

A picture of inequality and deteriorating health: data from Census 2021

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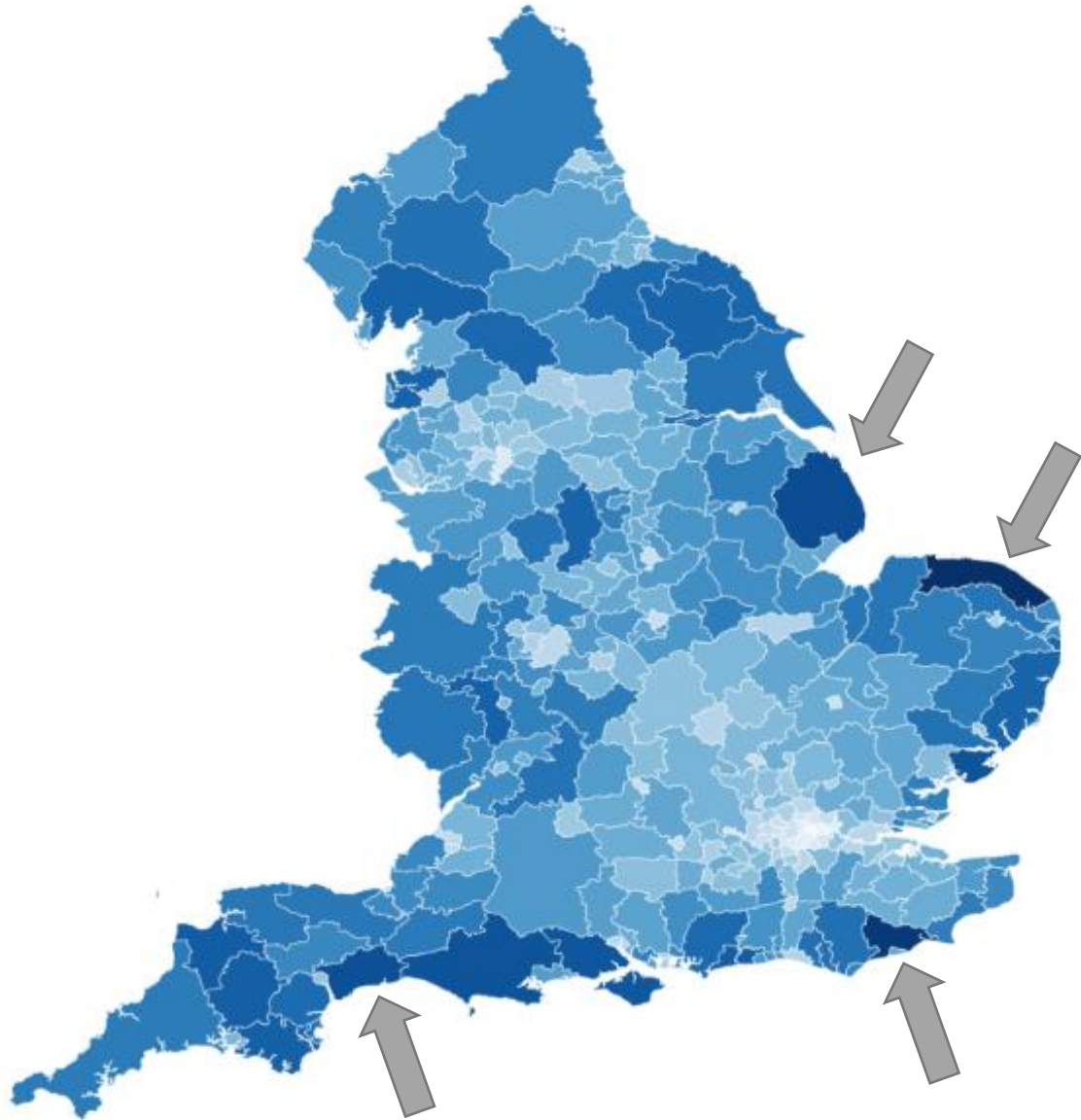
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Population % aged 65 or older

