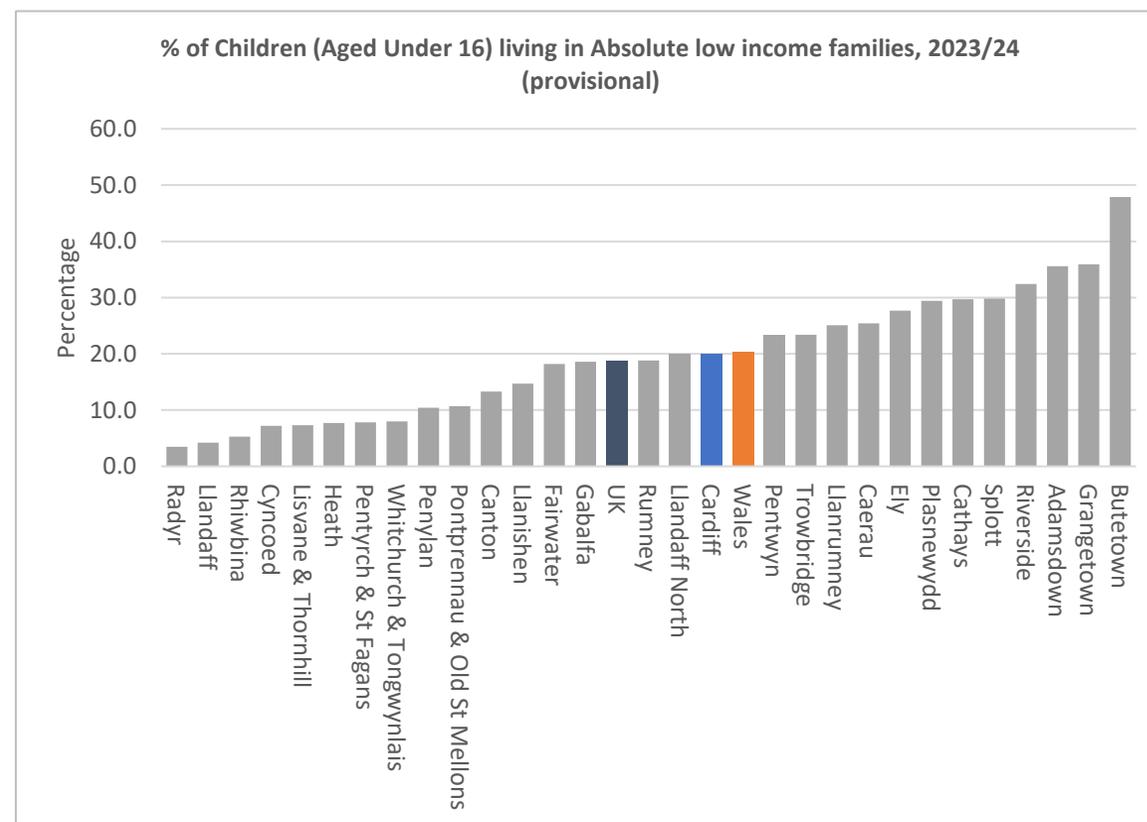
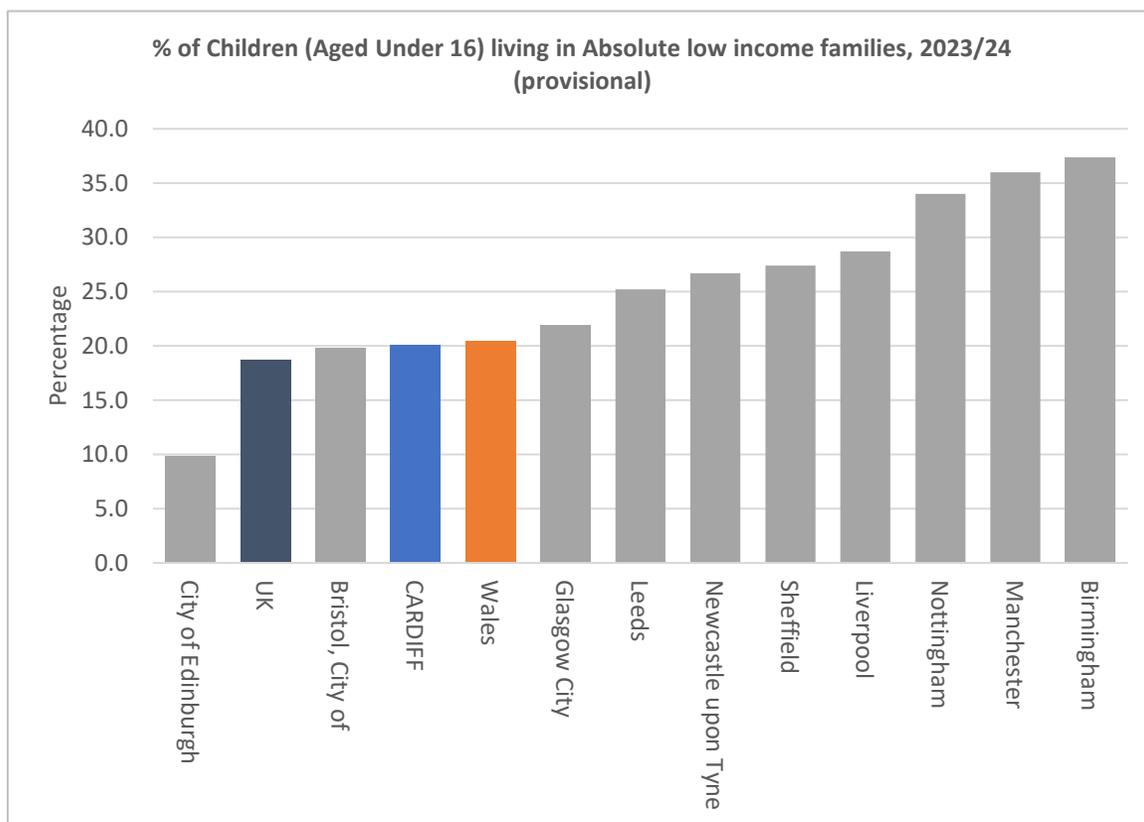


Percentage of Children in Absolute Low Income Families

Key Points:

- In 2023/24, a fifth (20.1%) of children (aged under 16) in Cardiff were living in Absolute low income families. This is the 3rd lowest percentage across the major UK cities and slightly below the figure for Wales of 20.4%. However, it exceeds the UK average of 18.7%.
- Across Cardiff's wards, the proportion ranges more than thirteenfold from 3.5% in Radyr to 47.9% in Butetown. The figure also exceeds a third in Adamsdown and Grangetown.

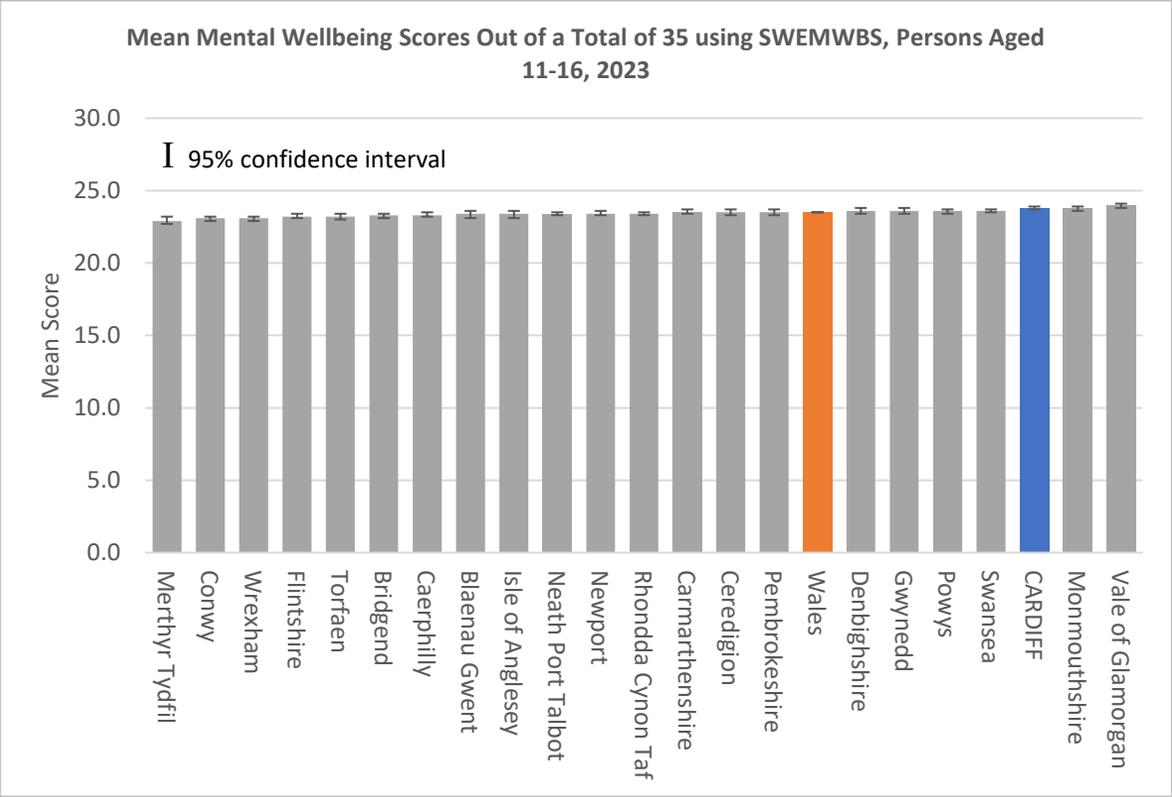
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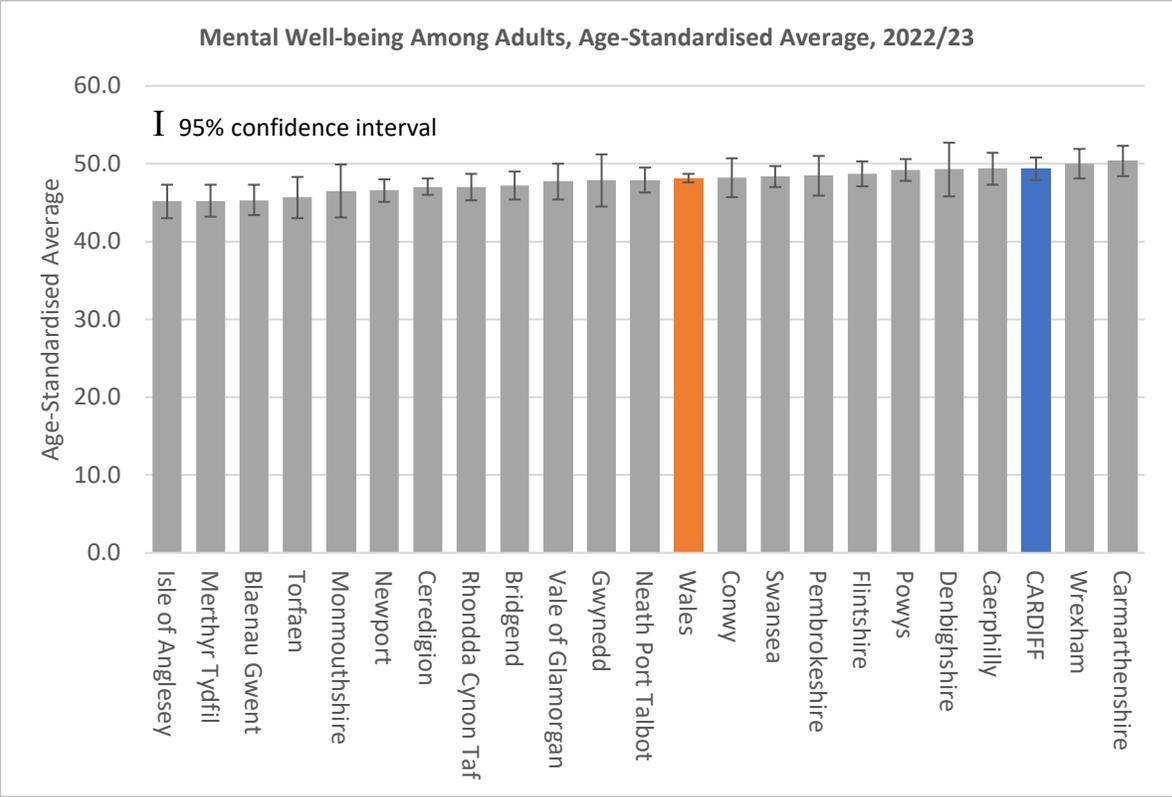
Mental Well-being: Children & Young Adults and Adults

Key Points:

- In 2023, Cardiff had the joint-second highest mean mental wellbeing score for children aged 11-16 and exceeded the Welsh average.
- In 2022/23, adult mental well-being (age-standardised average) in Cardiff was the joint-third highest across the Welsh LAs and was above the Welsh average.



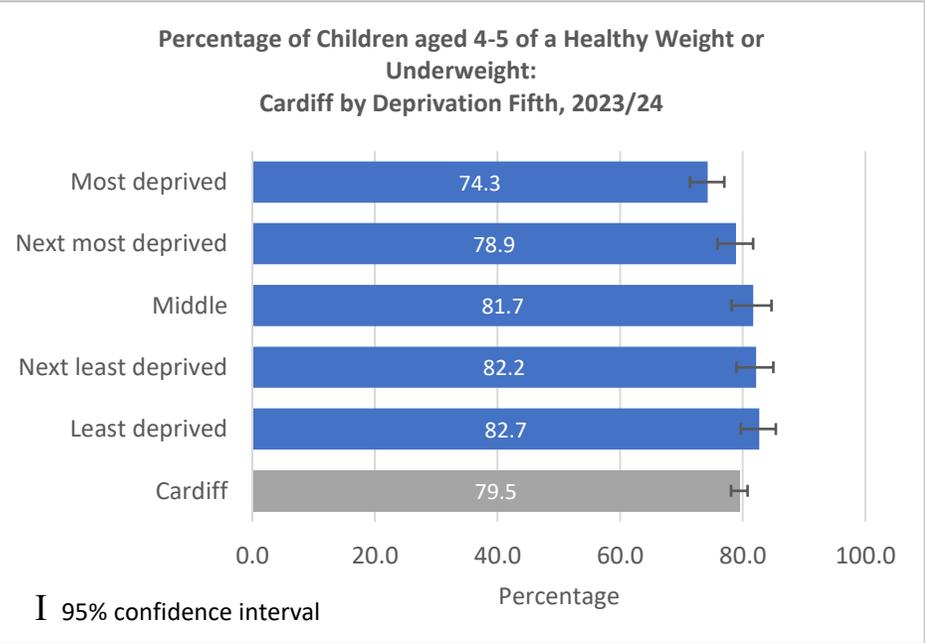
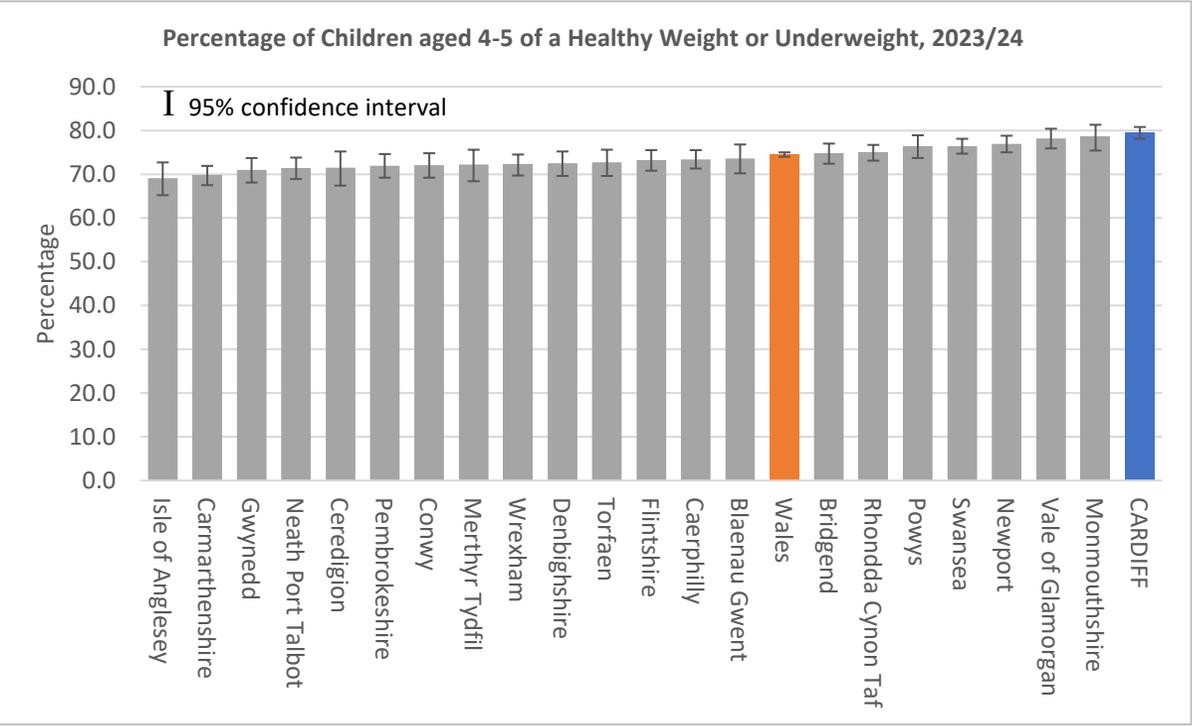
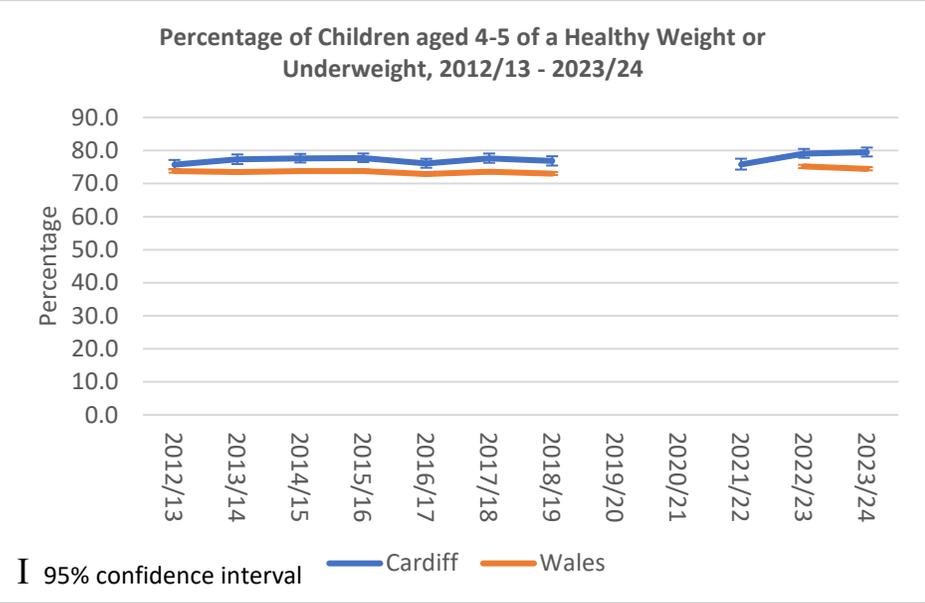
Source: Produced by Public Health Wales Observatory, using SHRN data



Source: Produced by Public Health Wales using NsFW (WG)

Percentage of Children Aged 4 to 5 who are a Healthy Weight

- Key Points:**
- In 2023/24, almost four-fifths (79.5%) of children aged 4-5 in Cardiff were of a healthy weight or underweight – its highest proportion since records began in 2012/13 and the highest in Wales. The Cardiff figure has also consistently exceeded that of Wales as a whole since 2012/13.
 - However, this still left over a fifth (20.5%) of children aged 4 or 5 in Cardiff that are overweight or obese.
 - There is also an 8.4 percentage point difference when comparing Cardiff's least/most deprived communities. However, this gap is down from 12.4 percentage points in the previous year (2022/23) and is the lowest since these figures were first produced in 2016/17.

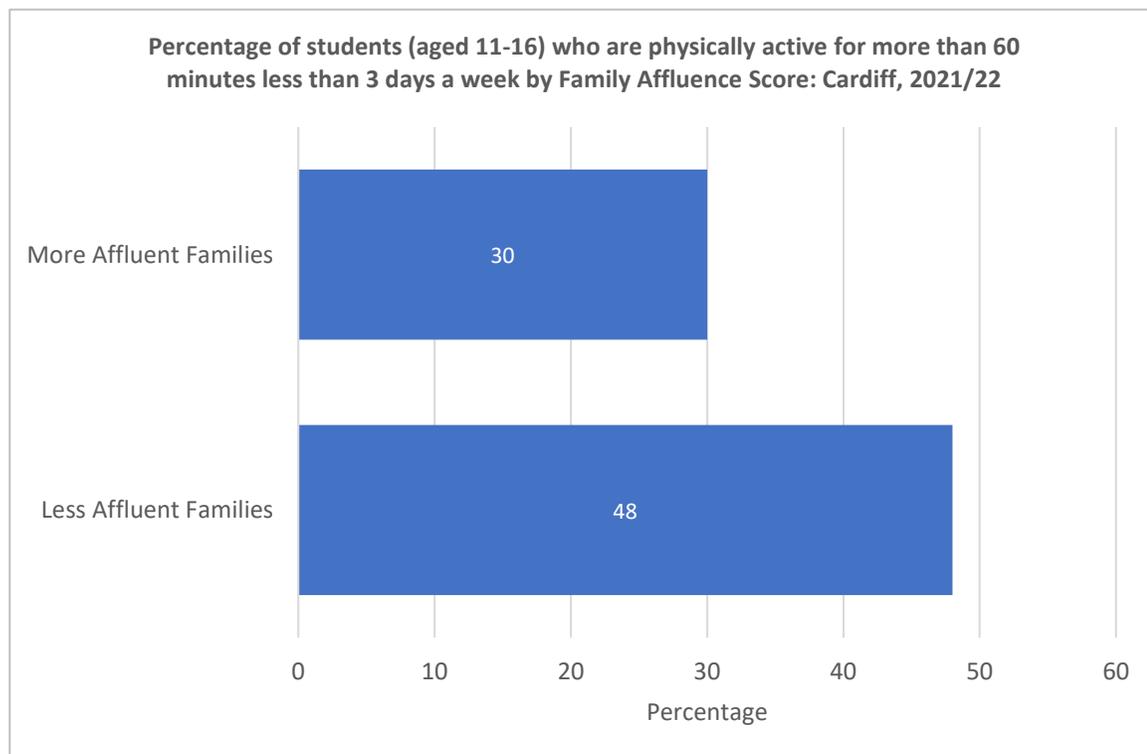


NB. There was no official statistics release for 2019/20 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the impact on data collection. Due to the impact of the pandemic on, for example, participation levels, Cardiff figures are not available for 2020/21, while national figures for Wales are not available for 2020/21 or 2021/22.

Percentage of Students (aged 11-16) who are Physically Active for more than 60 minutes, less than 3 days a week by Family Affluence Score

Key Points:

- In 2021/22, almost half (48%) of students (aged 11-16) from less affluent families in Cardiff were physically active for more than 60 minutes less than three days a week. This was well above the comparative figure for more affluent families (30%).

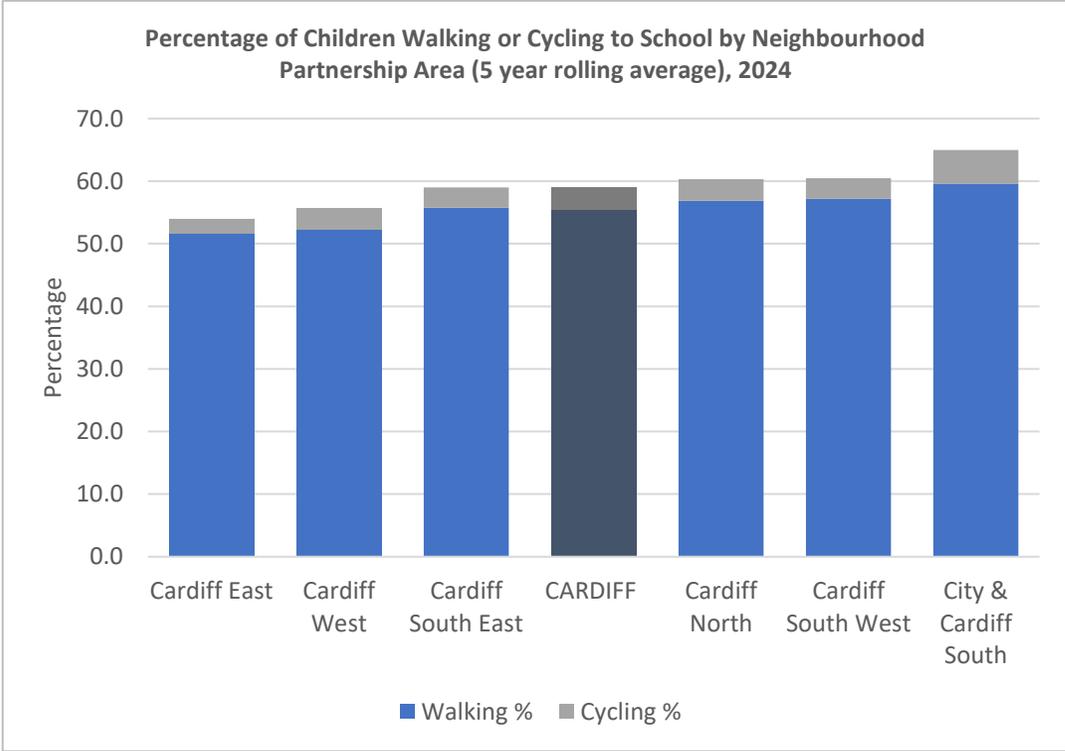
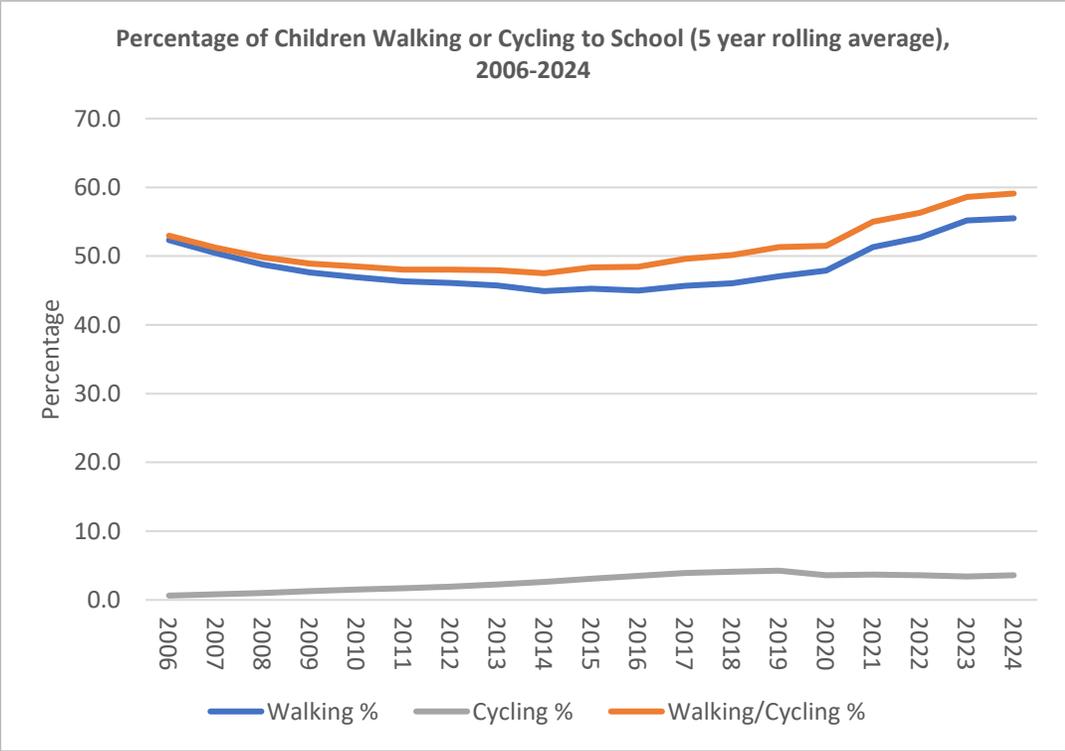


Source: Students' Health & Wellbeing Report, School Health Research Network, Public Health Wales

The HBSC Family Affluence Scale (FAS) has been employed to estimate young people's socio-economic status, based on a set of questions which measure the material conditions of the household in which young people live. A binary affluence score result (low scoring between 0 and 7, with high scoring between 8 and 10) has been used in place of the usual high, mid and low standard scoring system, due to one of the six questions making up the scale result no longer being an appropriate measure as a result of pandemic restrictions (Has your family travelled outside of Wales on holiday?). Those who did not provide a response to all of the questions which make up the score were not given a high or low result; meaning they have been excluded from FAS breakdowns.

Percentage of Children Cycling/Walking to School

- Key Points:**
- Since 2014 the percentage of children cycling or walking to school has steadily increased, mainly driven by an increase in walking.
 - In 2024, nearly three-fifths (59.1%) of children in Cardiff active travel to school.
 - Across the city this figure ranges from 53.9% in Cardiff East to 65.0% in City & Cardiff South.

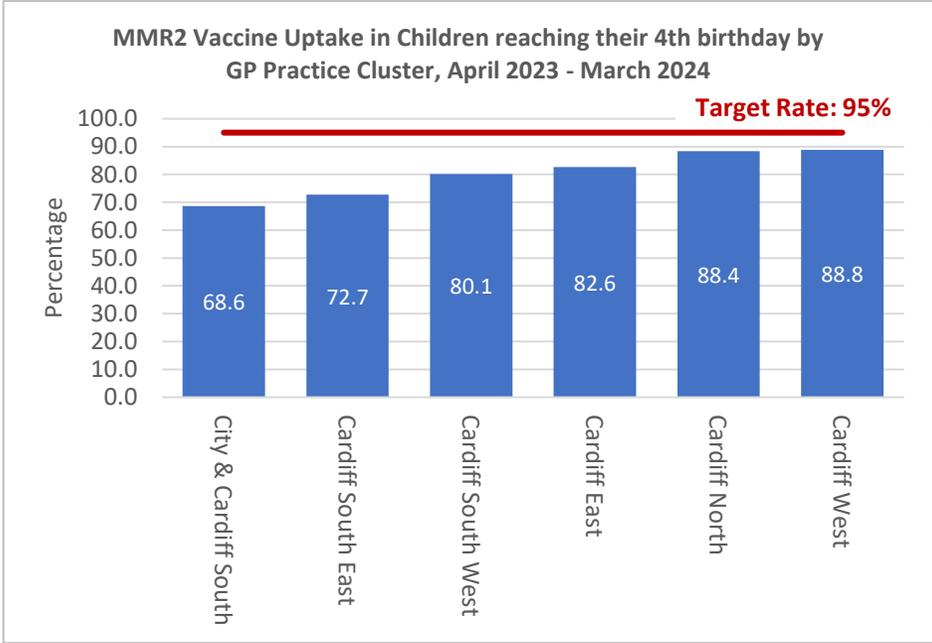
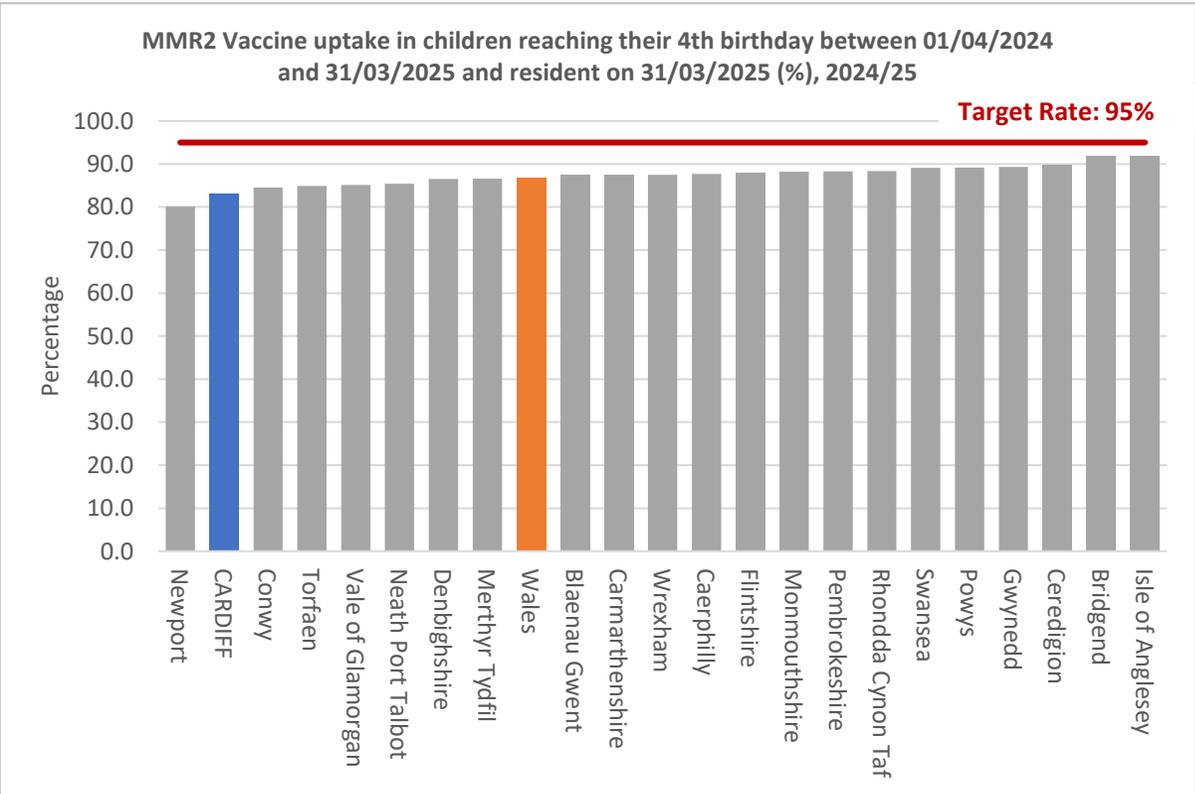
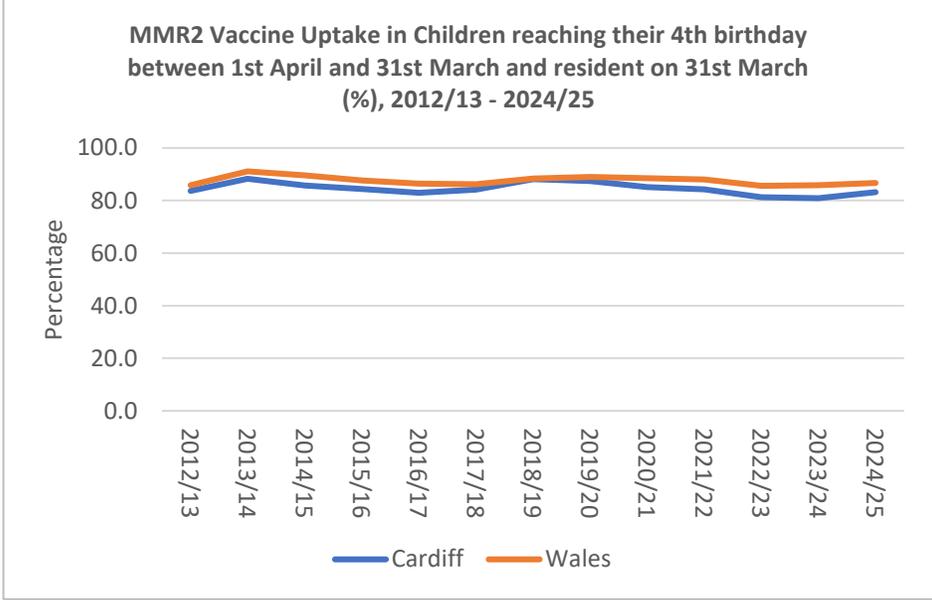


NB. Prior to 2024, Cardiff Council was responsible for collecting this data. Since then, Public Health Wales (PHW) has assumed responsibility for data collection. The PHW survey methodology differs slightly from that used by Cardiff Council, as does their sample size.

Source: Cardiff Council (Strategic Planning)/Public Health Wales

Uptake of MMR2 by Age 4

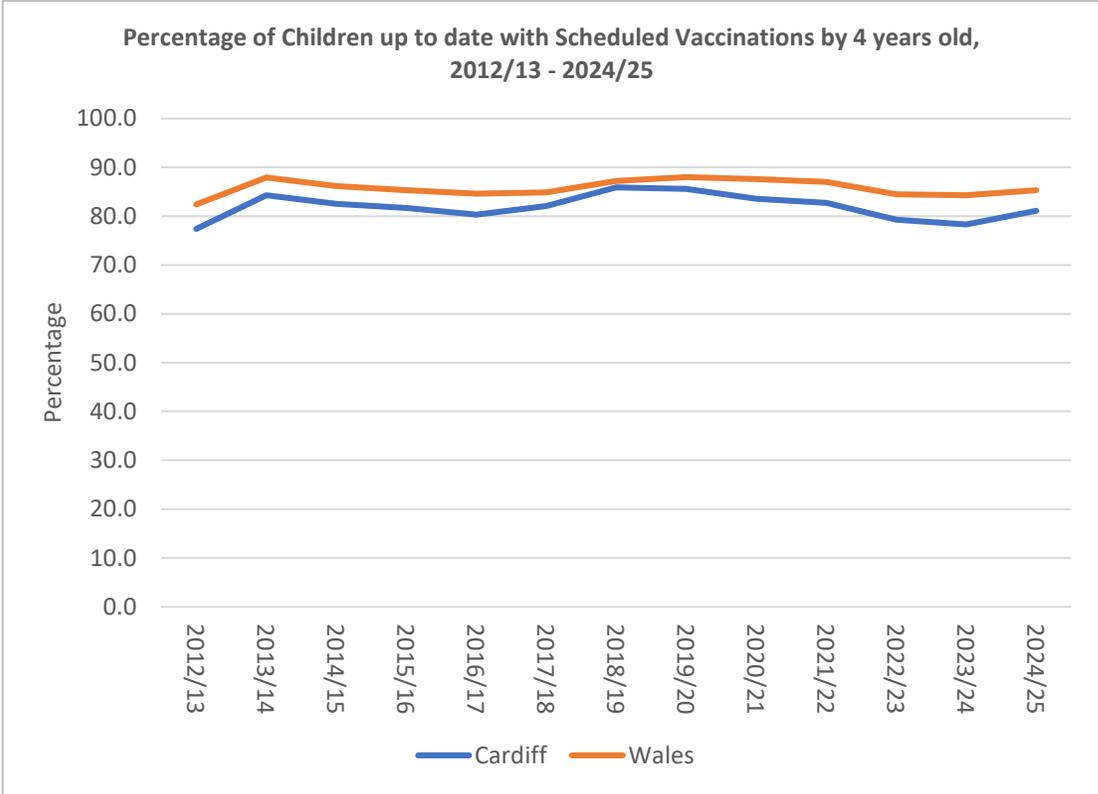
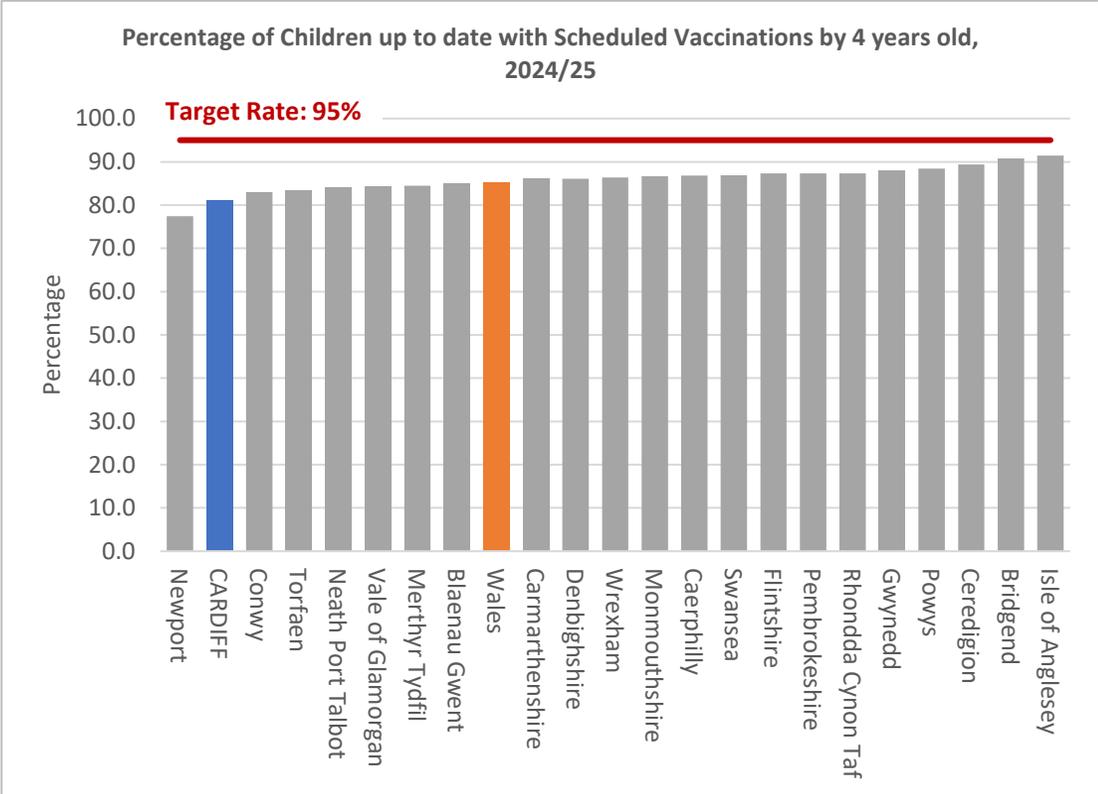
- Key Points:**
- The MMR2 vaccine uptake rate by age 4 increased in Cardiff in 2024/25, reversing the trend seen since the pandemic. However, it is still below the pre-pandemic level.
 - In 2024/25, Cardiff (83.2%) had the second lowest MMR2 vaccination uptake rate in Wales, although this was an improvement on the previous year when it had the lowest rate. It has also consistently been below the Wales rate, which in 2024/25 was 86.7%.
 - Target immunisation rate is 95%, although no local authority in Wales currently meets this target.
 - Within Cardiff, the City & Cardiff South GP cluster has particularly low levels of uptake with only two-thirds (68.6%) having received their second vaccination by age 4 for the twelve months ending March 2024.
 - The best performing clusters in Cardiff are still below the national target.



