

Births and deaths in Kent: 2023

Births and deaths registrations data for 2023 were released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in October 2024.

The 2023 Mid-year population estimates were released by the ONS on 15 July 2024.

NOTE: within this bulletin “Kent” refers to the Kent County Council area which excludes Medway

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This bulletin presents an analysis of the number of live births and deaths and birth and death rates in Kent and Kent districts in 2023. A time series of change between 2014 to 2023 is also presented.

Summary

- In 2023 there were 15,429 live births and 16,264 deaths in Kent. This resulted in a net loss of 835 people due to natural change.
- Maidstone saw the largest number of live births in 2023 with a total of 1,915. However, Gravesham had the highest general fertility rate per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years of 61.1.
- Thanet had the greatest number of deaths in 2023 with a total of 1,823.
- Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet had the highest number of deaths per 1,000 population (Crude Death Rate) both at 13.0.
- Dartford experienced the greatest positive natural change in population (meaning there were more births than deaths) with a net gain of 637 people.
- Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Sevenoaks, Thanet, and Tunbridge Wells all saw a negative natural change in 2023 (meaning there were more deaths than births).

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Introduction

This bulletin presents the counts and rates of live births and deaths that were registered between 2014 to 2023 and does not provide any analysis of cause of death. Further information is available from the [Office for National Statistics](#) on mortality and COVID-19.

Every year the number of births and deaths that occur in England and Wales are collated and presented by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The change in population produced by these natural events is called “natural change” and relates to the resident population.

These figures alone do not represent the total change in population as that also depends on inward and outward migration. The ONS monitor both sets of data and use them to calculate their annual mid-year population estimates.

Please note that the births and deaths data for the mid-year population estimates are counted from 1st July to 30th June. Some figures presented here from the Births and Deaths summary tables are for the calendar year (1st January to 31st December) so there will be differences between the two.

Total number of births and deaths during 2023

In 2023 there were 15,429 registered births and 16,264 registered deaths in Kent. This resulted in a net decrease in Kent’s resident population of 835 people from natural change alone.

Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe, Sevenoaks, Thanet, and Tunbridge Wells have all seen a negative natural change in 2023 (meaning there were more deaths than births).

Increase in population due to natural change tends to be lower in East Kent districts such as Dover, Thanet, and Folkestone & Hythe. Despite healthy birth rates in these areas, the actual number of births tends to be lower in these districts than in other Kent districts. Due to a higher proportion of elderly population, the number of deaths in these districts tends to be higher than in other Kent districts. Therefore, the balance between the two leads to smaller population increase and even a reduction in resident population due to natural change.

Table 1 overleaf shows the births, deaths and natural change in Kent, Kent districts and Medway in 2023.

Table 1: Births, deaths, and natural change: 2023

Local Authority	Births	Deaths	Natural Change
Kent	15,429	16,264	-835
Ashford	1,364	1,285	79
Canterbury	1,211	1,784	-573
Dartford	1,505	868	637
Dover	990	1,421	-431
Folkestone & Hythe	898	1,446	-548
Gravesham	1,275	946	329
Maidstone	1,915	1,665	250
Sevenoaks	1,092	1,215	-123
Swale	1,607	1,472	135
Thanet	1,251	1,823	-572
Tonbridge & Malling	1,253	1,224	29
Tunbridge Wells	1,068	1,115	-47
Medway Unitary Authority	3,243	2,514	729

Source: Birth registrations 2023: Deaths registered in England and Wales, 2023: Office for National Statistics

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The population in six of the 12 Kent local authority districts all increased during 2023 due to positive natural change (more births than deaths).

Mid and West Kent districts tend to have a younger age profile and for this reason the number of births in these districts, such as Ashford, Maidstone, Dartford, is typically much higher than the number of deaths leading to higher population growth due to natural change.

Despite Canterbury having a large young population, the number of births in Canterbury is lower than would be expected for the population profile of the area. This is because Canterbury's young population largely consists of students who are less likely to be bearing any children.

The number of deaths is still quite high in Canterbury because of the older population profile of coastal resorts such as Herne Bay and Whitstable. The number of births is therefore low in relation to the number of deaths, resulting in negative population change in 2023.

Birth and death rates

We know that the numbers of births and deaths will be affected by the population profile of an area which makes it difficult to compare with different areas. In addition, areas with similar profiles will be difficult to compare due to the difference in the total overall population. For comparison it is better to look at birth and death rates. Rates put the number of births and deaths into context according to the population size and profile of an area.

There are four methods of measuring the numbers of births and deaths rather than looking at the total numbers.

For births there is the General Fertility Rate (GFR) and the Total Fertility Rate (TFR):

- The GFR denotes the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years in a specific area.
- The TFR represents the average number of live children that women in that area would have if they experienced the age-specific fertility rates for the calendar year in question throughout their childbearing lifespan. The national TFR rate for England & Wales in 2023 is 1.4. Therefore, if an area has a higher TFR than 1.4, then there were more births than would be expected.

For deaths there is the Crude Death Rate (CDR) and the Age Standardised Mortality Rate (ASMR):

- The CDR is the number of observed deaths per 1,000 resident population in a specific area.
- The ASMR are expressed as deaths per 100,000 standard population and are used to allow comparison between populations which may contain different proportions of people of different ages. The standard population are the 2013 European Standard Population (ESP).

The ESP was originally published in 1976 and was updated by Eurostat in 2013. The 1976 and 2013 ESPs differ in two ways. First, the 2013 ESP gives the populations in older age groups greater weighting than the 1976 ESP to reflect an aging population.

Second, the age distribution of the 1976 ESP has an upper limit of 85 years and over, while the 2013 ESP is further disaggregated to include age groups 85-89, 90-94 and 95+.

Further information is available in the [User Guide to mortality statistics](#) from the Office for National Statistics.

The General Fertility Rate, Total Fertility Rate and Crude Death Rate in Kent was higher than seen in England & Wales and the South East. The Age Standardised Mortality Rate was slightly higher in Kent than in the South East though lower than in England and Wales. Table 2 shows the four different rates in Kent, Kent districts and Medway in comparison to regionally and nationally.

Table 2: Birth and death rates: 2023

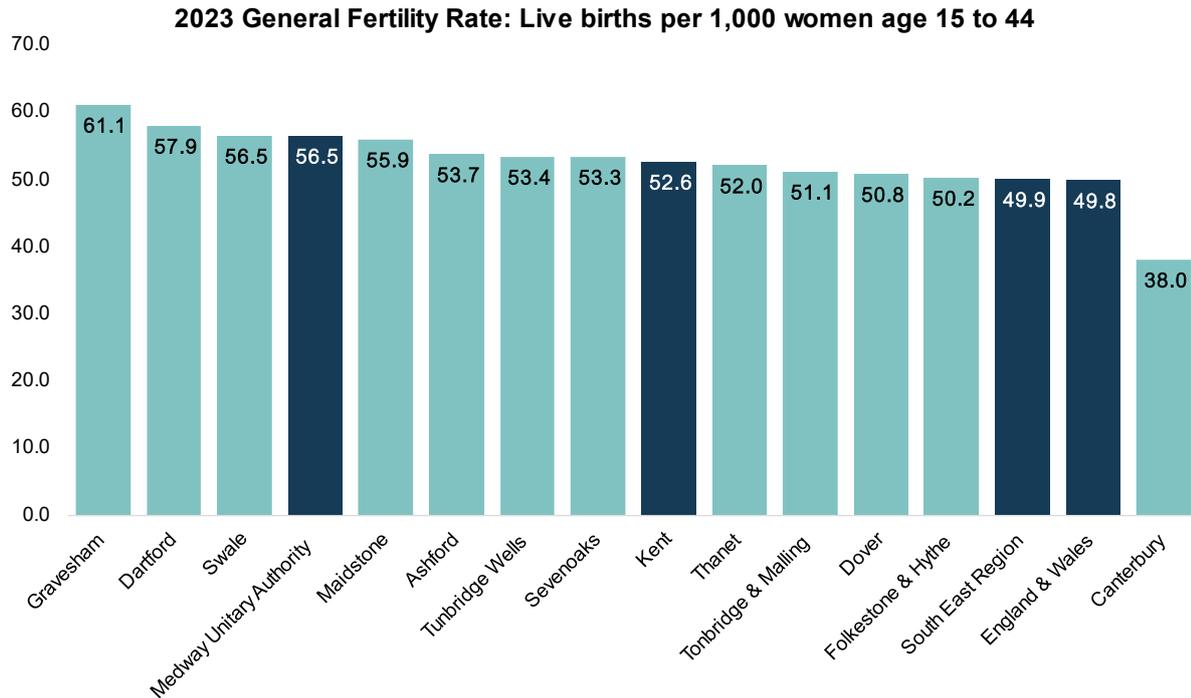
Local Authority	General Fertility Rate	Total Fertility Rate	Crude Death Rate	Age Standardised Mortality Rate
England & Wales	49.8	1.4	9.6	971.6
South East Region	49.9	1.5	9.4	885.7
Kent	52.6	1.6	10.1	942.7
Ashford	53.7	1.6	9.3	929.0
Canterbury	38.0	1.3	11.2	962.1
Dartford	57.9	1.6	7.2	952.3
Dover	50.8	1.5	12.0	981.6
Folkestone & Hythe	50.2	1.5	13.0	1018.3
Gravesham	61.1	1.8	8.8	965.7
Maidstone	55.9	1.6	9.0	901.4
Sevenoaks	53.3	1.6	10.0	800.8
Swale	56.5	1.7	9.4	994.4
Thanet	52.0	1.6	13.0	1077.5
Tonbridge & Malling	51.1	1.5	9.1	883.2
Tunbridge Wells	53.4	1.6	9.5	839.6
Medway Unitary Authority	56.5	1.7	8.8	1042.4

Source: Birth registrations 2023: Deaths registered in England and Wales, 2023: MYPE 2023 (calculating General Fertility Rate and Crude Death Rate): Office for National Statistics © Crown Copyright
Total Fertility Rate and Age Standardised Mortality Rate figures based on England, Wales & elsewhere.
Elsewhere refers to a birth to a mother whose usual residence is outside England and Wales.
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As expected, due to the high student population, Canterbury had the lowest general fertility rate, where there were 38.0 births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years. Gravesham had the highest general fertility rate for 2023 where there were 61.1 births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years.