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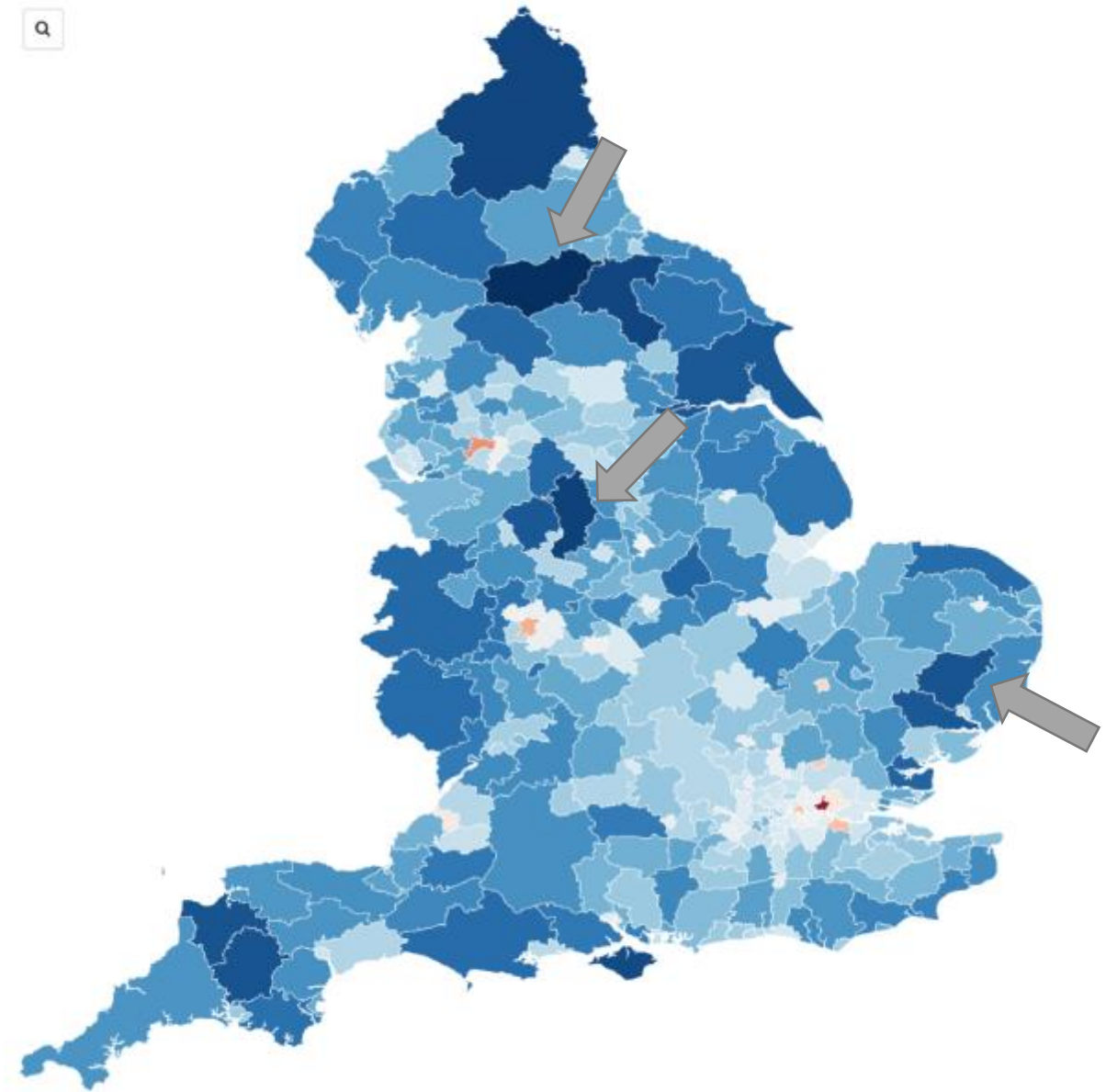