Source: Public Health Wales

Percentage of Children Up To Date with Scheduled Vaccinations by 4 years old

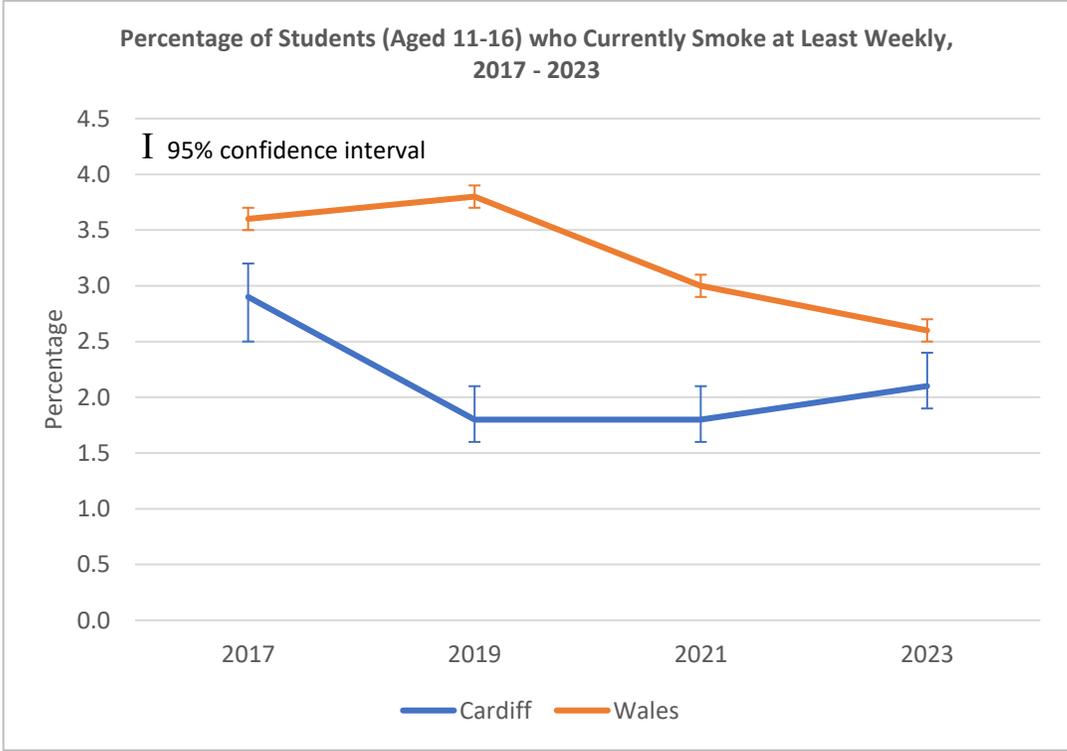
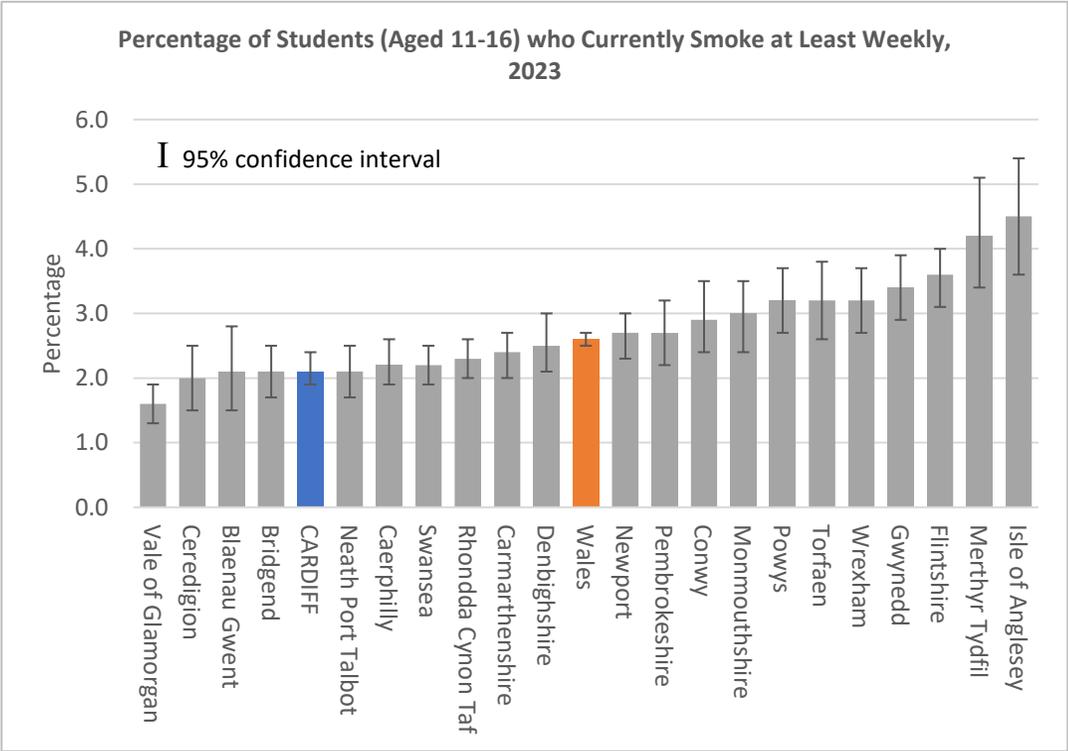
- Key Points:**
- In 2024/25, just over than four-fifths (81.1%) of children in Cardiff were up to date with scheduled vaccinations by age 4, the second lowest figure in Wales and below the Welsh average of 85.3%.
 - However, it was up from 78.3% in the previous year, when it had the lowest rate in Wales. This bucked the recent downturn in vaccination uptake that had been seen since the pandemic, although it was still below the pre-pandemic level.



Source: Public Health Wales

Percentage of Students (aged 11-16) who Currently Smoke at Least Weekly

- Key Points:**
- In 2023, 2.1% of students (aged 11-16) in Cardiff smoked at least weekly – the joint-third lowest figure across the Welsh LAs and below the Welsh average of 2.6%. However, Cardiff's rate had increased from 1.8% in the previous study (2021), while, in contrast, the Wales figure had fallen from 3.0%.
 - Since 2017/18, Cardiff's figure has compared favourably with that of Wales as a whole, although the gap has declined since 2019.



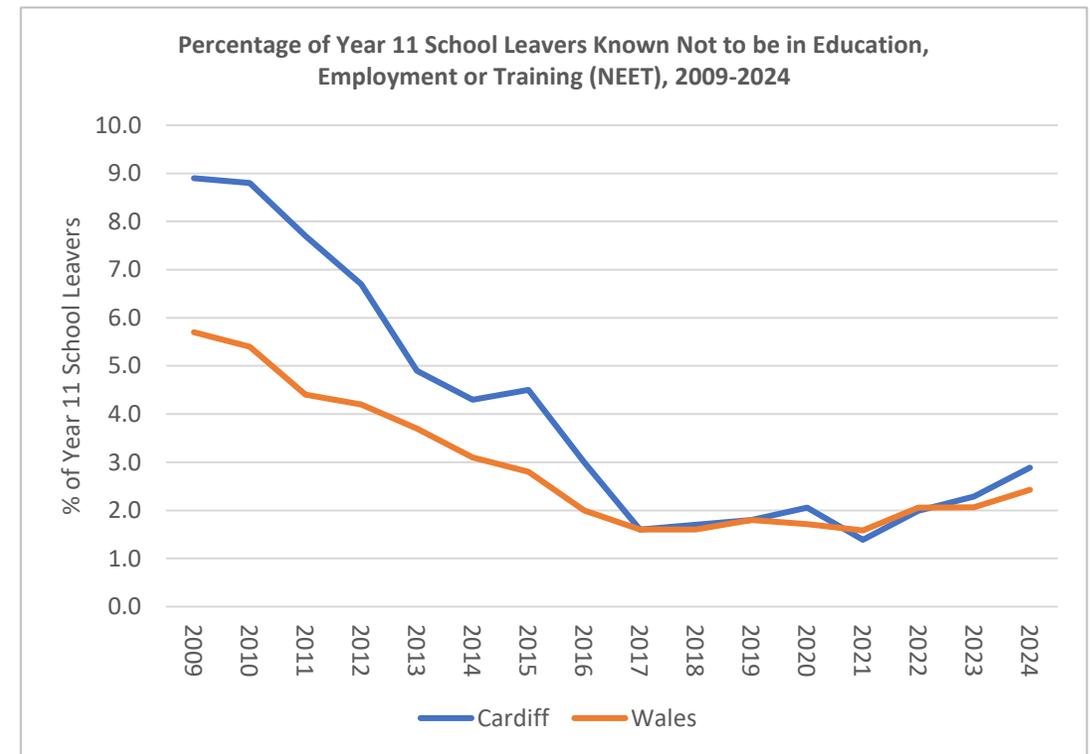
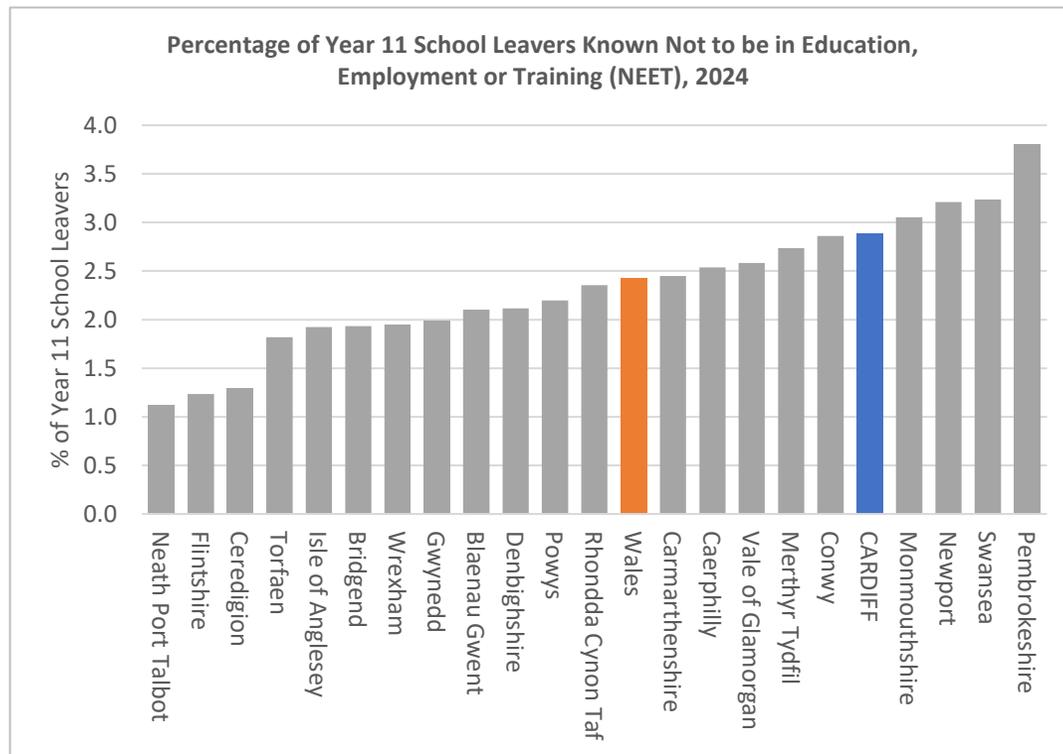
Source: Students' Health & Wellbeing Report, School Health Research Network, Public Health Wales

Year 11 School Leavers known not to be in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Key Points:

- In 2024, 2.9% of Year 11 School Leavers in Cardiff were known to be NEET, the joint-fifth highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above the Wales average of 2.4%.
- Following a period of relative stability, the Cardiff rate has started to increase in recent years, from a low of 1.4% in 2021. However, it is still well below the high of 8.9% seen in 2009.

[NB. When comparing the 2024 data with previous years, it is important to take account of other influencing factors, in particular, the high 'No response' rate in 2018 and the absence of any external examinations in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid pandemic.]

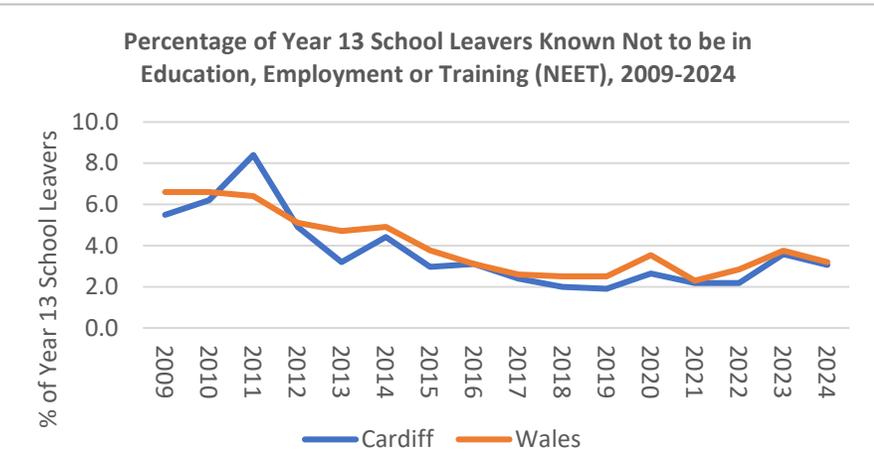


Year 13 School Leavers known not to be in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

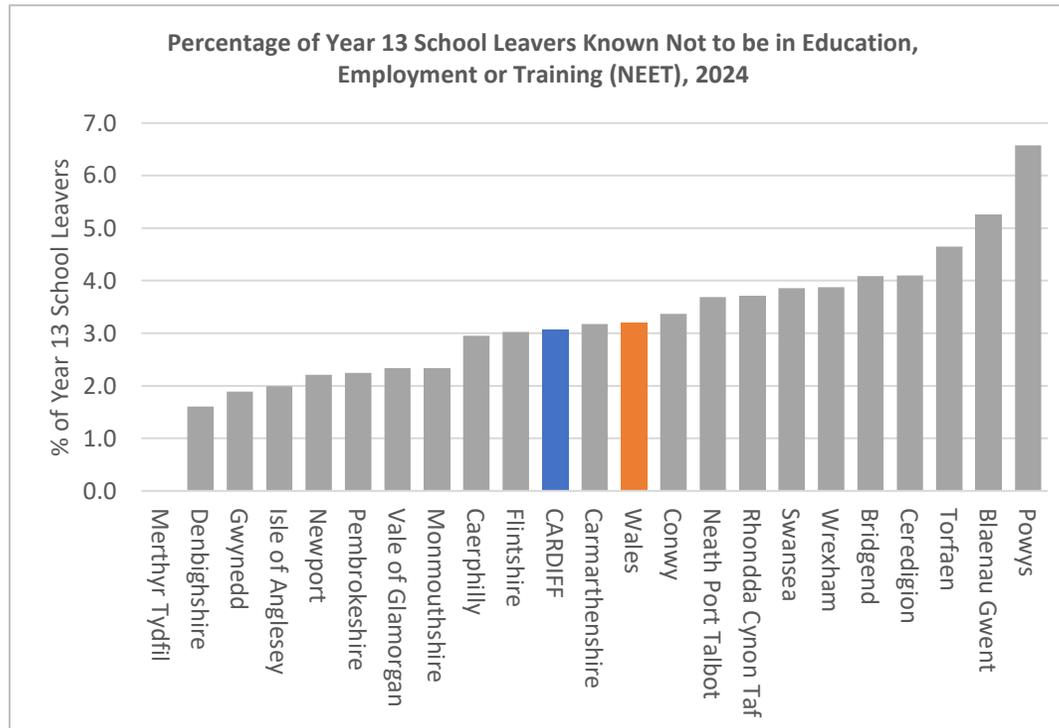
Key Points:

- In 2024, 3.1% of Year 13 School Leavers in Cardiff were known to be NEET, just below the Wales average (3.2%) and down from 3.6% in the previous year.
- Following a period of decline, the Cardiff rate has been relatively stable in recent years. However, in both 2023 and 2024 the rate exceeded 3% for the first time since 2016.
- In May 2025, the Claimant Count Rate for those aged 18-24 in the city's most deprived areas (9.6%) was more than four times that of the least deprived areas (2.2%).

[NB. When comparing the 2024 data from Careers Wales with previous years, it is important to take account of other influencing factors, in particular, the high 'No response' rate in 2018 and the absence of any external examinations in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid pandemic.]

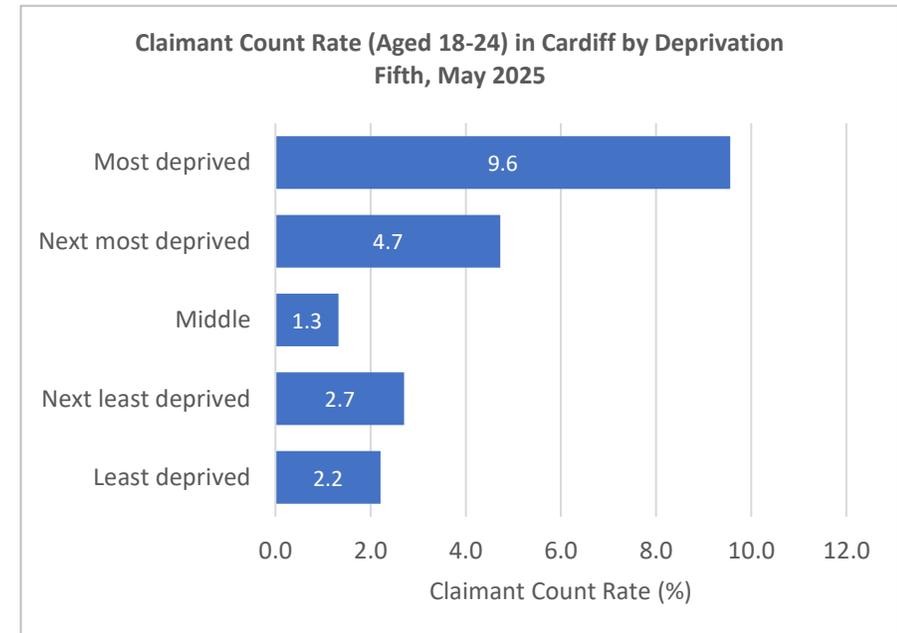


Source: Careers Wales



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NB. Merthyr Tydfil and Blaenau Gwent only have tertiary colleges and proportions are based on low cohort numbers



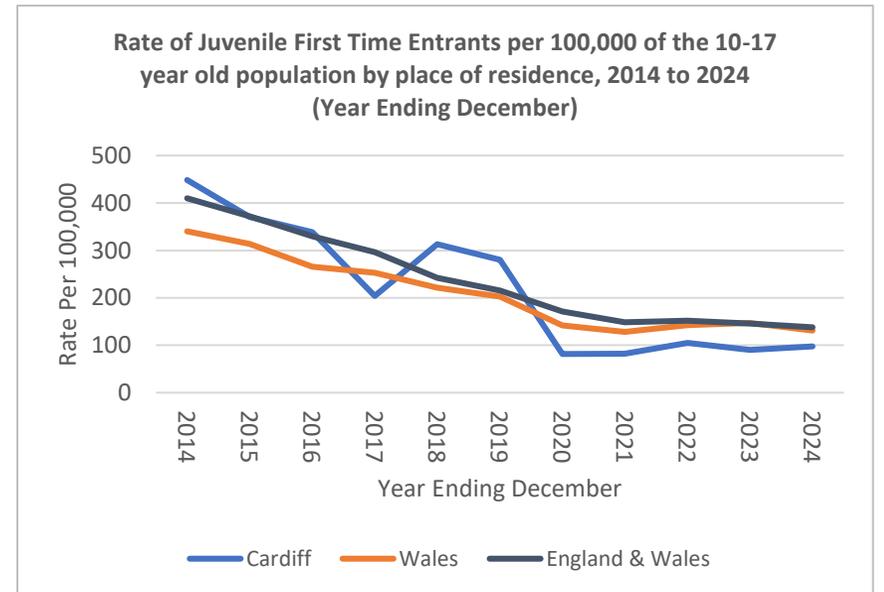
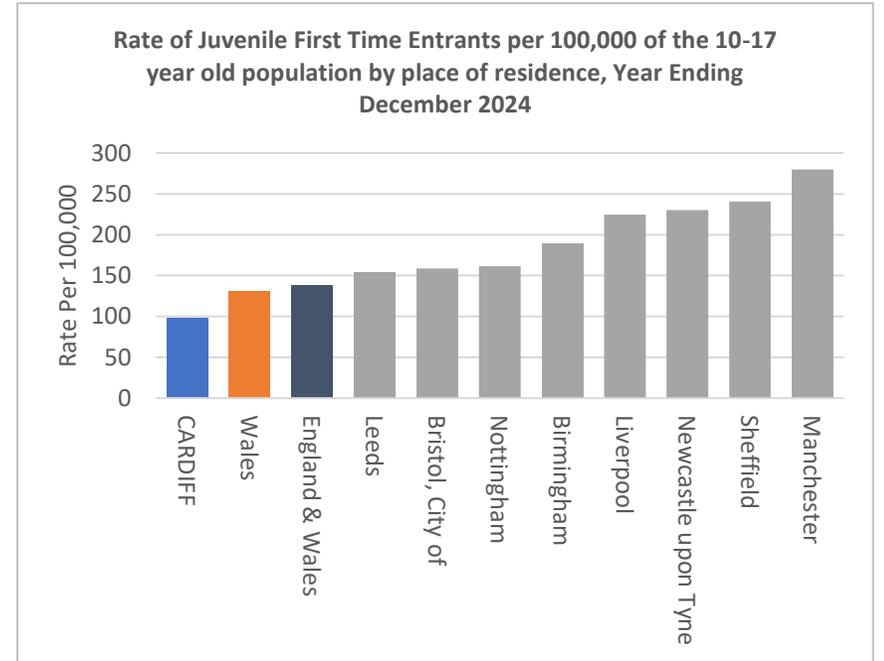
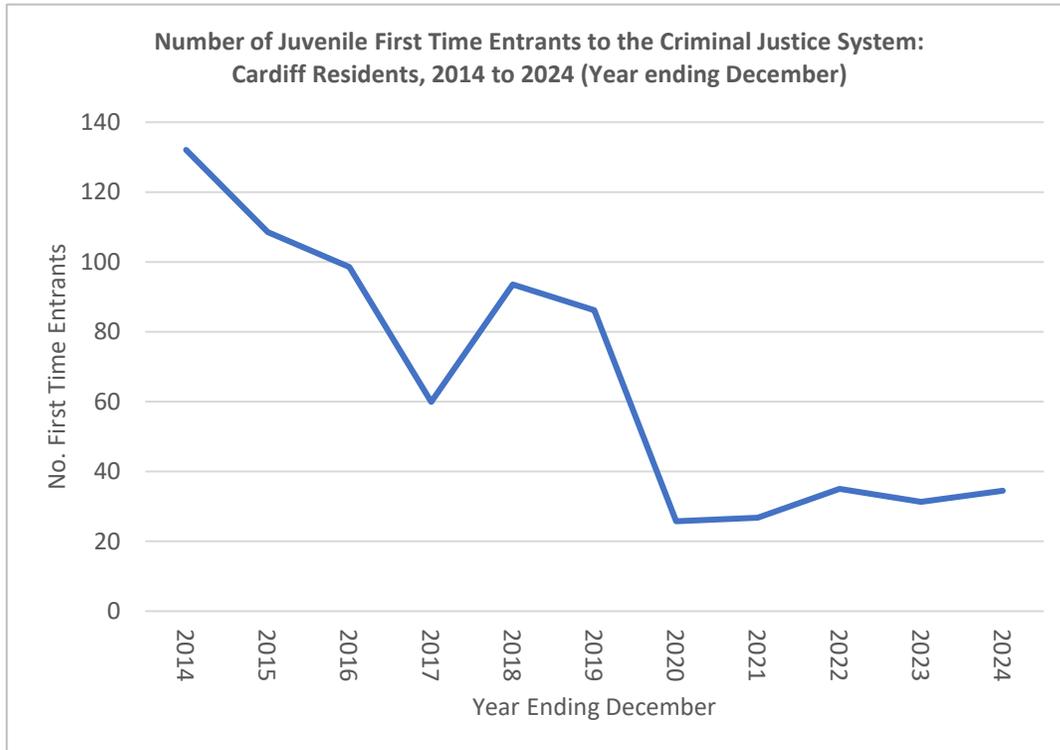
Source: Calculated by Cardiff Council using ONS Claimant Count/Mid-Year Population Estimates/WIMD 2019 (Welsh Government)

Number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System

Key Points:

- In the year ending December 2024, there were 34 juvenile first time entrants to the Criminal Justice System by Cardiff residents. This figure has been relatively unchanged since 2020, but is down from 132 in 2014.
- Cardiff had the lowest rate (per 100,000 residents aged 10-17) amongst the major cities in England & Wales. It was also below the rates for both Wales and England & Wales, as had been the case since 2020.

[NB. These are estimated figures. Juveniles receiving their first conviction, caution or youth caution have been mapped to individual Local Authorities using the home address or postcode recorded by the police on the Police National Computer. For those with no address recorded, a model based on the patterns of offenders dealt with by police stations has been used to allocate offenders to Local Authorities. Therefore, caution must be taken when using these figures.]



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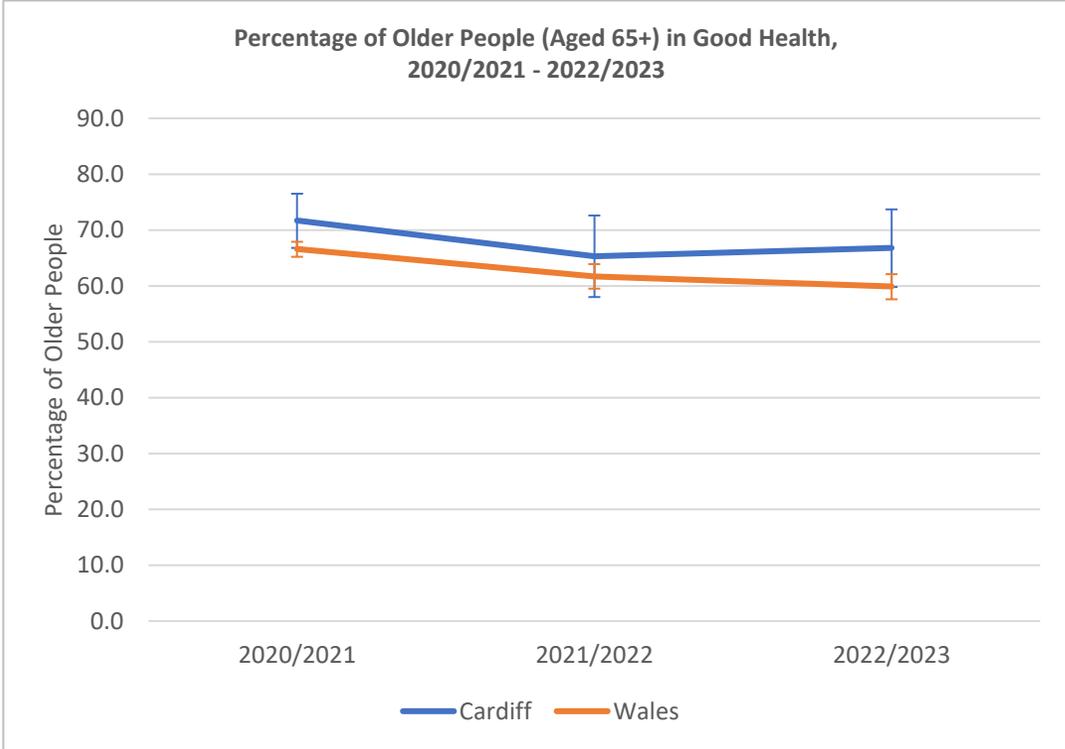
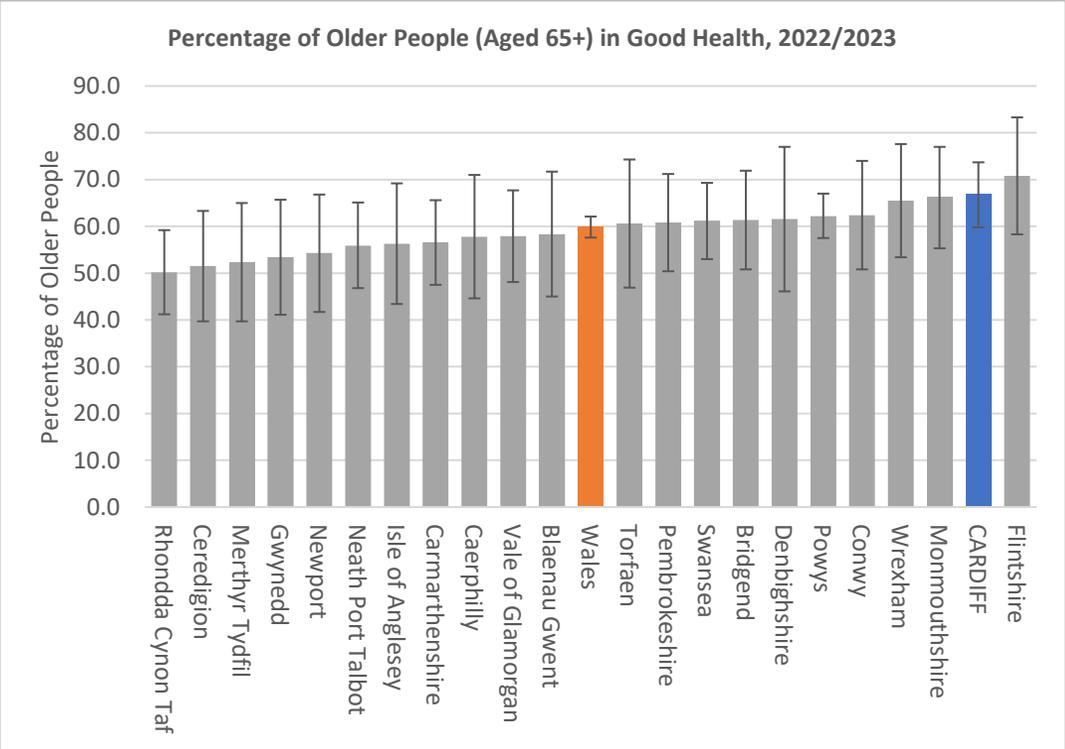


Percentage of People Aged 65+ Reporting their General Health as being Very Good or Good

Key Points:

- In 2022/23, two-thirds (66.8%) of older people aged 65+ in Cardiff considered themselves to be in good health – the second highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above the Welsh average of 59.9%.
- Since the pandemic there has been a decline in proportion considering themselves to be in good health.
- ONS data for 2009 to 2013 (latest figures) showed that at ward level, the 65 year old healthy life expectancy inequality gap was 10.5 years for males and 12.1 years for females. In addition, males aged 65 in Adamsdown could expect to spend a quarter (24.8%) of their remaining life in good health compared to an expected two-thirds (65.4%) for those living in Lisvane. For females the figures were 23.5% and 56.9% respectively.

[NB. The National Survey 2020/21 was adapted due to the coronavirus pandemic. The results from 2020/21 onwards should not be compared with results from previous editions of the National Survey for Wales due to the change in survey mode (and, in some cases, the need to adapt questions). These topics can be sensitive to such changes.]



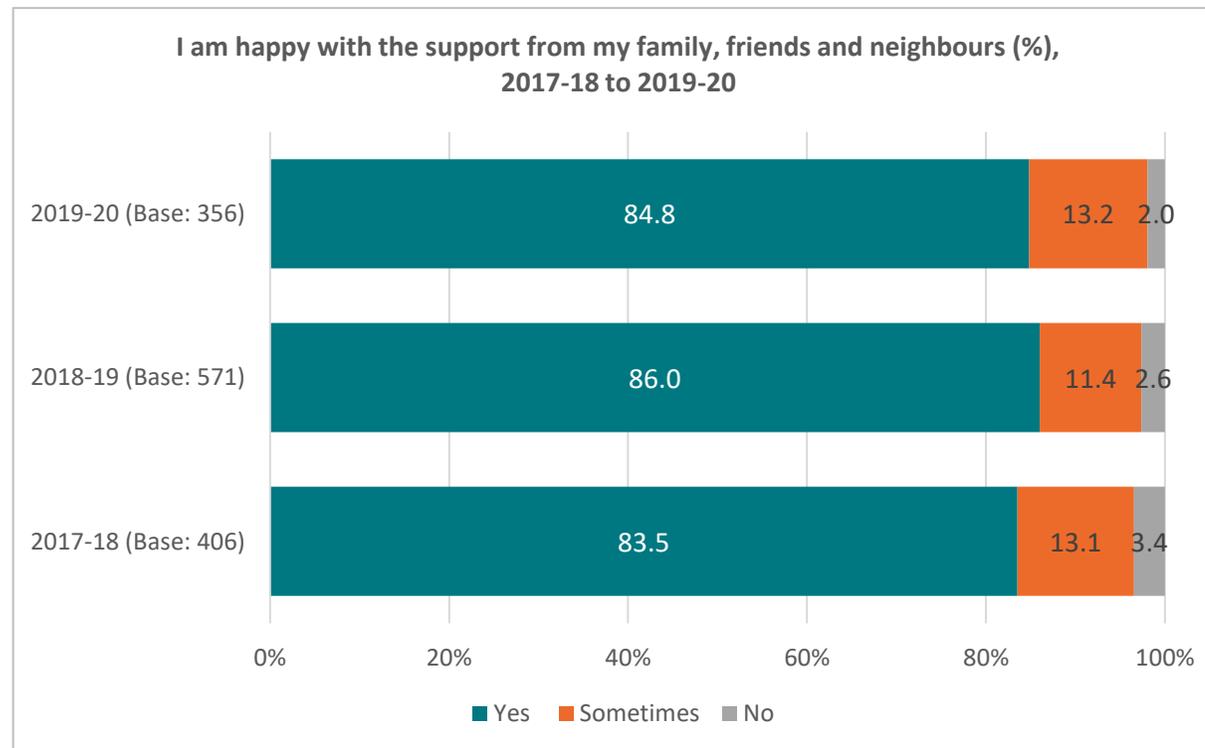
Source: Public Health Wales/National Survey for Wales

Percentage of People Aged 65+ Reporting Loneliness*

Key Points:

- In 2019/20, over four-fifths (84.8%) reported they were happy with the support from family, friends and neighbours. This compared with 83.5% in 2017-18 and 86.0% in 2018-19.

[NB. The Annual Social Services and Wellbeing Survey has not been undertaken since 2019/20 and is no longer required by Welsh Government]



Source: Social Services & Well-being Survey, Cardiff Council

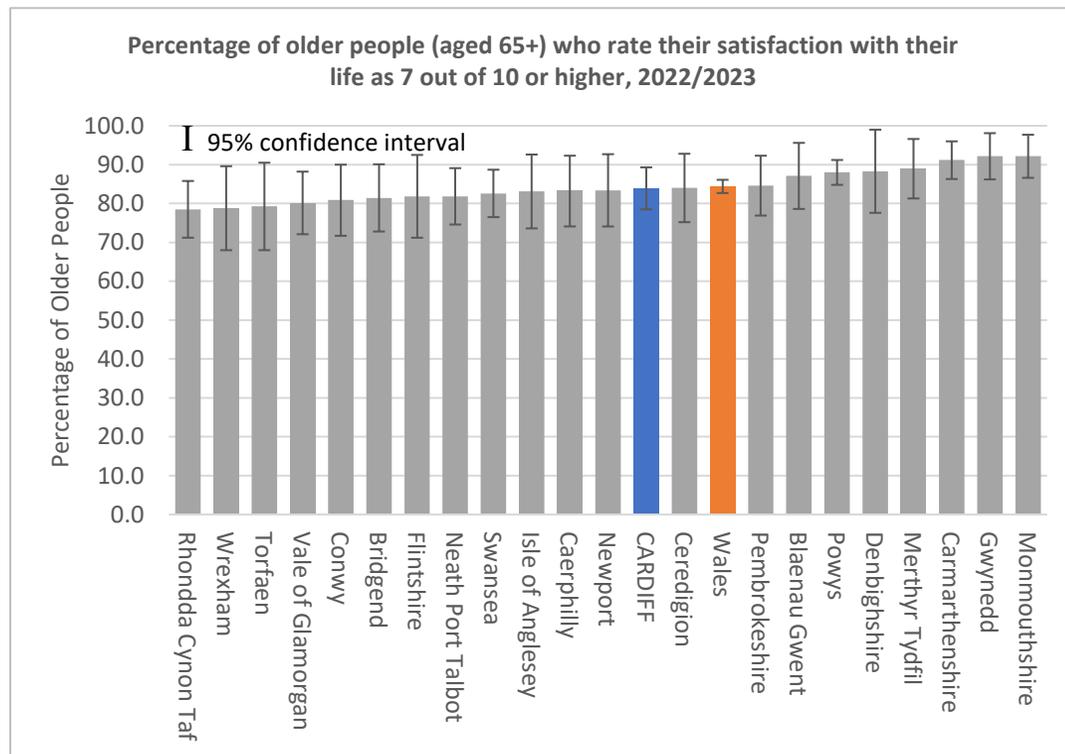
*Proxy question for Percentage of people age 65+ reporting loneliness

Life Satisfaction Amongst Older People

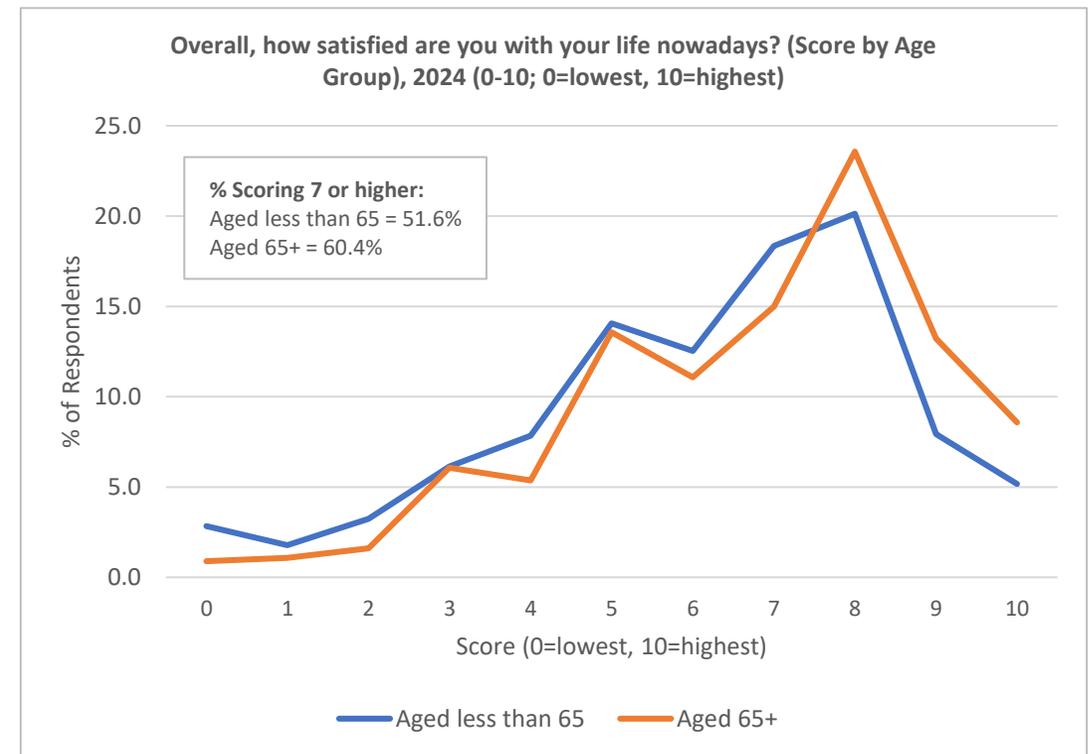
Key Points:

- In 2022/23, over four-fifths (83.9%) of older people (aged 65+) in Cardiff were satisfied with their life (i.e. rated their satisfaction as 7 or more out of 10). This was just below the Wales average but up slightly from 82.3% in both 2020/21 and 2021/22 (Public Health Wales/National Survey for Wales).
- The 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey showed lower levels of life satisfaction for those aged 65+ (than for the National Survey for Wales). However, they were more likely to be satisfied than those aged less than 65.

[NB. The National Survey 2020/21 was adapted due to the coronavirus pandemic. The results from 2020/21 onwards should not be compared with results from previous editions of the National Survey for Wales due to the change in survey mode (and, in some cases, the need to adapt questions). These topics can be sensitive to such changes.]