Chart 1 and map 1 overleaf show the general fertility rates in Kent districts in 2023.

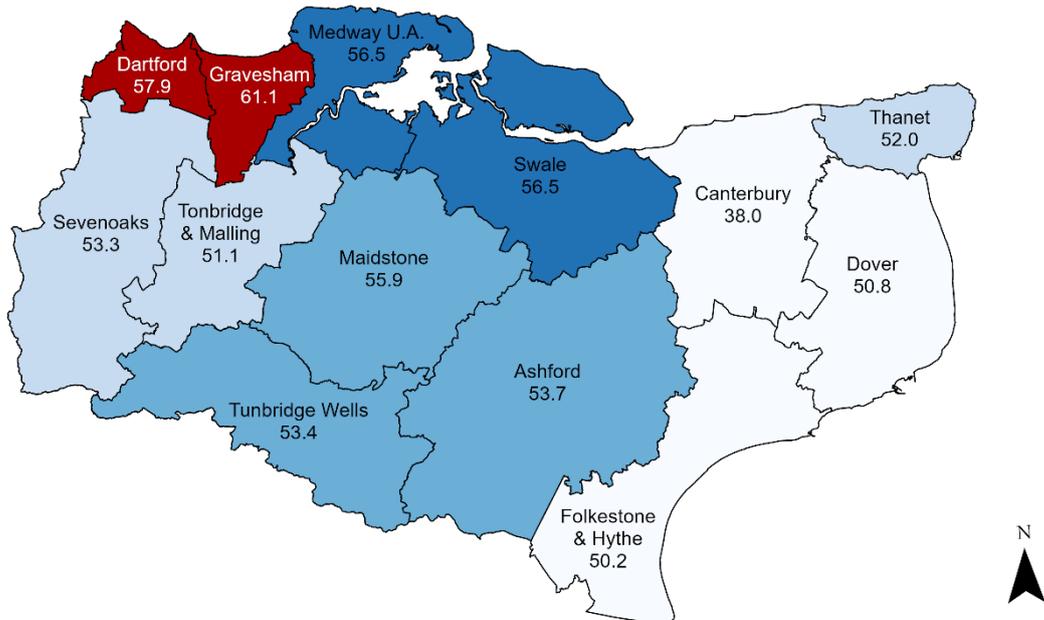
Chart 1: General Fertility Rate (GFR) 2023



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Map 1: General Fertility Rate 2023

2023 General Fertility Rate: Local Authority Areas in Kent



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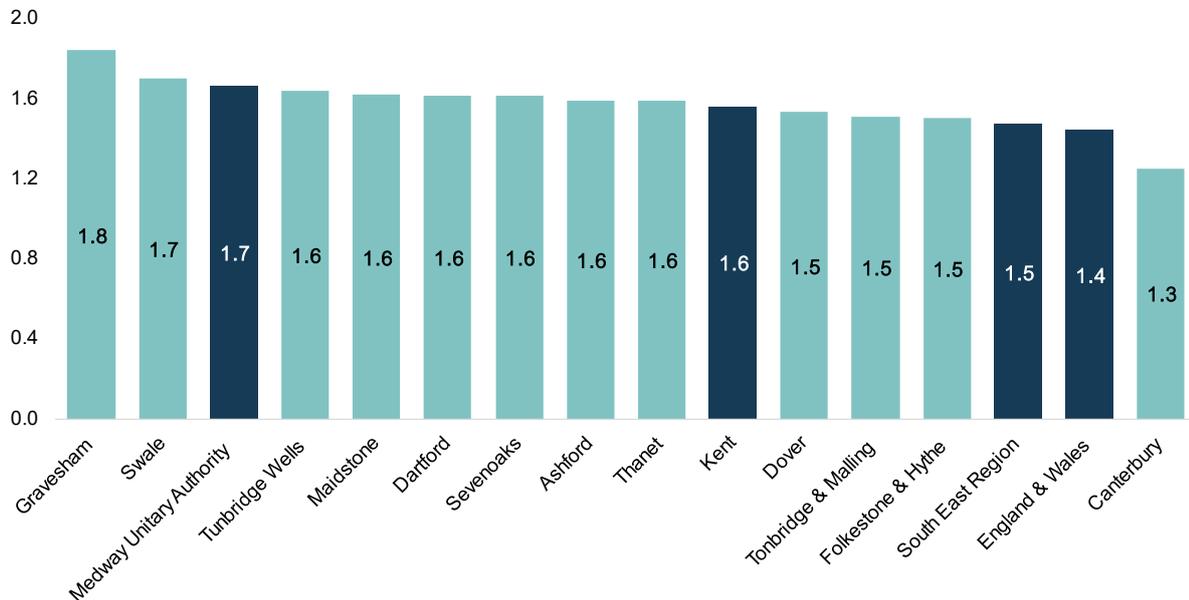
The total fertility rate shows that women in Canterbury on average experienced 1.3 live births compared to 1.4 in England & Wales. As explained earlier, Canterbury has a large student population that contributes largely to the population aged 15 to 44. These students are less likely to be having children and therefore the population is artificially high compared to the number of live births.

Gravesham had the highest total fertility rate showing that women on average experienced 1.8 births. Chart 2 and map 2 show the total fertility rates in Kent districts in 2023.

Chart 2: Total Fertility Rate (TFR) 2023

2023 Total Fertility Rate

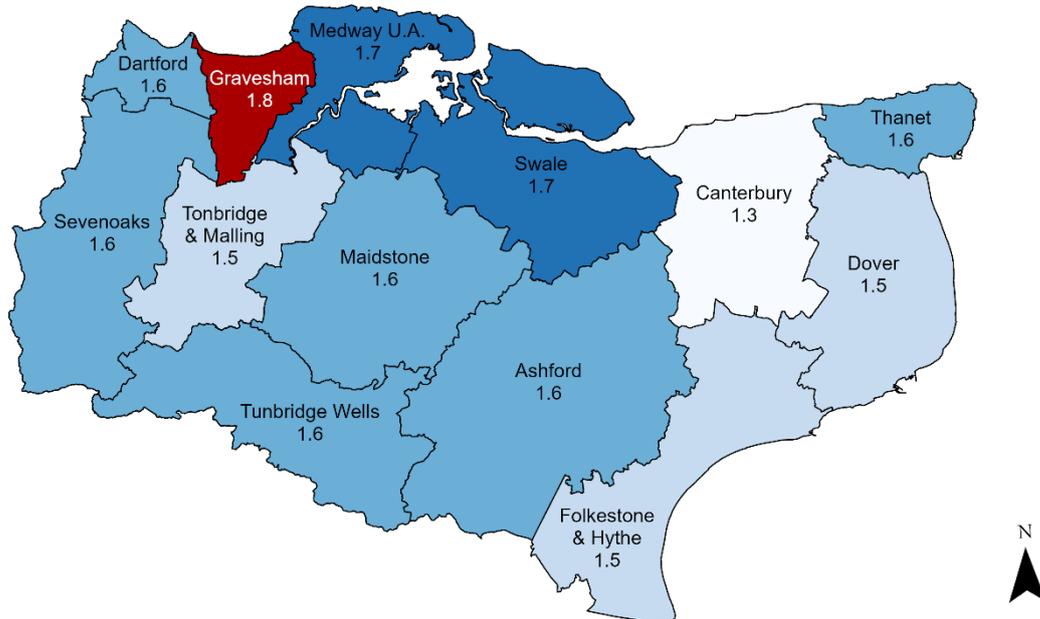
PFR or TFR: Total Period Fertility Rate is the average number of live children that a group of women would bear if they experienced the age-specific fertility rates of the calendar year in question throughout their childbearing lifespan.



