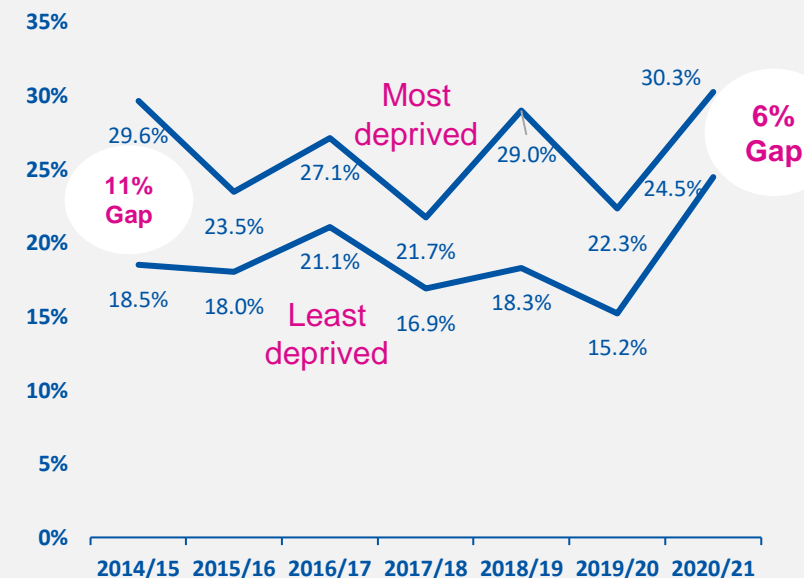


## Health Inequalities

**Health inequalities are unfair differences in health and wellbeing between different groups of people which are systematic and avoidable.**

### % of overweight or very overweight children in Reception<sup>1</sup>

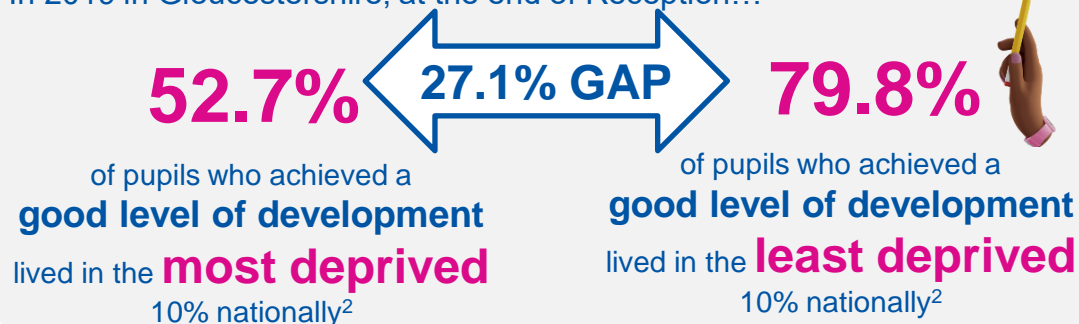


More information around inequality and obesity can be found here: [Children's Health Report](#)

