

## Hospital Activity



In 2024/25, the inequality gap for all admissions stood at **36%**.

The rate of **emergency attendances** for the most deprived areas was more than **one and a half times** that of the least deprived.

## Diet & Dental Health



The **dental extraction rate** in the most deprived areas was **more than double** the rate in the least deprived.

## Pregnancy & Early Years



The proportion of mothers **smoking during pregnancy** in the most deprived areas was **over six times** that of the least deprived.

The **U20 teenage birth rate** in the most deprived areas was **just over four times** the rate in the least deprived.

## Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking



In 2019-23, the **deaths due to drug misuse** rate inequality gap stood at **495%**.

Alcohol specific mortality in the most deprived areas was **four and a half times** that in least deprived.

In 2020-24, **smoking attributable deaths** in the most deprived were **double** the rate in the least deprived.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing



In 2022-24, the rate of **suicide** in the most deprived areas was **treble** that in the least deprived.

## Premature Mortality



In 2020-24, **preventable mortality** in the most deprived areas was **treble** that in the least deprived.

The **under 75 circulatory disease** mortality inequality gap stood at **135%** in 2020-24.

The **under 75 respiratory disease** mortality rate in the most deprived areas was **three and a half times** the rate in the least deprived.

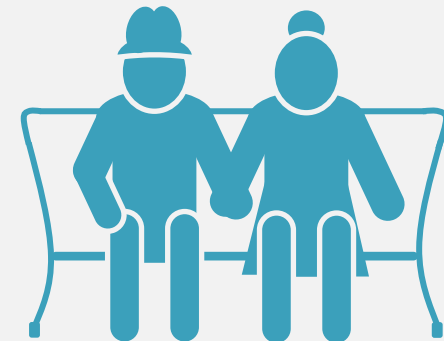
The **under 75 cancer mortality** inequality gap stood at **80%** in 2020-24.

## Life Expectancies & General Health

The **life expectancy at birth** inequality gap in 2022-24 was **7.2 years** for males and **5.5 years** for females.

The **healthy life expectancy** inequality gap in 2022-24 was **14.9 years** for males and **14.6 years** for females.

The **disability free life expectancy** inequality gap in 2022-24 was **11.8 years** for males and **10.0 years** for females.



## Major Diseases & Conditions



The rate of **respiratory admissions** in the most deprived areas was **around four-fifths higher than** that of the least deprived areas, for all ages, and **almost double** for those aged under 75 years.

The inequality gap for **cancer incidence** in 2016-22 stood at **18%**.



In 2024, the inequality gap for **antihypertensive prescriptions** stood at **23%**.

### Further Information

This fact sheet is an accompaniment to the *Health Inequalities Annual Report 2026*. This annual publication is one of a series of reports produced as part of the NI Health & Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System (HSCIMS) and presents a comprehensive analysis of health inequality gaps between the most and least deprived areas of NI, and within Health & Social Care (HSC) Trust and Local Government District (LGD) areas across a range of indicators. This report is an update of the Health Inequalities Annual Report 2025. The report is accompanied by downloadable data tables which contain all figures, including urban and rural breakdowns.

**For further information and to link to the report and downloadable tables please follow the link below:**

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