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Map 2: Total Fertility Rate 2023

2023 Total Fertility Rate: Local Authority Areas in Kent



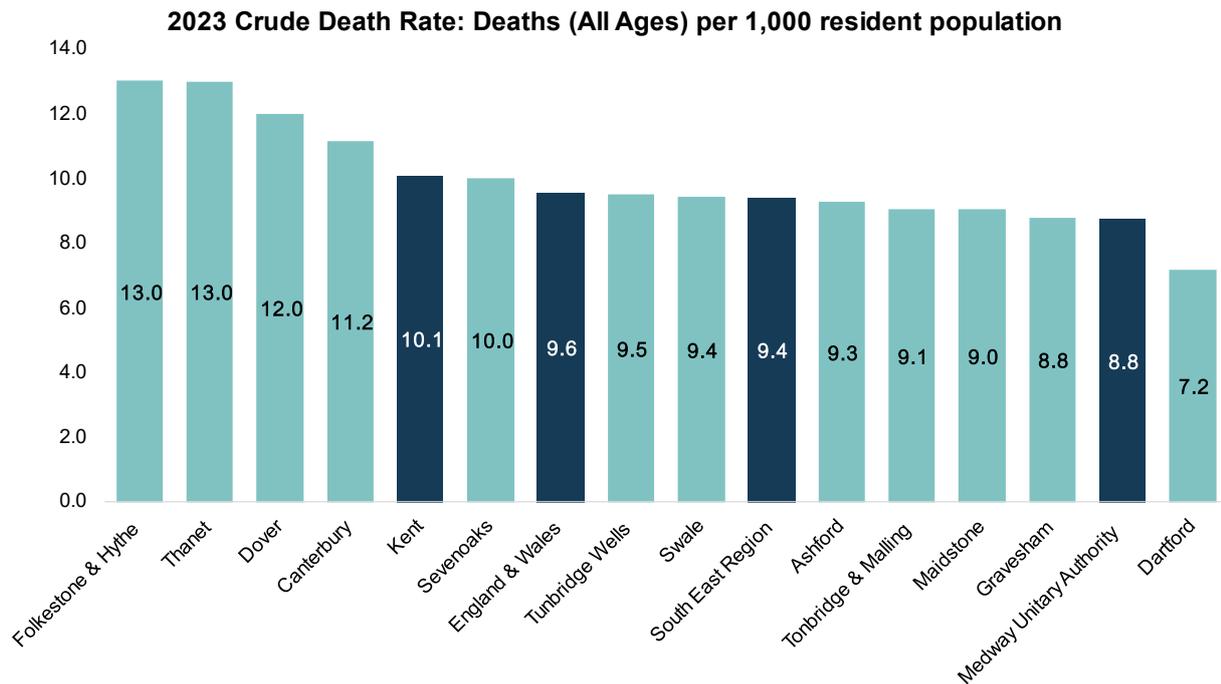
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Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet had the highest crude death rate which reflects the higher number of residents over pensionable age living in the area. There were 13.0 deaths per 1,000 resident population in both districts during 2023.

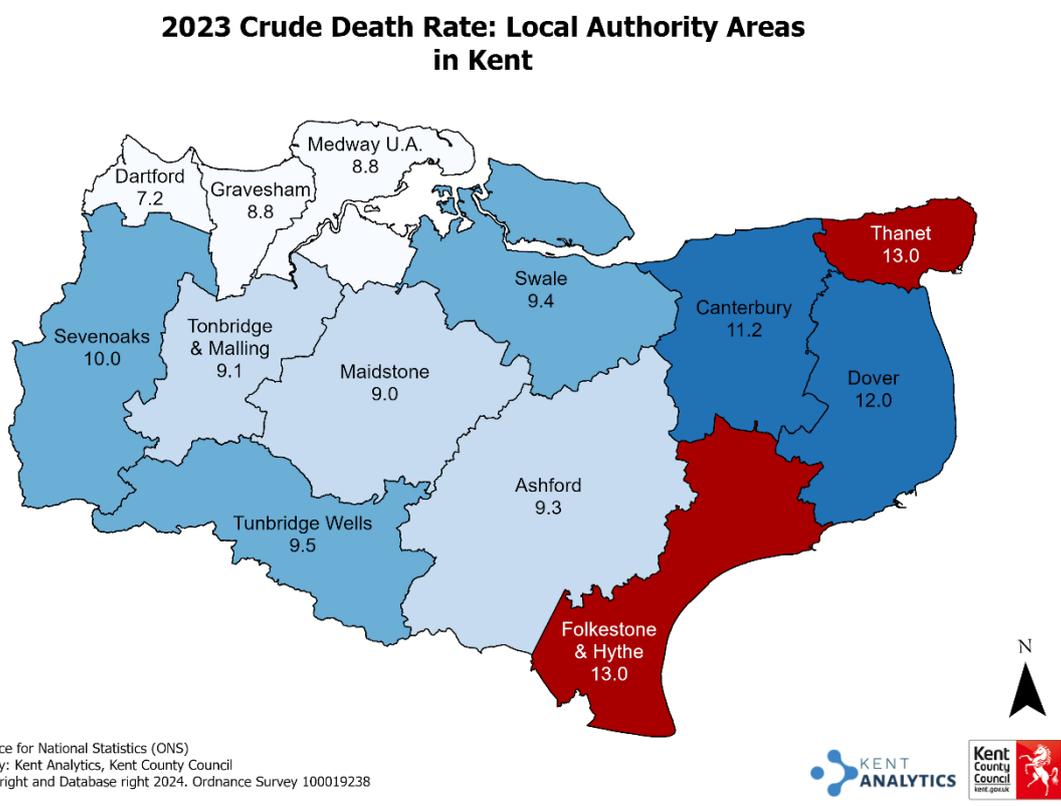
The lowest crude death rate (7.2) was seen in Dartford where there is a younger population profile. Chart 3 and map 3 overleaf show the crude death rates in Kent districts in 2023.

Chart 3: Crude Death Rate (CDR) 2023



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Map 3: Crude Death Rate 2023



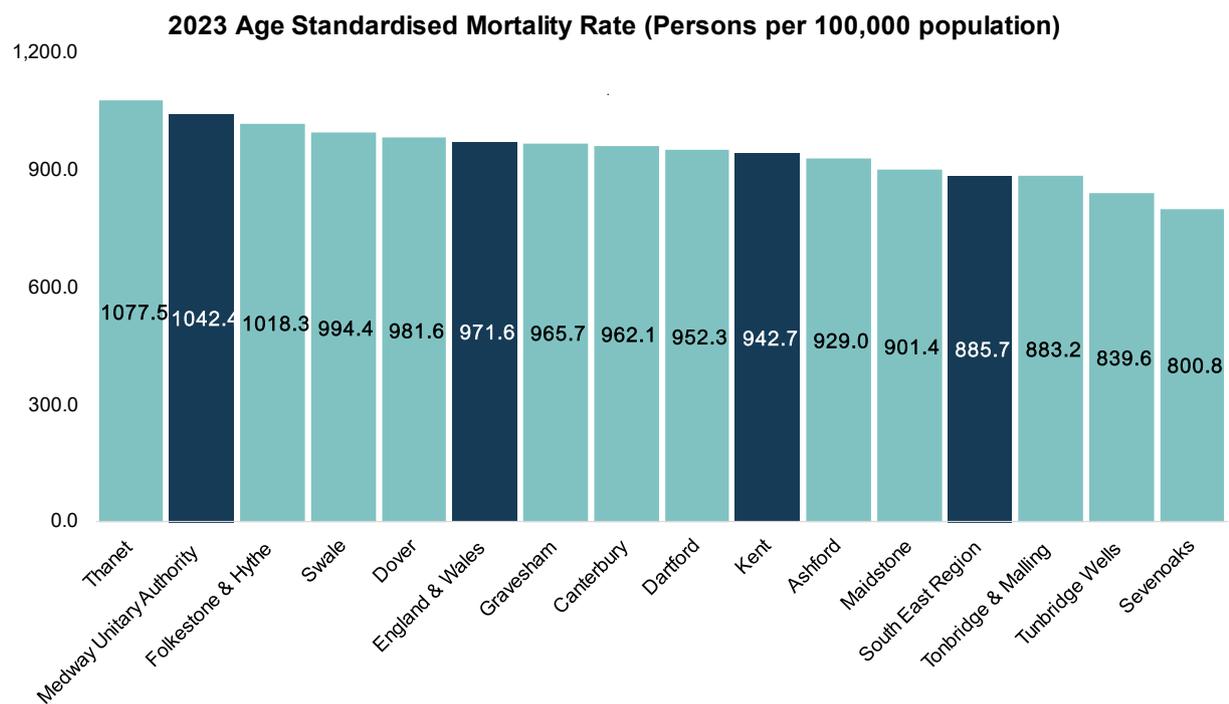
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Kent has a lower age standardised mortality rate than England and Wales. However, four of the local authority districts in Kent have a higher ASMR than that seen nationally (Thanet, Folkestone & Hythe, Swale and Dover).

Thanet has the highest age standardised mortality rate (1077.5) whereas Sevenoaks has the lowest (800.8). Chart 4 and map 4 show the age standardised mortality rates in Kent districts in 2023.