Source: Public Health Wales/National Survey for Wales



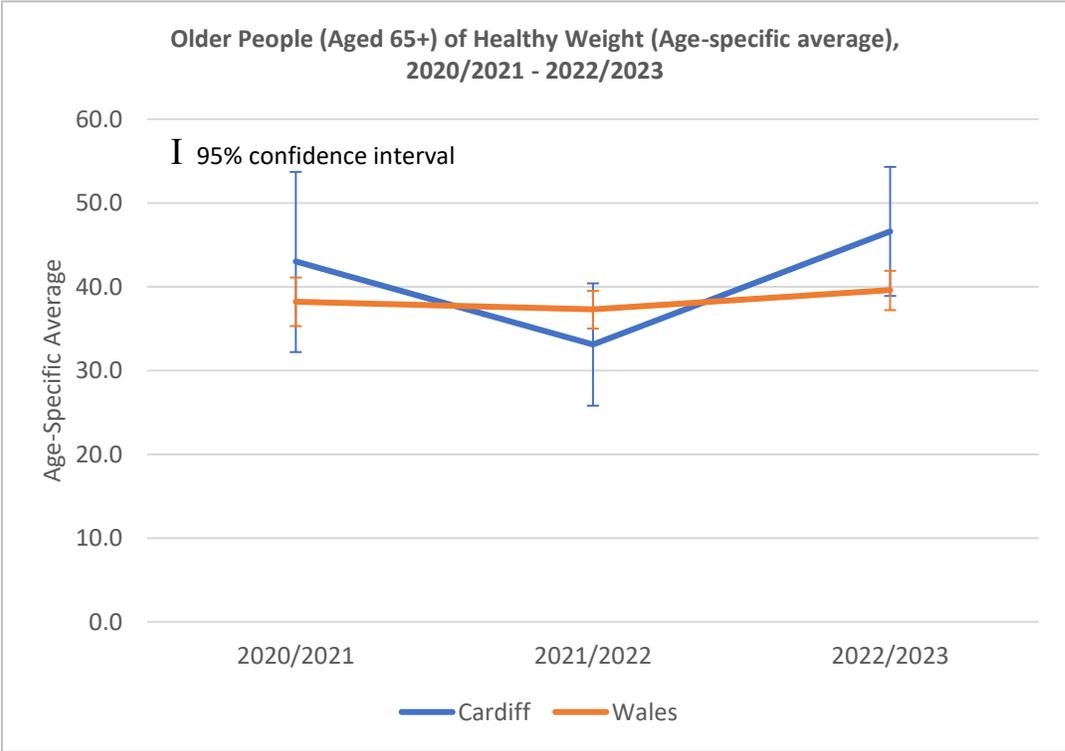
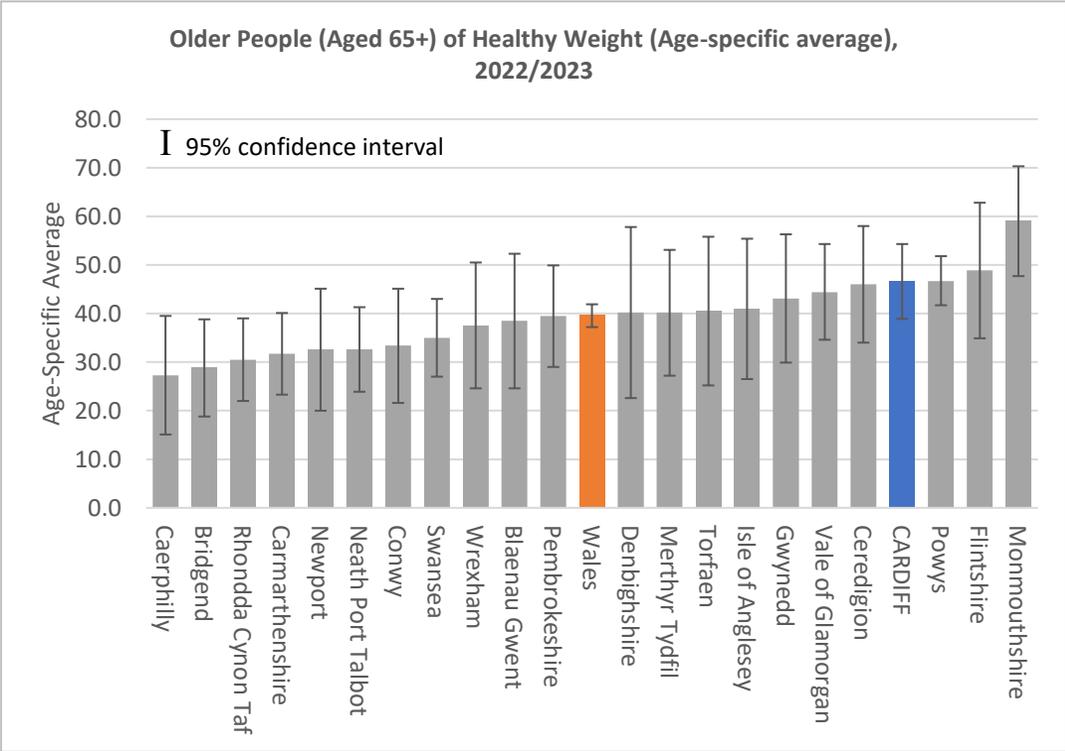
Source: Cardiff Council - Ask Cardiff Survey

Percentage of People aged 65+ of a Healthy Weight

Key Points:

- In 2022/23, less than half (46.6%) of older adults (aged 65+) in Cardiff were of a healthy weight. This was the fourth highest figure across the Welsh LAs and compared with a Welsh average of 39.6%.

[NB. Data from the National Survey for Wales for 2020-21 onwards is not comparable with previous years due to pandemic-related changes to the methodology.]



Source: Public Health Outcomes Framework Reporting Tool
 Produced by Public Health Wales using National Survey for Wales (Welsh Government)

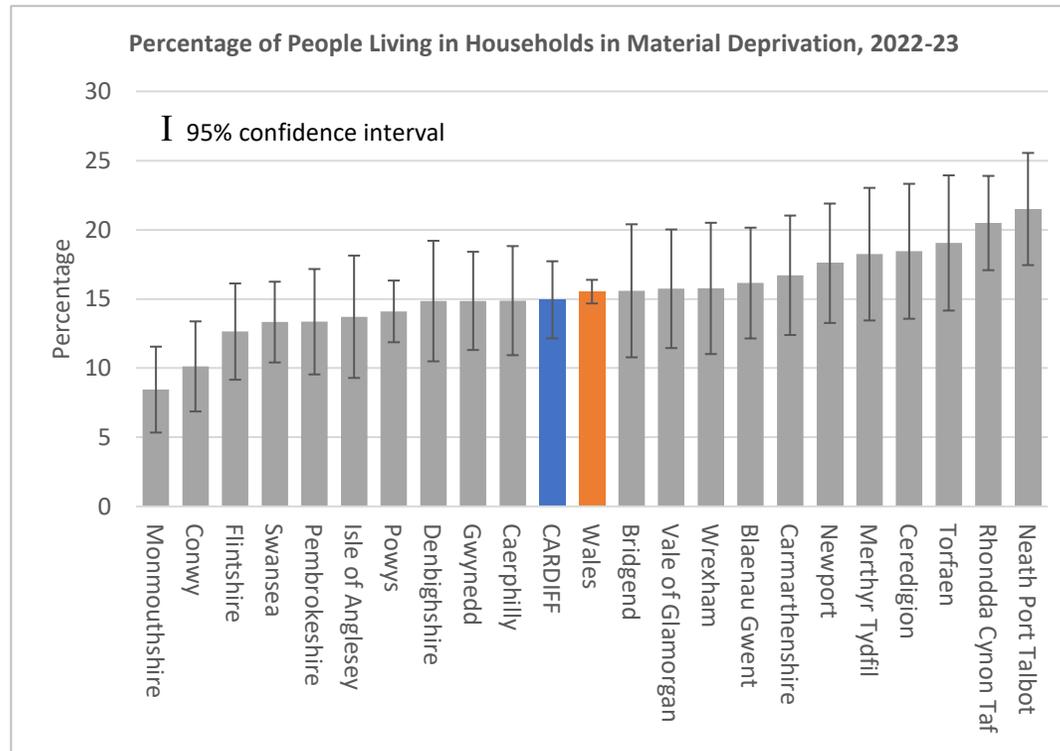
Supporting people
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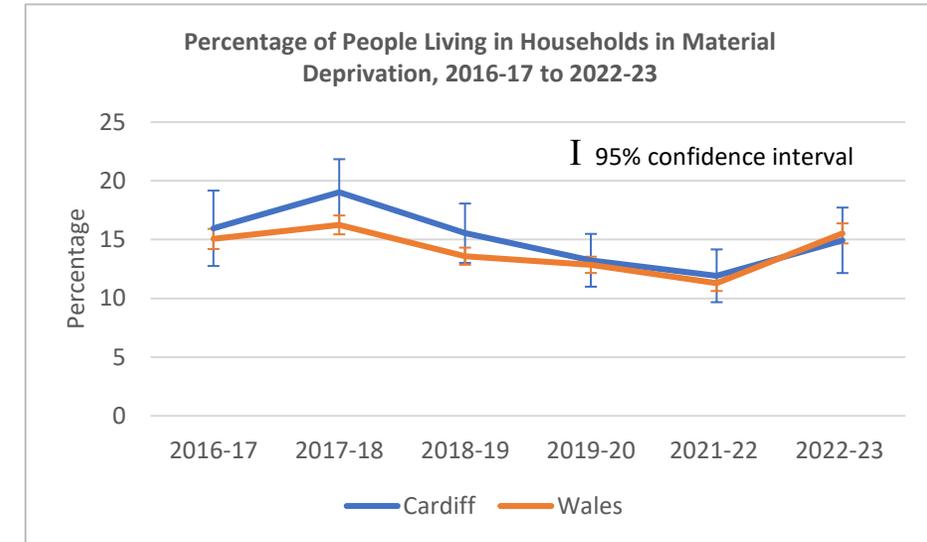
Percentage of People Living in Households in Material Deprivation

Key Points:

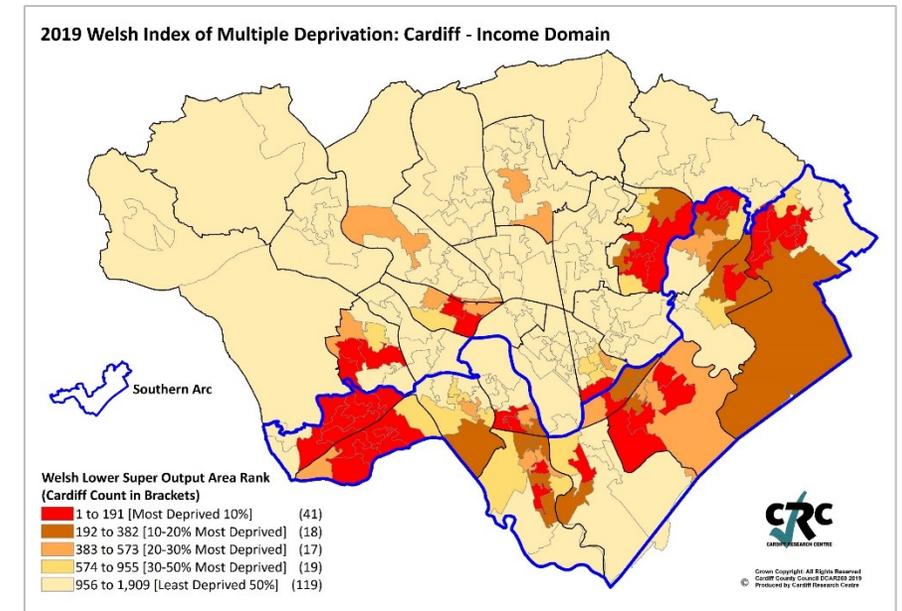
- In 2022/23, 15% of people living in households in Cardiff were in material deprivation. This was just below the Welsh average (16%) and made Cardiff a mid-ranking performer across the Welsh LAs.
- However, following several years of decline, this was up on the figure for 2021-22 of 12%.
- Income deprivation is concentrated in the 'Southern Arc' of the city, although there are pockets within other areas of Cardiff (2019 Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation).



Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government



Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government



Source: Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019, Welsh Government
NB. Number of LSOAs in each area is shown in brackets

Number of Accredited Real Living Wage Employers

Key Points:

- In April 2025, there were 225 accredited Real Living Wage employers in Cardiff, up slightly from 217 in March 2024 and compared to a baseline level of 82 in 2019. However, it is below the Nov 2024 target of 260.
- The target for Nov 2025 is 300 employers.

Cardiff	Baseline in 2019	Position 4 Oct 22	Position 6 Feb 23	Position 4 Mar 24	Position 1 Apr 25	Target for Nov 2023	Target for Nov 2024	Target for Nov 2025
Number of accredited Real Living Wage employers	82	184	197	217	225	210	260	300

Number of Workers Receiving a Pay Rise onto at least the Real Living Wage

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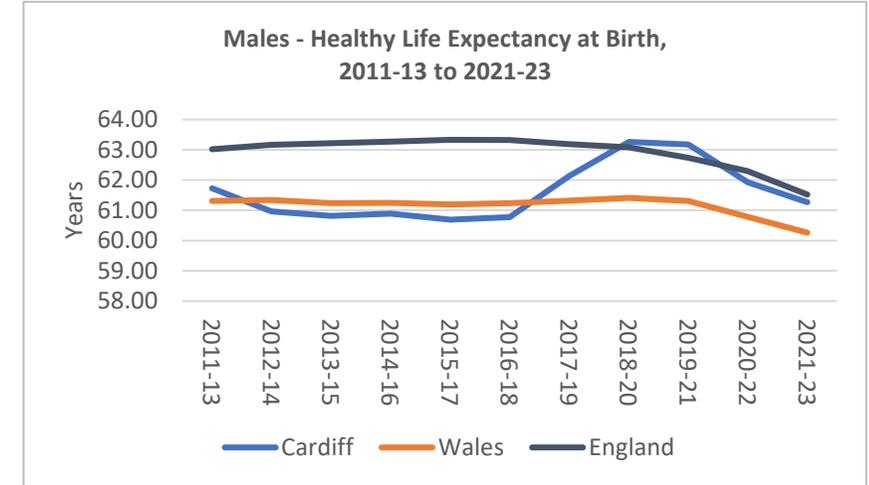
- In April 2025, there were 10,211 workers in Cardiff that had received a pay rise onto at least the Real Living Wage, down from 13,322 in March 2024 and compared to a baseline level of 4,524 in 2019.
- Although the 2023 figure exceeded the target for Nov 2024 of 12,800 workers, the latest number has dropped below this level.
- For Nov 2025 the target is 13,900 workers.

Cardiff	Baseline in 2019	Position 4 Oct 22	Position 6 Feb 23	Position 4 Mar 24	Position 1 Apr 25	Target for Nov 2023	Target for Nov 2024	Target for Nov 2025
Number of workers receiving a pay rise on to at least the Real Living Wage employers	4,524	10,980	10,873	13,322	10,211	11,700	12,800	13,900

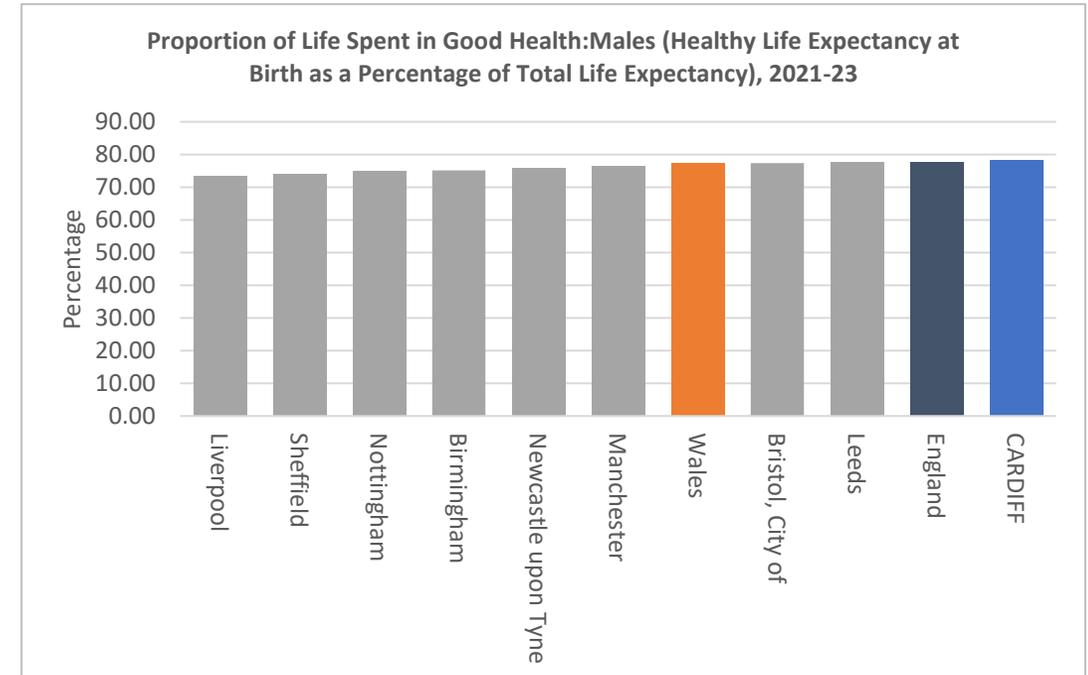
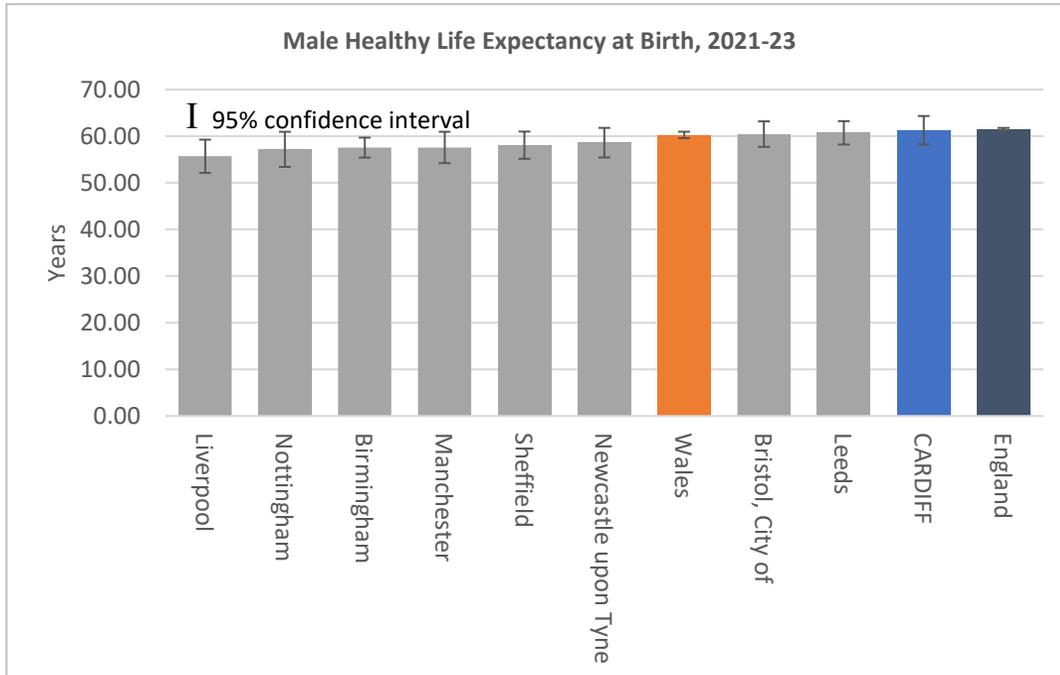
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth (Male)

Key Points:

- For 2021-23, male healthy life expectancy (HLE) at birth in Cardiff (61.27 years) was the highest of the major cities in England & Wales.
- Despite following a downward trend since 2018-20, HLE for males in Cardiff has exceeded the Welsh average in recent years and been very similar to the figure for England.
- Cardiff males were expected to spend almost four-fifths (78.26%) of their life in good health in 2021-23, the highest proportion out of the major cities in England & Wales and above both the Wales and England figures.
- This figure has also declined in Cardiff in recent years but, despite this, it has exceeded those of both Wales and England since 2018-20.



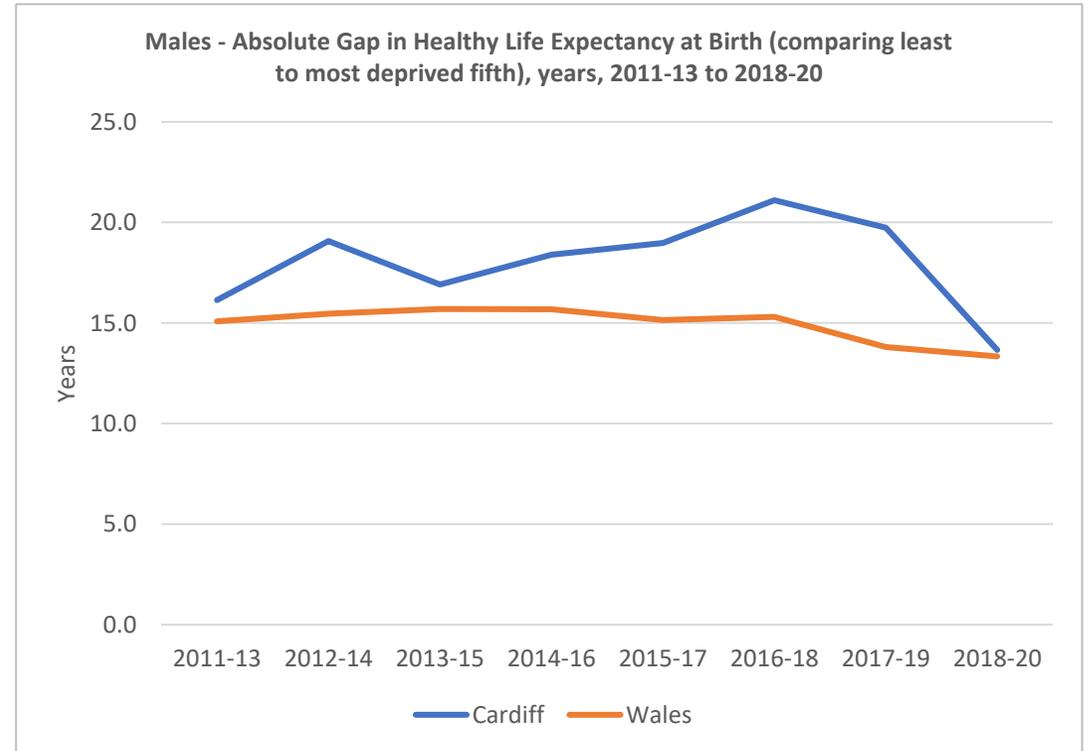
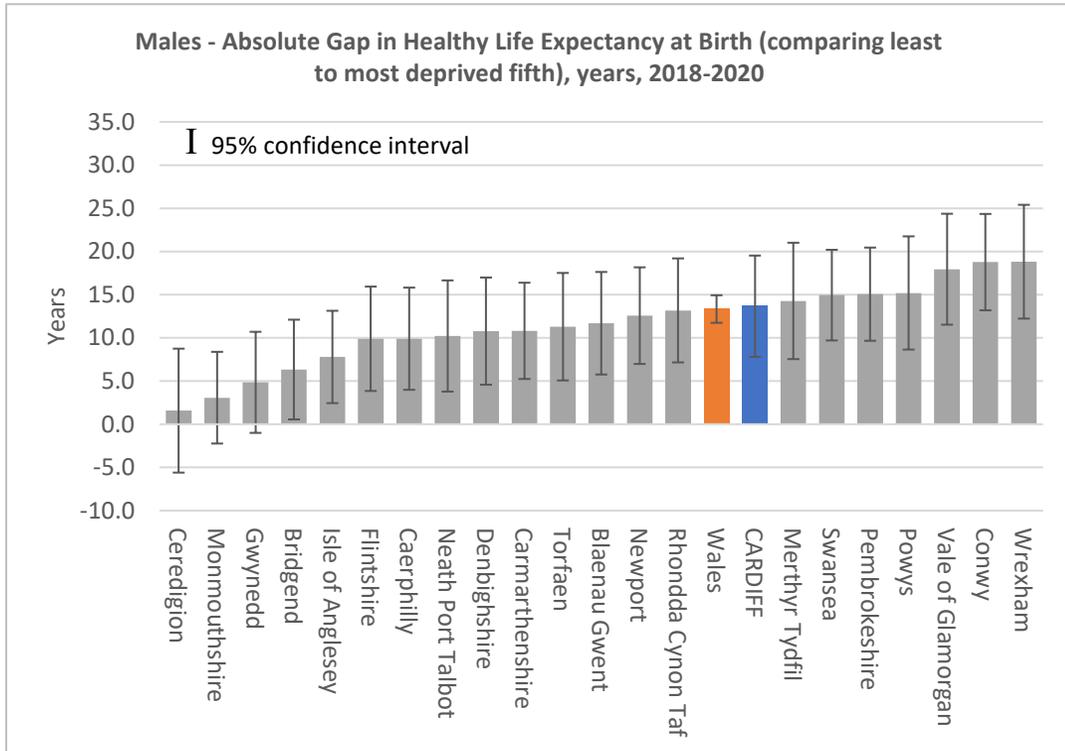
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Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth: Deprivation Gap (Male)

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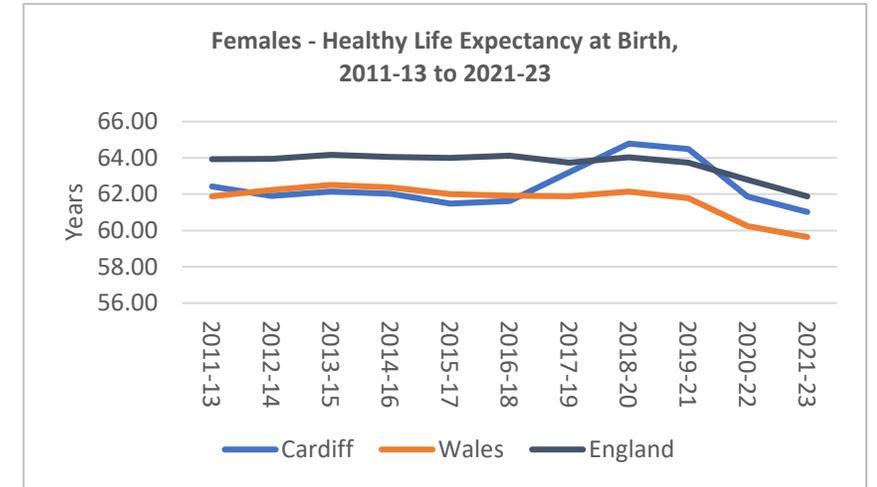
- For 2018-20, male healthy life expectancy (HLE) at birth differed by 13.7 years between the least and most deprived areas in Cardiff, the 8th highest figure across the Welsh LAs.
- Cardiff's deprivation gap has consistently exceeded that of Wales since 2011-13 although in 2018-20 it was only slightly above the Wales figure (13.3 years).
- The deprivation gap in Cardiff increased between 2013-15 and 2016-18, reaching a high of 21.1 years. However, since this time the figure has declined causing it to almost match the Welsh average.



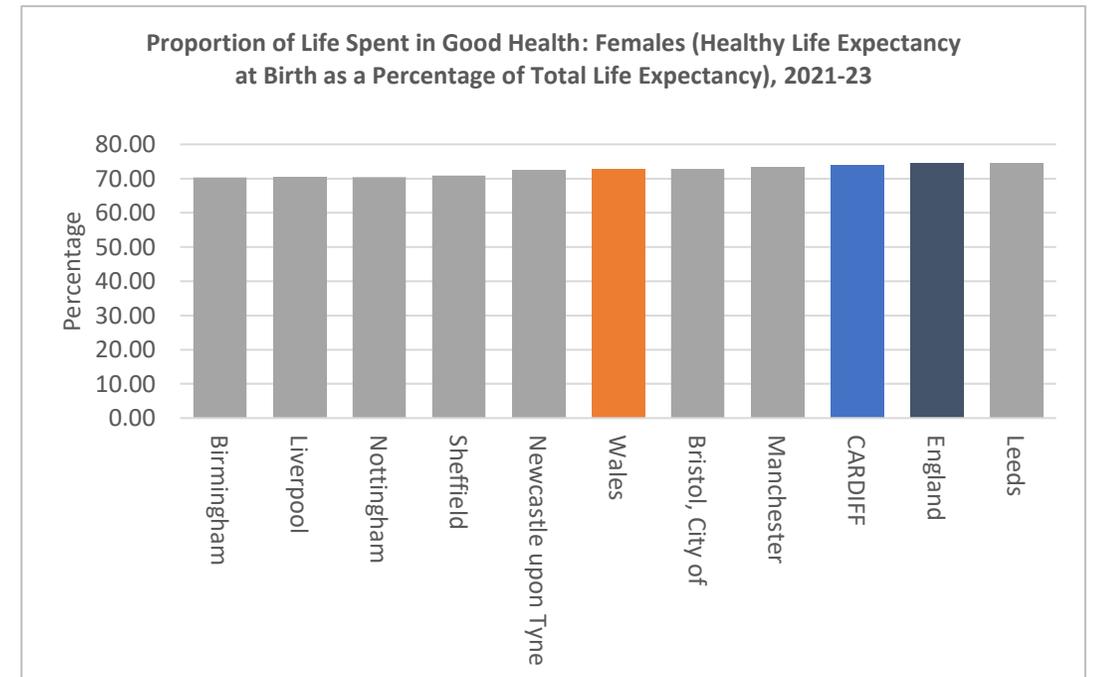
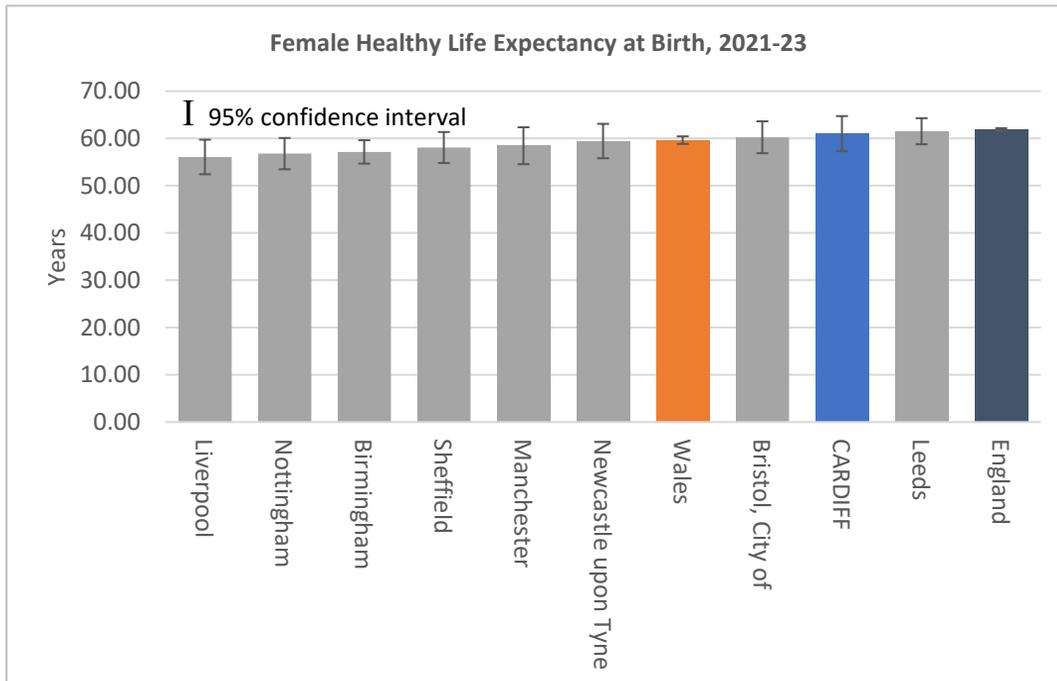
Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth (Female)

Key Points:

- For 2021-23, female healthy life expectancy (HLE) at birth in Cardiff (61.02 years) was the second highest of the major cities in England & Wales.
- Despite following a downward trend since 2018-20, HLE for females in Cardiff has exceeded the Welsh average in recent years and been fairly similar to the figure for England.
- Cardiff females were expected to spend around three-quarters (74.04%) of their life in good health in 2021-23, the second highest proportion out of the major cities in England & Wales and above that of Wales.
- This figure has also declined in Cardiff in recent years but, despite this, it has exceeded the Wales proportion since 2017-19.



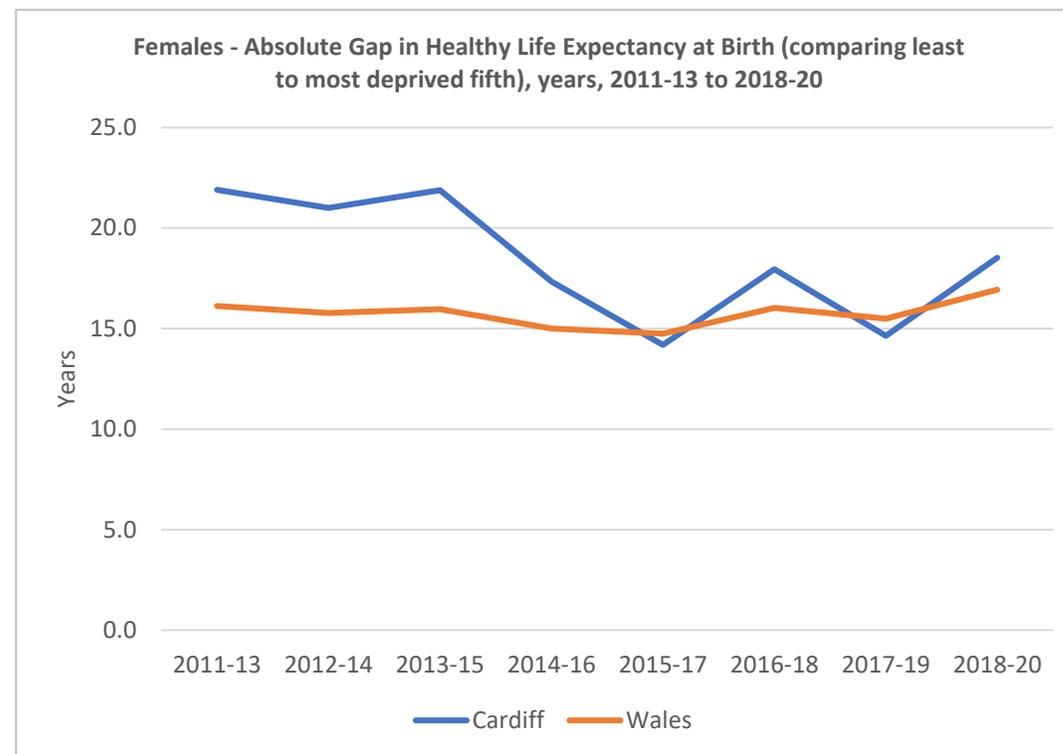
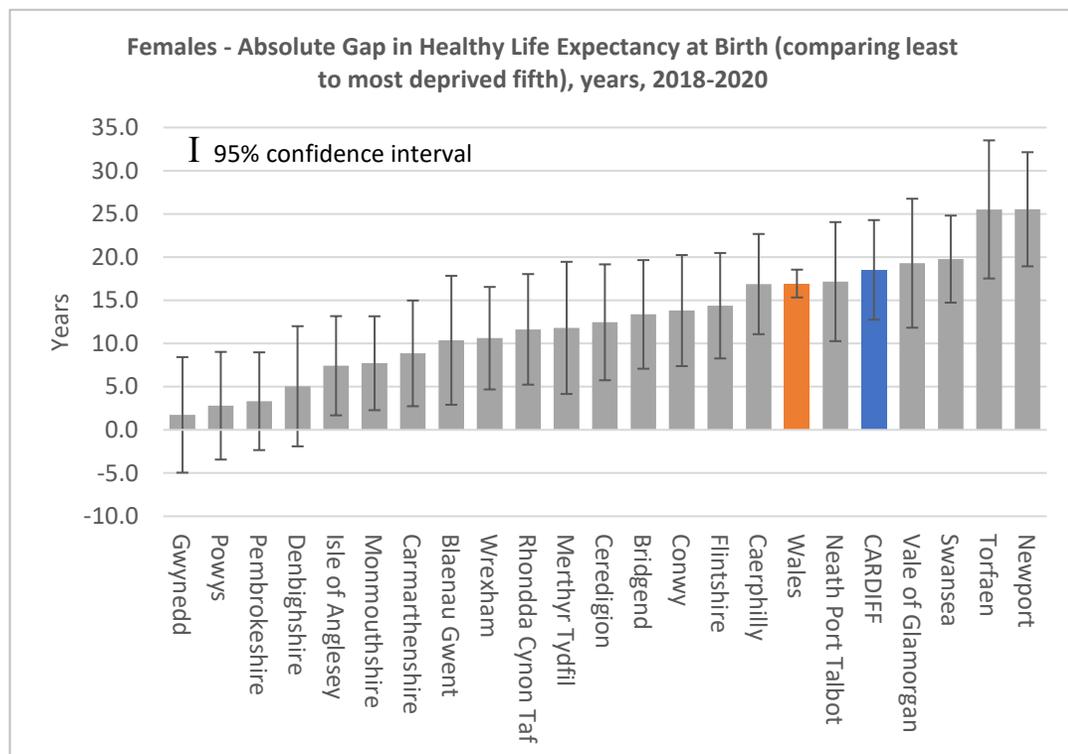
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Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth: Deprivation Gap (Female)

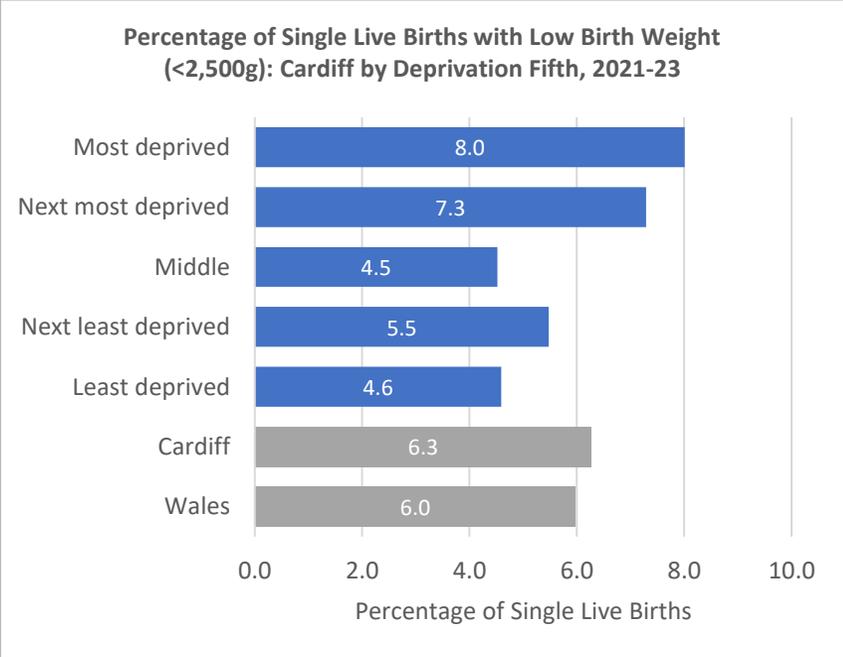
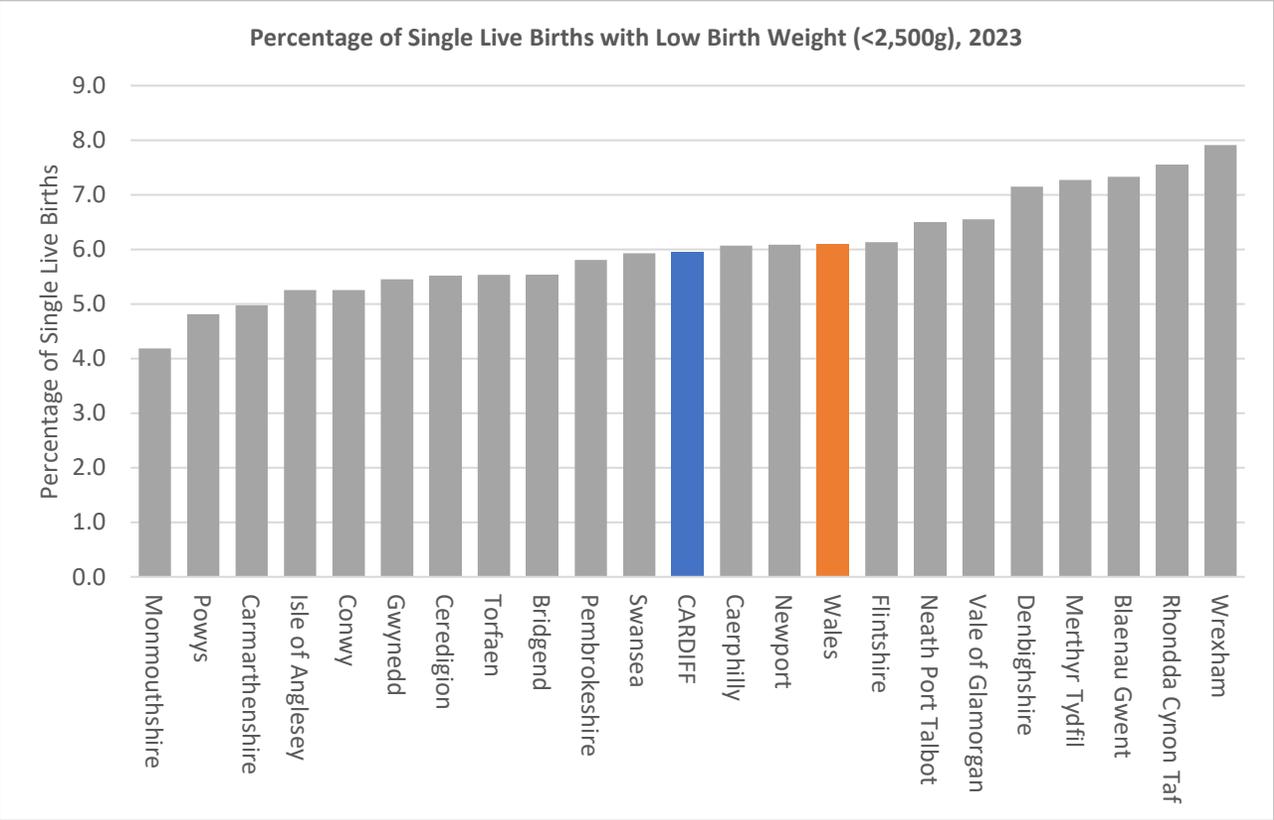
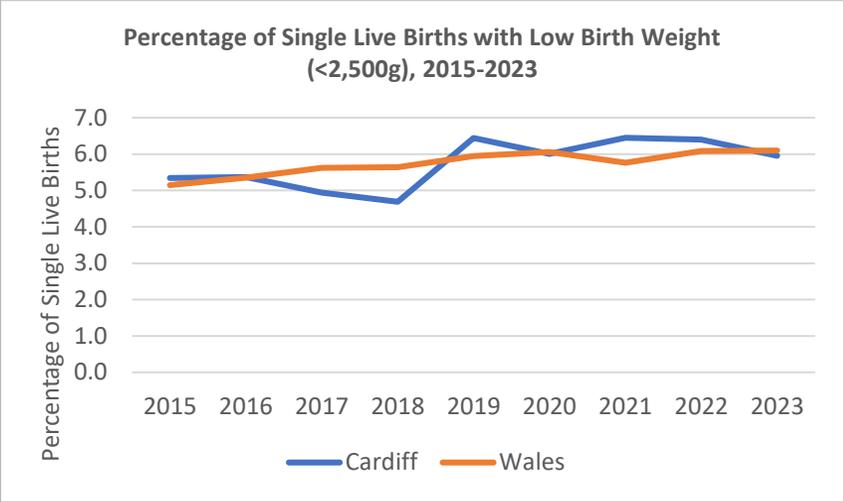
Key Points:

- For 2018-20, female healthy life expectancy (HLE) at birth differed by 18.5 years between the least and most deprived areas in Cardiff, the 5th highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above that of Wales as a whole (16.9 years).
- Cardiff's deprivation gap declined sharply between 2013-15 and 2015-17, causing it to drop below the figure for Wales as a whole. Since this time, it has fluctuated around the Welsh average and in 2018-20 had the higher of the two figures.