Source: ONS, Census 2021

Population change 2011-2021 in % 65 or older

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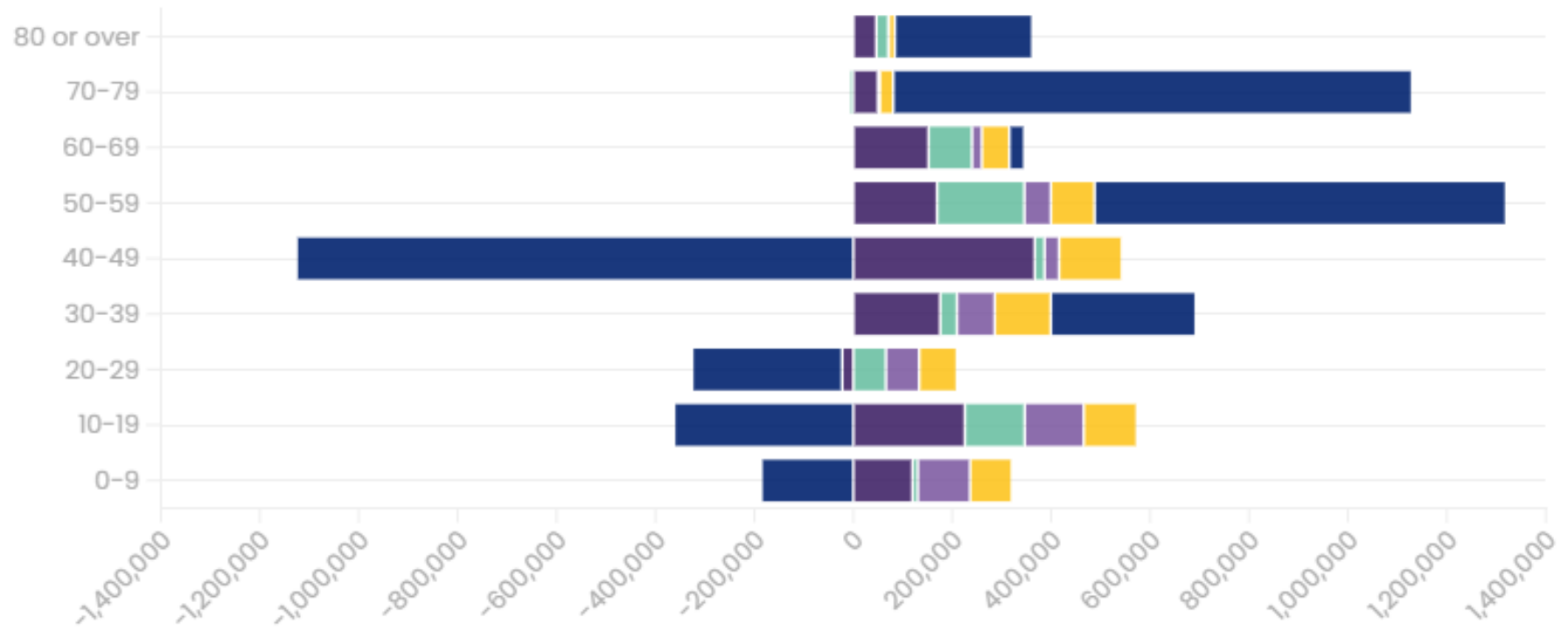
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Source: ONS, Census 2021, Nomis, Census 2011

Change in population by age group and ethnicity between the 2011 and 2021 census, England

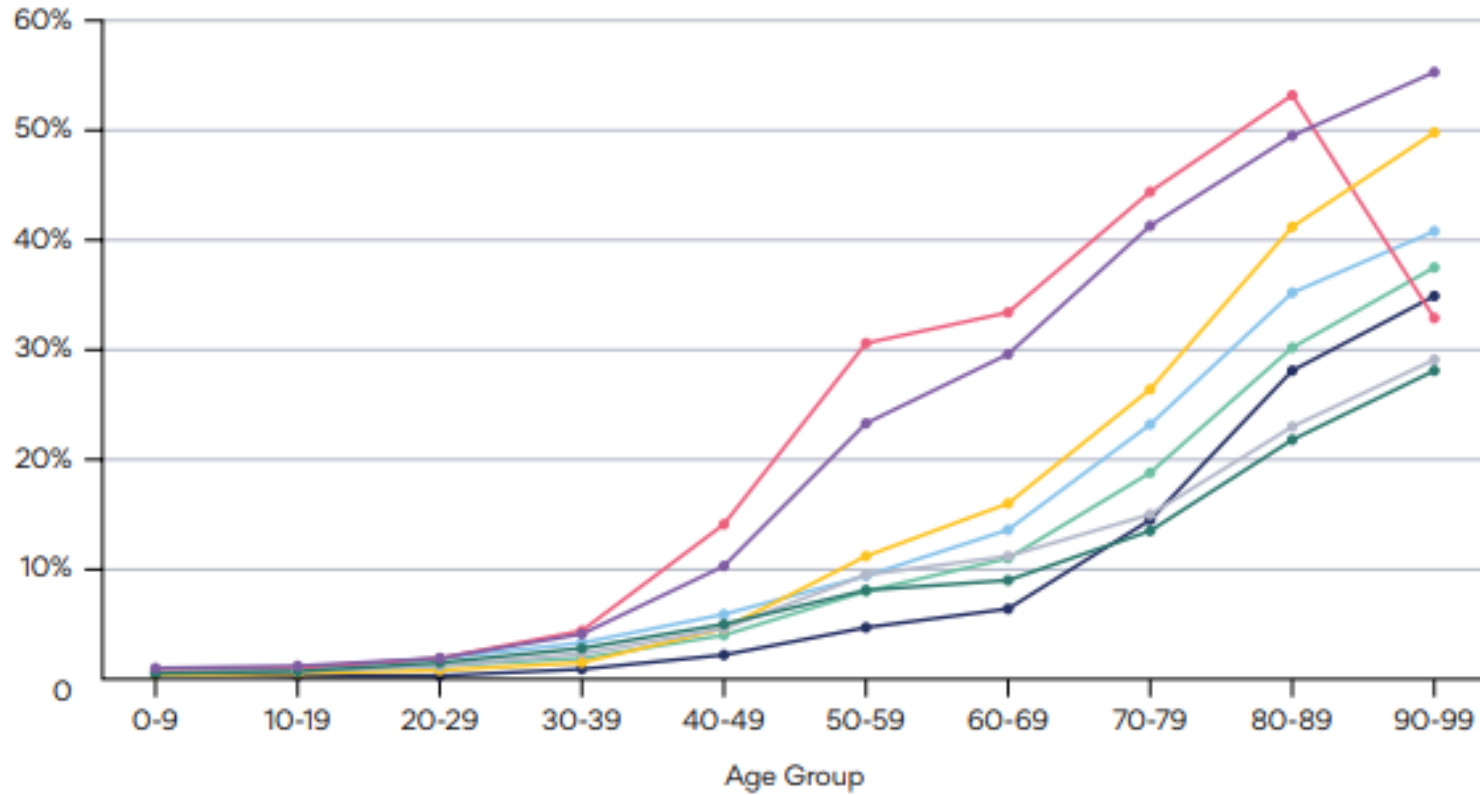
■ Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh
 ■ Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African:
 ■ Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
 ■ Other ethnic group
 ■ White



