

This overview of the St Marychurch ward is one of fifteen in a series covering the electoral wards of Torbay. For more information please visit: www.southdevonandtorbay.info

Overview: St Marychurch is one of the seven wards in Torquay. The St Marychurch population is generally older and has similar life expectancy and levels of deprivation to the Torbay average.

Figure 1: St Marychurch ward map

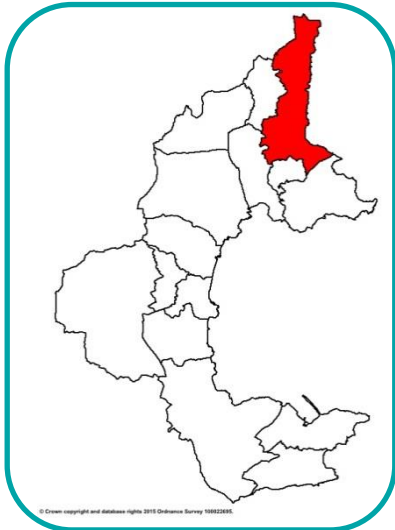
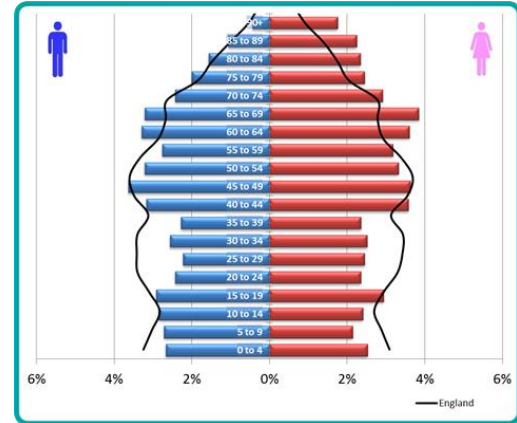


Figure 2: Population structure, 2013

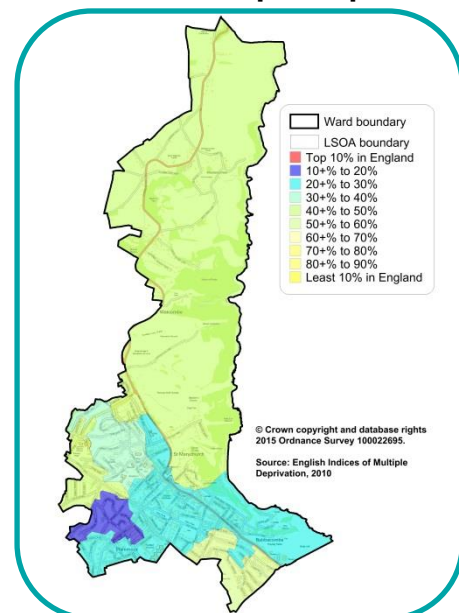


Source: ONS mid-year resident population, 2013

Key facts

- In 2013, the total resident population of St Marychurch was around 11,500;
- In 2013, the average age of residents was 45 years;
- More than 1 in 4 (27%) residents lived in private rented accommodation in 2011.

Figure 3: Index of multiple deprivation, 2010



Population overview

The St Marychurch population is generally older (Table 1 and Figure 2) compared to England, with around 45% over 50 years of age.

Table 1: Population by age group, 2013

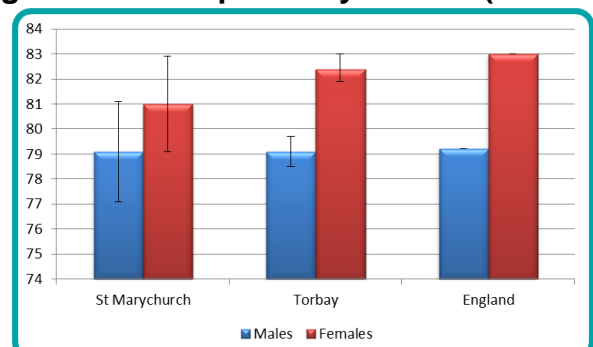
Age	St Marychurch	Torbay	England
Years	Count		
0 - 29	3,503	30%	28%
30 - 64	4,913	43%	45%
65 - 84	2,466	21%	15%
85+	634	6%	2%
All ages	11,516		

Source: ONS mid-year resident population, 2013.

Life expectancy

Female life expectancy at birth in St Marychurch is lower than the Torbay average.

Figure 4: Life expectancy at birth (2010-12)



Source: PCMD 2010-12, ONS mid-year resident population 2010-12

Deprivation

St Marychurch contains one area ranked in the top 20% most deprived in England (navy area shown in Figure 3).

Crime

The rate of crime in St Marychurch is lower than the Torbay average (Table 2). More than 1 in 5 crimes are violent (including sexual violence).