Percentage of Low-Birth-Weight Babies

- Key Points:**
- In 2023, 6.0% of single live births in Cardiff had a low birth weight (i.e. below 2,500g). This was slightly below the figure for Wales as a whole, but was a mid-level performer across the Welsh LAs.
 - Cardiff's rate increased between 2018 and 2019 but since then has been relatively stable.
 - For 2021-23, the percentage of low-birth-weight babies in Cardiff's most deprived areas was 8.0%, compared with 4.6% in the least deprived areas. It also comfortably exceeded the Wales average.



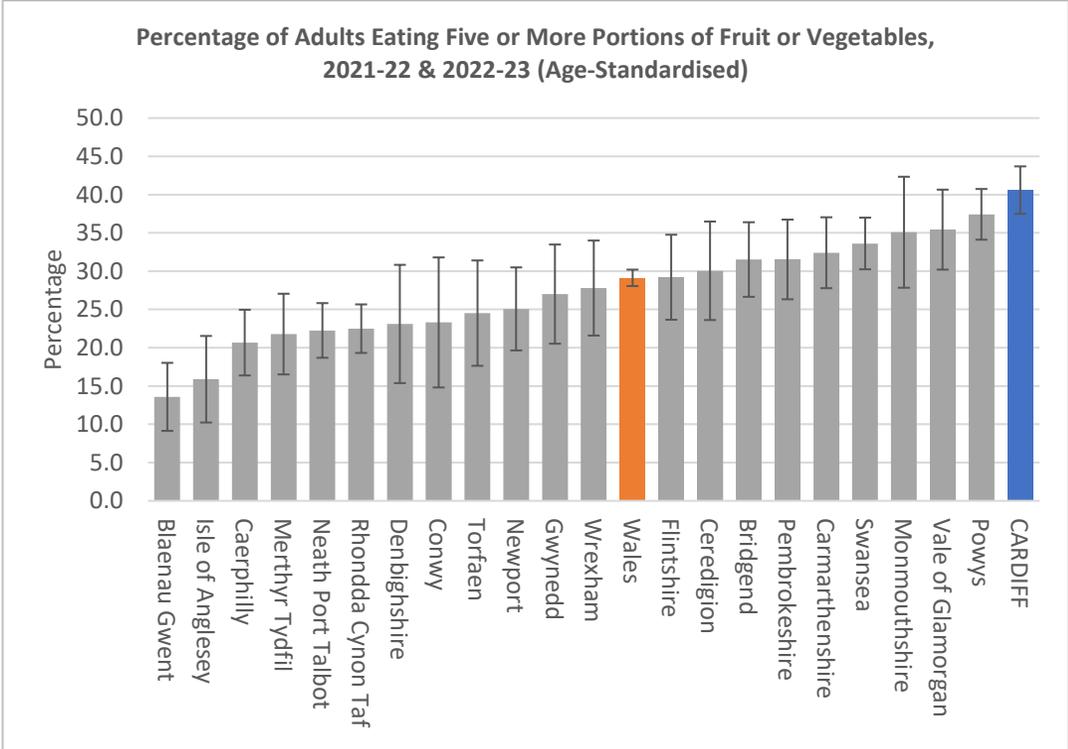
Source: Public Health Wales

Percentage of Adults Eating 5 or More Portions of Fruit and Vegetables a Day

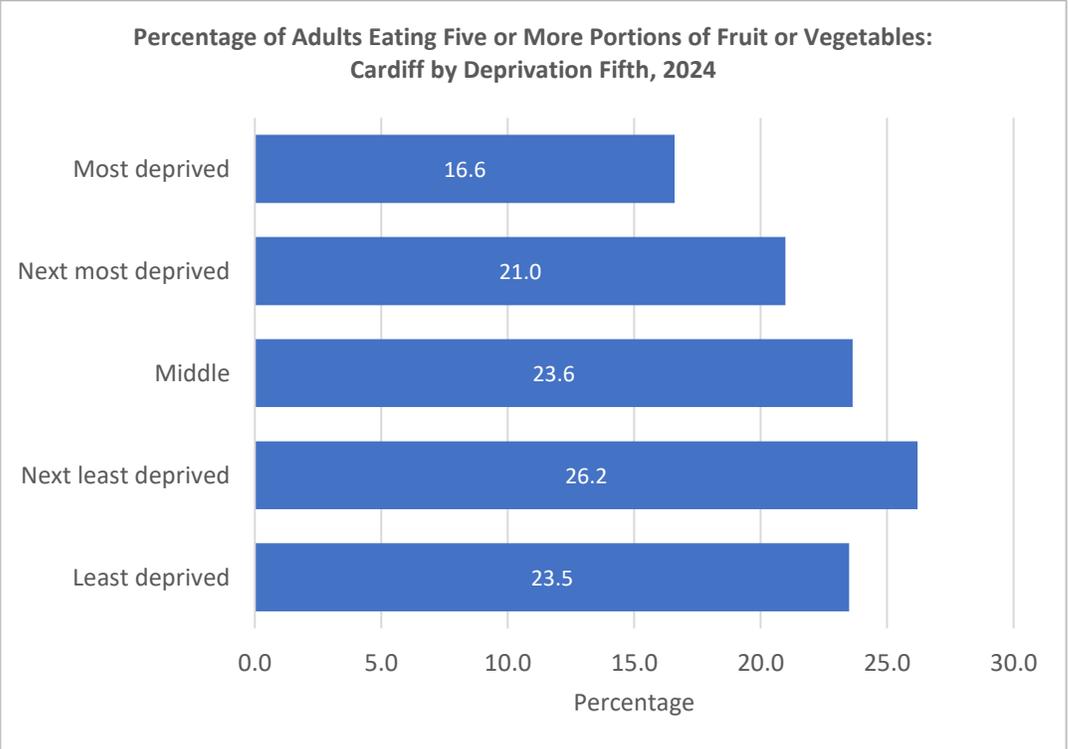
Key Points:

- Combined figures from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 National Survey for Wales show that two-fifths (40.6% - ages standardised) of adults in Cardiff eat five or more portions of fruit and vegetables a day, the highest proportion across the Welsh LAs and above the Welsh average (29.1%). However, this still means that three-fifths of adults are not eating five portions a day.
- According to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey, less than a fifth (16.6%) of those living in the most deprived areas of the city were eating at least five portions a day, compared with almost a quarter (23.5%) in the least deprived areas – a difference of 6.9 percentage points. However, this was less than half the gap seen in the previous year (14.0 percentage points).

[NB. Data from the National Survey for Wales for 2020-21 onwards is not comparable with previous years due to pandemic-related changes to the methodology.]



Source: National Survey for Wales



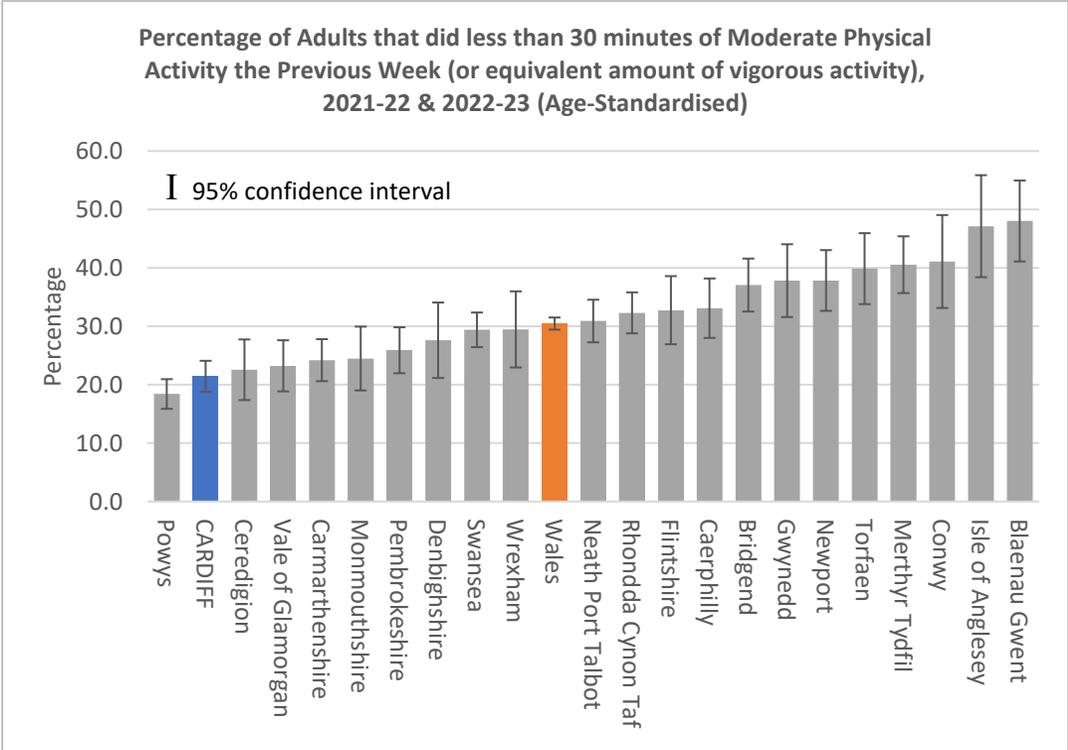
Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

Percentage of Adults Active for Less than 30 Minutes in a Week

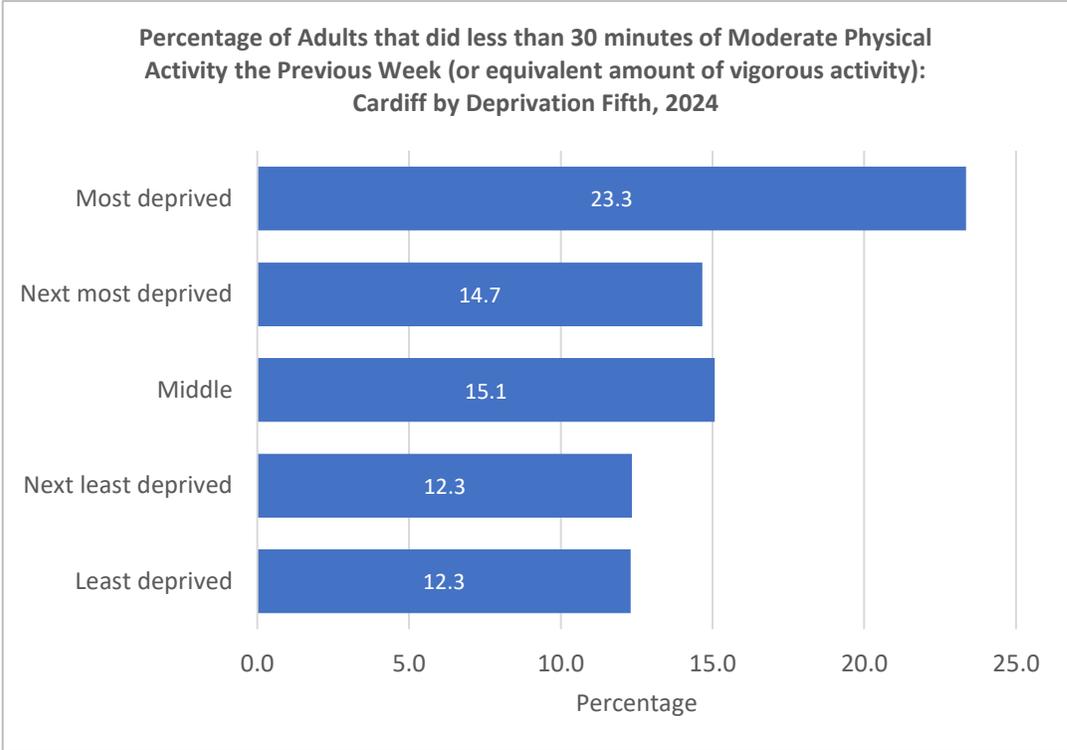
Key Points:

- Combined figures from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 National Survey for Wales show that, in a week, over a fifth (21.4% - ages standardised) of adults in Cardiff did less than 30 minutes of moderate physical activity. However, this was the second lowest proportion across the Welsh LAs and below the Welsh average (30.5%).
- According to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey, almost a quarter (23.3%) of those living in the most deprived areas in Cardiff did less than 30 minutes of moderate physical activity across the week, almost double the figure for those from the least deprived areas (12.3%). This represented a deprivation gap of 11.0 percentage points, up from 13.3 percentage points in 2023.

[NB. Data from the National Survey for Wales for 2020-21 onwards is not comparable with previous years due to pandemic-related changes to the methodology.]



Source: National Survey for Wales



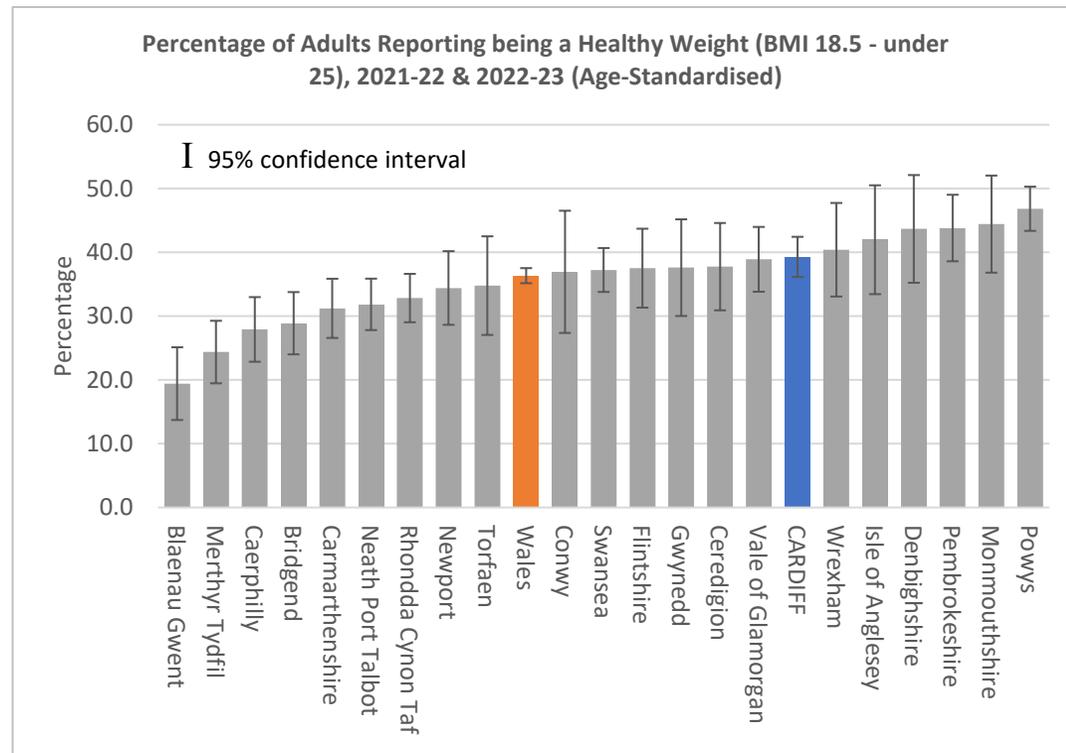
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Percentage of Adults Reporting being a Healthy Weight by Deprivation (Obesity by Deprivation Fifth)

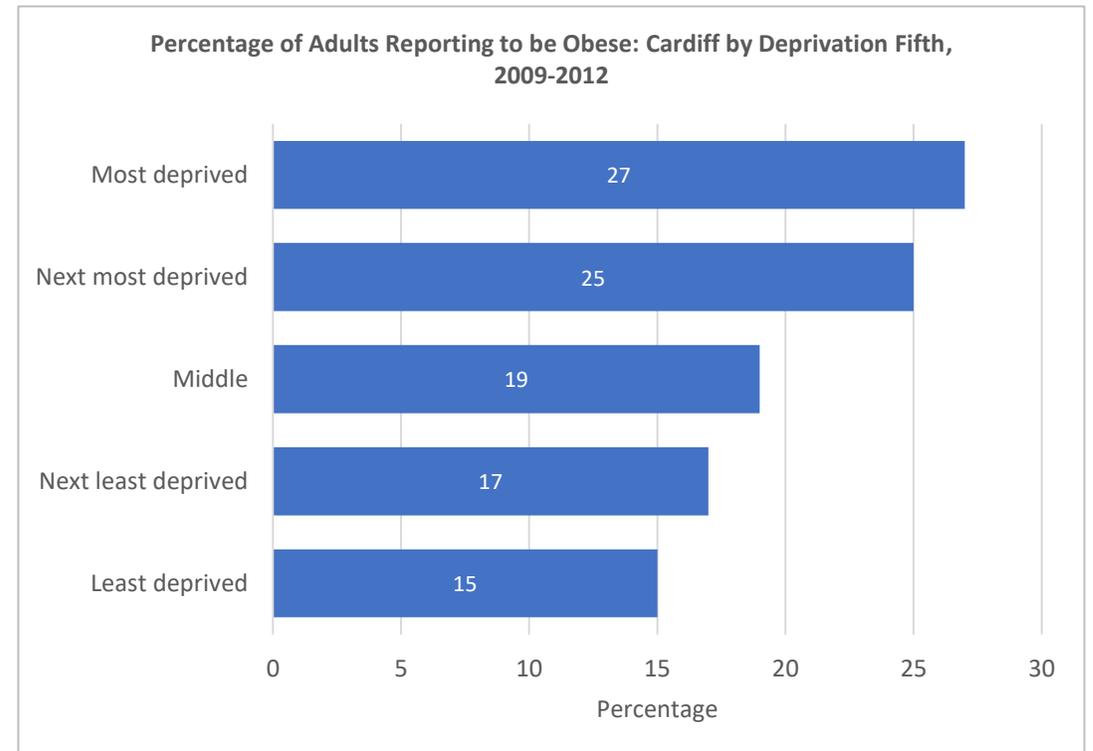
Key Points:

- Combined figures from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 National Survey for Wales show that around two-fifths (39.3% - ages standardised) of adults in Cardiff were of a healthy weight. This was the seventh highest proportion across the Welsh LAs and exceeded the Welsh average (36.3%).
- Figures for 2009-2012 indicate that adult obesity is linked to deprivation with levels in the most deprived areas in Cardiff almost double those in the least deprived areas.

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Source: National Survey for Wales



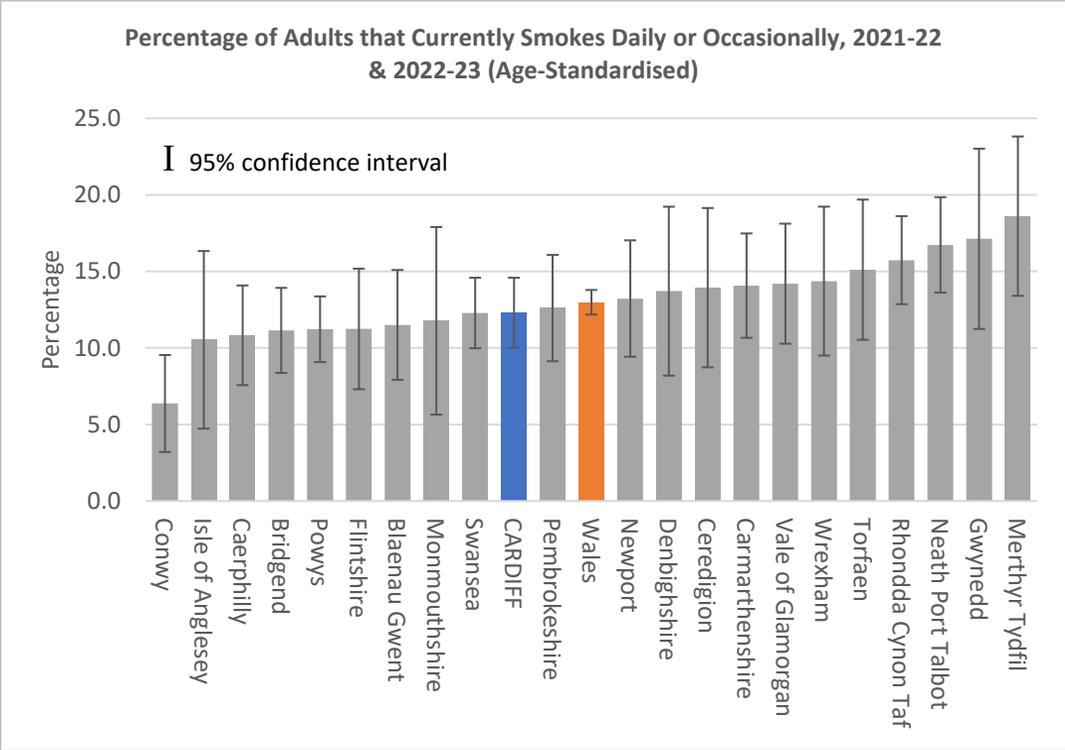
Source: Public Health Wales

Percentage of Adults who are Current Smokers

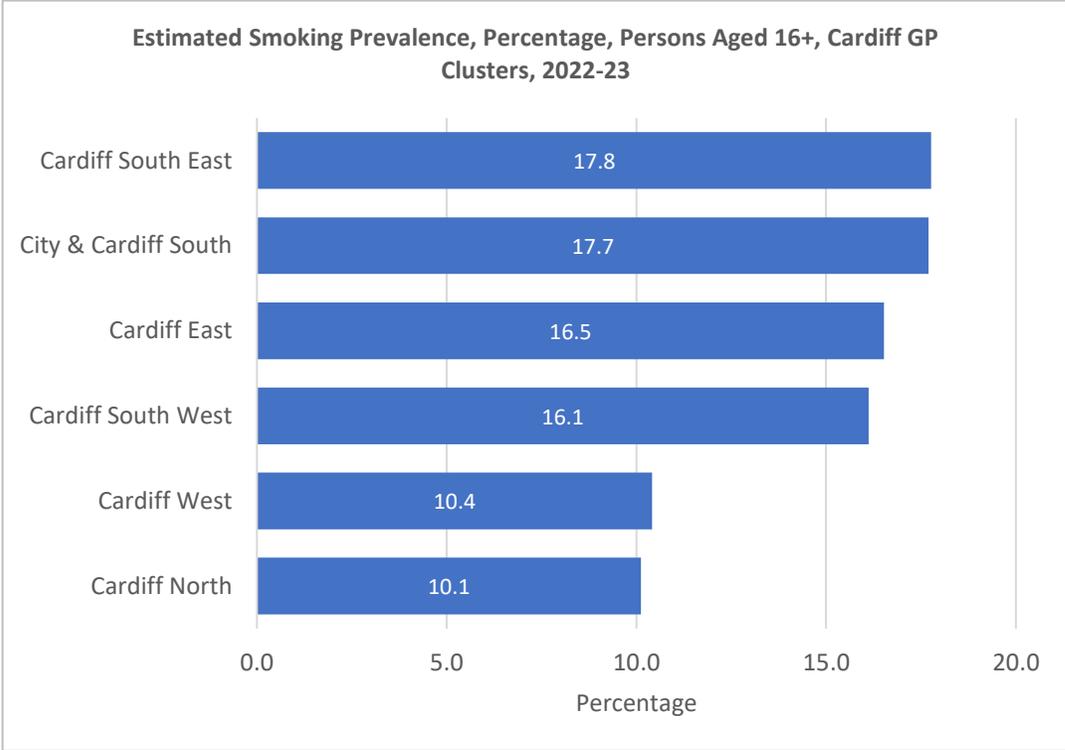
Key Points:

- Combined figures from the 2021-22 and 2022-23 National Survey for Wales show that over a tenth (12.3% - ages standardised) of adults in Cardiff are smokers. This makes it a mid-level performer across the Welsh LAs but is below the Welsh average (13.0%).
- In 2022-23, across Cardiff's GP Clusters, smoking is most prevalent in Cardiff South East and City & Cardiff South, and least prevalent in Cardiff West and Cardiff North.

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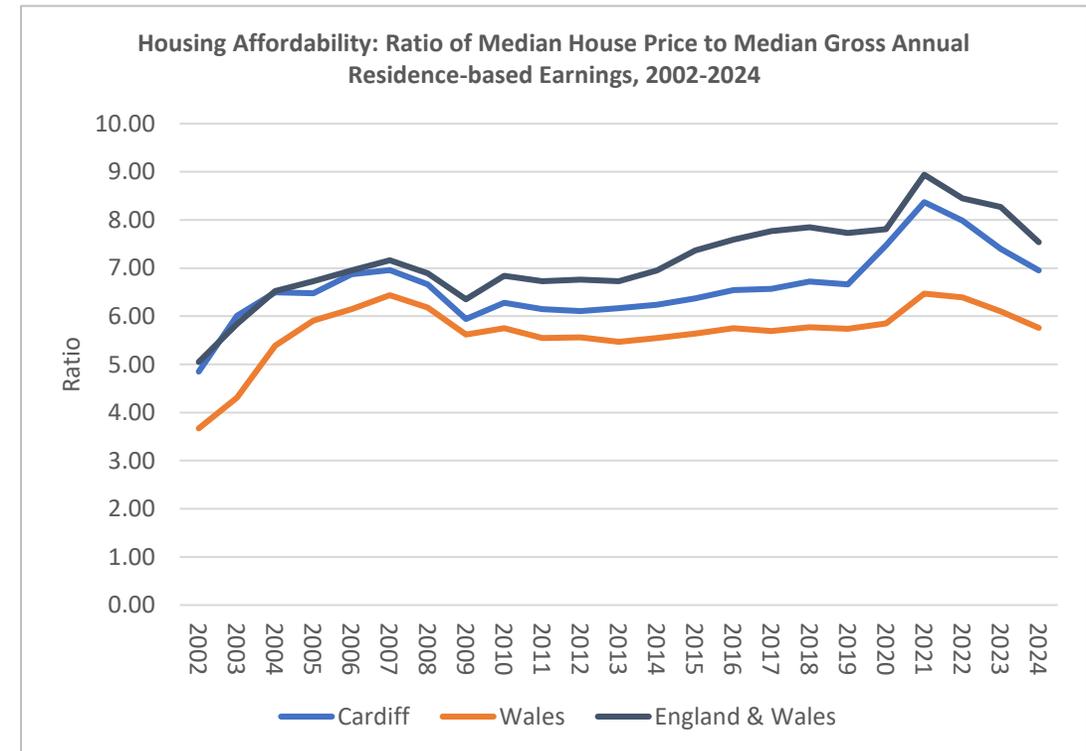
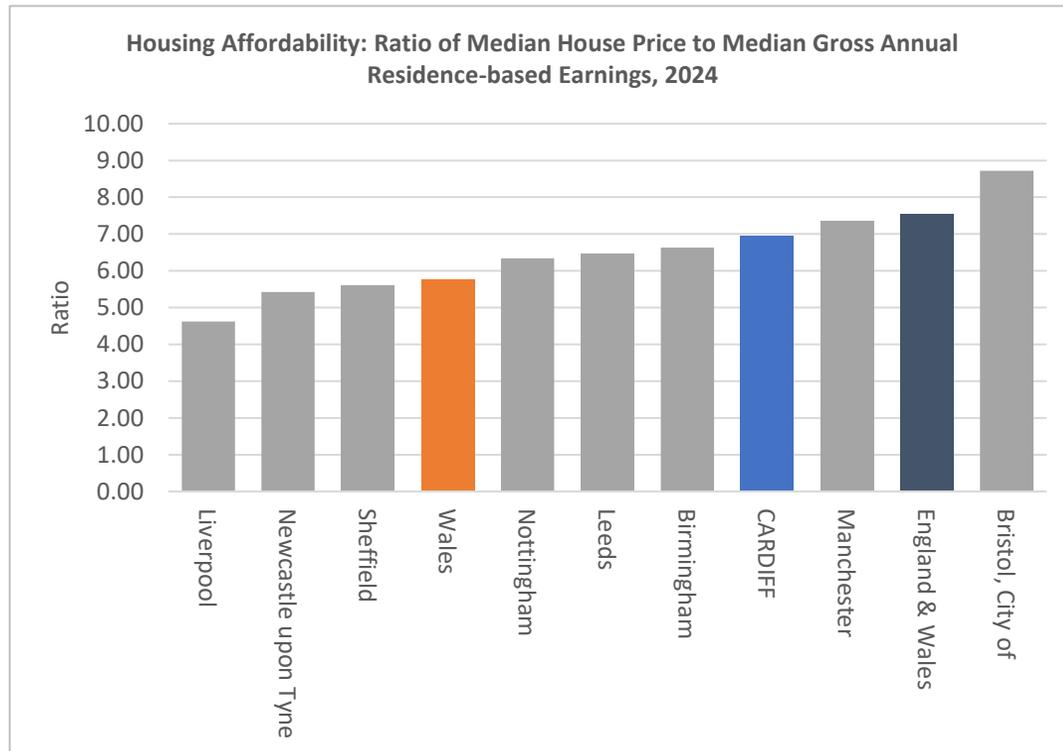


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Housing Affordability: Ratio of House Price to Median Gross Annual Salary (ONS)

Key Points:

- In 2024, housing in Cardiff was the third least affordable major city in England & Wales, behind Bristol and Manchester.
- On average, property costs almost seven times the median gross annual earnings. This reached nearly eight and a half times in 2021 but has declined since this time.
- Since 2002, Cardiff housing has consistently been less affordable than across Wales as a whole but has predominantly been more affordable than the average for England & Wales.
- Cardiff had the third least affordable housing across the Welsh LAs in 2024, compared with the sixth least affordable in 2019.



Source: ONS

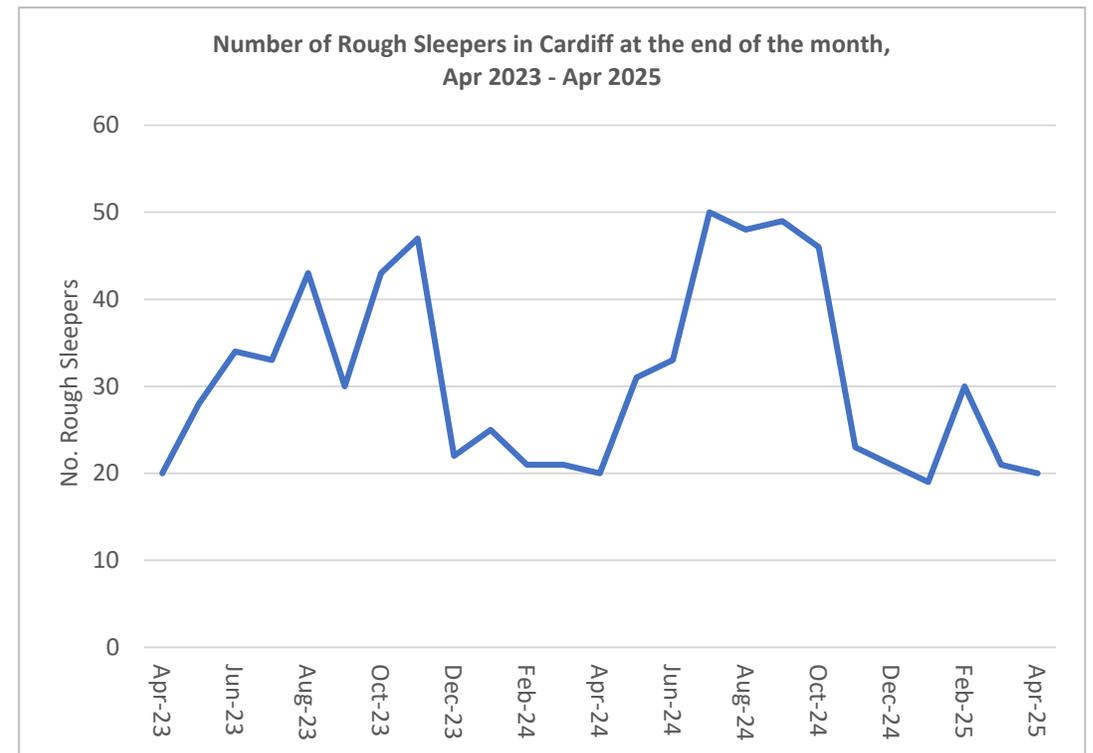
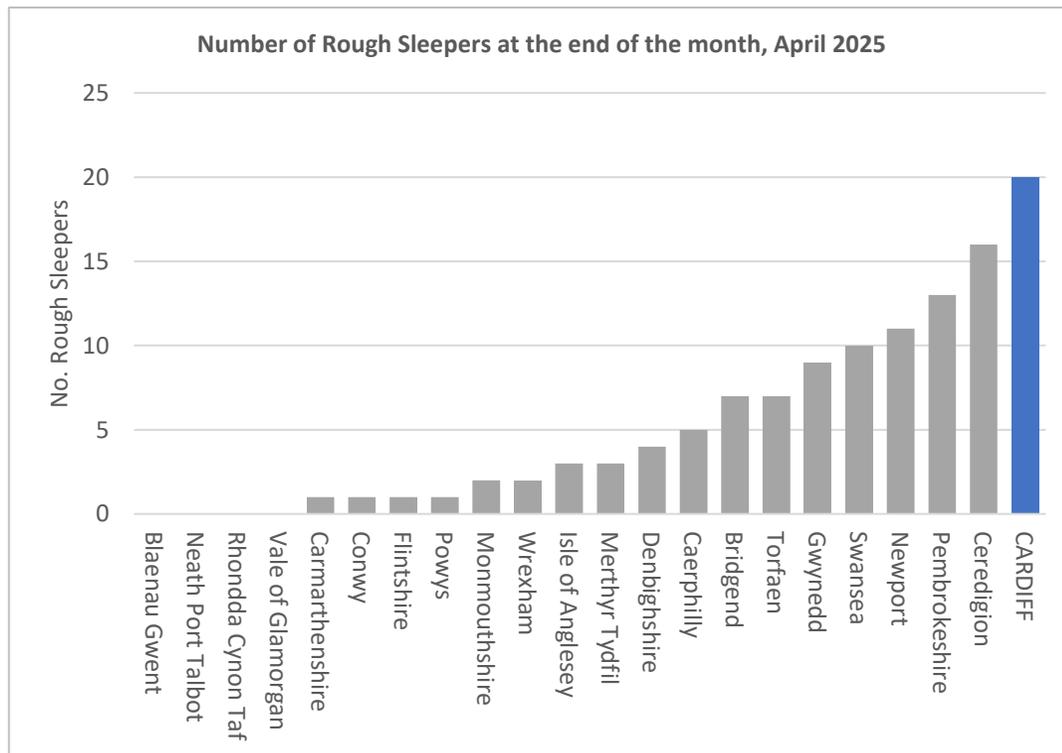
Rough Sleepers

Key Points:

- At the end of April 2025, there were an estimated 20 rough sleepers in Cardiff – the highest figure across Wales. This was unchanged from both April 2023 and April 2024 and compared with a peak of 50 in July 2024.

[NB. Welsh Government advises that month-to-month comparisons are not recommended, as there may be seasonal impacts on homelessness or other reasons for fluctuations. These may become clearer and further commentary possible as data becomes available in subsequent years.]

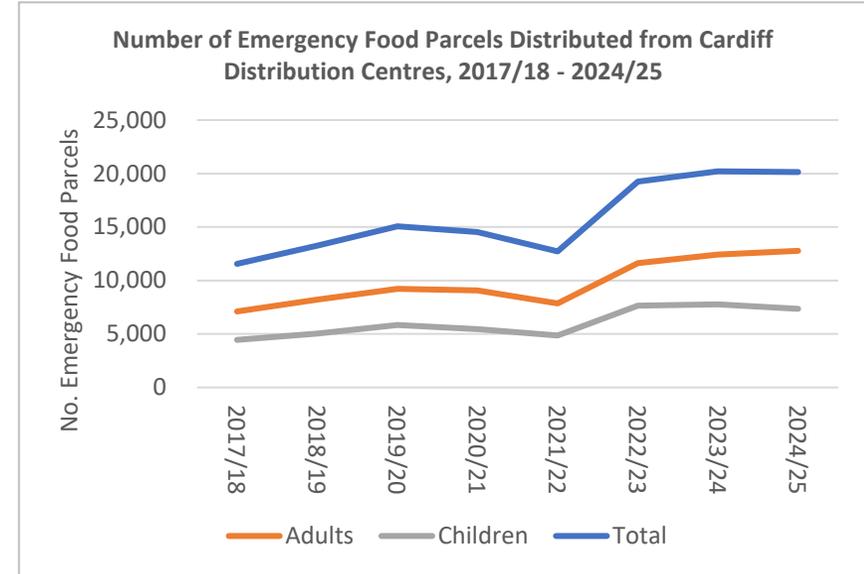
[NB. Between 2015 and 2019, Welsh Government carried out an Annual Rough Sleeper Count that included the ‘number of rough sleepers per 10,000 persons’. However, this was suspended in 2020 due to the pandemic and has not been undertaken since. The data used for this indicator has been replaced with new monthly estimates.]



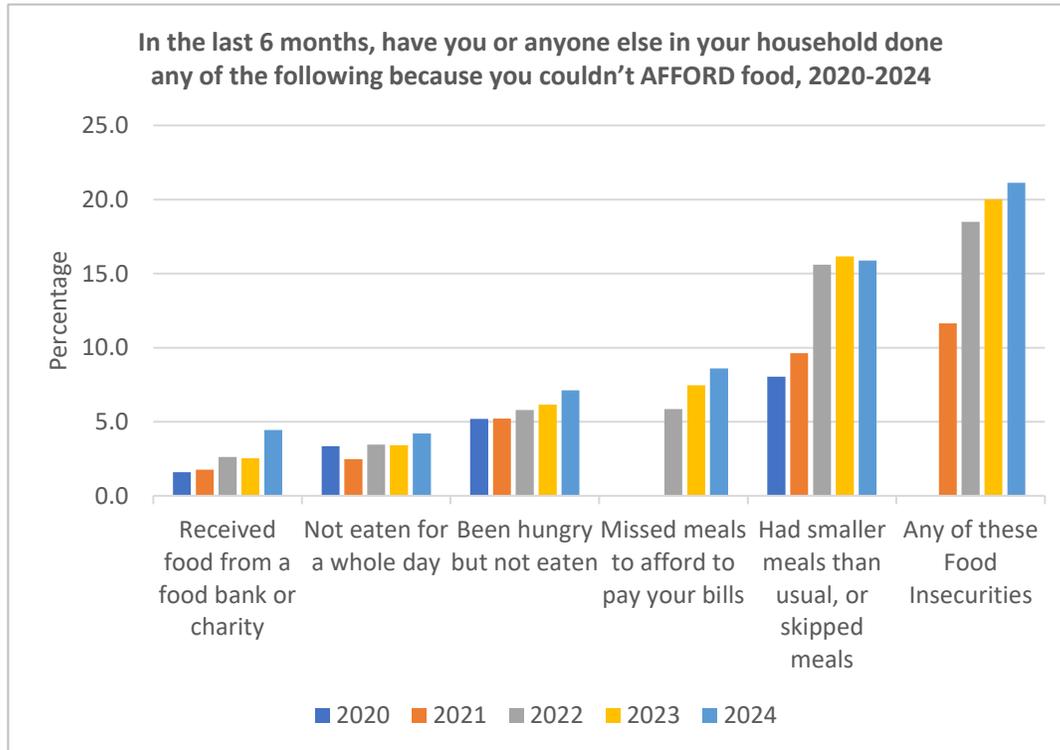
Food Poverty

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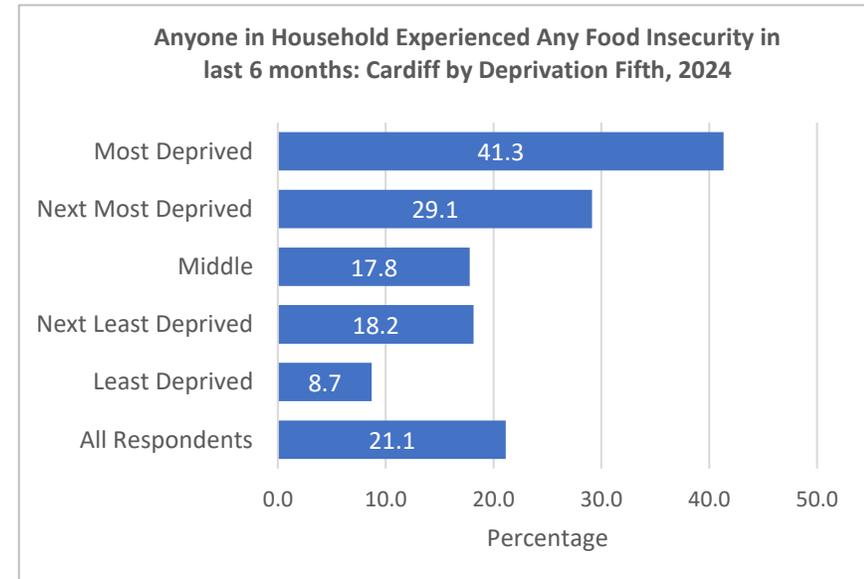
- In 2024/25, the Trussell Trust distributed over 20k emergency food parcels from Cardiff distribution centres. This figure rose sharply between 2021/22 and 2022/23 but has remained relatively unchanged since this time .
- According to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey, in the previous 6 months, 15.9% of respondents had smaller meals than usual or had skipped meals, 8.6% had missed meals to afford to pay their bills, 7.1% had been hungry but not eaten, 4.2% had not eaten for a whole day, and 4.4% had received food from a food bank or charity.
- More than a fifth (21.1%) of respondents had someone in their household that had experienced any of these food insecurities in the previous six months, up from 20.0% for 2023.
- In the city’s most deprived areas this figure was as high as 41.3%, almost five times that seen in the least deprived areas where the figure was still almost a tenth (8.7%).