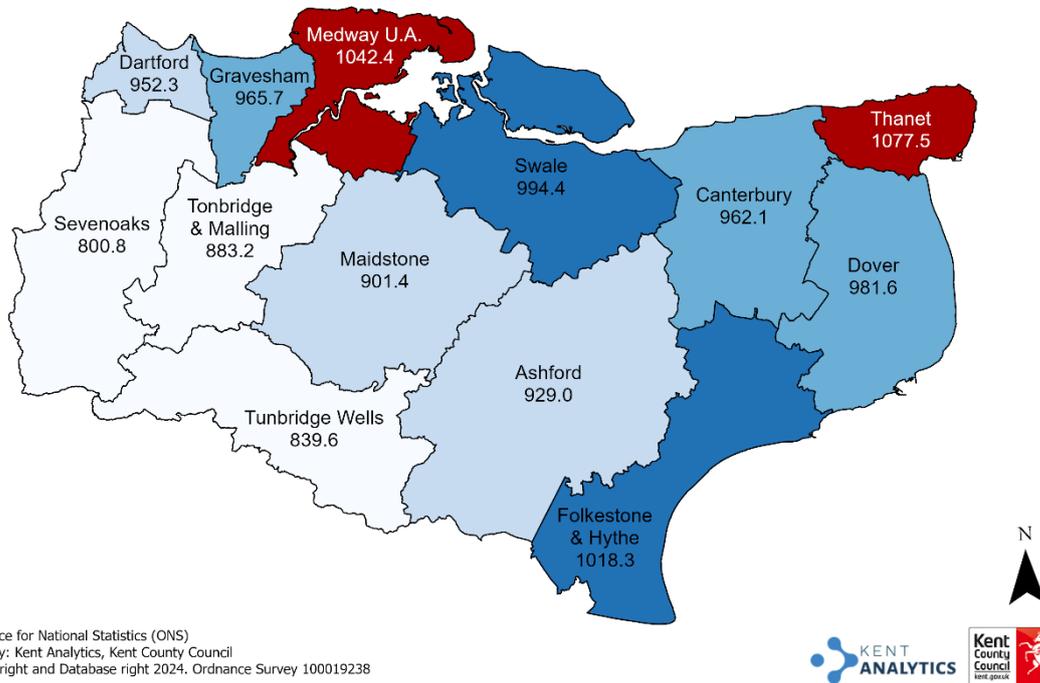
Chart 4: Age Standardised Mortality Rate (ASMR) 2023



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Map 4: Age Standardised Mortality Rate 2023

2023 Age Standardised Mortality Rate: Local Authority Areas in Kent



Time series between 2014 to 2023

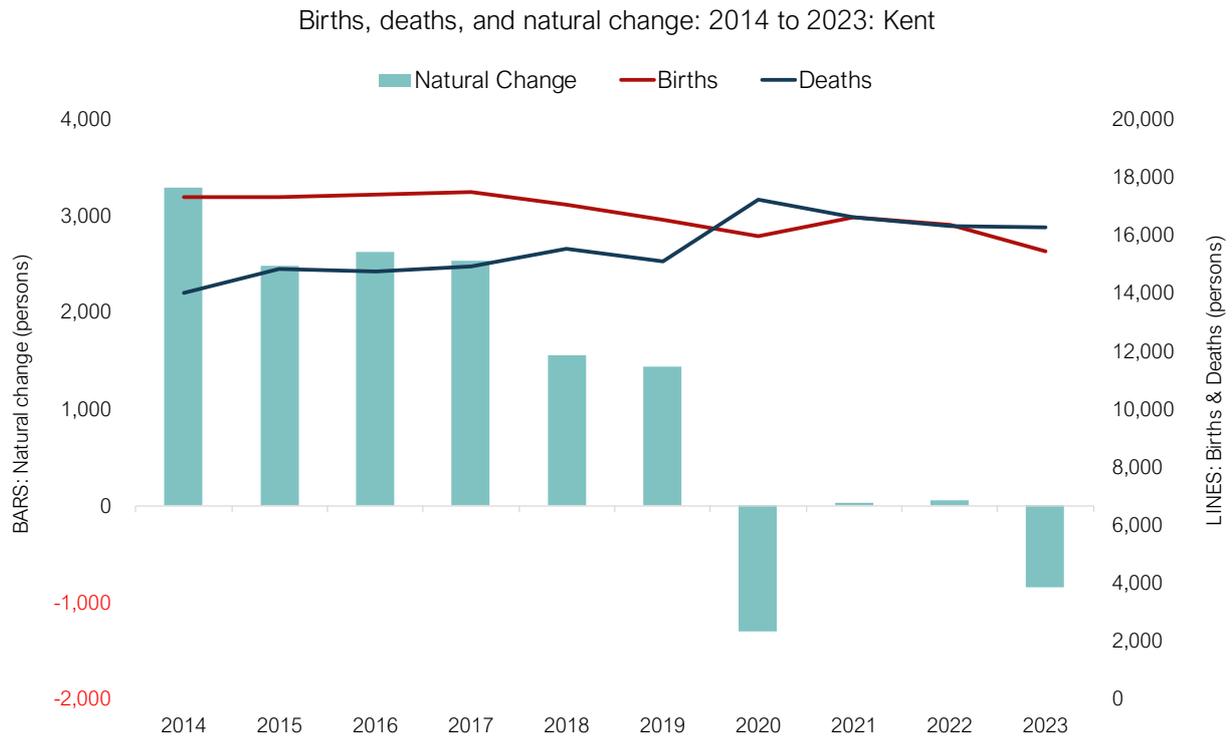
In 2023 there were 15,429 live births in Kent. This is 935 lower than the number of live births last year and also lower than the past 10-year average of 16,741.

In contrast, the number of deaths in Kent between 2014 and 2023 have begun to rise. 2023 saw 16,264 deaths in Kent. This is slightly lower than the number of deaths in 2022 (43 less), though higher than the past 10-year average of 15,552.

Population growth in Kent due to “natural change” has been generally declining since 2014 and in 2020 there was a net decrease of 1,293 people. Despite small increases of 29 people in 2021 and 57 people in 2022 due to natural change, these numbers are considerably lower than the 10 year average of 1,189 for Kent. 2023 has seen a net decrease again (-835 people), slightly lower than that seen in 2020.

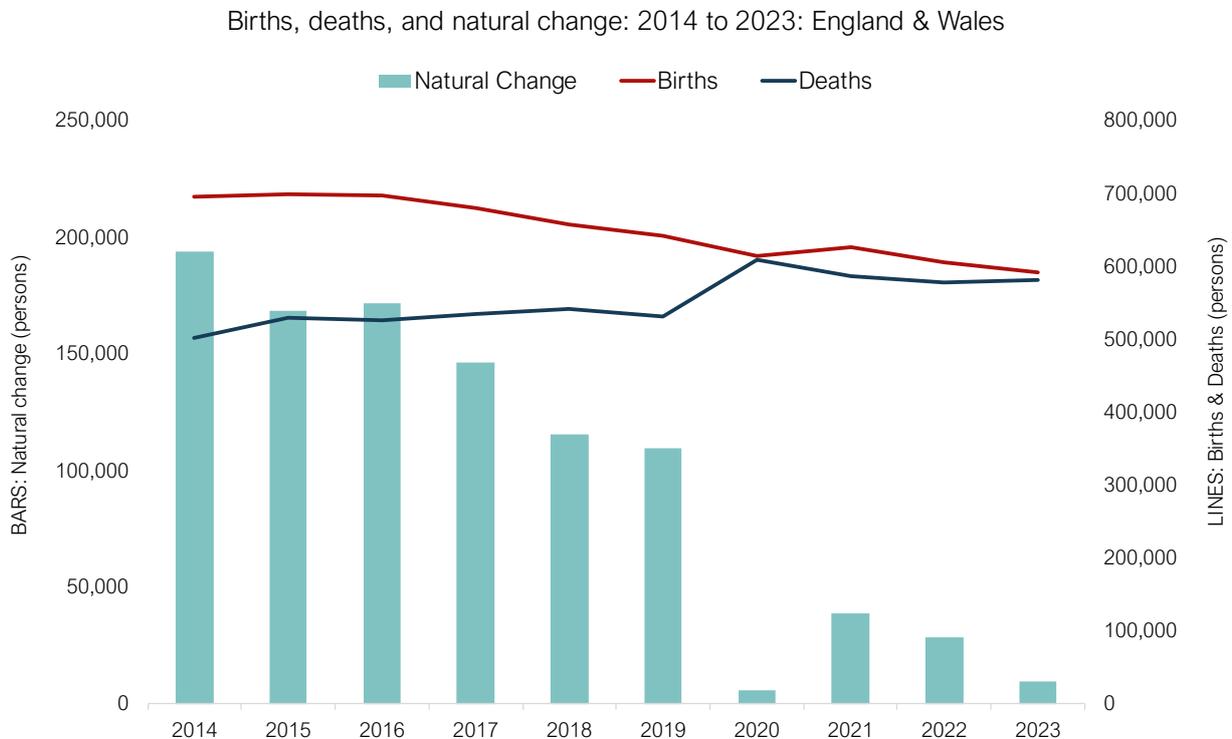
Charts 5 and 6 present the numbers of births, deaths and subsequent natural change in Kent and England & Wales. The pattern of births, deaths and natural change in Kent and England & Wales over the past ten years is similar.