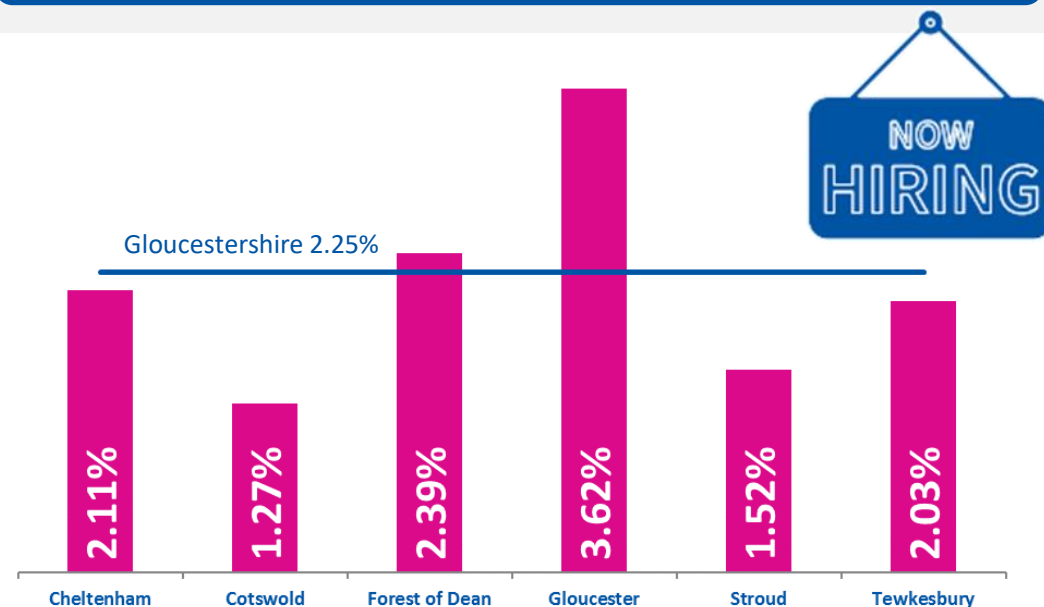


**Children living in areas of deprivation are more likely to be living with obesity.** The gap in prevalence of children living with being **overweight or very overweight** living in the least and most deprived areas is **decreasing**.

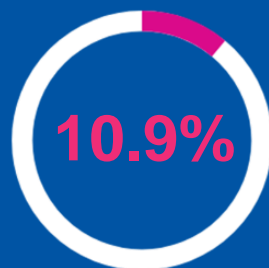
In 2019 in Gloucestershire, at the end of Reception...



The **gap** in achieving a good level of development between the **most and least deprived** areas of Gloucestershire is **27.1%**



Percentage (%) of cohort **Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)** by district in December 2021<sup>3</sup>



The percentage of children under 16 years old living in **absolute low income families** in Gloucestershire<sup>4</sup>

The number of years an individual in Gloucestershire could expect to **live in good health** (healthy life expectancy) in 2017- 2019 was<sup>5</sup>:

**68 years**  
(male)



**66 years**  
(female)

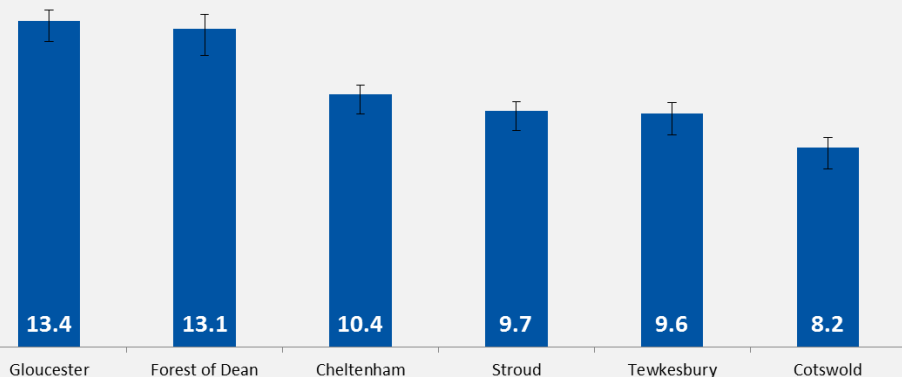


The difference of those living in the 10% **most deprived** and 10% **least deprived**<sup>6</sup> parts of Gloucestershire in 2009 – 2013 was:

**11.2 years**  
(male)



**11 years**  
(female)



The percentage (%) of children under 16 years old living in **absolute low income families** by district<sup>4</sup>

In 2018-20, the excess risk percentage of **under 75 mortality in adults with severe mental illness (SMI)** in Gloucestershire was **580.2%**. This is significantly worse than the England rate of 389.9%.<sup>7</sup>

# The employment rate by ethnicity<sup>8</sup>:

WHITE

79%

Gloucestershire

77%

England

ETHNIC  
MINORITY

73%

Gloucestershire

68%

England

Maps illustrating **deprivation** within Gloucestershire can be found on the [Inform Gloucestershire](https://www.informgloucestershire.org.uk/) website