Source: Trussell Trust



Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

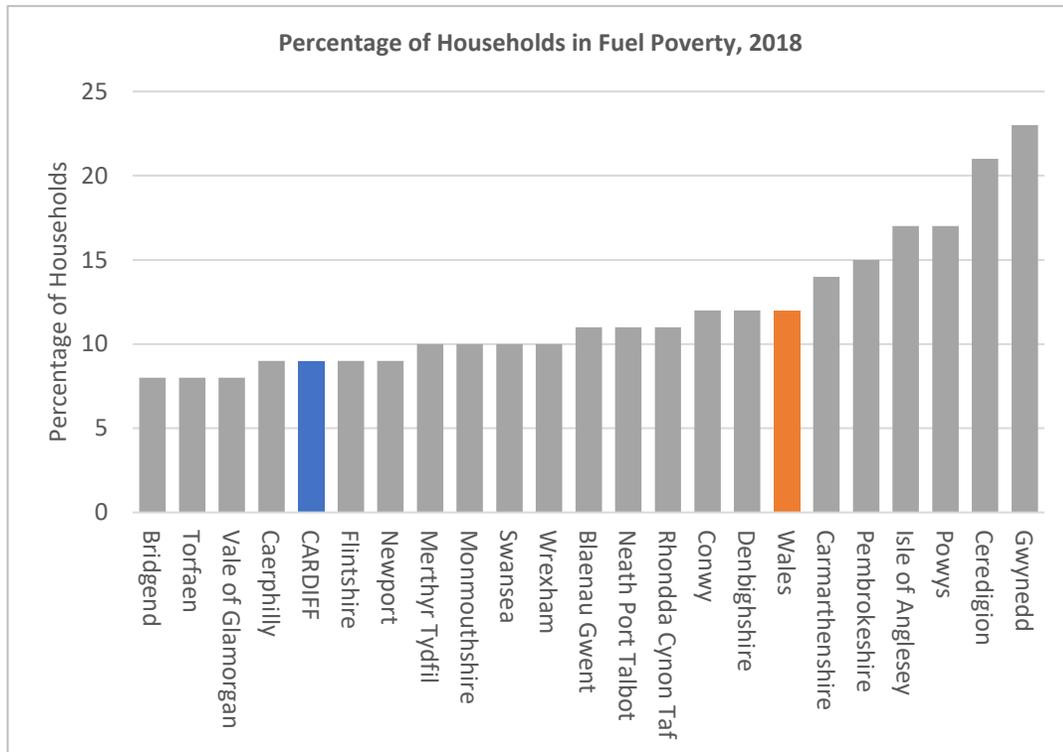


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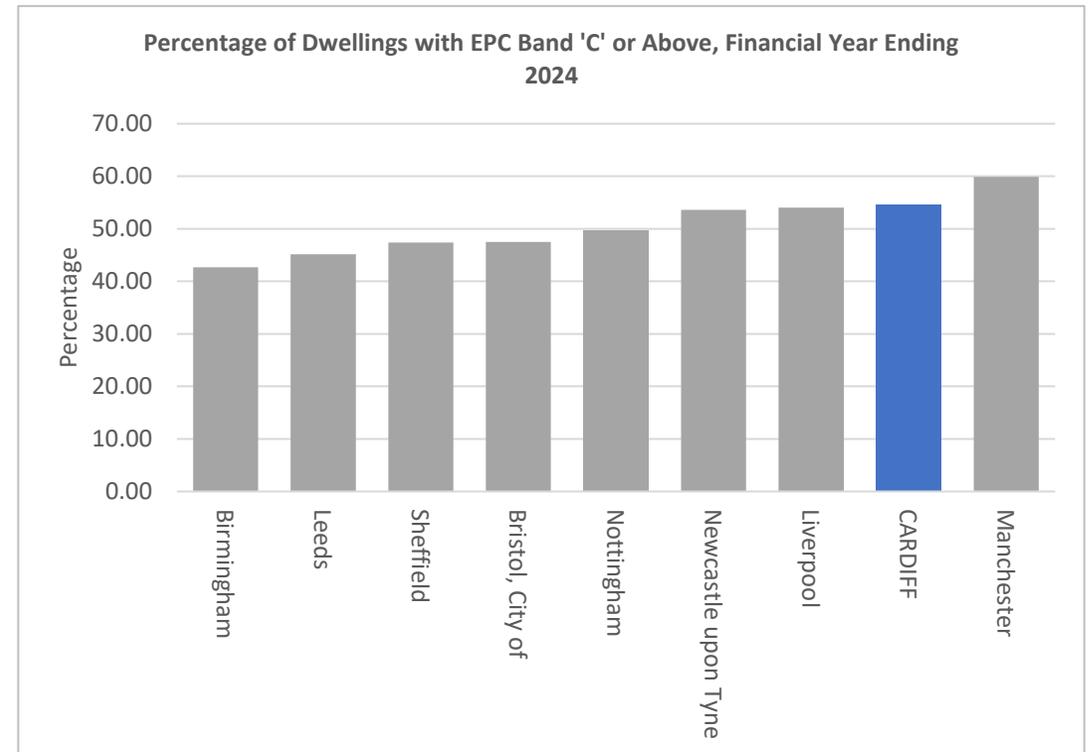
Fuel Poverty

Key Points:

- In 2018, Cardiff had one of the lowest levels of fuel poverty across Welsh LAs.
- 9% of households in Cardiff were in fuel poverty compared to 23% in Gwynedd.
- In terms of energy efficiency, over half (54.64%) of dwellings in Cardiff with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) had an EPC at Band C or above for the financial year ending 2024. This was the second highest figure across the major cities in England and Wales.



Source: Welsh Government



Source: ONS

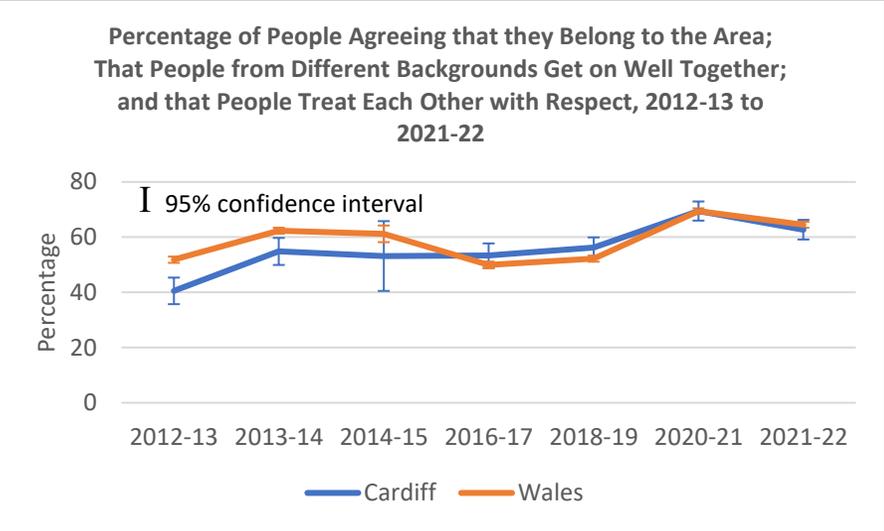
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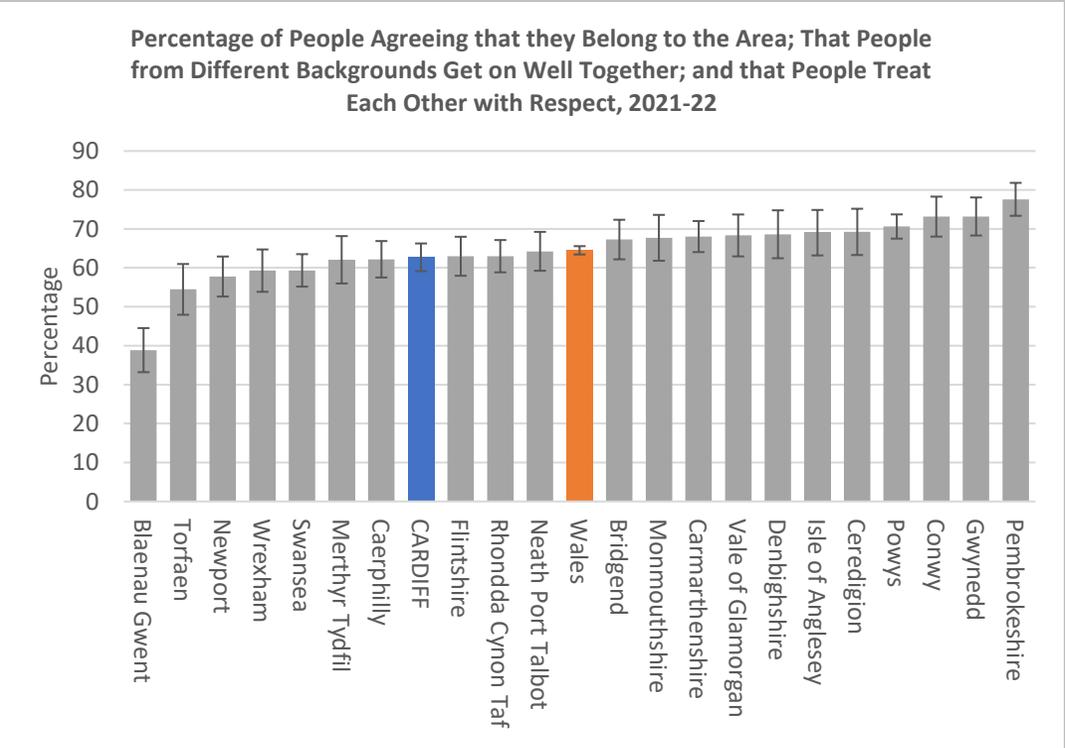
Percentage of People Agreeing that they Belong to the Area; that People from Different Backgrounds get on Well Together; and that People Treat Each Other with Respect

Key Points:

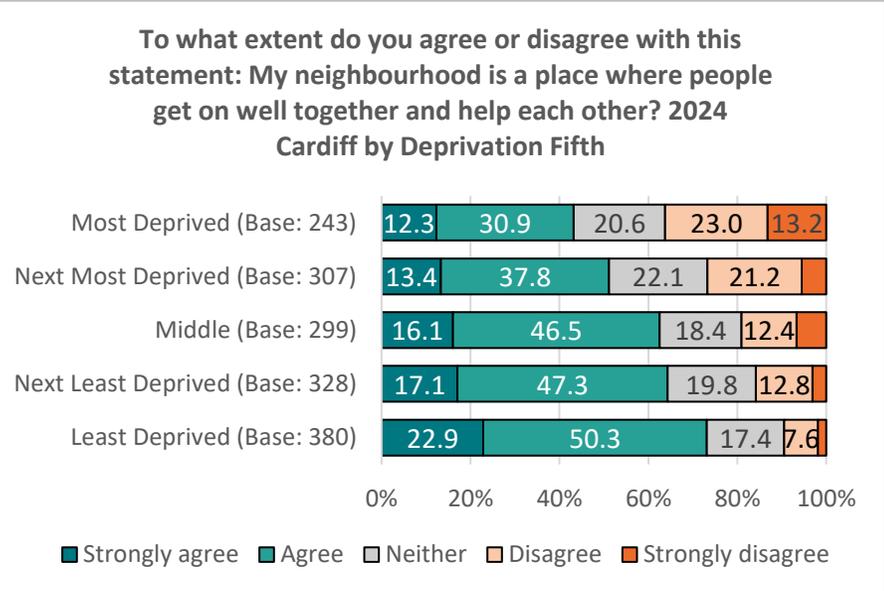
- In 2021-22, community cohesion in Cardiff was just below the Welsh average – 63% agreed that they belong to the area; that people from different backgrounds get on well together; and that people treat each other with respect (Wales 64%).
- This was down from 69% in 2020-21 but up from 41% in 2012-13.
- According to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey, almost three-quarters (73.2%) of those living in Cardiff’s least deprived areas agreed that their neighbourhood was a place where people get on well together and help each other, compared with just over two-fifths (43.2%) of those in the most deprived areas.



Source: National Survey for Wales



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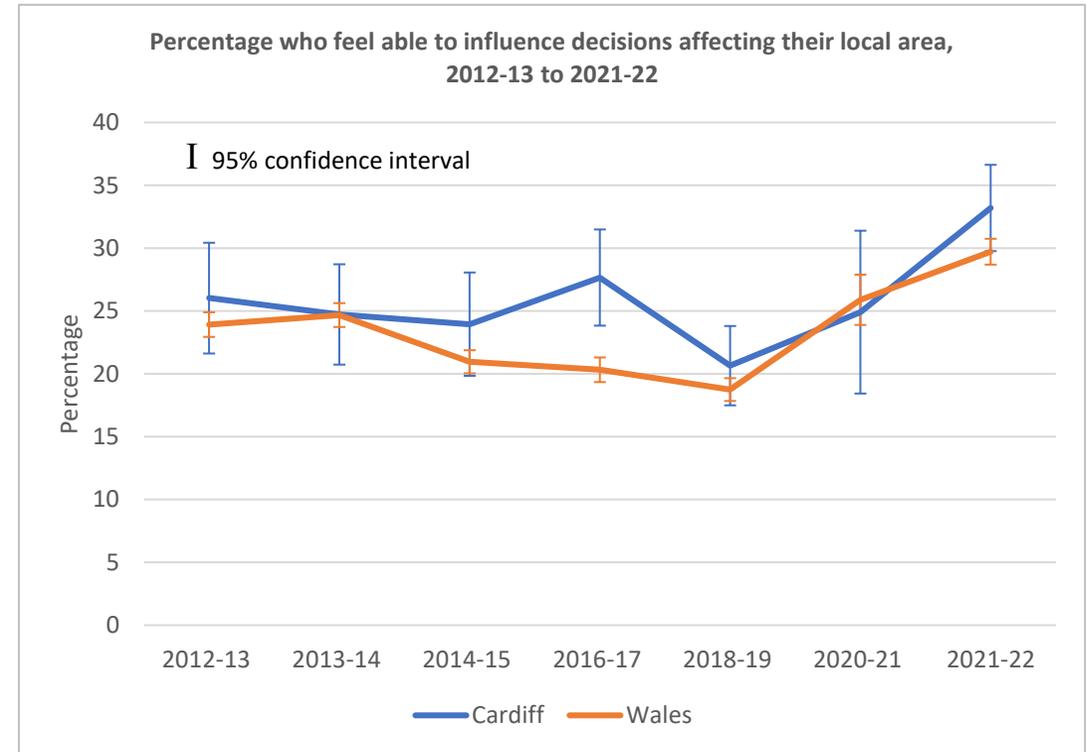
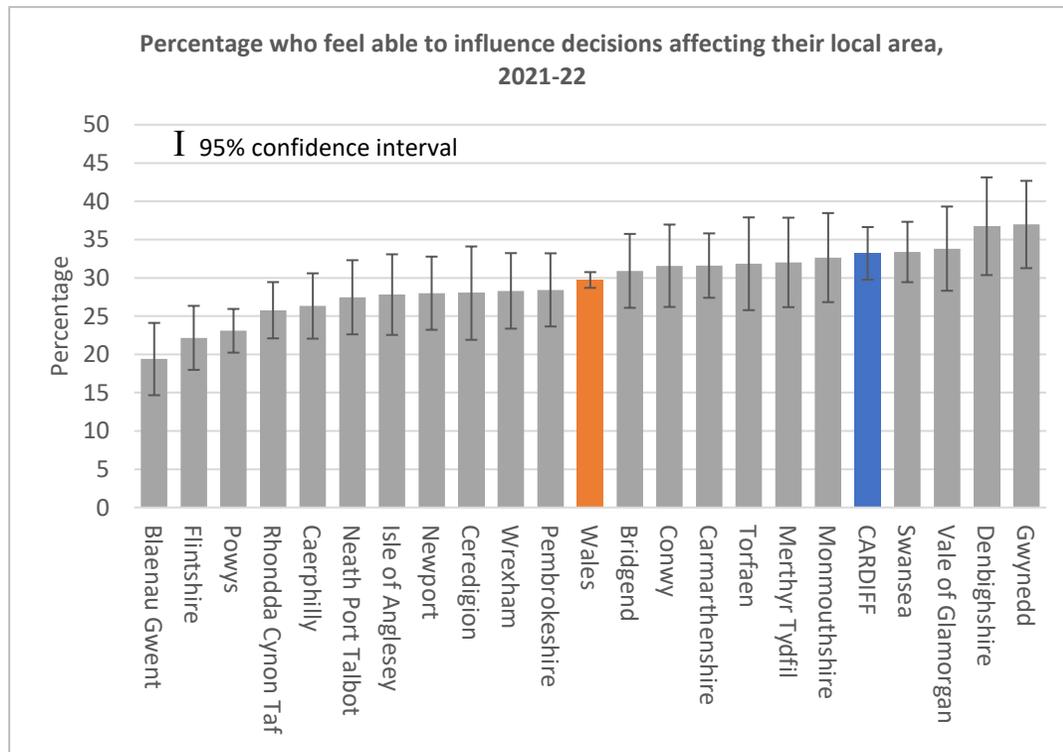


Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

Percentage who feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area

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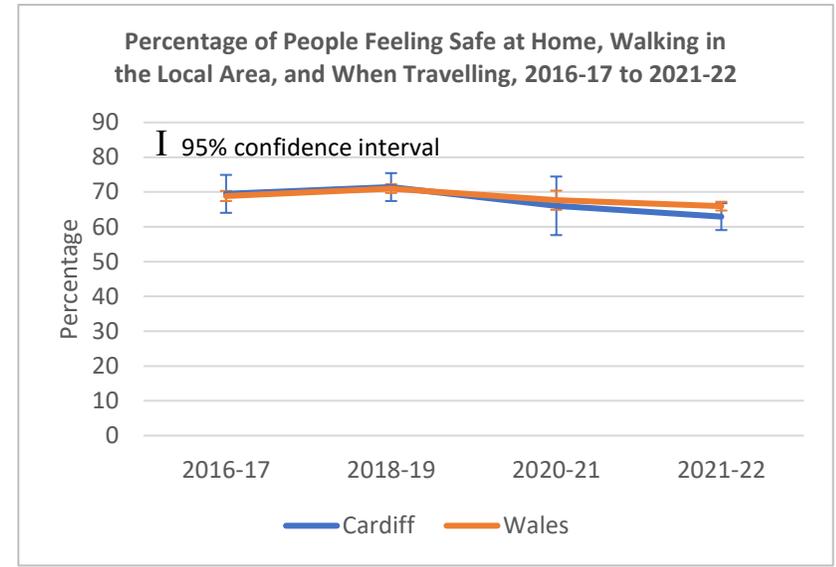
- In 2021-22, a third (33%) of people in Cardiff felt able to influence decisions affecting their local area – the joint-fourth highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above the Welsh average (30%).
- The Cardiff proportion fell to a low of 21% in 2018-19 but since this time has recovered to reach its highest level since the question was first asked in 2012-13.
- Between 2012-13 and 2018-19 it has predominantly exceeded the comparative figure for Wales as a whole.



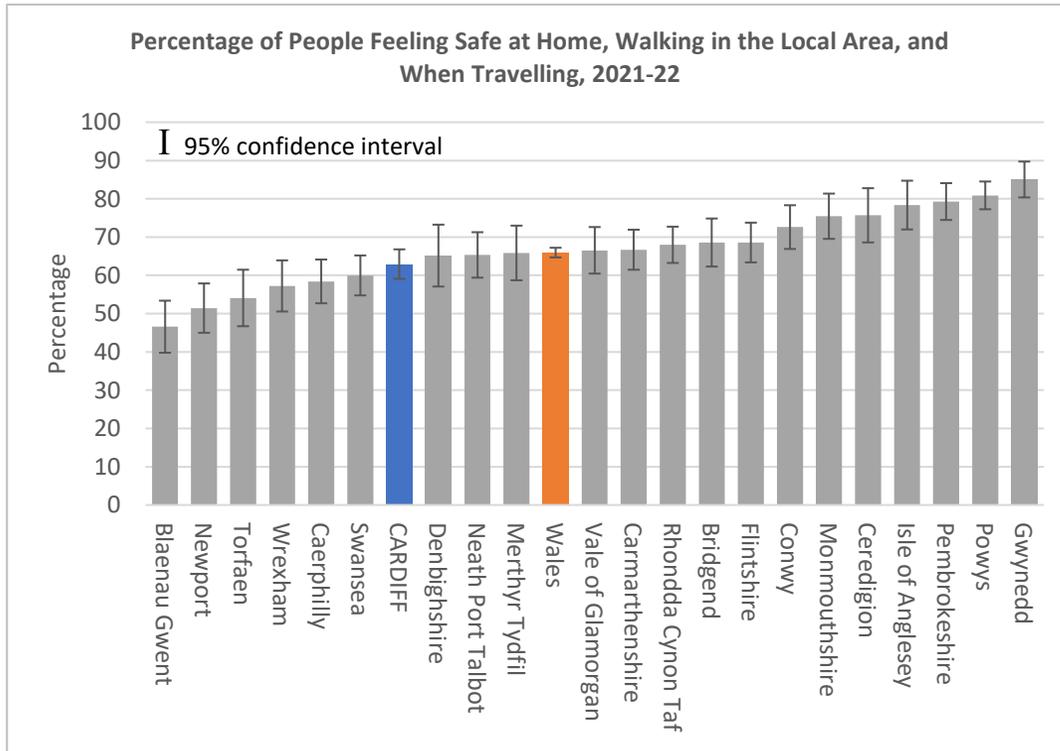
Percentage of people feeling safe at home, walking in local area and when travelling

Key Points:

- In 2021-22, less than two-thirds (63%) of people in Cardiff felt safe at home, walking in the local area, and when travelling. This was below the Welsh average (66%) and down from 71% in 2018-19.
- According to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey, only a third (33.2%) of respondents felt safe walking in the city centre after dark, although this has slowly increased in recent years from 29.7% in 2021.
- This figure fell to around a fifth (21.1%) of respondents identifying as disabled and three-tenths (29.0%) of females.



Source: National Survey for Wales



Source: National Survey for Wales

Percentage of people feeling safe in different situations, 2024

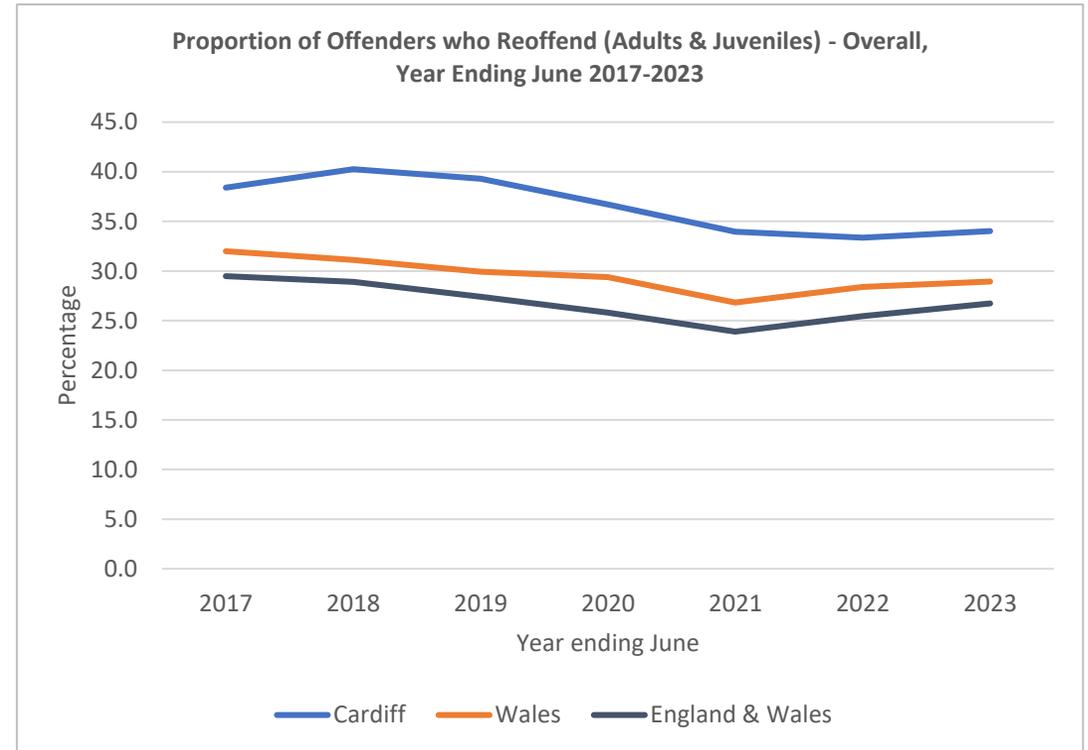
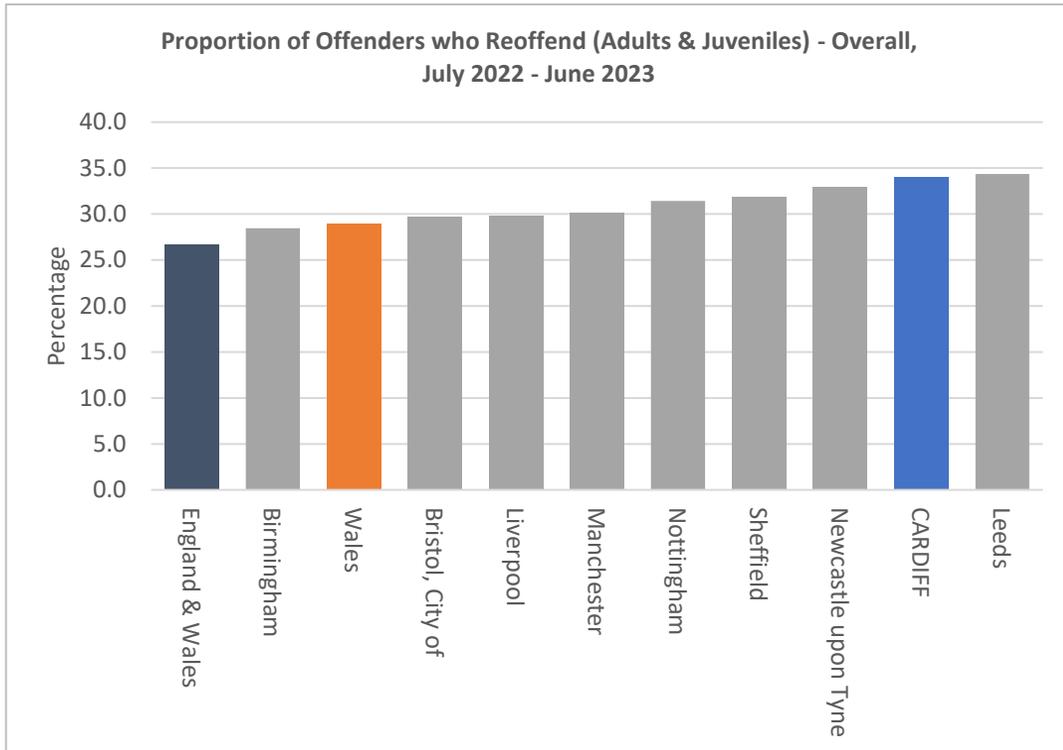
% Feeling Safe	At home		Walking in your neighbourhood		Walking in the city centre		Travelling by bus		When cycling in Cardiff	
	Daylight	After Dark	Daylight	After Dark	Daylight	After Dark	Daylight	After Dark	Daylight	After Dark
Overall	97.1	86.9	92.8	58.0	81.9	33.2	93.0	58.0	65.8	30.8
Under 35	98.4	88.3	93.0	55.6	86.2	39.5	90.2	62.5	76.9	41.0
55+	97.4	89.1	93.8	61.9	84.1	32.4	94.9	60.4	59.9	26.9
Female	97.4	85.6	92.4	53.1	84.0	29.0	94.0	53.3	65.1	27.0
Male	96.8	90.2	93.4	66.7	81.3	40.2	93.1	67.5	67.5	35.6
Ethnically Diverse	98.0	86.5	93.6	56.5	87.5	43.4	93.3	63.1	77.8	41.5
Identify as disabled	93.4	77.4	85.9	44.5	74.2	21.1	86.4	45.5	56.2	25.1
Welsh speaker	98.9	87.2	97.2	63.3	82.8	40.1	96.0	65.1	65.7	33.8
Southern Arc	96.3	82.3	89.3	45.1	80.4	36.9	91.6	56.9	67.1	34.7
Children in household	96.8	84.5	92.2	58.3	79.4	34.2	92.2	57.6	69.7	31.7
LGBTQ+	97.2	85.8	92.1	56.5	87.0	37.4	90.7	61.8	73.1	39.9

Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

Proportion of People who have Offended who Reoffend (Adults and Juveniles)

Key Points:

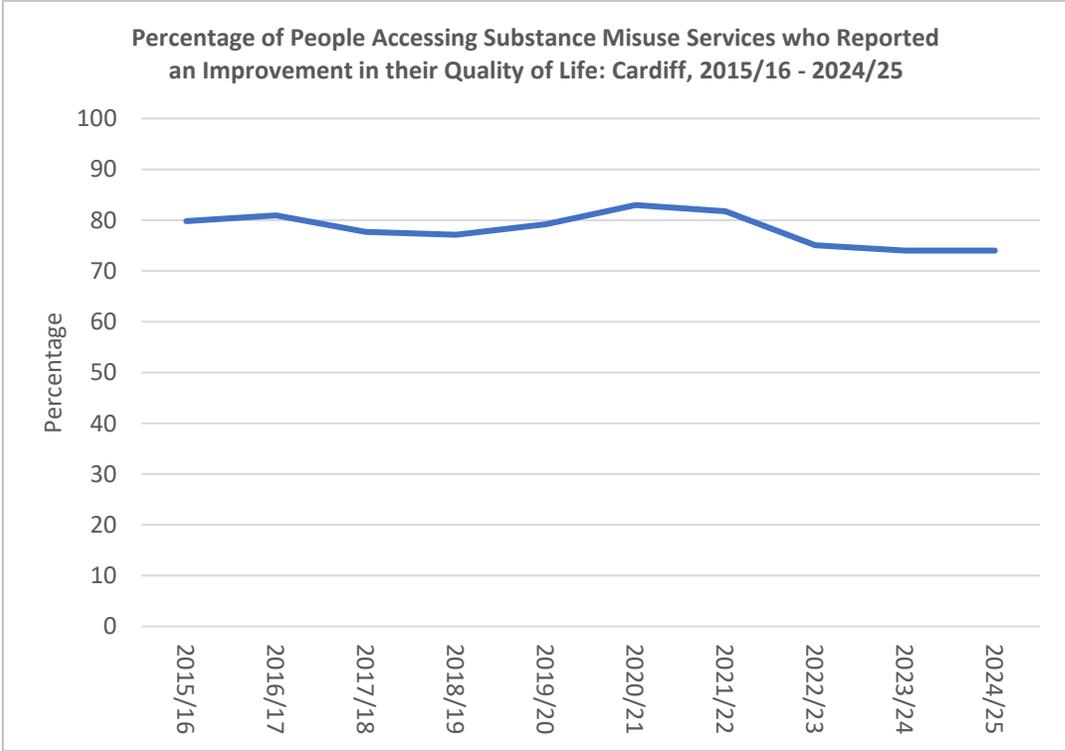
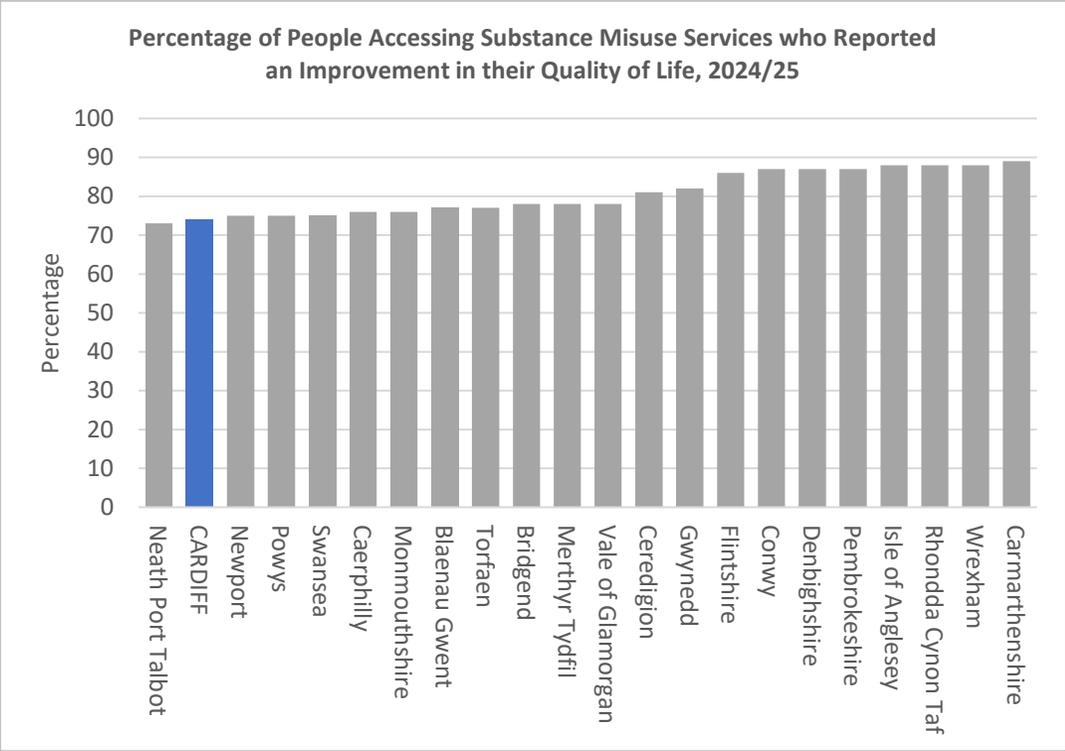
- For the twelve months ending June 2023, Cardiff (34.0%) had the second highest rate of reoffending across the major cities in England and Wales, as well as the second highest amongst the Welsh LAs.
- The rate has also consistently exceeded those of both Wales and England & Wales between 2017 and 2023.



Percentage of People Accessing Substance Misuse Services who Reported an Improvement in their Quality of Life

Key Points:

- In 2024/25, less than three-quarters (74%) of people in receipt of substance misuse services in Cardiff reported an improvement in their quality of life.
- This was at its joint-lowest level (from a starting point of 2015/16), having declined in recent years from a peak of 83% in 2020/21, and was the second lowest figure across the Welsh LAs. However, it was unchanged from 2023/24.

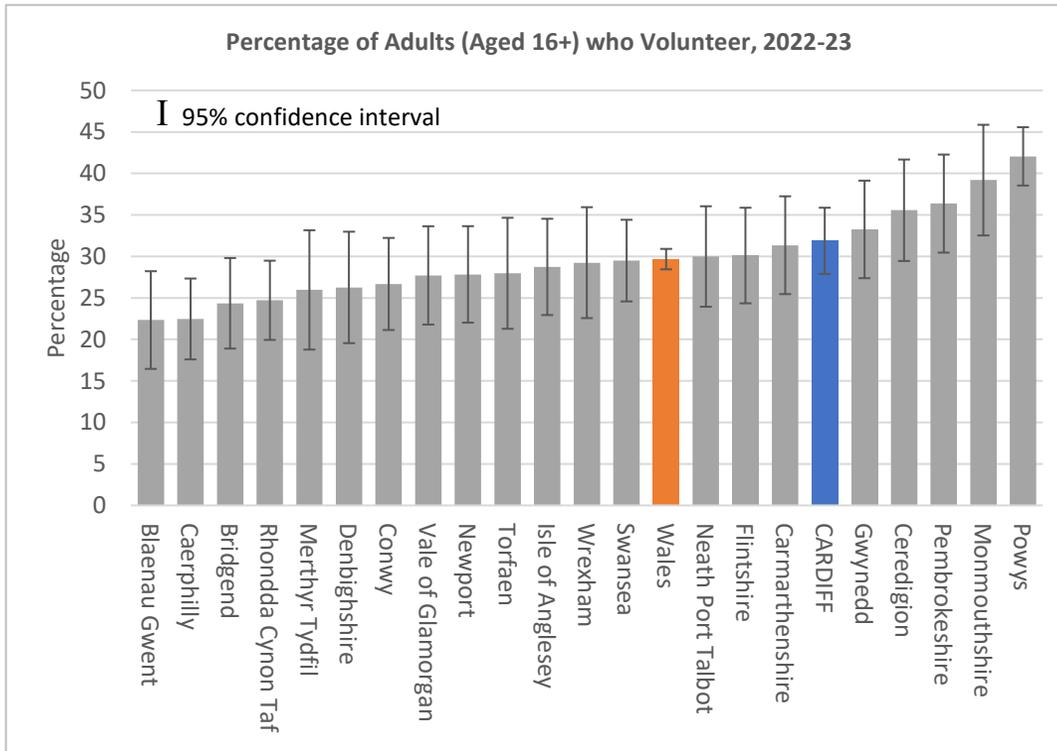


Source: Welsh National Database for Substance Misuse

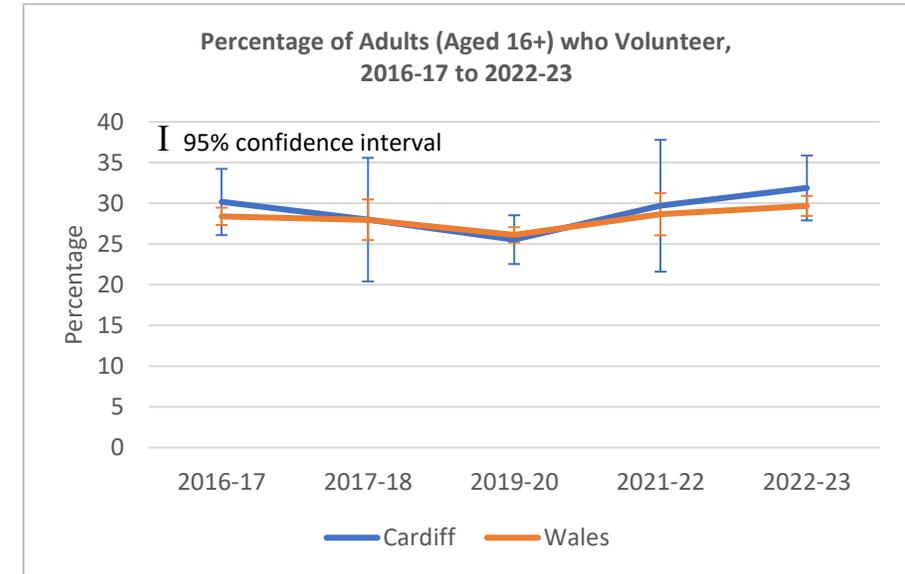
Percentage Volunteering

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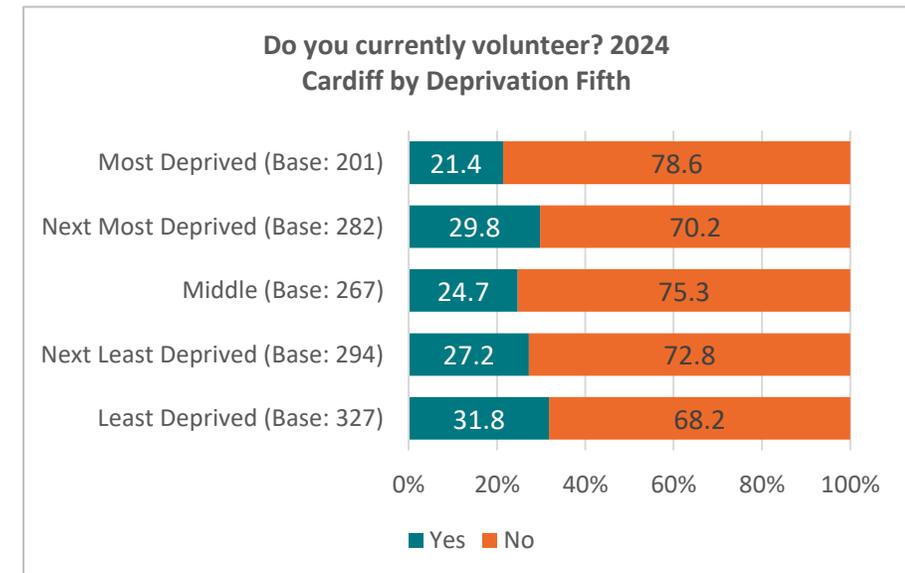
- In 2022/23, almost a third (32%) of adults in Cardiff volunteered, the sixth highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above the Welsh average (30%).
- Volunteering levels in Cardiff have increased in recent years after falling to a low of 26% in 2019-20.
- Figures from the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey indicate that volunteering is generally more prevalent as levels of deprivation decline. Less than a quarter (21.4%) of respondents from the most deprived areas of the city volunteered, compared with almost a third (31.8%) in the least deprived areas. However, the next most deprived fifth had the second highest volunteering rate of 29.8%.