Table 2: Crime and violent crime rate per 1,000 residents (all ages) 2011/12-2013/14

Area	All crime	Violent crime
St Marychurch	59	13
Torbay	68	17
England	68*	11

Source: Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, PHOF - England comparator, *ONS - England and Wales comparator

Starting well

The proportion of mothers smoking in pregnancy is lower in St Marychurch compared to Torbay. St Marychurch has a lower proportion of mother's still breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks compared to Torbay and England.

Table 3: Starting well 2010/11-2013/14

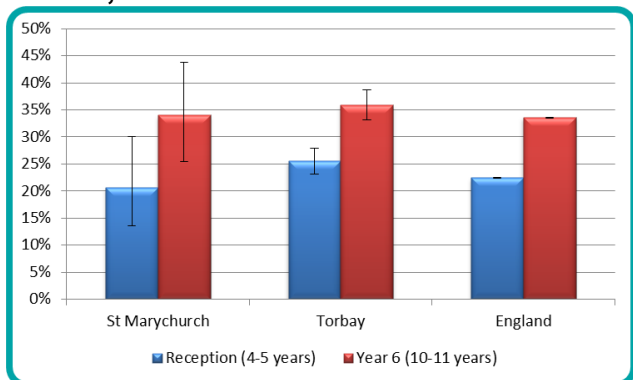
Area	Smoking at birth	Breastfeeding initiation	Breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks
St Marychurch	16%	73%	32%
Torbay	18%	71%	38%
England	13%	74%	47%

Source: Maternity and Child health dataset, 2010/11-2013/14

Excess weight in children

Around 1 in 3 children are classified as overweight or obese when they leave primary school. This is similar to England (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Excess weight in primary school children, 2011/12-2013/14

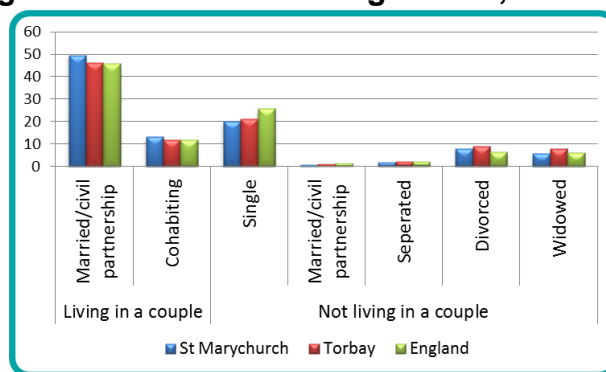


Source: National Child Measurement Programme, 2011/12-2013/14

Living arrangements

In 2011, around half of St Marychurch residents were married or in a civil partnership (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Household arrangements, 2011

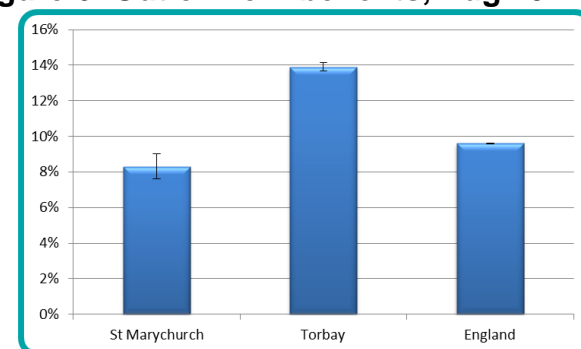


Source: Census, 2011

Out of work benefits

St Marychurch has a significantly lower proportion of the working population (16-64yrs) claiming an out of work benefit compared to both England and Torbay (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Out of work benefits, Aug 2014



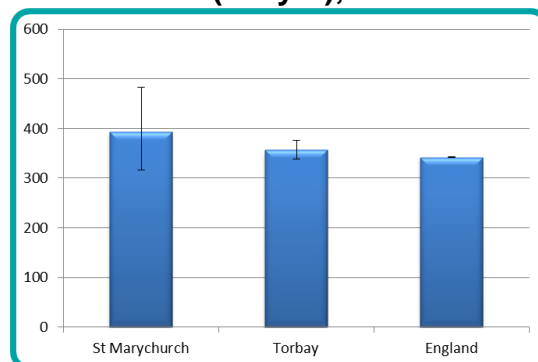
Source: Department of Work and Pensions, Aug 2014

Premature mortality

The rate of premature mortality (<75yrs) is higher in St Marychurch (Figure 7). Around 40 people per year die prematurely.

Cancer accounts for 32% of premature mortality in St Marychurch.

Figure 7: Premature mortality rate per 100,000 residents (<75yrs), 2012-2014



Source: Primary Care Mortality Database 2012-14, ONS mid-year resident population 2011-13. Directly age standardised rate (ESP 2013)