Chart 5: Births, deaths, and natural change: 2014 to 2023: Kent



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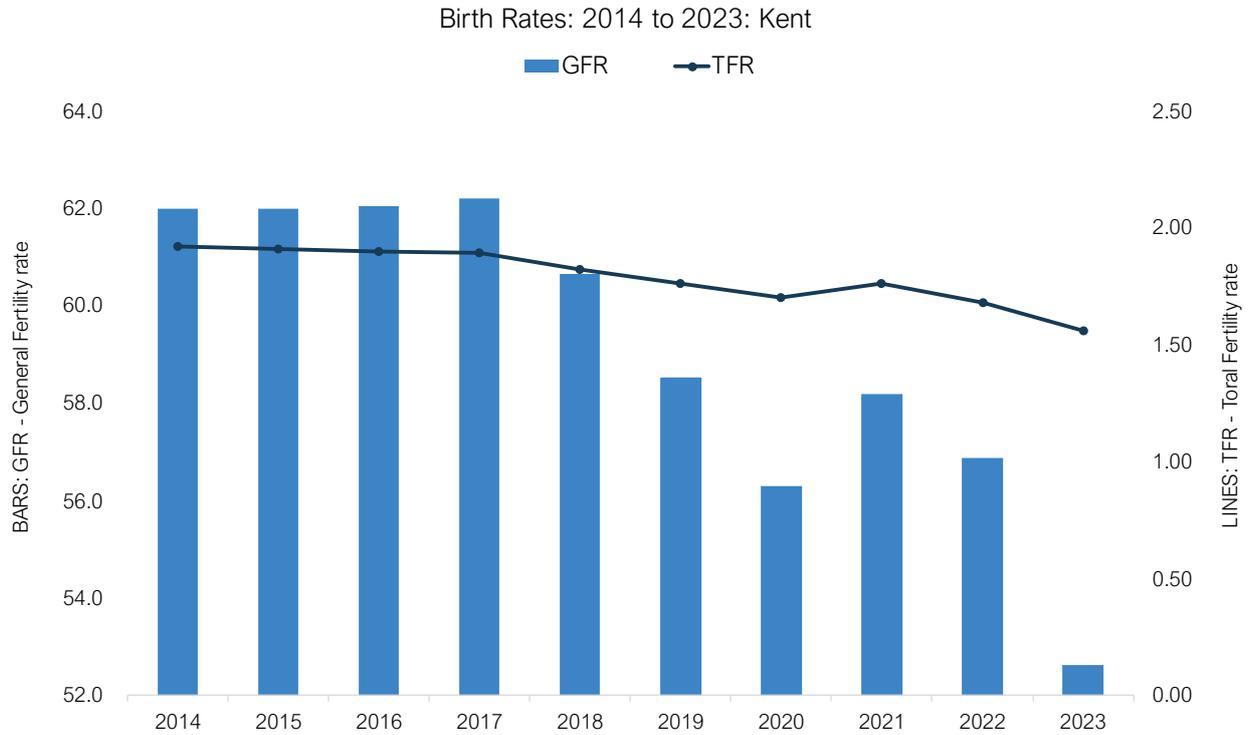
Chart 6: Births, deaths, and natural change: 2014 to 2023: England & Wales



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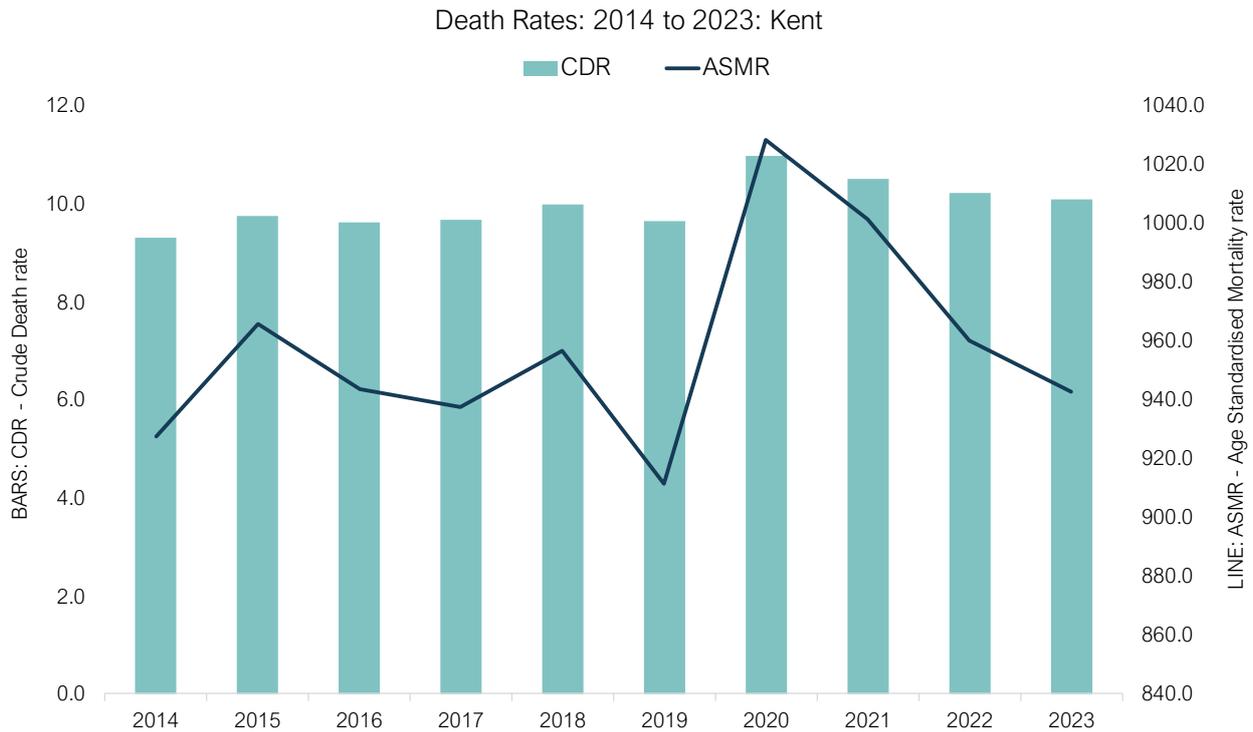
As mentioned earlier, rates put the number of births and deaths into context according to the population size and profile of an area. Charts 7 and 8 show that despite annual fluctuations in both rates in Kent, the death rate has risen whilst the birth rate has fallen over the past ten years.

Chart 7: Birth rates 2014-2023: Kent



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Chart 8: Death rates 2014-2023: Kent



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The pattern of births, deaths and natural change plus birth and death rates varies considerably amongst Kent’s local authority districts and Medway Unitary authority as presented on pages 14 to 26.

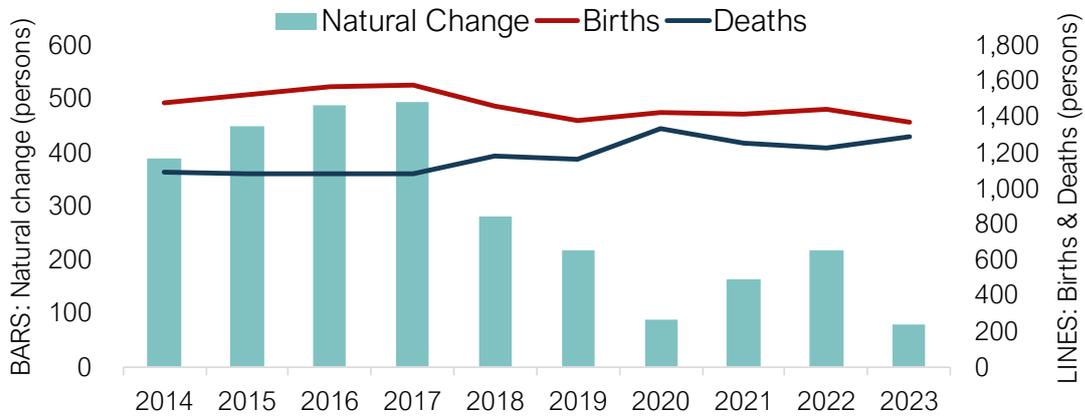
A time series from 2014 to 2023 for Births; Deaths; Natural Change; Total Fertility Rate; General Fertility Rate; Crude Death Rate, and for Age Standardised Mortality Rate is presented in tables 3 to 9 in Appendix A.

Further information on population change is presented in the [“Migration in Kent”](#) and [“What’s causing Kent’s population growth?”](#) bulletins.

This bulletin will be next updated when births and deaths summary tables for the year 2024 are published. For further information on the Office for National Statistics please visit www.statistics.gov.uk