Source: National Survey for Wales



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Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

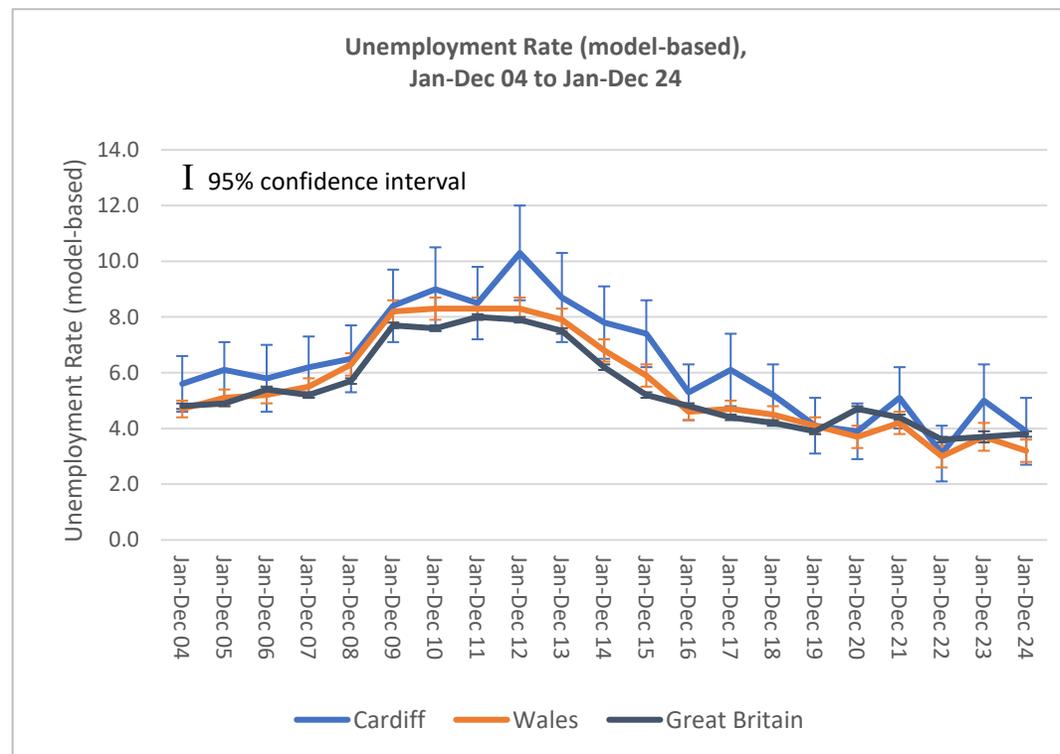
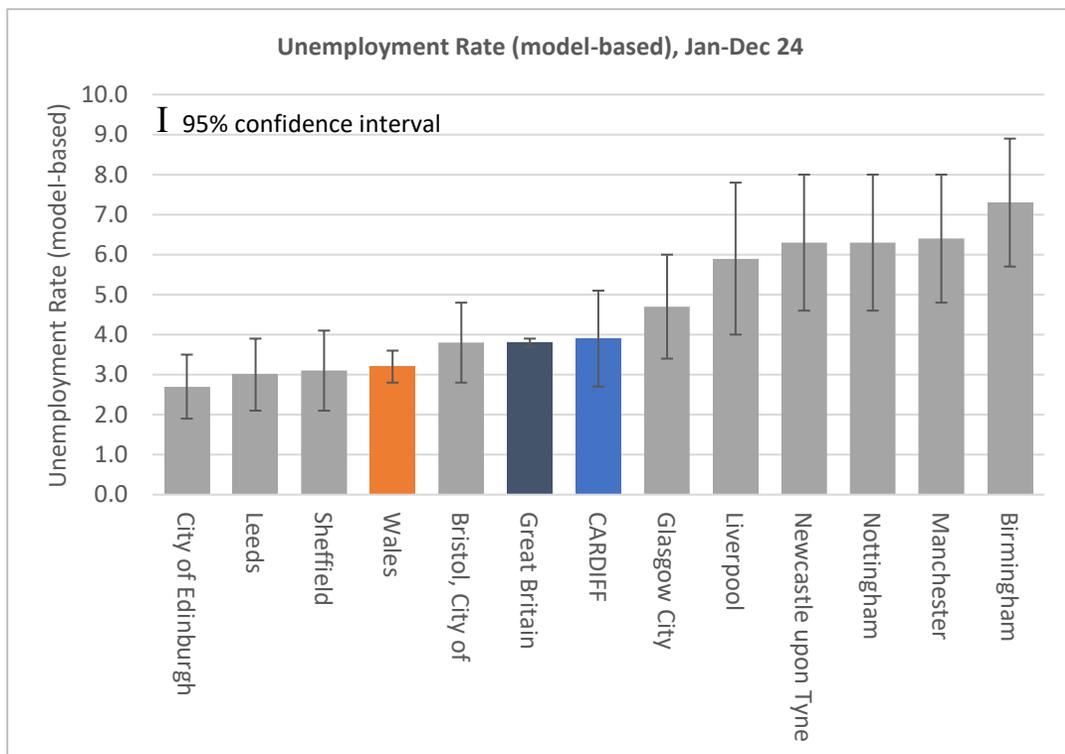
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Unemployment Rate of the Economically Active Population Age 16+

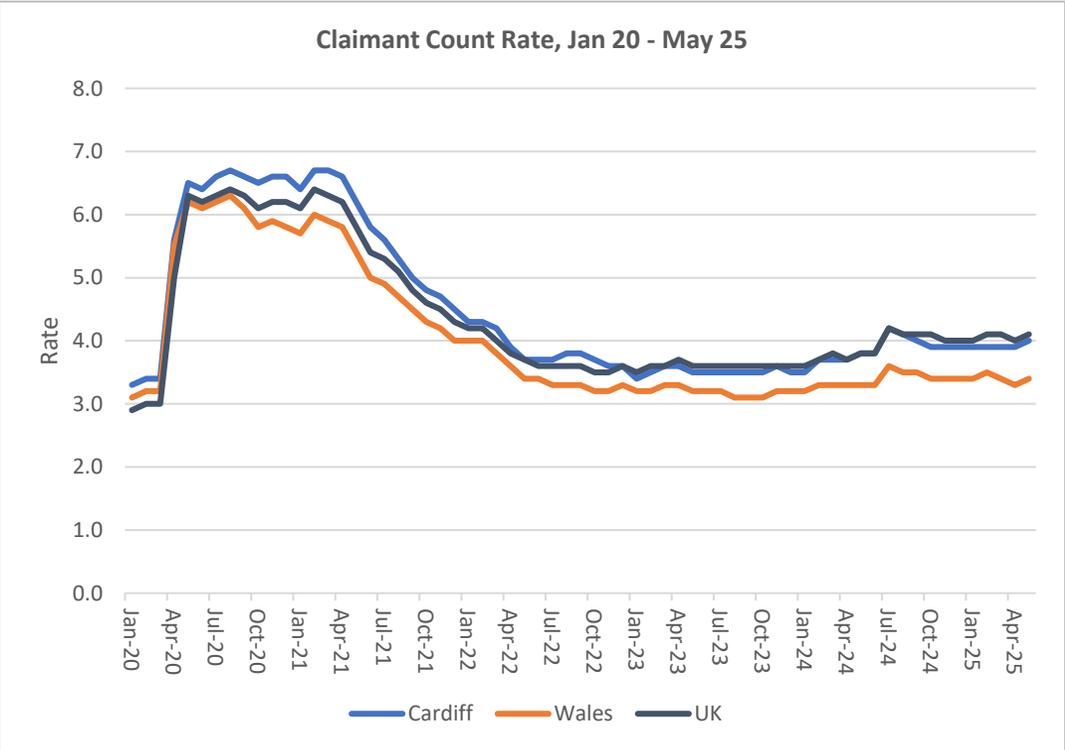
Key Points:

- The unemployment rate (model based) in Cardiff for the twelve months ending December 2024 was 3.9%. This made it a mid-level performer amongst the major UK cities. However, it exceeded the comparative figures for both Wales (3.2%) and Great Britain (3.8%) and was the joint-second highest rate across the Welsh LAs.
- After reaching a high of 10.3% for the year ending Dec 2012, unemployment in Cardiff followed a downward trend until the year ending Dec 2020. However, since this time, the rate has been more volatile, ranging between 3.1% and 5.1%. This is possibly due to issues with the dataset/response rate since the pandemic that have caused the quality of local authority data to deteriorate.

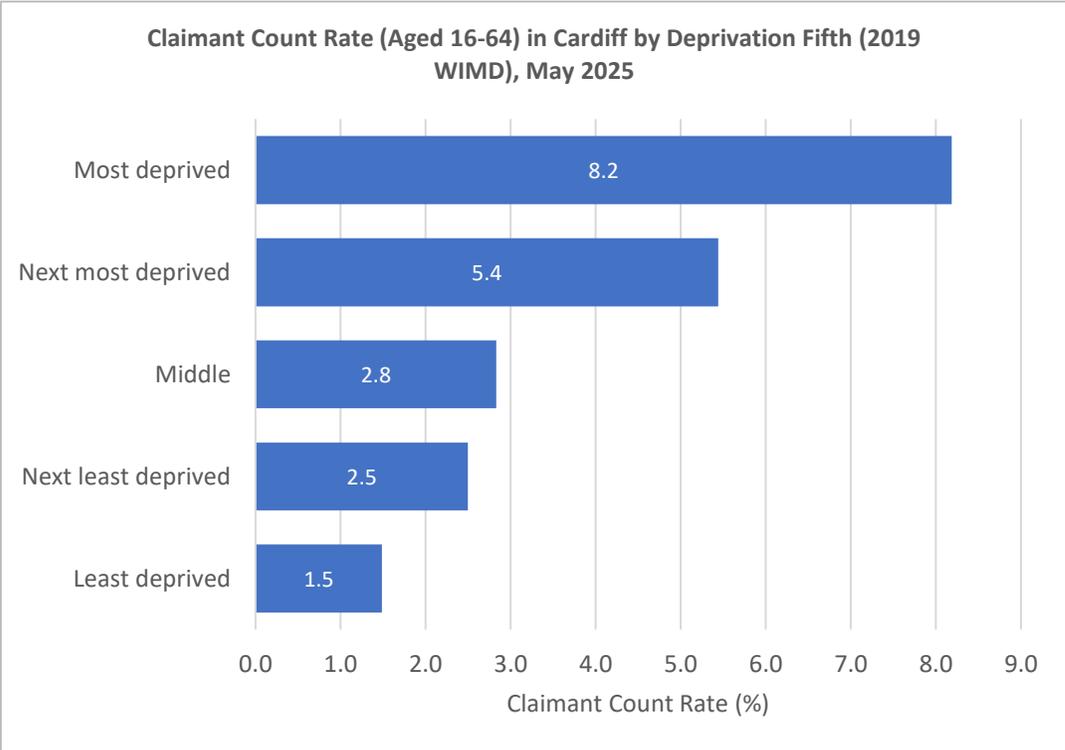


Unemployment Rate of the Economically Active Population age 16+ (Claimant Count Rate/Deprivation Fifth)

- Key Points:**
- The pandemic’s impact on unemployment caused the claimant count rate in Cardiff to double in the spring of 2020. However, this figure then followed a downward trajectory from March 2021, falling to a low of 3.4% in Jan 2023, although this was still above its pre-pandemic level. Since this time, the rate has been relatively stable but has started to creep up again over the past year.
 - The Cardiff rate has exceeded that of Wales since the beginning of 2020. However, since Dec 2022, it has not been above the UK rate. In May 2025, the Cardiff rate was 4.0%, compared with 3.4% for Wales and 4.1% for the UK.
 - Unemployment is not felt evenly across the city, with claimant count rate around 5.5 times higher for the most deprived areas of the Cardiff (8.2%) compared to the least deprived areas (1.5%).



Source: Claimant Count

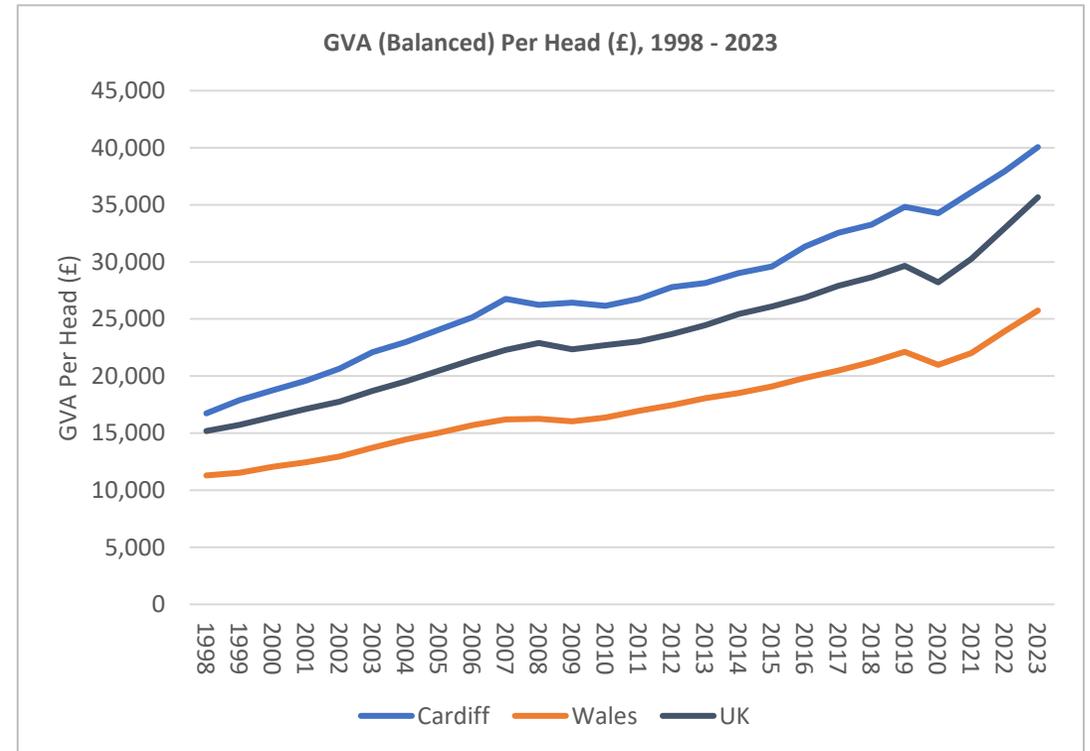
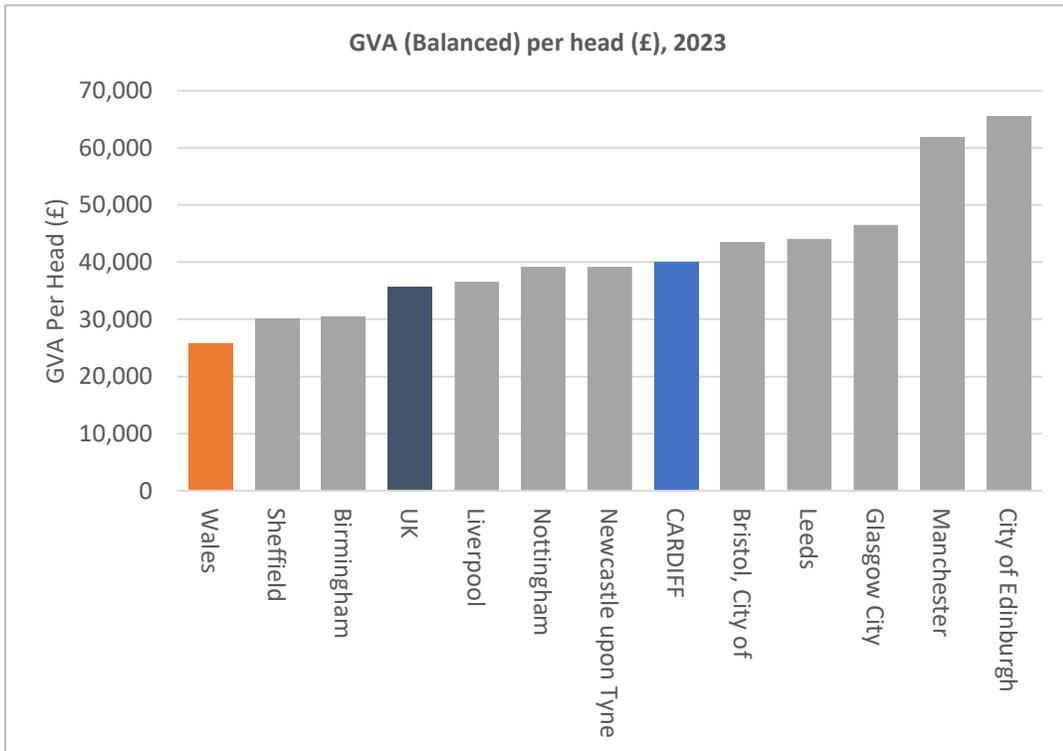


Source: Claimant Count/Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019, Welsh Government/ Mid-2022 Population Estimates, ONS

GVA per Head in Cardiff

Key Points:

- In 2023, GVA per head in Cardiff stood at £40,064, comfortably above both the comparative Wales and UK figures, as has been the case since 1998.
- However, it was only a mid-ranking performer across the major UK cities, and the large gap in GVA per head between Cardiff and certain cities, namely Manchester and Edinburgh, reveals that Cardiff needs to make progress in this area.
- Despite temporary declines due to the 2008 financial crisis and the covid pandemic, GVA per head has followed an upward trend in Cardiff since 1998.
- Between 2018 and 2023, GVA per head in Cardiff rose by 20.4%, although this was slightly below the increases seen across Wales (21.3%) and the UK (24.5%).



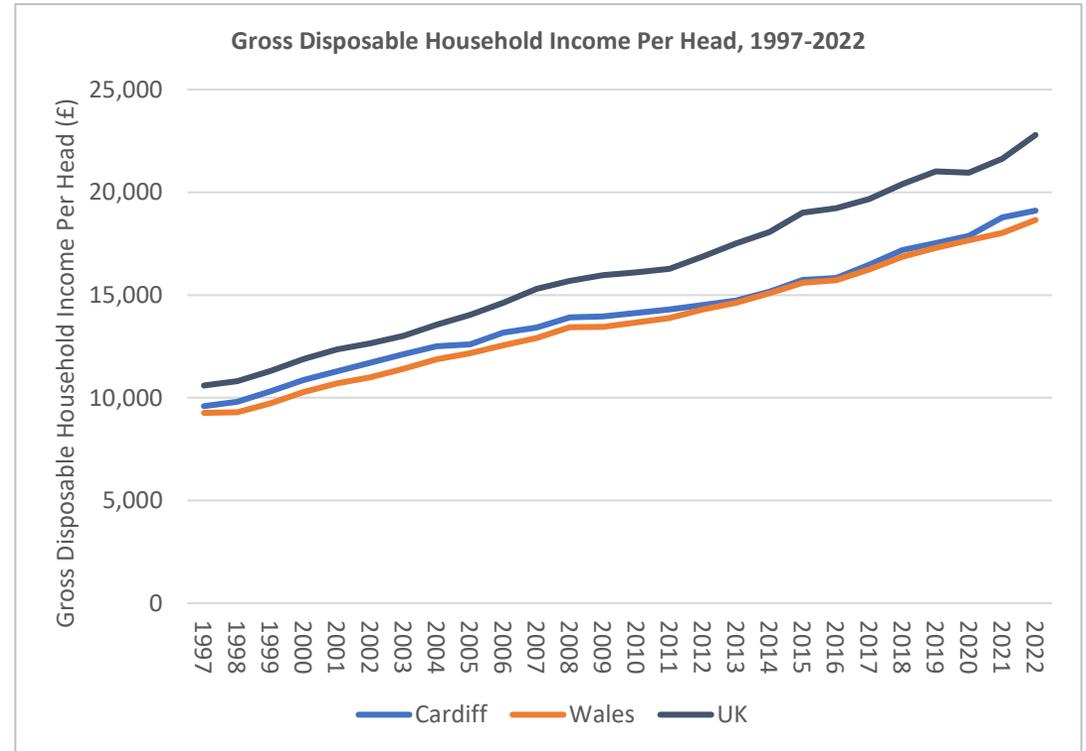
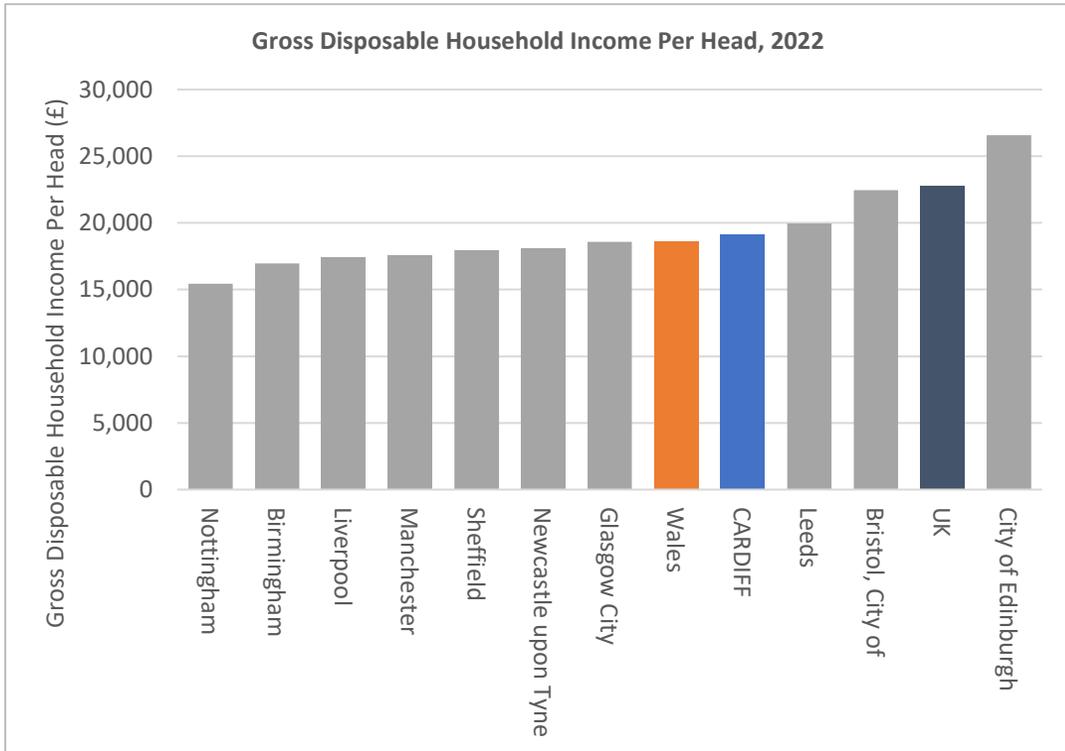
Source: ONS

NB. GVA uses current price data. UK figure is for United Kingdom less Extra-Region. Latest figures are provisional.

Gross Disposable Household Income per Head in Cardiff

Key Points:

- In 2022, gross disposable household income in Cardiff stood at £19,106. This was similar to the Welsh average, but significantly lower than the UK average (£22,789) and the level seen in certain major UK cities, namely Bristol and Edinburgh.
- Since 1997, Cardiff's figure has followed an upward trend although the gap with the UK has tended to increase over time.



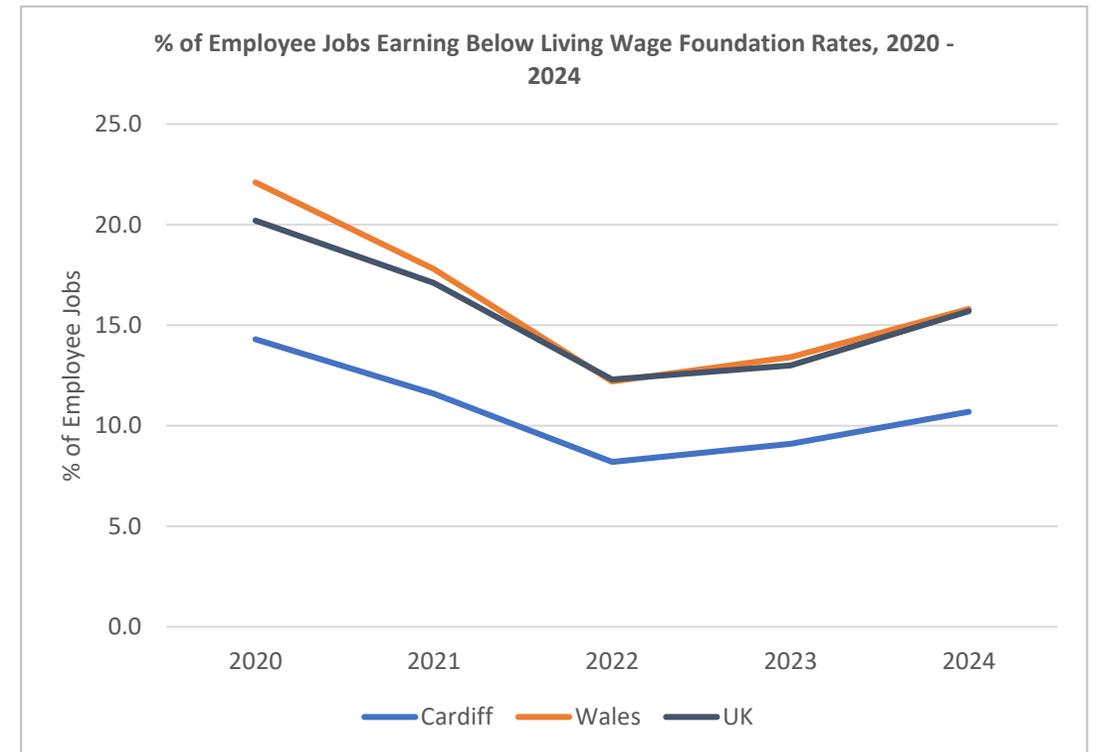
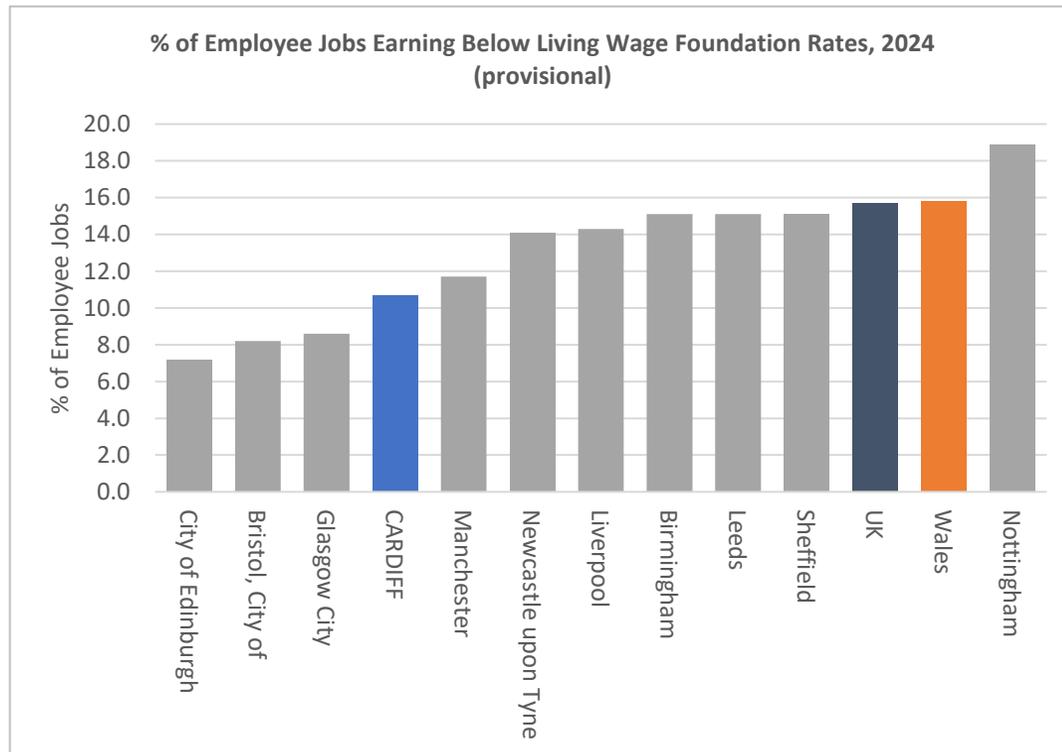
Source: ONS
NB. latest figures are provisional

Percentage of Employee Jobs with Hourly Pay below the Living Wage

Key Points:

- Provisional results for 2024 show that 10.7% of Cardiff employees received an hourly pay below the living wage.
- This percentage is significantly below the figures for both Wales (15.8%) and the UK (15.7%), as well as the majority of other major UK cities. It is also the second lowest percentage across the Welsh LAs.
- This data reflects the success of Cardiff's Real Living Wage movement.
- However, although the Cardiff proportion fell from 14.3% in 2020 to a low of 8.2% in 2022, it has gradually increased again over the last couple of years.

[NB: Data based on number and proportion of UK employees earning below the living wage as defined by the Living Wage Foundation]

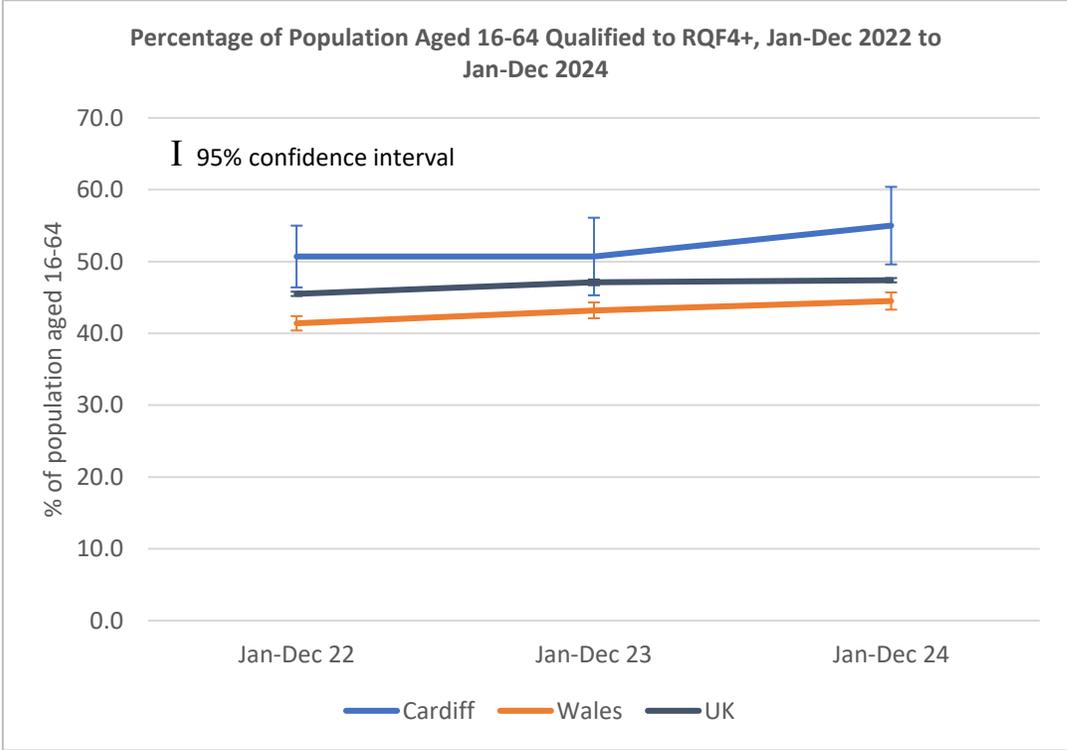
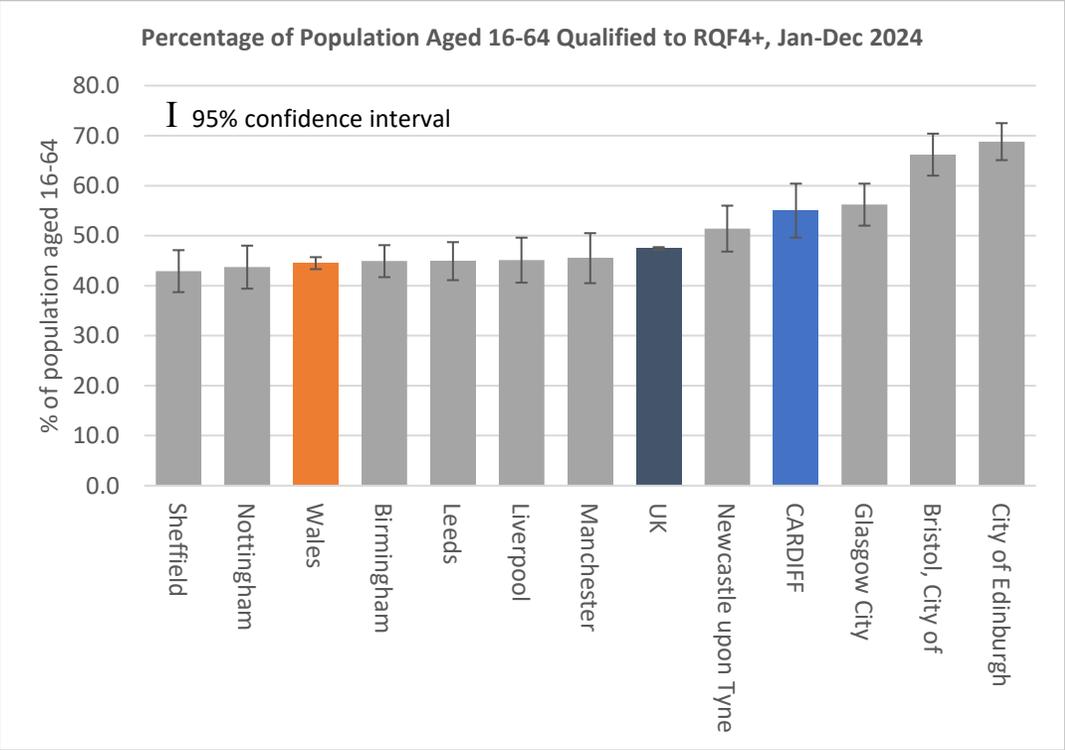


Percentage of Population Aged 16-64 Qualified to RQF4+ (Previously NVQ4+)

Key Points:

- For the twelve months ending December 2024, more than half (55.0%) of Cardiff’s adult population were qualified to RQF level 4 and above, up from 50.7% for the previous year.
- This was the fourth highest figure across the major UK cities, as well as the highest proportion amongst the Welsh LAs. It also exceeded both the Wales (44.5%) and UK (47.4%) averages, as has been the case since 2022 (when RQF data replaced the previous NVQ dataset).

[NB. Figures for 2022 onwards are not comparable with previous years due to the changes to the qualification questions in the Labour Force Survey/Annual Population Survey. The questions, previously based on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), have been updated to reflect the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).]

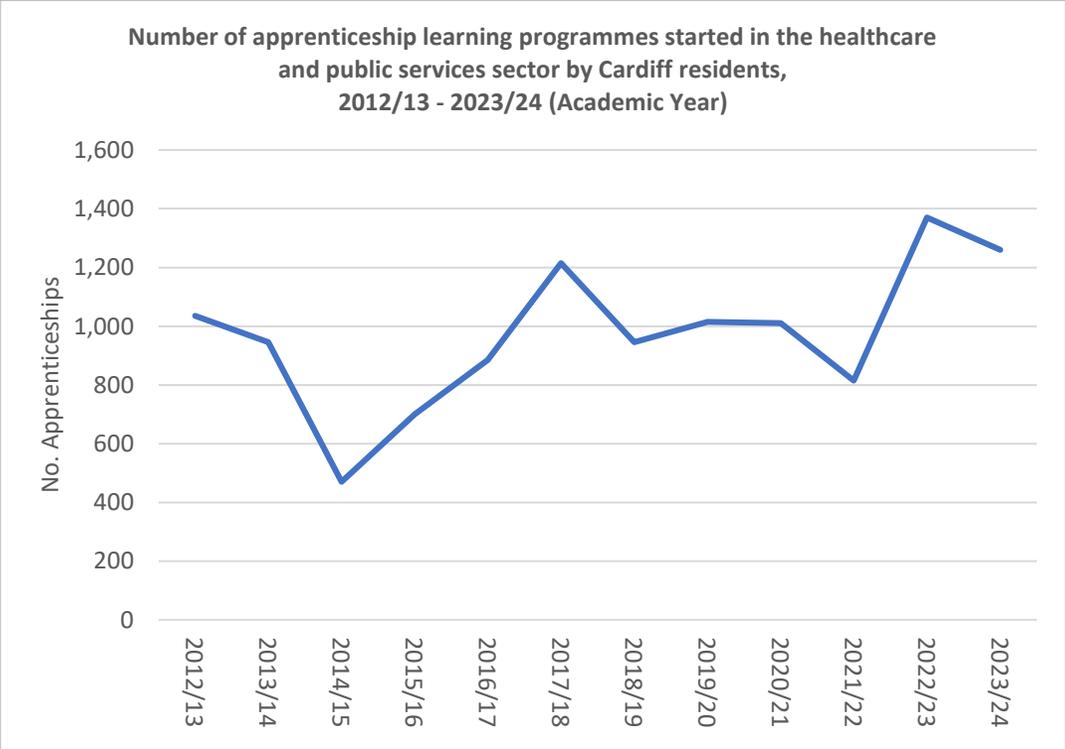


Source: Annual Population Survey

Number of Apprenticeship Learning Programmes started in the Healthcare and Public Services Sector by Cardiff Residents

Key Points:

- In the 2023/24 academic year, there were 1,260 apprenticeship learning programmes started in the healthcare and public services sector by Cardiff residents.
- This was the second highest figure on record (from a starting point of 2012/13), although it was down from the high of 1,370 seen in the previous year.

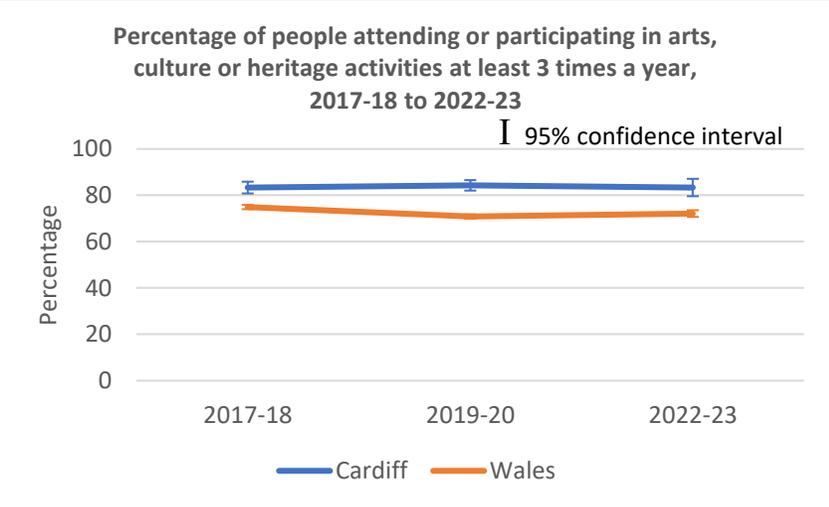


Source: Welsh Government
NB. Data is an academic year basis, which runs from 1st August - 31st July

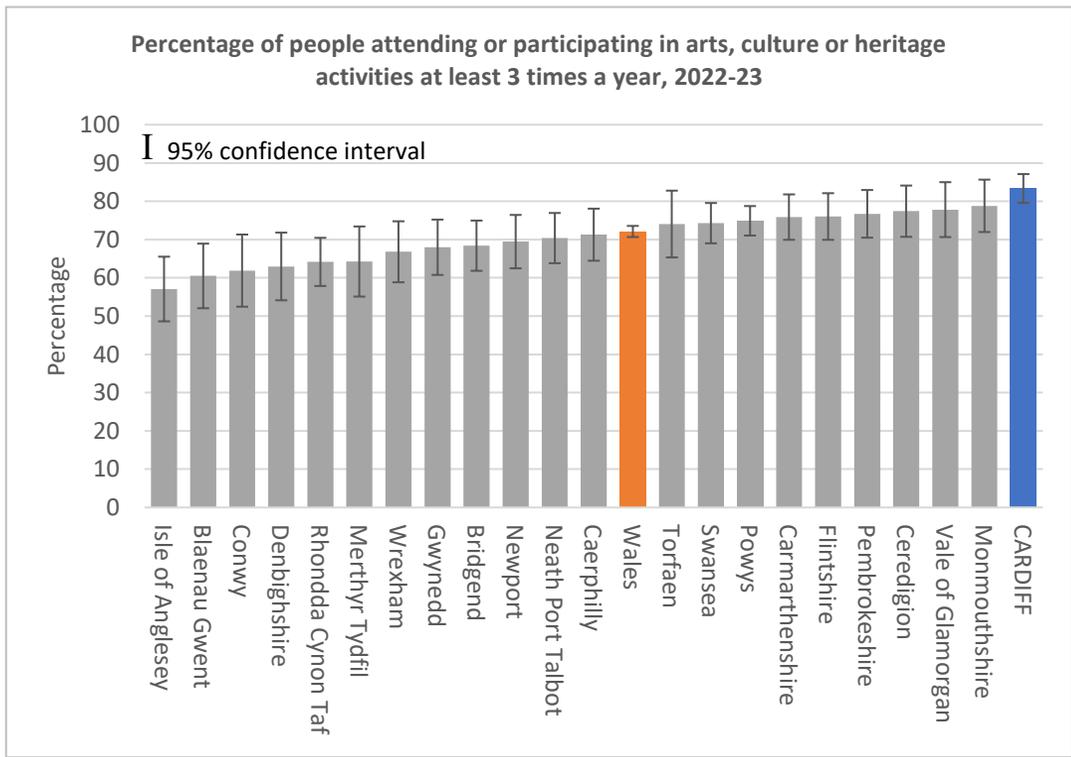
Percentage of People Attending or Participating in Arts, Culture or Heritage Activities at least 3 times in a Year

Key Points:

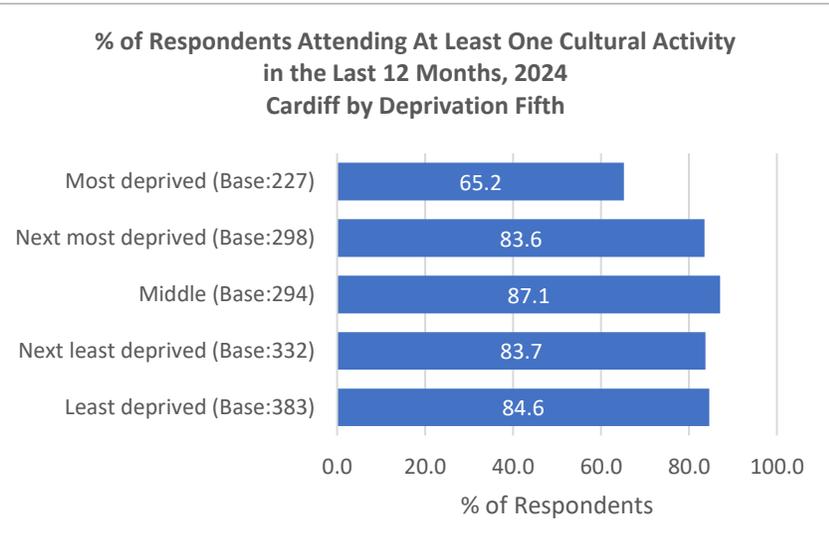
- In 2022-23, Cardiff led Wales in the percentage of its residents participating in cultural life, with 83% attending at least three events during the year.
- This rate exceeds the Welsh average by 11 percentage points but has remained broadly unchanged since 2017-18.
- Figures from the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey show that the most (65.2%) and least deprived (84.6%) areas of Cardiff are separated by almost 20 percentage points in terms of participation in at least one cultural activity in the past year, with the latter being far more likely to attend a cultural activity.



Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government



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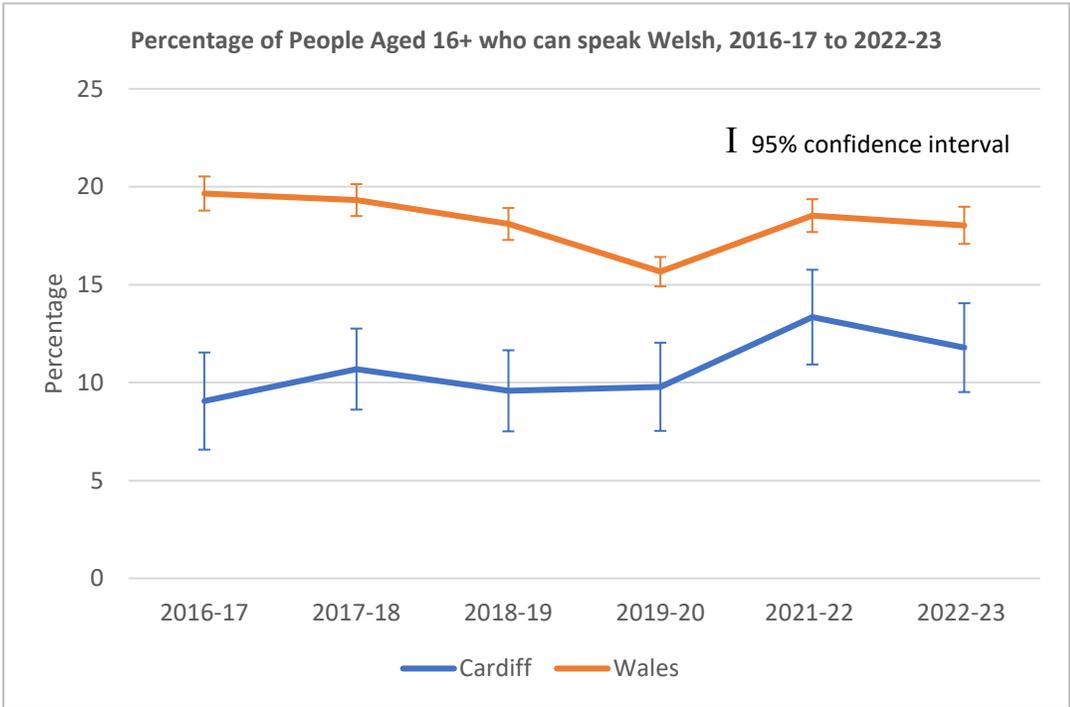


Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council
 NB. Activities include Theatre; Live music or concert; Museum; Art Gallery; Cinema; Other cultural activity

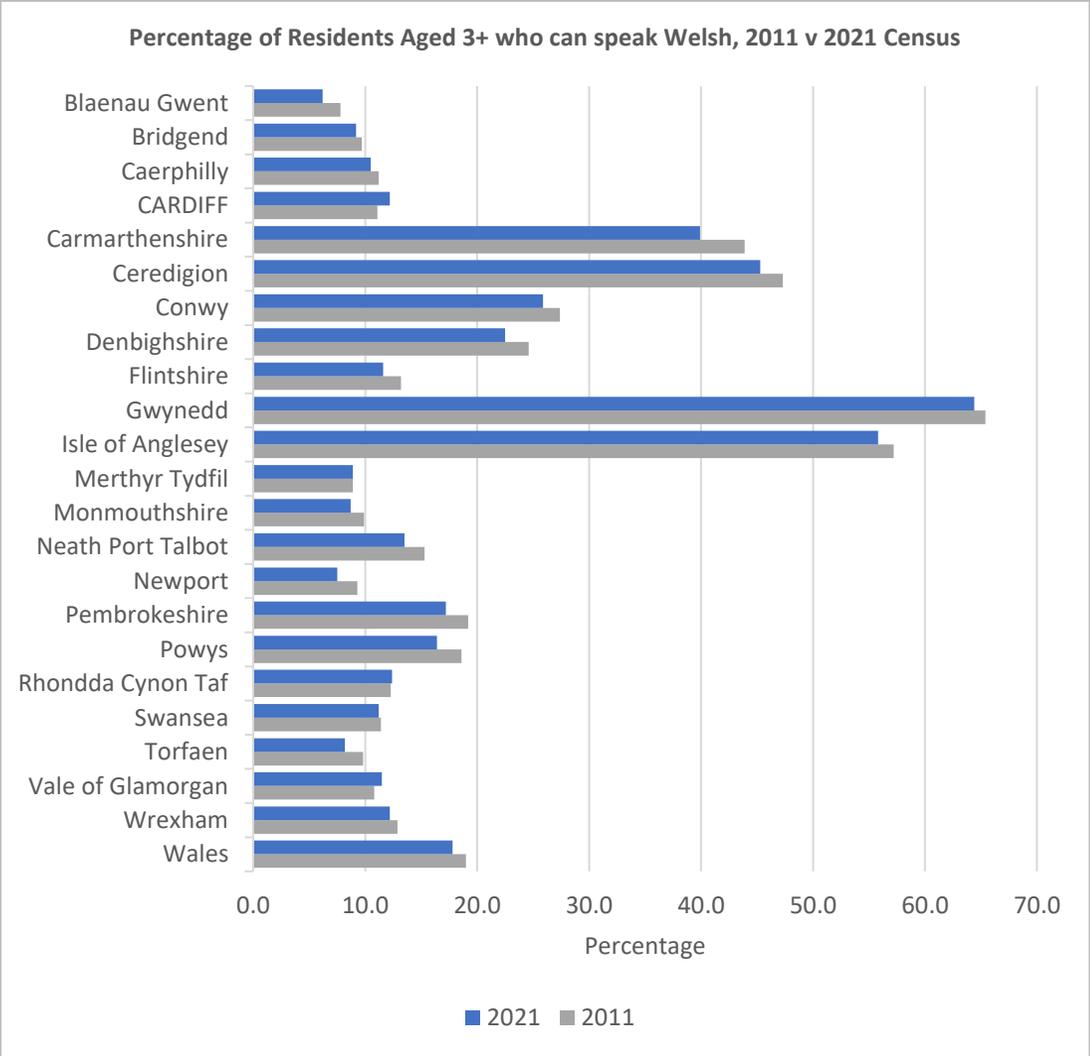
Percentage of People Aged 16+ who can Speak Welsh

Key Points:

- According to the National Survey for Wales, in 2022/23, 12% of people aged 16+ in Cardiff could speak Welsh, up from 9% in 2016-17. This proportion has consistently been below the Welsh average which, in 2022/23, stood at 18%.
- Figures from the 2021 Census showed that Cardiff was one of only four LAs in Wales to see an increase in the number of Welsh speakers (aged 3+) since 2011.
- Overall, Wales saw its number of Welsh speakers decline by nearly 24k (-4.2%) between the 2011 and 2021 Censuses, whereas Cardiff saw an increase of over 6k (+16.4%) – the largest numerical and percentage increase across the Welsh LAs.
- In 2021, 12.2% of Cardiff residents (aged 3+) spoke Welsh, up from 11.1% in 2011. For Wales, this figure fell from 19.0% to 17.8% over the same period.



Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government



Source: Census

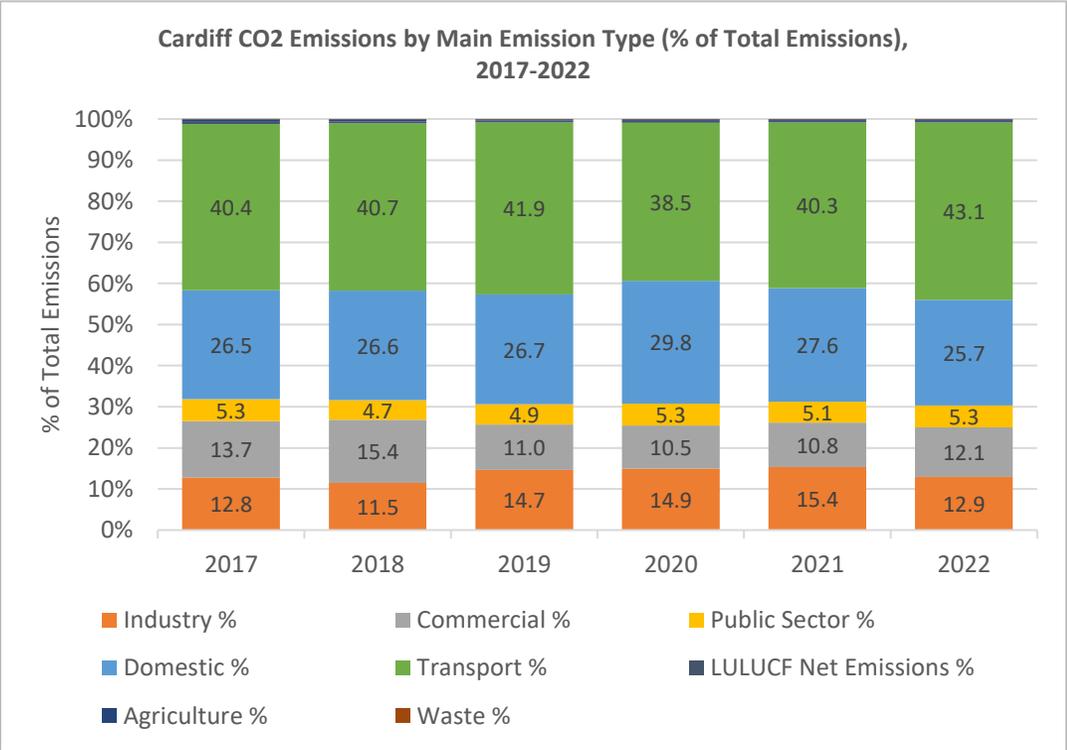
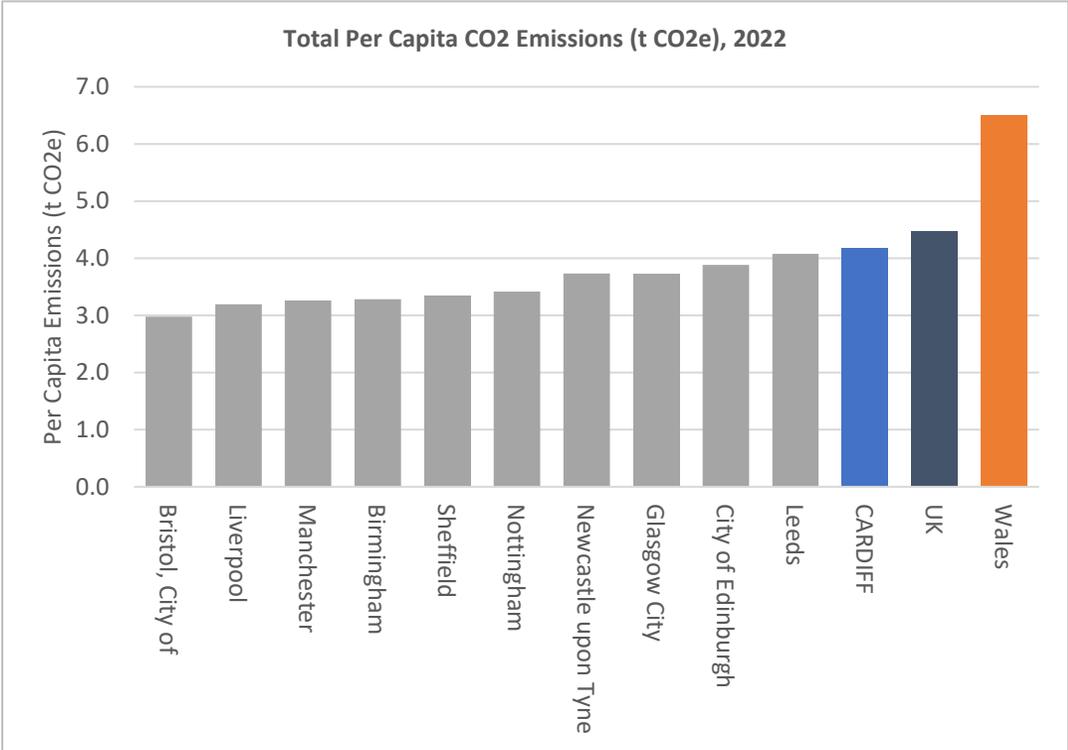
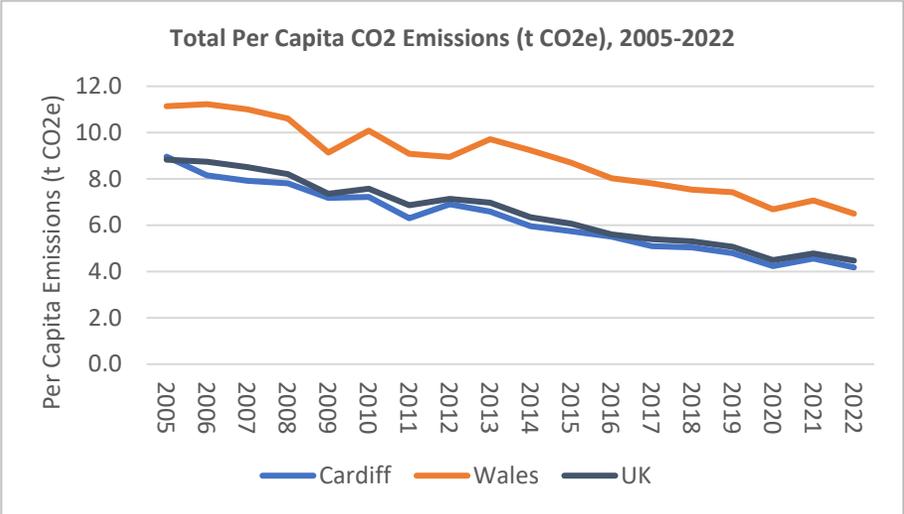
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Per Capita CO2 Emissions

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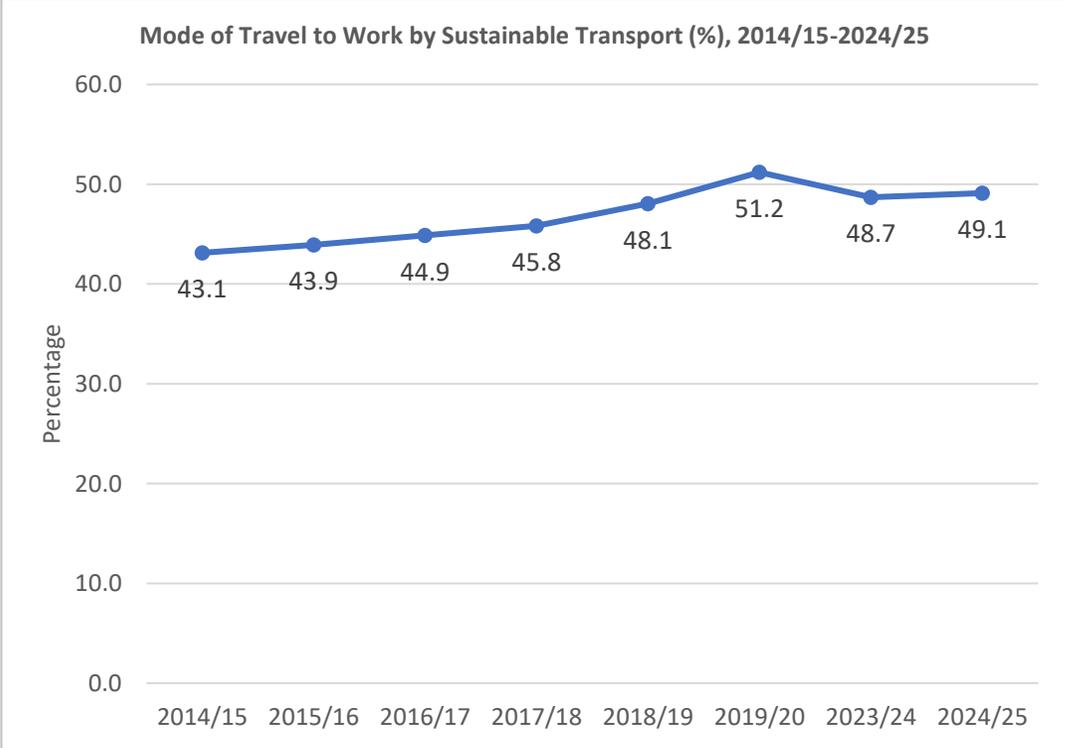
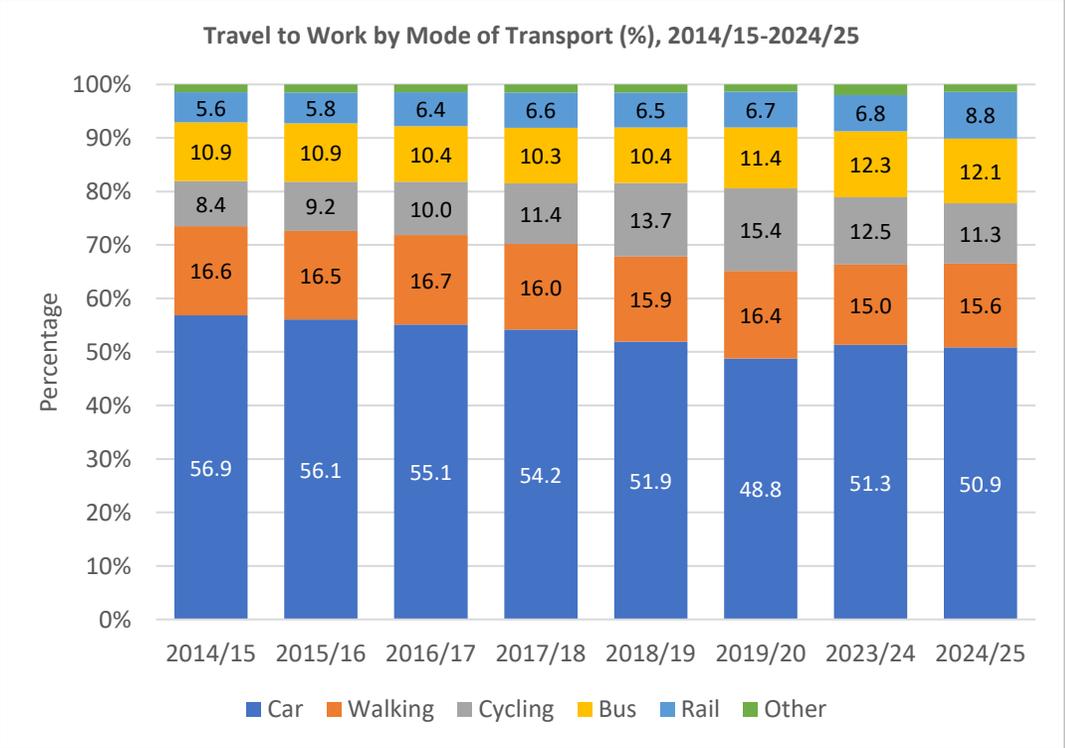
- In 2022, Cardiff (4.2t) had the highest per capita CO2 emissions out of the UK's major cities, but was below the UK average (4.5t). Per capita emissions for Wales (6.5t) were significantly higher than in Cardiff due to the substantial emissions seen in Neath Port Talbot.
- Cardiff's emissions have generally followed a downward trend since 2005 (9.0t), reaching a low of 4.2t in 2020 and 2022, and have consistently been below overall figures for the UK (except for 2005) and Wales.
- Transport (43.1%) contributed the most to CO2 emissions in 2022, followed by Domestic (25.7%), Industry (12.9%) and Commercial (12.1%).
- The proportion of all emissions that were caused by Transport increased from 40.4% in 2017 to 43.1% in 2022, although there was a decline during the pandemic, when mobility was limited.



Source: BEIS

Sustainable Transport Modal Shift

- Key Points:**
- In the 2024/25 Transport Survey, 49.1% of respondents travelled to work using sustainable modes of transport, up slightly from 48.7% in 2023/24 but down from a pre-pandemic peak of 51.2% in 2019/20 .
 - This is generally in line with the Council’s 50:50 modal split target.
 - There was a significant shift in cycling as a mode of travel between 2014/15 (8.4%) and 2019/20 (15.4%). However, since the pandemic, this had fallen back to 11.3% (2024/25).
 - Car use had seen a year-on-year decline from 2014/15 to 2019/20, falling to its lowest level of 48.8%. However, since the pandemic, this figure has again risen above 50%.



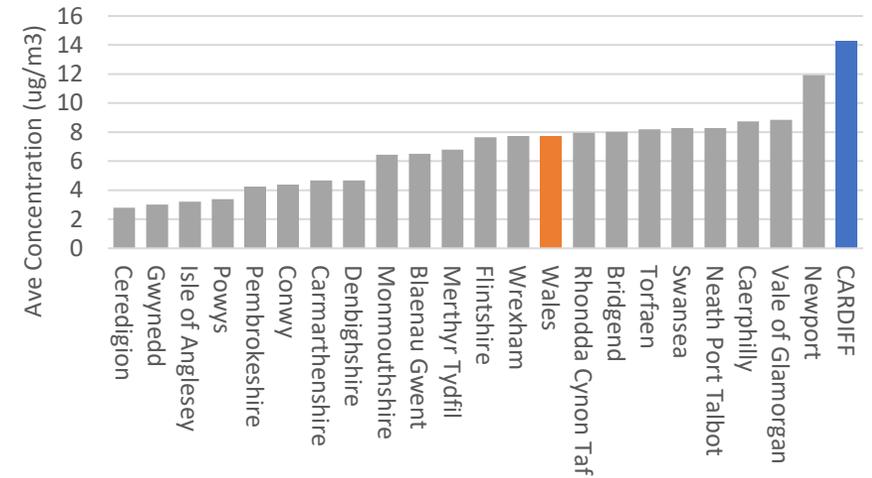
Source: Transport Survey, Cardiff Council
 NB. Figures not available for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 (no survey undertaken due to the pandemic)

Pollution Levels in the Air: Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2)

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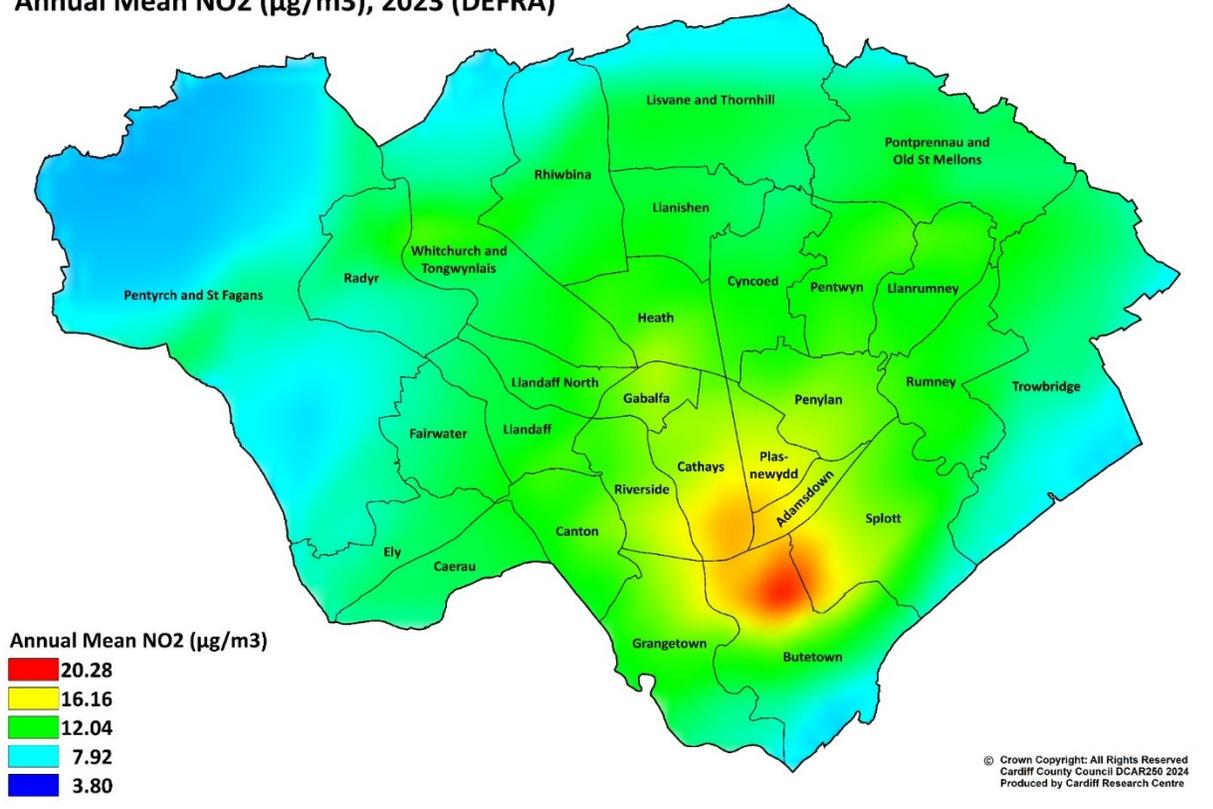
- In 2022, Cardiff (14µg/m³) had the highest NO₂ pollution levels in Wales, at almost double the Welsh average (8µg/m³).
- Cardiff's NO₂ levels fell from a high of 24µg/m³ in 2010 to a low of 12µg/m³ in 2020 (when figures were affected by the pandemic). This has been followed by a slight upturn in subsequent years, as activity levels started to return to normal, although it is still below its pre-pandemic level.
- Modelled 2023 data from DEFRA (for 1x1km squares) shows that the highest levels of NO₂ pollution in Cardiff are concentrated in north Butetown and west Splott, as well as the nearby areas of, Adamsdown, Cathays and Plasnewydd.

Average NO₂ Concentration at Residential Dwelling Locations (µg/m³), 2022



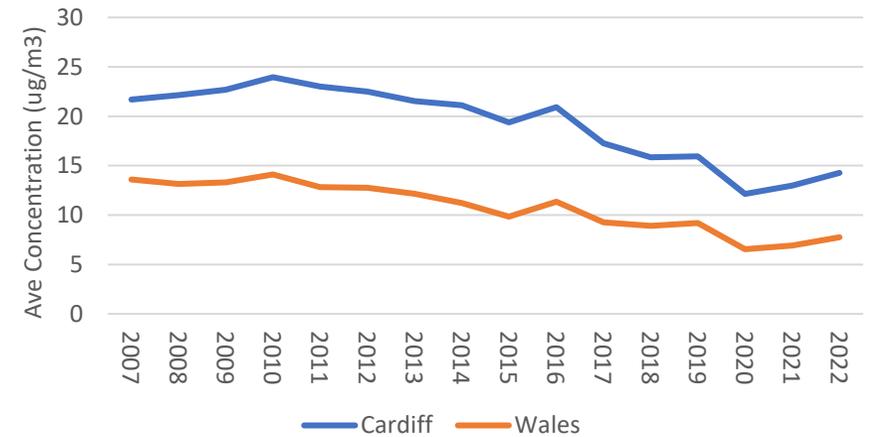
Source: Welsh Government

Annual Mean NO₂ (µg/m³), 2023 (DEFRA)



Source: DEFRA (modelled data for 1x1km squares)

Average NO₂ Concentration at Residential Dwelling Locations (µg/m³), 2007-2022



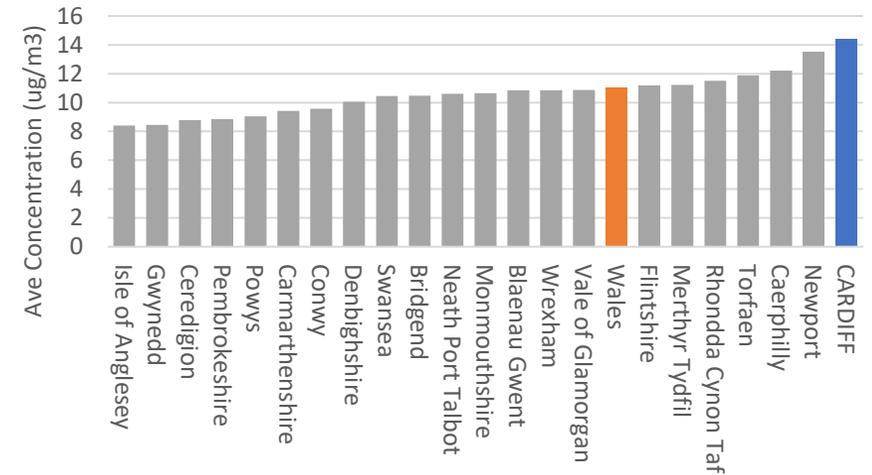
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Pollution Levels in the Air: Particulate Matter (PM10)

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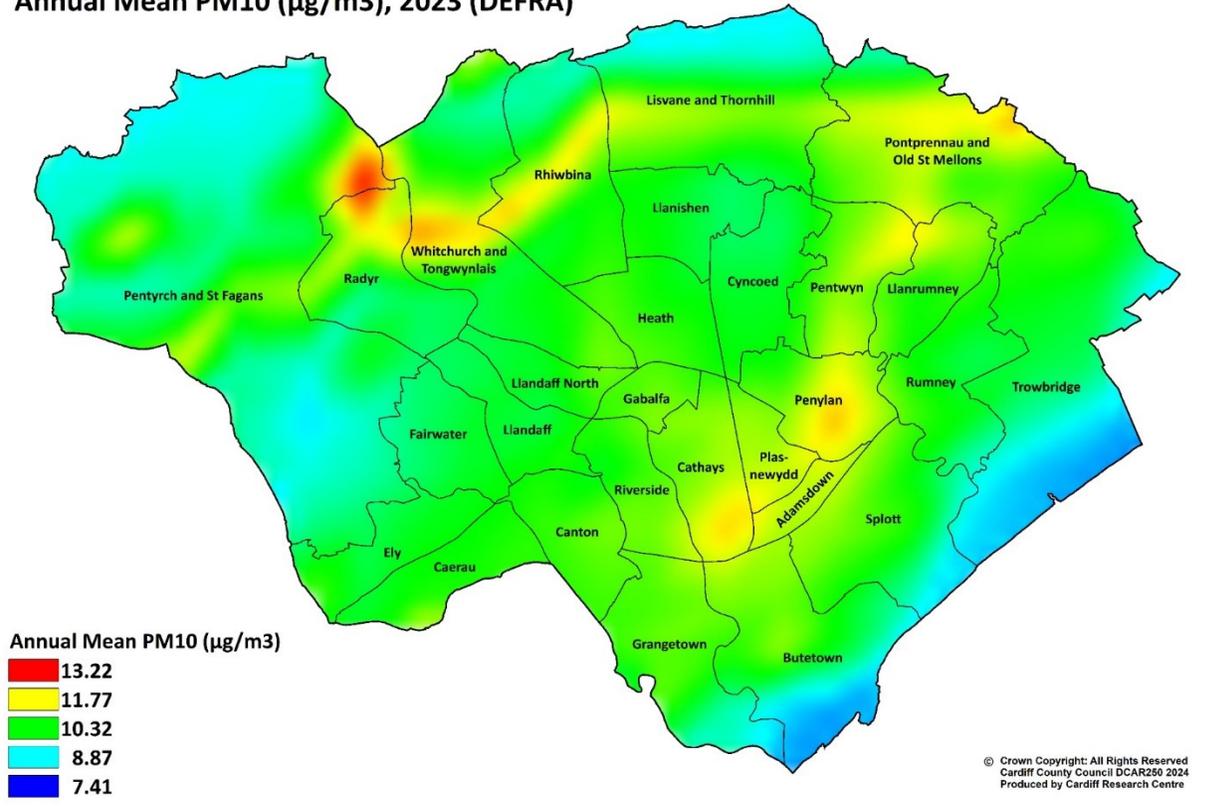
- In 2022, Cardiff (14 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) had the highest PM10 pollution levels in Wales, and above the Welsh average (11 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).
- Cardiff's PM10 levels followed a general downward trend between 2007, when they were at a high of 18 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and 2017. Since this time they have been relatively stable, although there was a slight dip in 2020 when levels are likely to have been affected by the pandemic.
- Modelled 2023 data from DEFRA (for 1x1km squares) shows that the highest levels of PM10 pollution in Cardiff are found in the north west of the city, around J32 of the M4. High levels can also be found elsewhere along the M4 corridor, as well as along the main roads from Pontprennau/Old St Mellons into central Cardiff (A48/A4161).

Average PM10 Concentration at Residential Dwelling Locations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), 2022



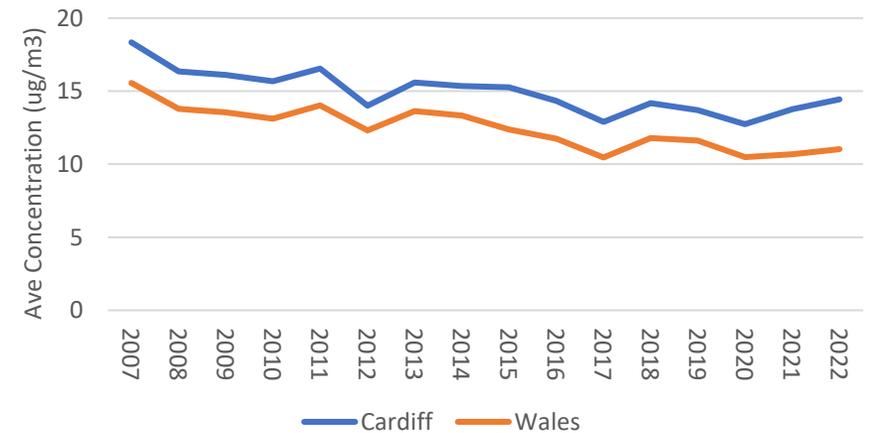
Source: Welsh Government

Annual Mean PM10 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), 2023 (DEFRA)



Source: DEFRA (modelled data for 1x1km squares)

Average PM10 Concentration at Residential Dwelling Locations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), 2007-2022



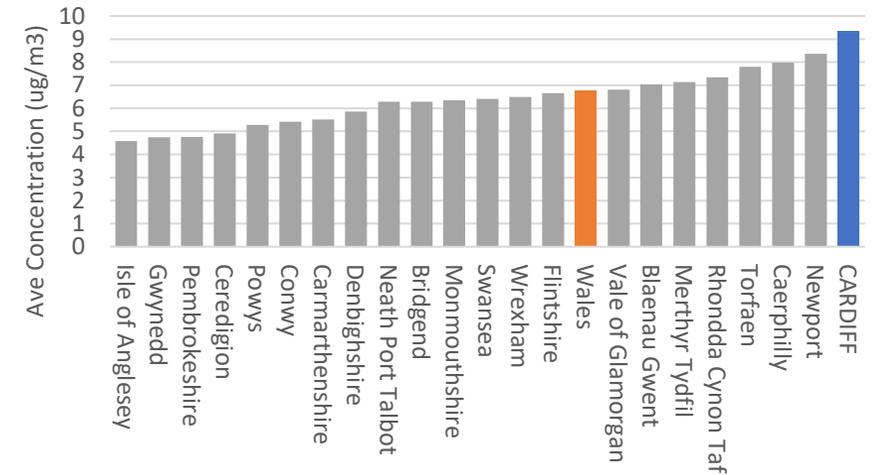
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Pollution Levels in the Air: Particulate Matter (PM2.5)

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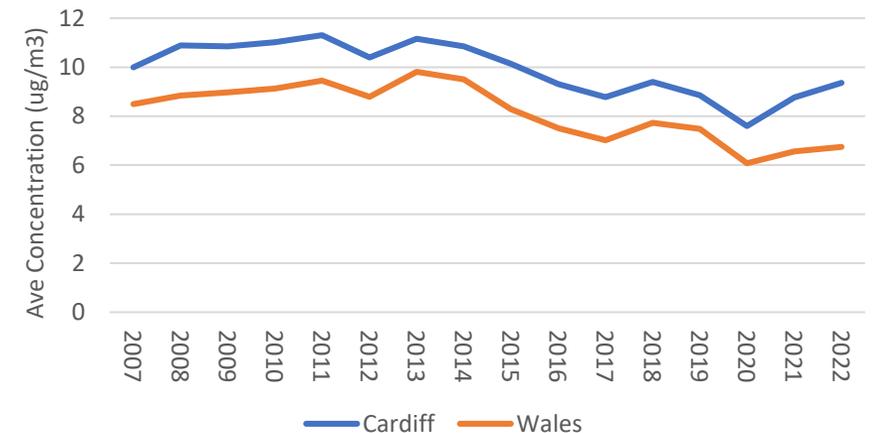
- In 2022, Cardiff (9 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) had the highest PM2.5 pollution levels in Wales and exceeded the Welsh average (7 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$).
- Cardiff's PM2.5 followed a downward trend between 2014 and 2017. Since this time levels have remained relatively stable, apart from a dip to a low of 8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2020 (when figures were affected by the pandemic). This has been followed by a return to pre-pandemic levels, as activity levels started to return to normal.
- Modelled 2023 data from DEFRA (for 1x1km squares) shows that the highest levels of PM2.5 pollution in Cardiff are found in the central parts of the city, in particular Plasnewydd and its surrounding areas.