Source: Office for National Statistics (2023). Census 2021: Ethnic group by age and sex in England and Wales, Office for National Statistics (2013) Census 2011: Ethnic group by age and sex

Ethnic health inequalities get magnified with age

Women



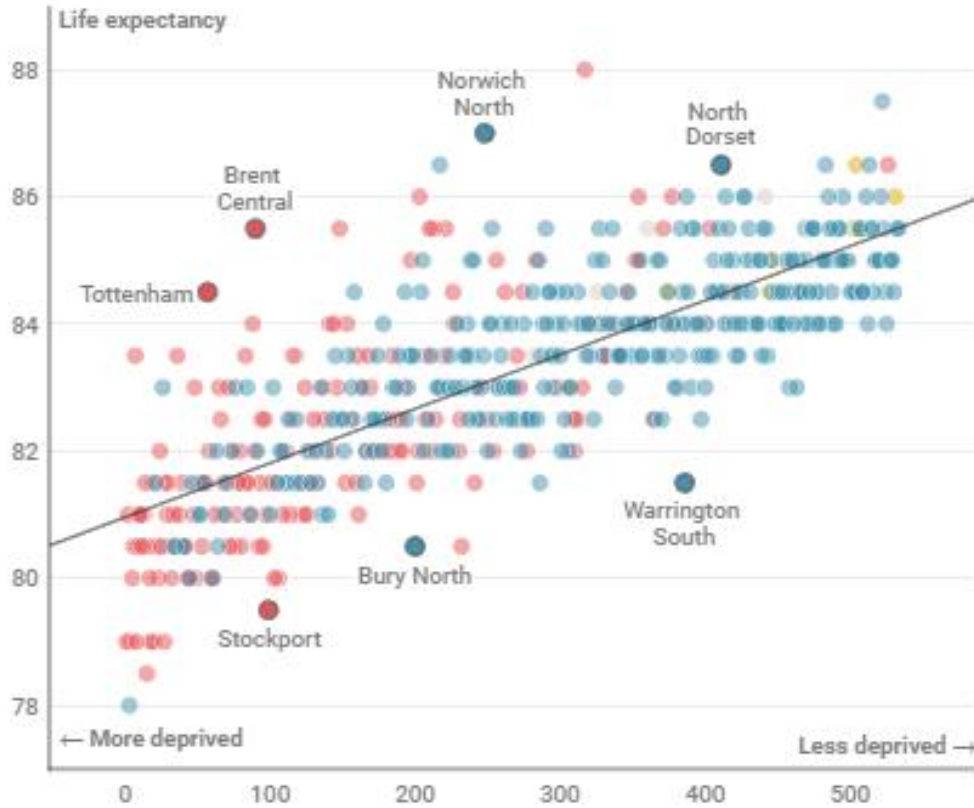
Key

- White British
- White Irish
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Black African
- Black Caribbean

Source: 2011 Census, own calculations. Poor self-rated health aggregates 'bad' and 'very bad' health.

How the other half live

The correlation between life expectancy and deprivation* by Westminster constituency



*According to the government's indices of deprivation where a higher score represents a less deprived area and a lower score represents greater deprivation

Chart: The Times and The Sunday Times - Source: Health Equals, House of Commons

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Britain slips to 29th in global life expectancy rankings



Life expectancy in the UK has fallen in recent years, and experts blame health inequalities
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Our outcomes

Good health

more people on course to experience good health in later life

Equity and respect

more people treated fairly and with respect as they grow older

Financial security

more people on course to experience financial security in later life



Our vision

A society in which everyone can live a good later life

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