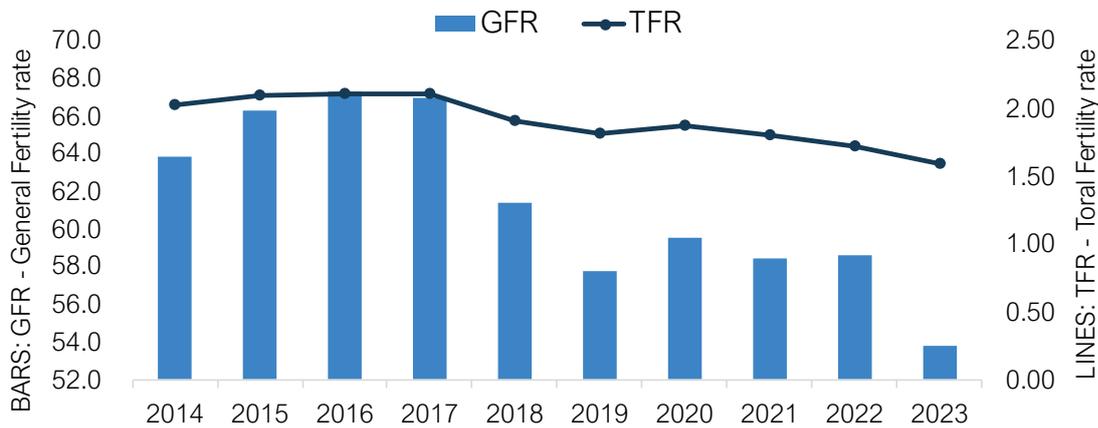
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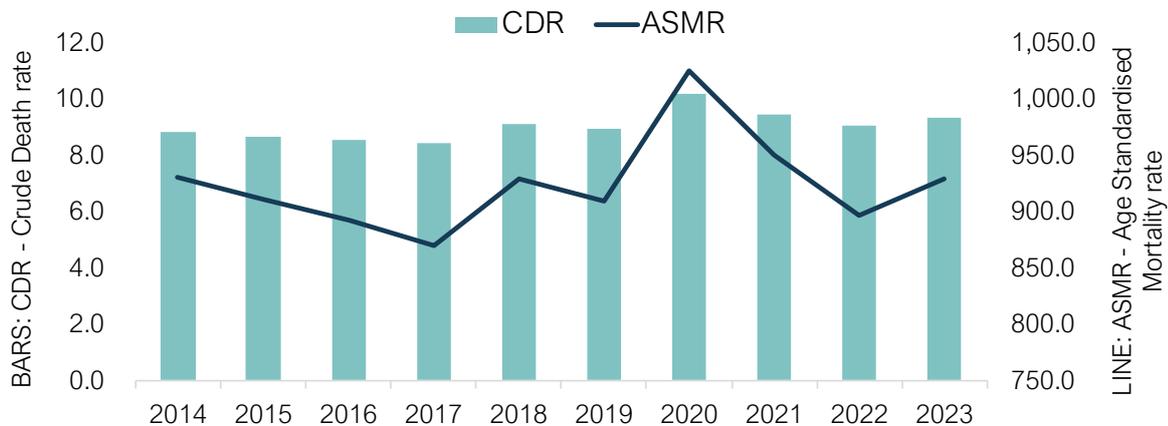
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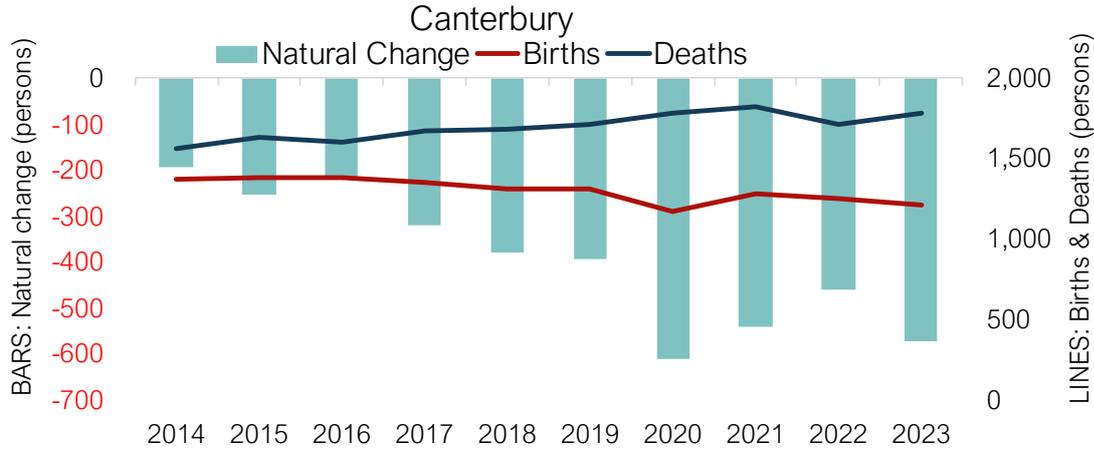
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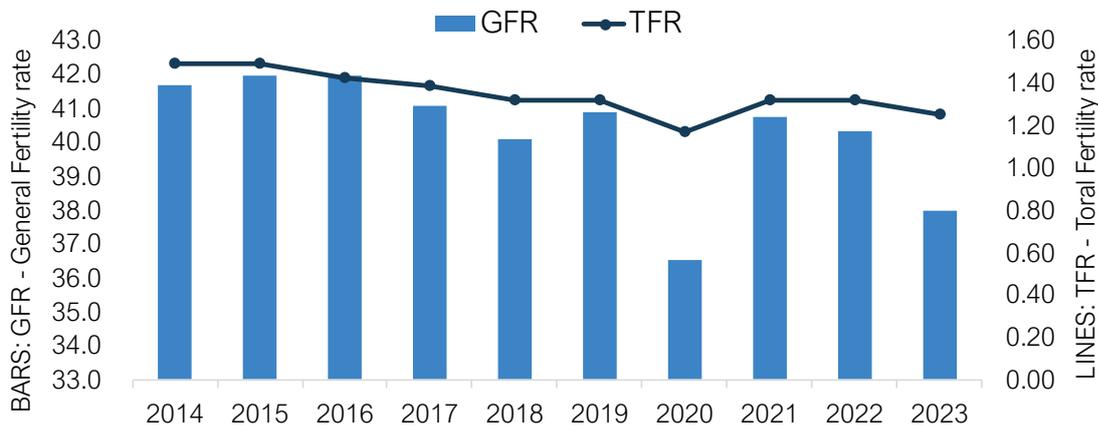
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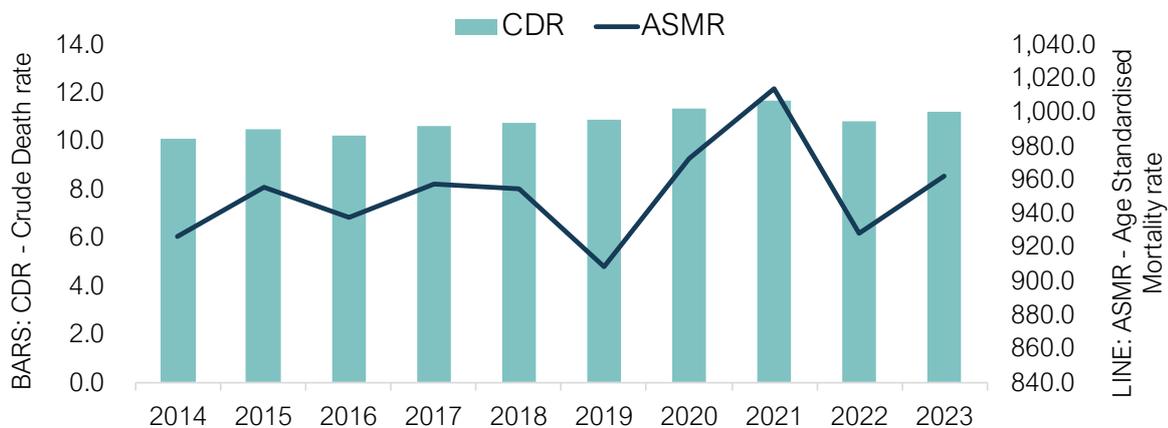
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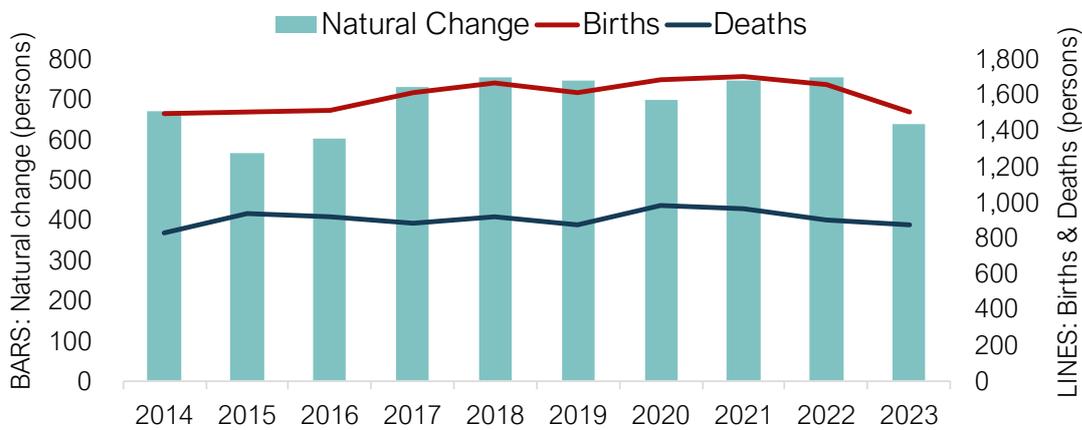
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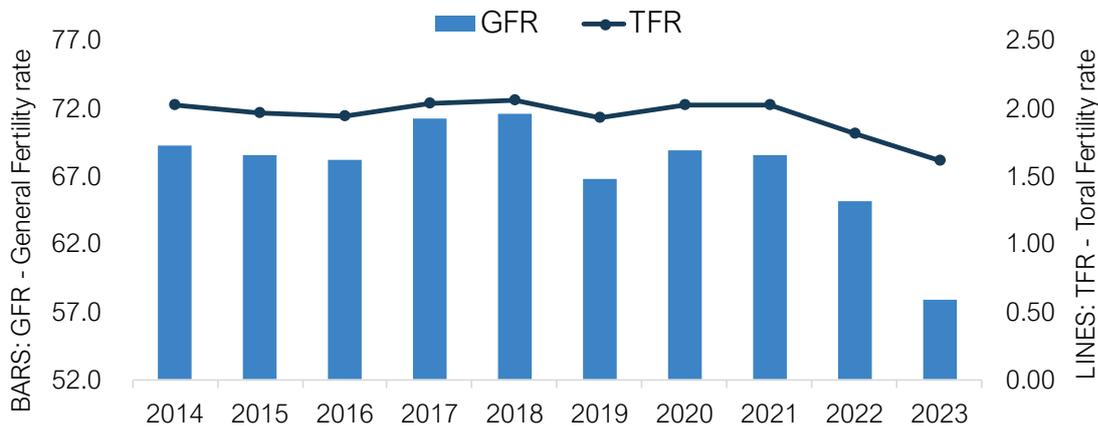
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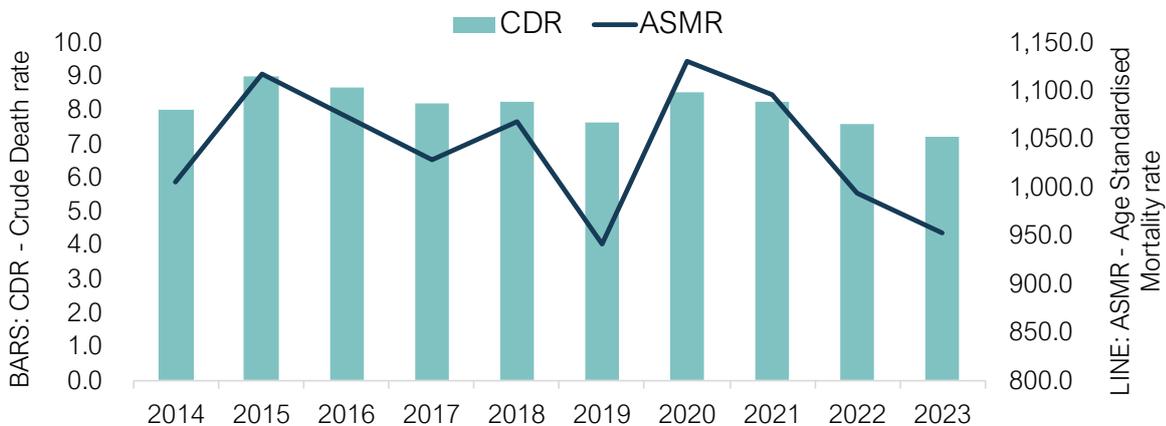
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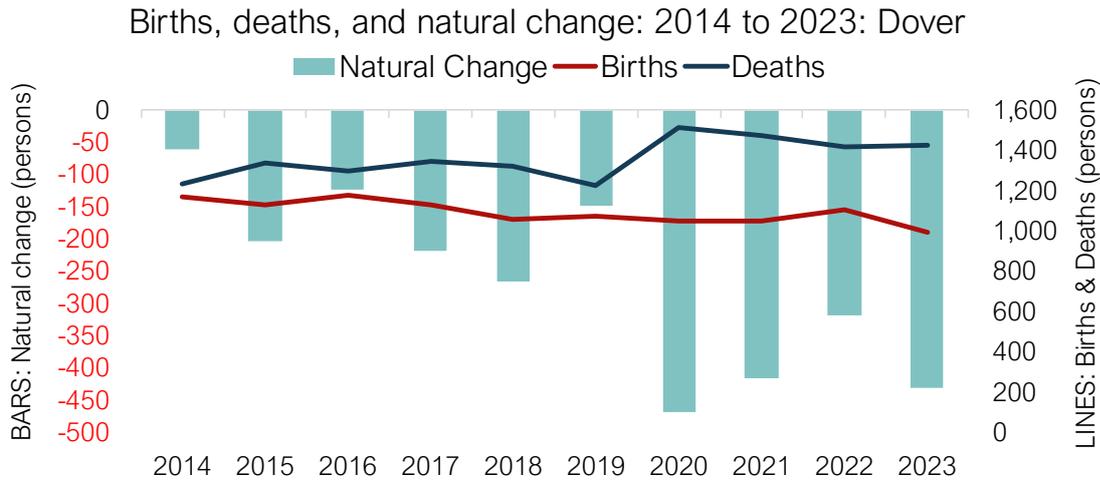
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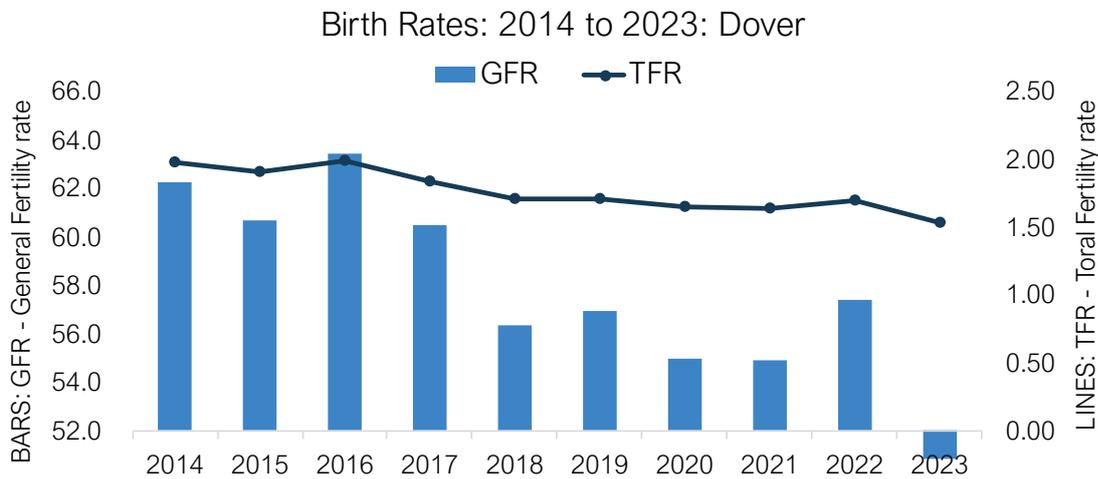