Average PM2.5 Concentration at Residential Dwelling Locations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), 2022



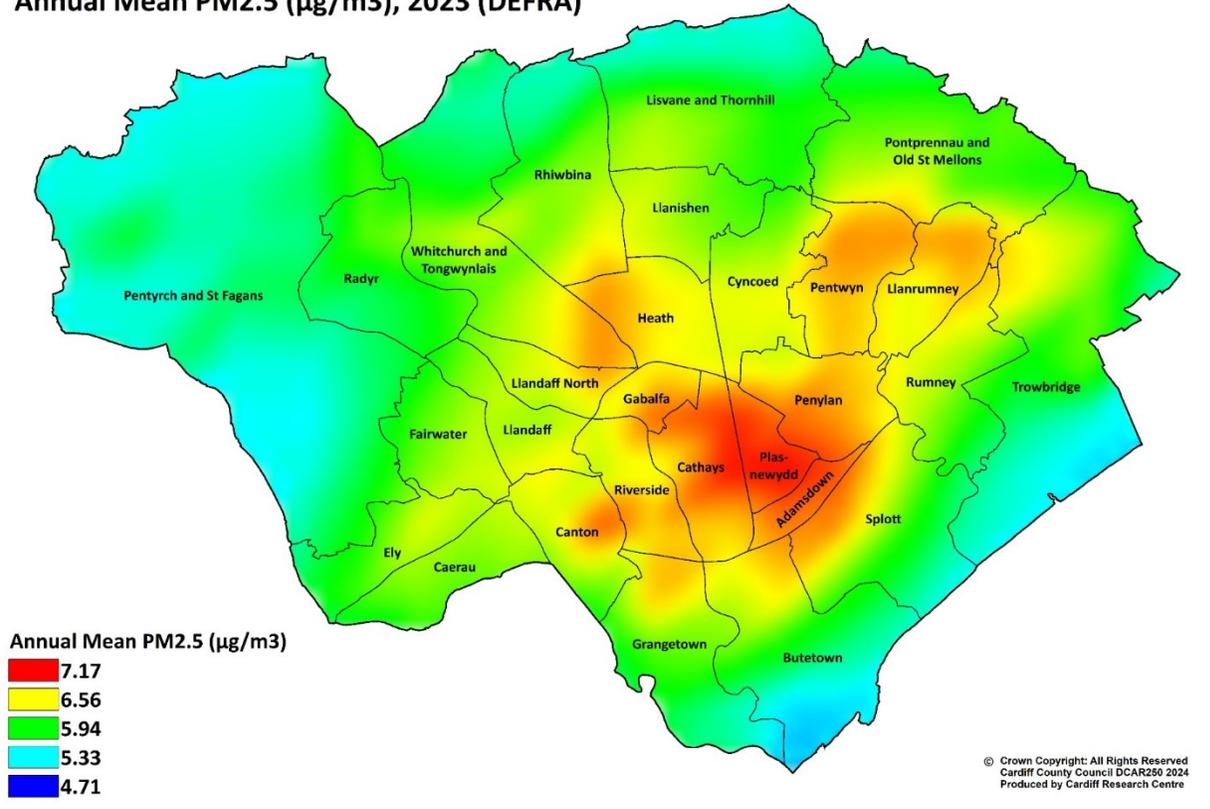
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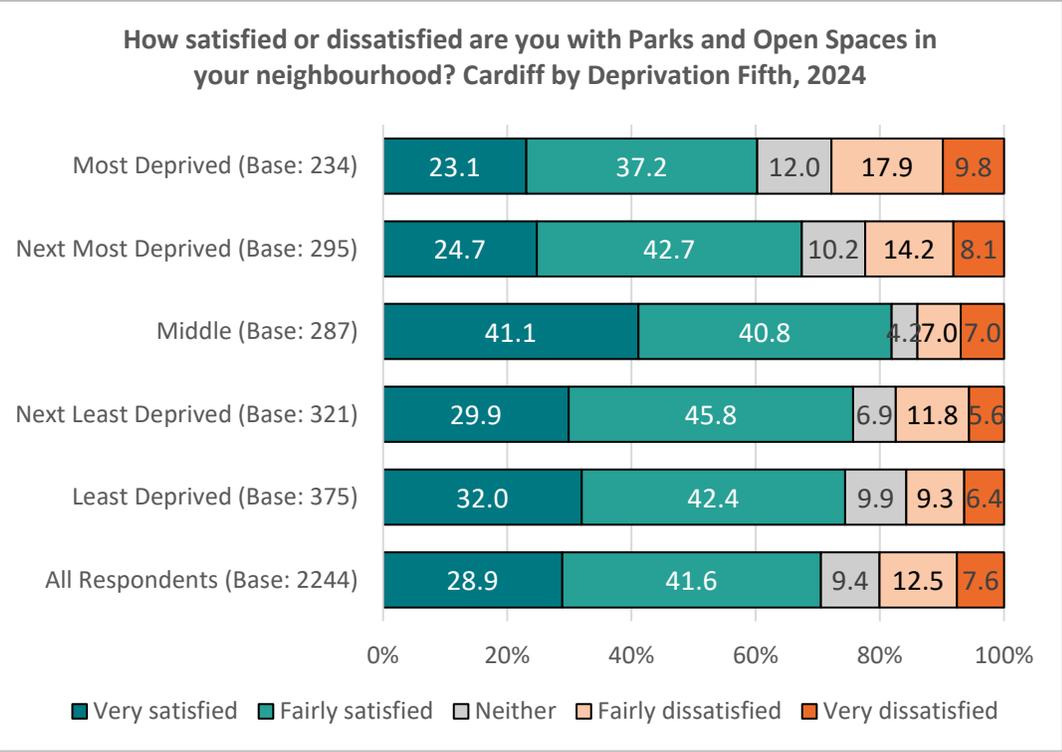
Annual Mean PM2.5 ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), 2023 (DEFRA)



Source: DEFRA (modelled data for 1x1km squares)

Green Flag Accredited Parks

- Key Points:**
- In terms of the Green Flag Award, Cardiff was the most decorated area in Wales for 2024/25, with 45 awarded sites in total (22 Full Awards and 23 Community Awards), up from 41 sites (19 Full Awards and 22 Community Awards) in the previous year.
 - Less than three-quarters (70.5%) of all respondents to the 2024 Ask Cardiff Survey were satisfied with the city’s parks and open spaces.
 - In Cardiff’s most deprived areas, only three-fifths (60.3%) of respondents were satisfied with the parks and open spaces.



Source: Ask Cardiff Survey, Cardiff Council

Green Flag Awarded and Green Flag Community Awarded Sites in Cardiff, 2024/25

Green Flag Full Award	Green Flag Community Award
Bute Park	Canolfan Beulah Garden
Cardiff Bay Barrage	Chapter Community Garden
Cardiff Bay Wetlands Reserve	Coed Y Felin
Cathays Cemetery	Dusty Forge Garden
Cathays Park	Forest Farm Community Allotment
Flat Holm Island	Global Gardens Project
Forest Farm	Grangetown Kitchen Garden
Grange Gardens	Grow Well Riverside
Hailey Park	Howardian Local Nature Reserve
Heath Park	Lansdowne Surgery Garden
Hendre Lake	Llwynfedw Gardens
Lisvane & Llanishen Reservoirs	Old St Mellons Community Playing Fields & Park
Parc Cefn Onn	Maes y Coed Community Garden
Parc Y Maltings	Nant Fawr Community Woodlands
Roath Park	Pengam Pavilion Allotments
Rumney Hill Gardens	Plasnewydd Community Garden
St Fagans: Natural History Museum	Railway Garden
Thornhill Cemetery & Cardiff Crematorium	Riverside Community Garden
Parc Tredelerch	StarGarAllot Community Allotment
Victoria Park	St Mellons Community Garden
Waterloo Gardens	St Mellons Pantry Garden
Western Cemetery	St Peters Community Garden
	Whitchurch Community Garden

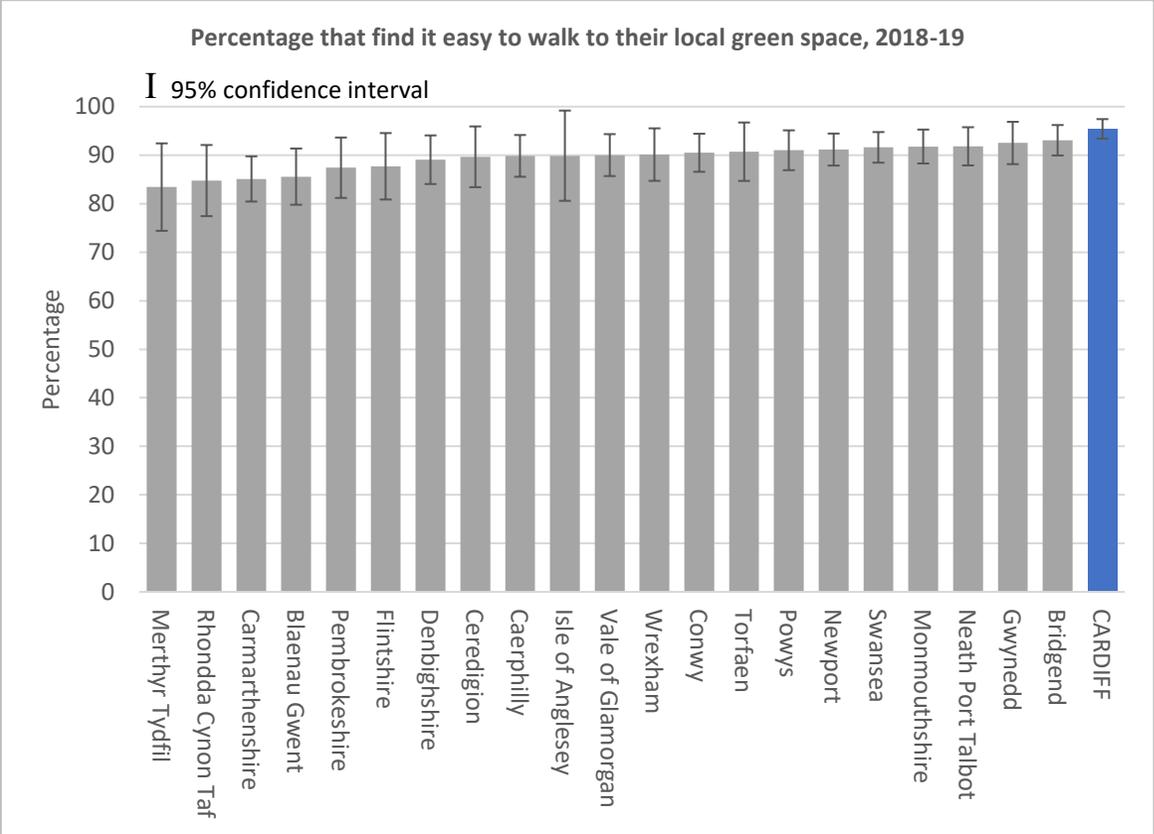
Source: Keep Wales Tidy

Percentage of People who Live Within Walking Distance of High-Quality Green Space

Key Points:

- In 2018-19, Cardiff was the top performer in Wales in terms of walking accessibility to local natural green space.
- 95% found it easy to walk to their local green space compared with just 83% in Merthyr Tydfil.

[NB. This question has only been asked in the National Survey for Wales in 2018-19]

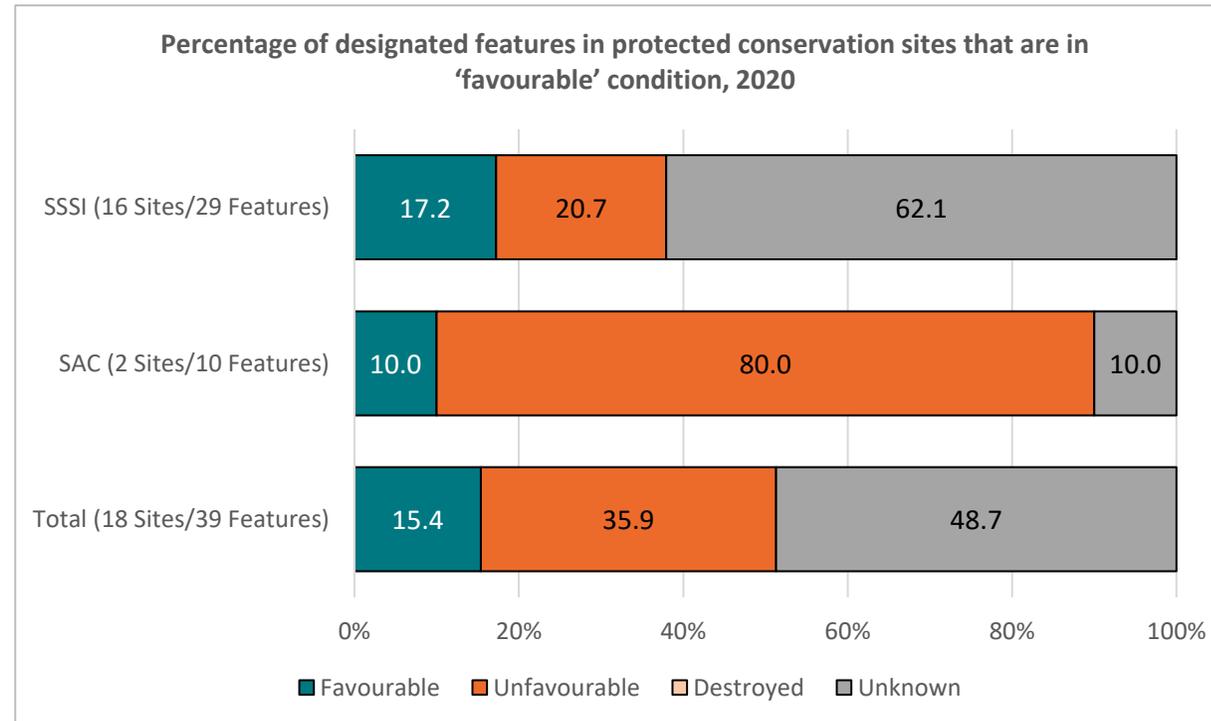


Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government

Percentage of Designated Features in Protected Conservation Sites that are in 'Favourable' Condition. Sites include Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Key Points:

- The 2020 Protected Sites Baseline Assessment carried out by NRW showed that just 15.4% of the 39 designated features in Cardiff (across 18 sites) were in a favourable condition. This was less than half of the proportion (35.9%) that were in an unfavourable condition. However, the condition of almost half (48.7%) the features was unknown.
- For Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), 17.2% of the 29 features (across 16 sites) were favourable and 20.7% were unfavourable. More than three-fifths (62.1%) had an unknown condition.
- 8 of the 10 features (across 2 sites) in Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) were in an unfavourable condition.

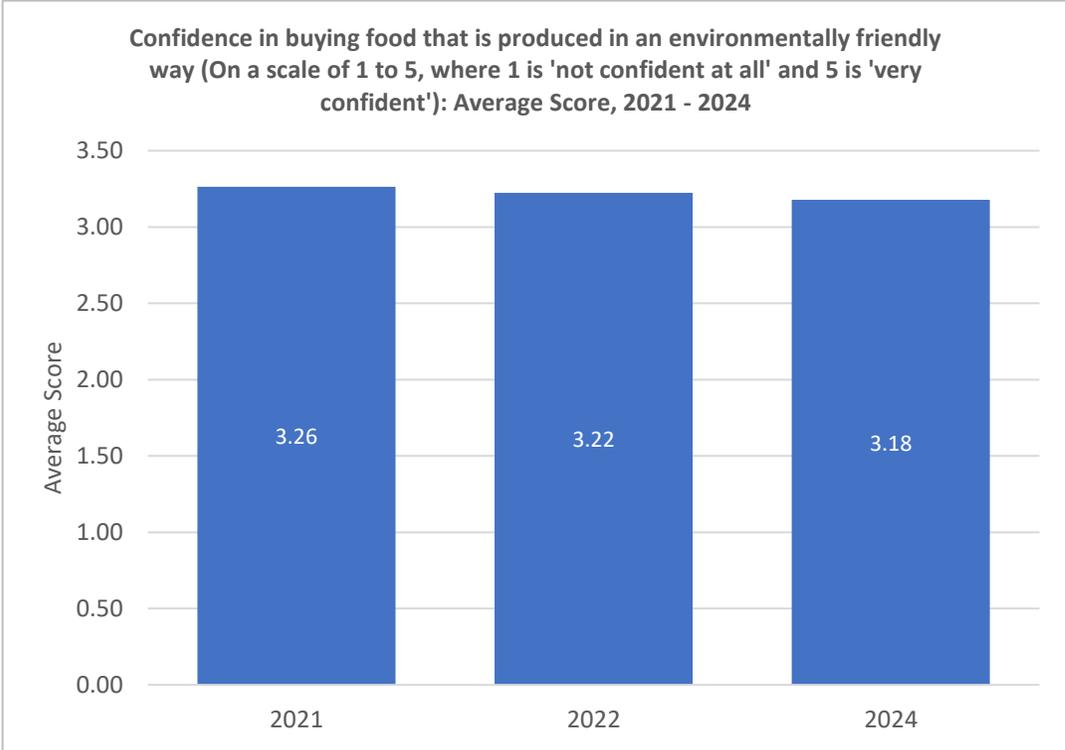
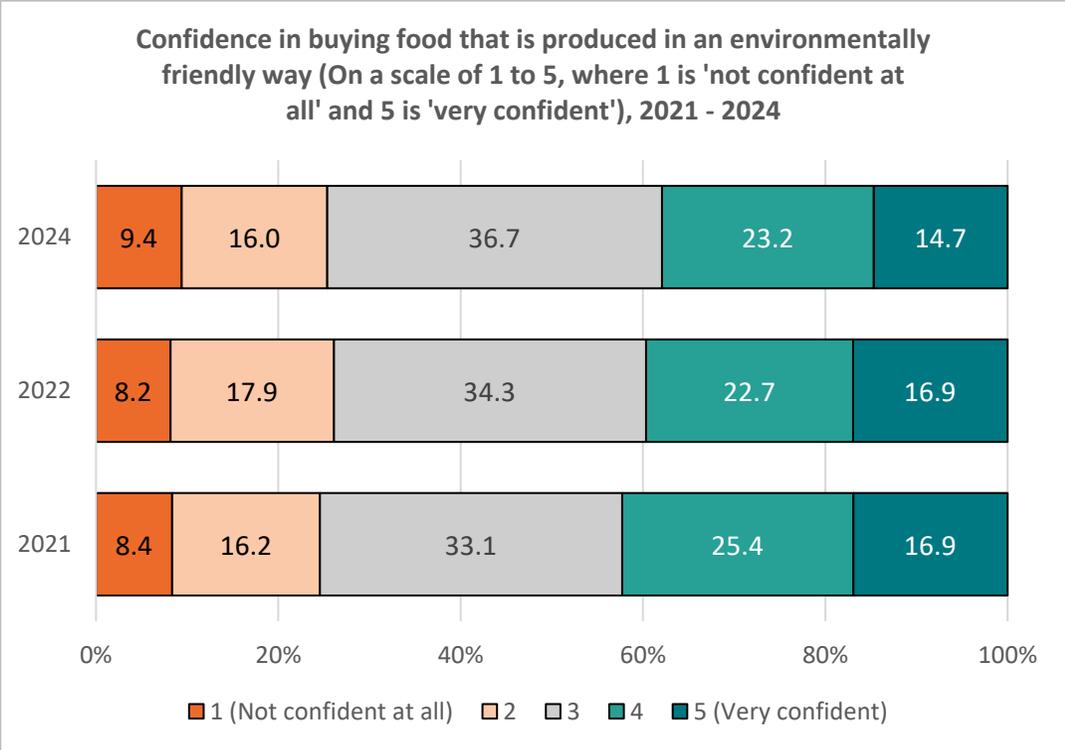


Source: Protected Sites Baseline Assessment 2020, Natural Resources Wales

NB. Sites include Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Confidence in Buying Food that is Produced in an Environmentally Friendly Way

- Key Points:**
- On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is 'not confident at all' and 5 is 'very confident', less than two-fifths (37.9%) of respondents to Cardiff's 2024 Food Survey scored themselves 4 or higher, down from 42.3% in 2021 and 39.7% in 2022.
 - The average score was 3.18 in 2024, again down from the figures for 2021 (3.26) and 2022 (3.22).

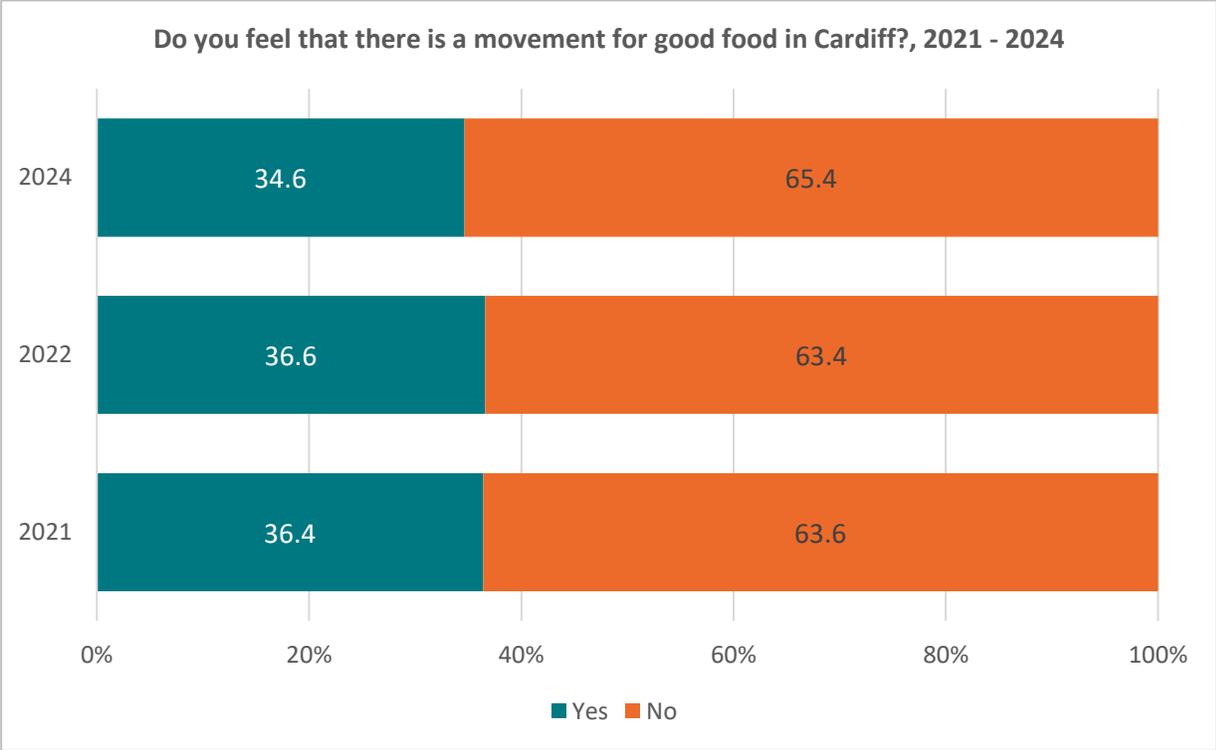


Source: Food Survey, Cardiff Council

Percentage who Feel that there is a Movement for Good Food in Cardiff

Key Points:

- In 2024, just over a third (34.6%) of respondents to Cardiff’s Food Survey felt that there was a movement for good food in Cardiff.
- This was down slightly from the figures for 2021 (36.4%) and 2022 (36.6%).



Source: Food Survey, Cardiff Council

Flooding

- Key Points:**
- The latest (2024) NRW figures show that around 17.7k residential properties in Cardiff are at risk of flooding from rivers, 7.6k from surface water, and 12.7k from the sea.
 - According to the 2024 Communities at Risk Register for Wales (managed scenario – based on the presence of defences and flood warning), 5 areas in Cardiff (Canton, Riverside, Roath, Whitchurch, Grangetown) are ranked in the 25 areas in Wales most at risk of flooding from rivers, while 2 areas (Grangetown, Butetown) are ranked in the 25 areas most at risk of flooding from the sea. The majority of these areas are within the city’s Southern Arc’.
 - As of 17 June 2025, 8,112 addresses in at-risk areas in Cardiff are registered with NRW’s Flood Warning Service; around three-tenths (30.3%) of all addresses within the target area.
 - Climate change associated impacts will increase the number of properties, infrastructure and key services at risk of flooding from all sources. Places not previously at risk could become vulnerable and many currently at risk could be of greater risk. It is expected that severe events such as the 2020 storms will become more common with increased severity and frequency of flooding. Climate change impacts will also increase the risk to flood defence assets and the costs to maintain them to acceptable standards. Some of Cardiff’s defences are likely to require significant improvements.
 - It will not be possible to prevent all flooding; there is therefore a need to use a range of adaptive approaches. However, the rate of adaptation action needs to quicken in order to keep pace with the increasing impacts of climate change.

Properties at Risk of Flooding in Cardiff, 2024

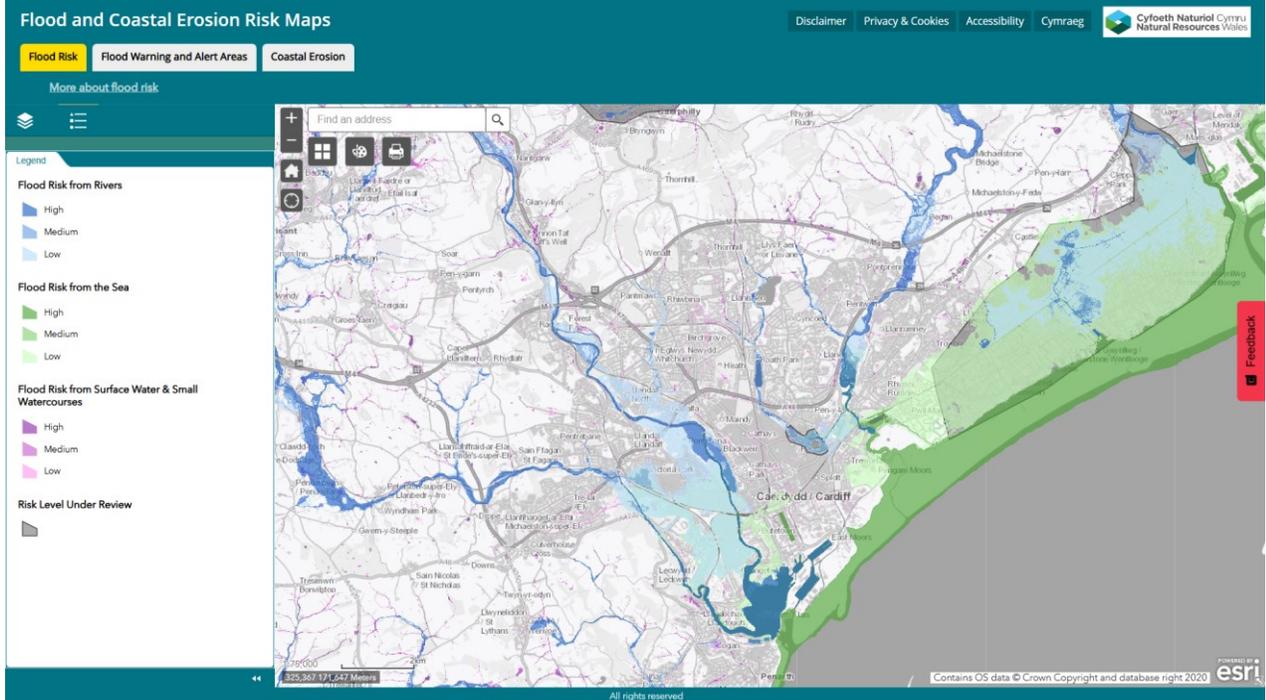
Local Authority	Present Day Risk (Defended)								
	Rivers			Surface			Sea		
Cardiff	low	med	high	low	med	high	low	med	high
Residential	16,467	931	274	6,517	677	405	12,581	85	0
Non-Residential	2,429	122	43	786	147	65	2,048	147	1
Total	18,896	1,053	317	7,303	824	470	14,629	232	1

Properties Registered to Natural Resources Wales Flood Warning Service, 17 June 2025

Properties Registered to Natural Resources Wales Flood Warning Service in Cardiff	
No. Registered Addresses	8,112
No. All Addresses Within a Target Area	26,758

NB. ‘No. Registered Addresses’ represents how many properties that have signed up to the Flood Warning Service. ‘No. all addresses within a Target Area’ represents how many properties are at risk within a Flood Warning Area.

Flood Risk Assessment Wales Map: Cardiff

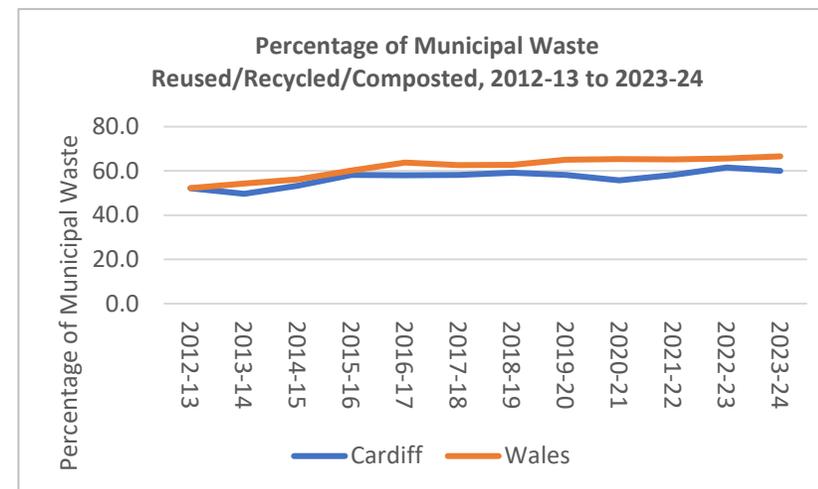


Source: Natural Resources Wales

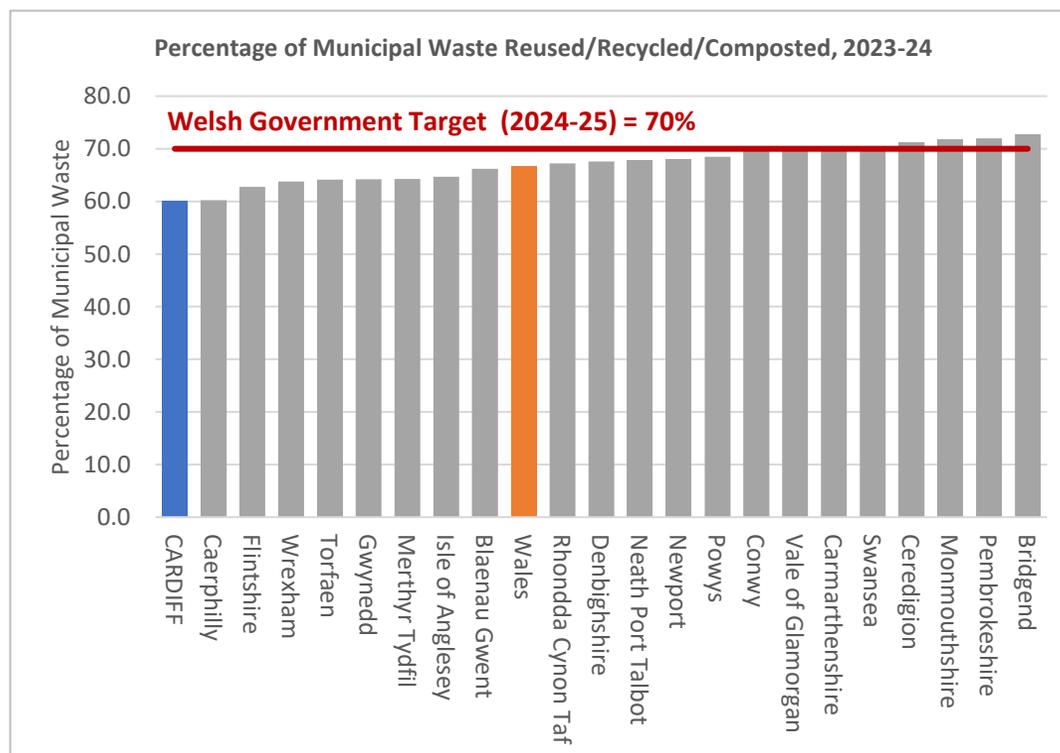
Municipal Waste Reuse/ Recycling/ Composting Rates

Key Points:

- In 2023-24, Cardiff (60.1%) was the worst performing local authority in Wales in terms of its reuse/recycling/compost rate for municipal waste. It was also down from the previous year (61.6%)
- This figure was also well below the 2024-25 Welsh Government target of 70% and had failed to reach even the previous target of 64% (by 2019-20).
- Since 2012-13, the Cardiff rate has consistently compared poorly with the Welsh average, which stood at 66.6% in 2023-24.
- However, Cardiff comfortably outperforms the UK's other major cities where the rates range from 19.2% in Liverpool to 39.6% in Manchester (NB. England and Scotland use different methodologies and definitions to Wales).



Source: Welsh Government



Source: Welsh Government

Major UK City	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting
Manchester	39.6
City of Edinburgh	38.0
Leeds	35.3
Sheffield	31.9
Glasgow	27.2
Nottingham	26.7
Newcastle Upon Tyne	25.8
Birmingham	22.7
Liverpool	19.2
Bristol	Figure not yet available

Source: DEFRA (2023/24 data – Bristol figure not yet available) and SEPA (2023 data)

NB. Local waste collection and management systems will vary. Methodologies and definitions differ between England, Scotland and Wales.

Modernising and Integrating Our Public Services

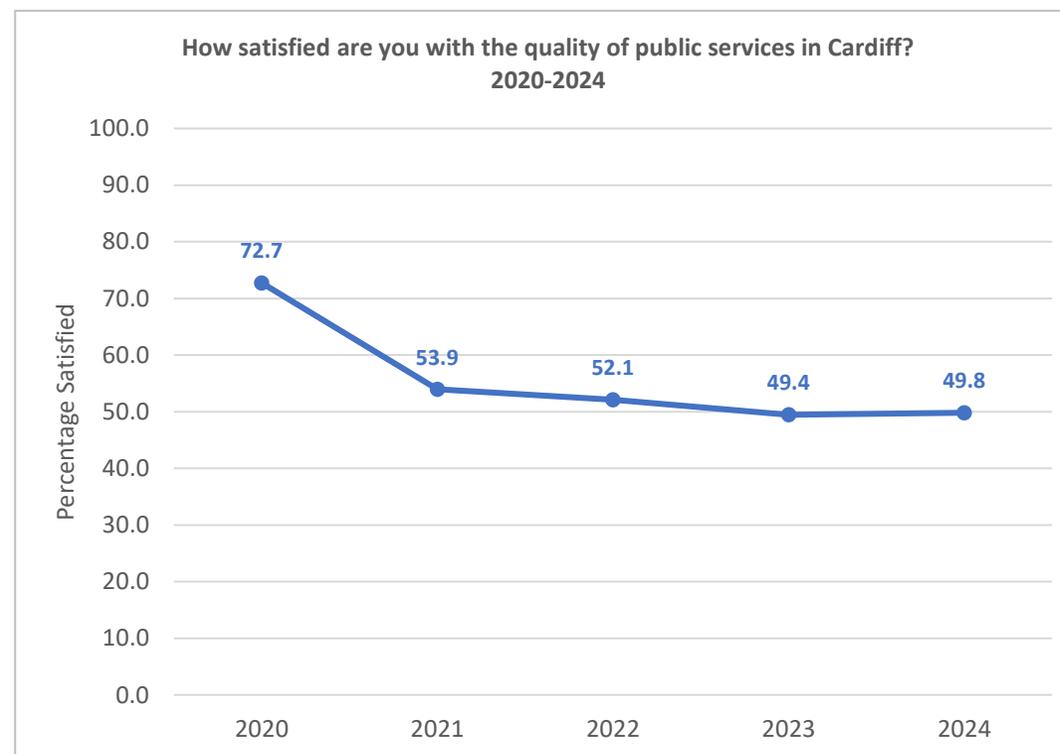
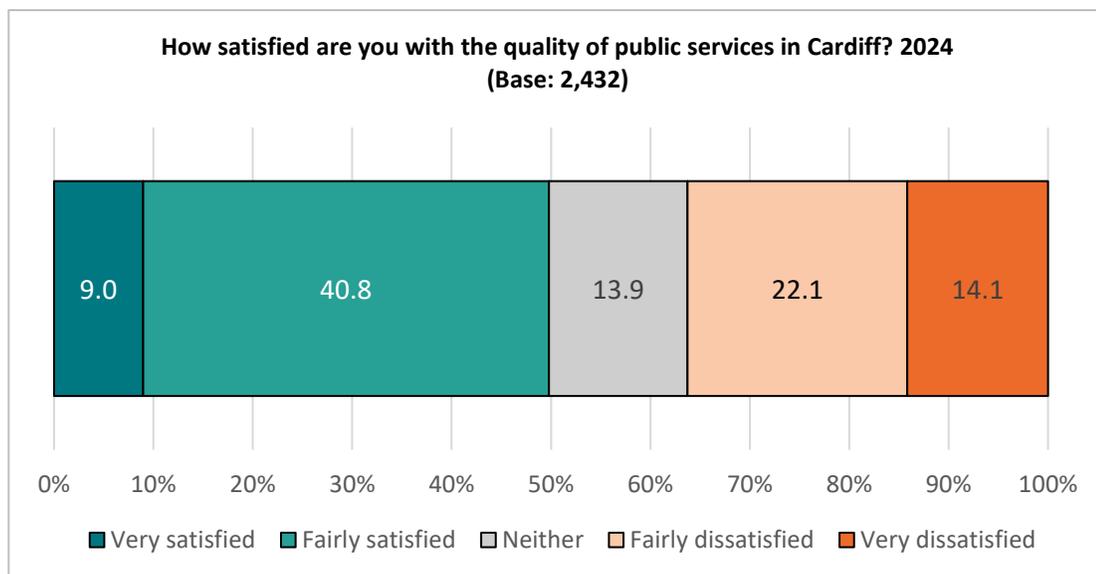


Percentage Satisfied with the Quality of Public Services in Cardiff

Key Points:

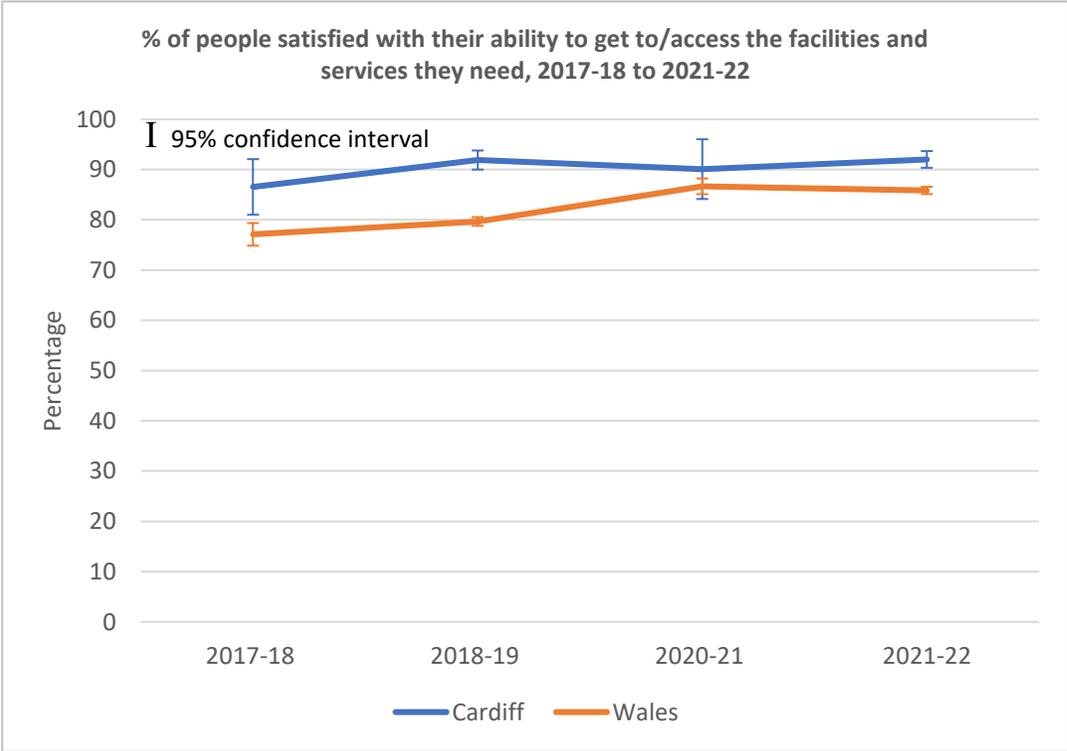
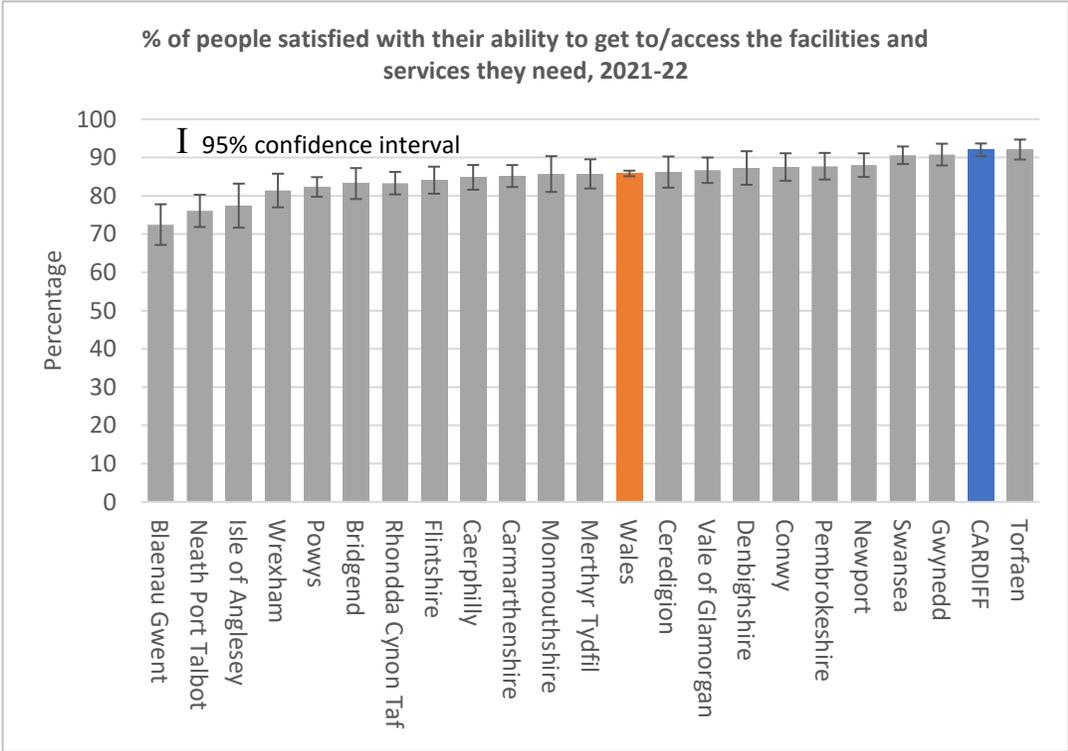
- In 2024, less than half (49.8%) of respondents to the Ask Cardiff Survey reported being either very or fairly satisfied with the quality of public services in Cardiff.
- This was the practically unchanged from the previous year, although it was well below the high of 72.7% in 2020 (when the question was first asked).
- Over a third (36.3%) of respondents were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied in 2024, up from just 15.9% in 2020 but slightly down from 38.0% in 2023.
- Figures for 2020 may be higher than would normally be expected due to the pandemic potentially increasing the appreciation of public services during that year. Since this time, satisfaction levels have been fairly similar (at around 50%).

[NB. Figures from 2020 onwards are no longer comparable to previous years due to a change in the wording of the question. Prior to 2020 it was 'To what extent do you agree that the quality of public services in Cardiff is good overall?']



Percentage of People Satisfied with their Ability to get to/Access the Facilities and Services they Need

- Key Points:**
- In 2021-22, 92% of people in Cardiff were satisfied with their ability to get to/access the facilities and services they need, the second highest figure across the Welsh LAs and above the Welsh average of 86%.
 - Cardiff's figure has increased from 87% in 2017-18 and consistently exceeded that of Wales over the period.



Source: National Survey for Wales, Welsh Government