In 2020/21, the **average attainment 8 score** in Gloucestershire was

**53.7** compared with **50.9** in England for 15 - 16 year olds<sup>9</sup>



Percentage of those living in **overcrowded homes** in Gloucestershire, by Ethnicity<sup>10</sup>:

WHITE

4.3%

MIXED/MULTIPLE ETHNIC GROUP

10.2%

OTHER ETHNIC GROUP

10.8%

BLACK/AFRICAN/CARIBBEAN/BLACK BRITISH

11.6%

ASIAN/ASIAN BRITISH

16.6%



Percentage of those living in **overcrowded homes** in Gloucestershire, by district<sup>11</sup>:

6.0%

Cheltenham

3.3%

Cotswold

4.0%

Forest of Dean

6.7%

Gloucester

3.8%

Stroud

3.2%

Tewkesbury

**4.7%** of people live in **overcrowded homes** in Gloucestershire

## What are we doing locally?

There are many things going on in the county to work on health inequalities already, but we are doing some additional work to make sure that as many people as possible working in the public sector have the skills, chance, and awareness to consider their areas of work through a ‘health inequalities lens’.

To aid this, there is some work currently underway to raise awareness of health inequalities, what they are and why they are important. We will also develop some resources to help staff assess their work areas from a health inequalities perspective and help them take action. As a system, we are also reviewing how we engage with communities to make sure we understand what is important to them. This is the beginning of a number of things we will be implementing to strengthen our system when considering health inequalities.

## Areas of best practice

In Gloucestershire, we have agreed to take a ‘Community Centred Whole Systems Approach’ to delivering public sector duties and ambitions to improve health equality in our county. An essential part of building an effective whole systems approach to health inequalities is to develop a shared understanding of how they are currently being addressed and to identify assets and opportunities to strengthen the system. There are a variety of activities underway to make progress on this.

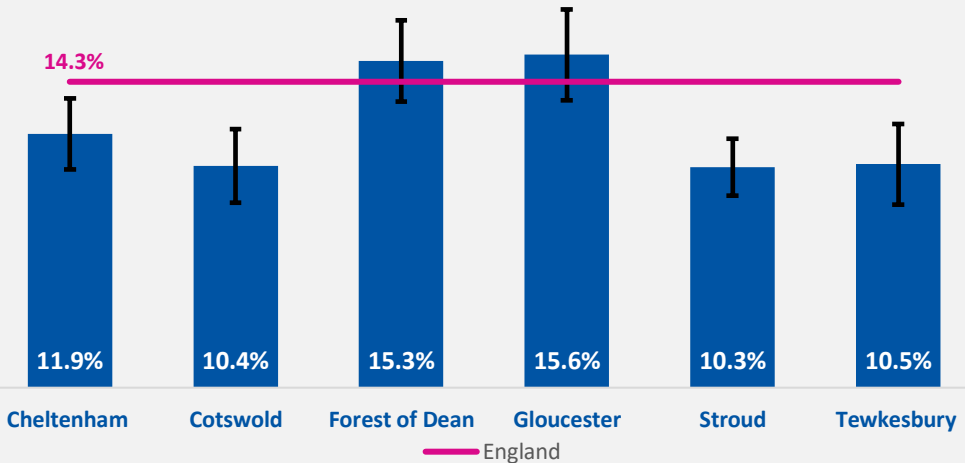
“I can cook, but I’ve no time, and it’s too expensive to buy ingredients round here.”

- Podsmead resident for Podsmead Food & Families Report

In 2020/21, the gap in the employment rate between those who are in receipt of long term support for a learning disability (aged 18 to 64) and the overall employment rate in

Gloucestershire was **74.3** percentage points. This is significantly worse than the England rate of 70.0 percentage points for the same time period.<sup>12</sup>

In 2019/20, **Smoking prevalence in adults (18+)** in **Gloucestershire** was **12.3%**, significantly better than England<sup>13</sup>:



## Key evidence

- [Build Back Fairer: The COVID-19 Marmot Review](#)
- [Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On](#)
- [What are the elements of a whole system approach to community-centred public health? A qualitative study with public health leaders in England's local authority areas.](#)