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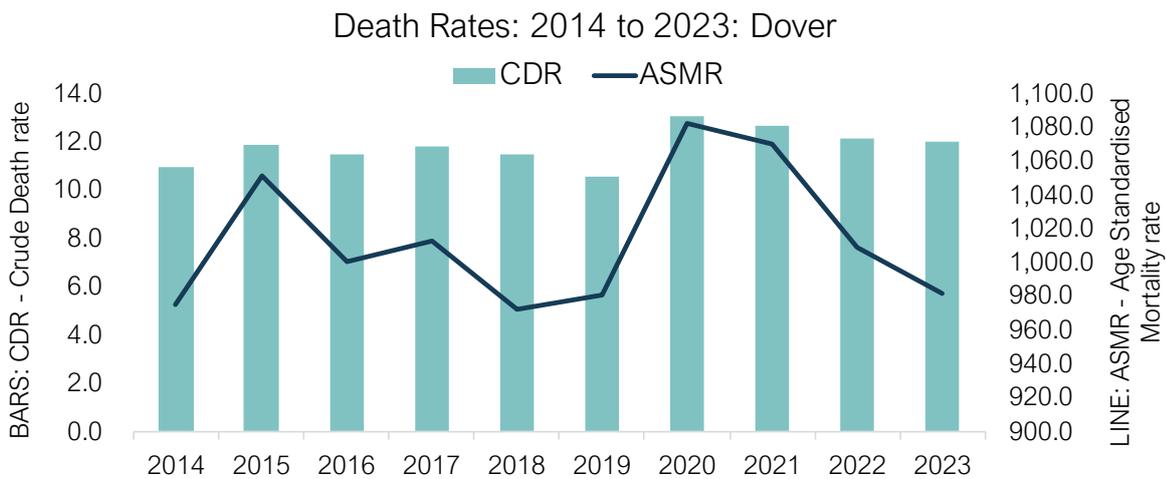
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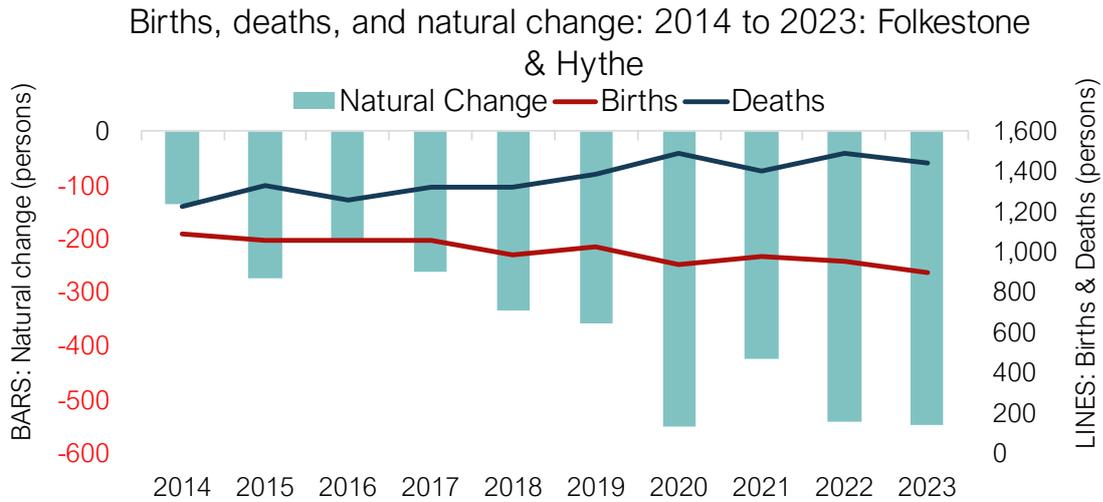


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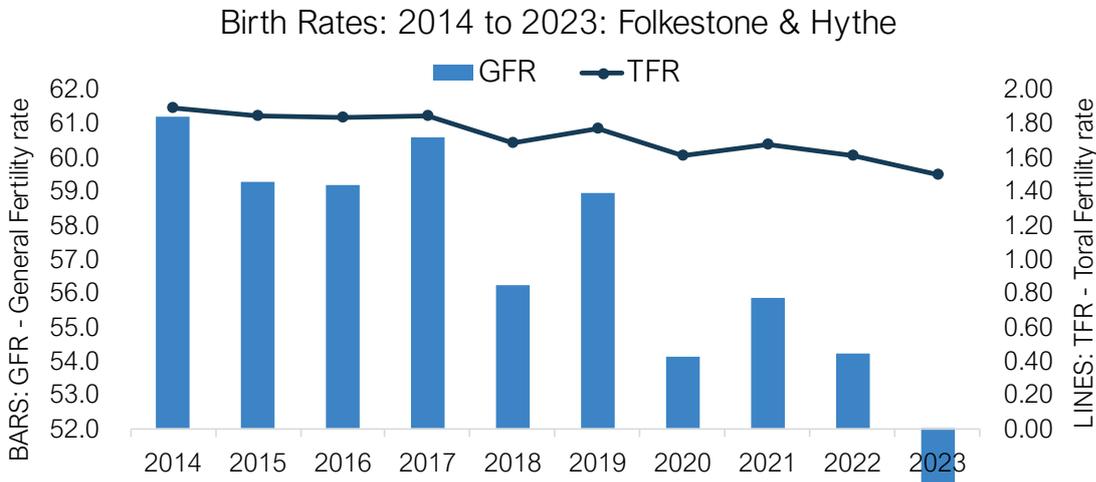


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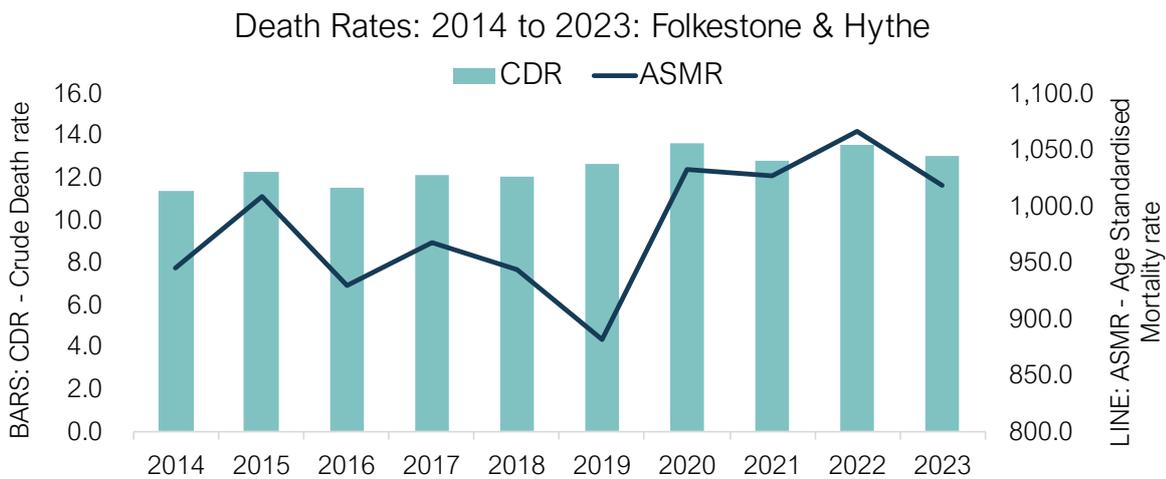
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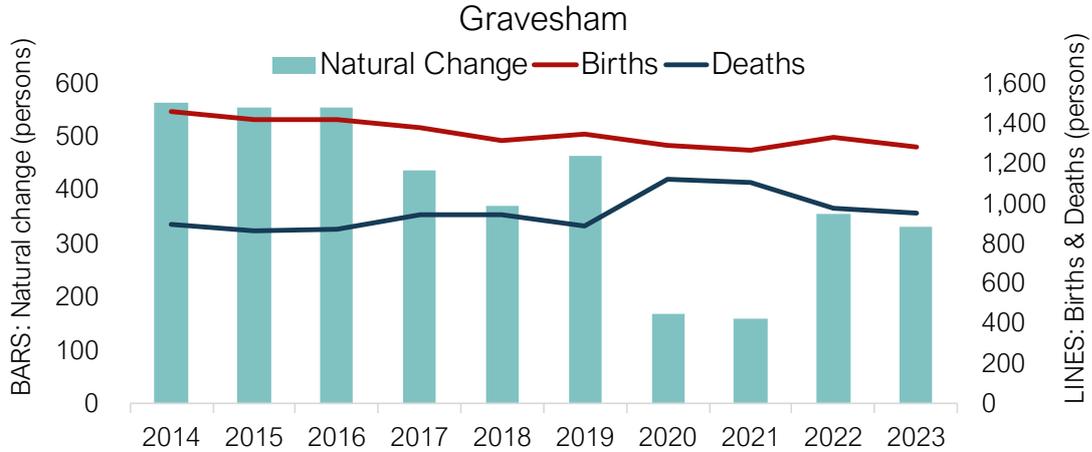
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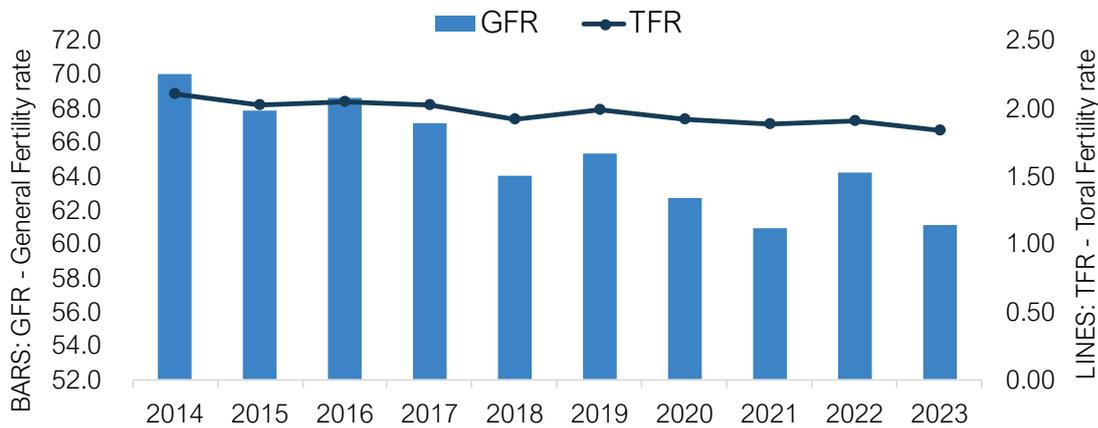
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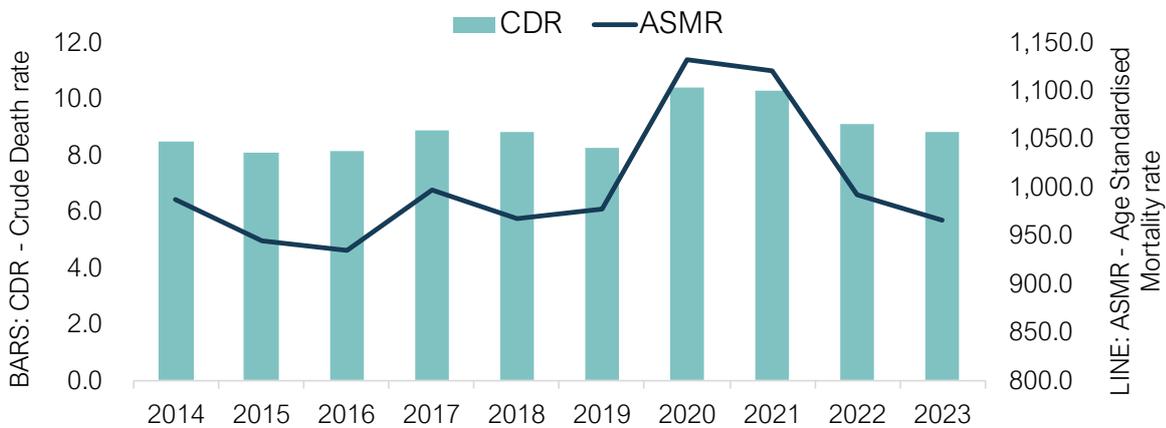
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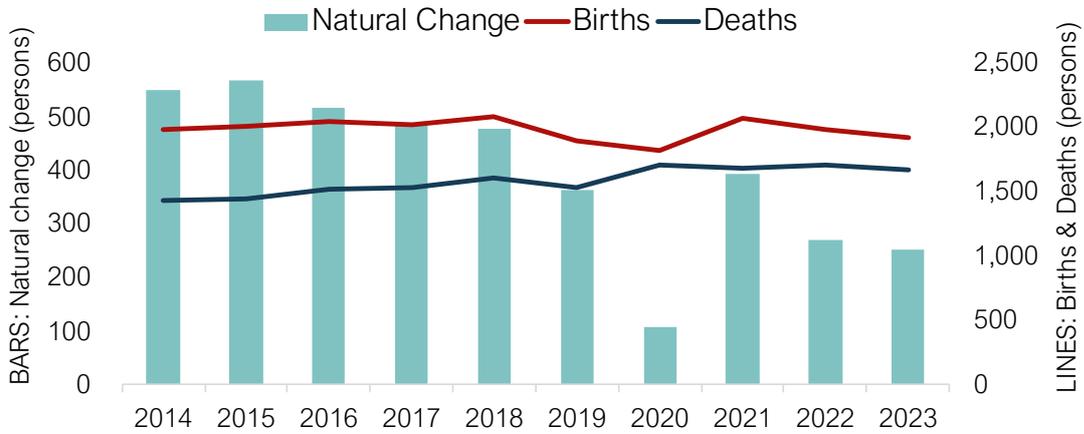
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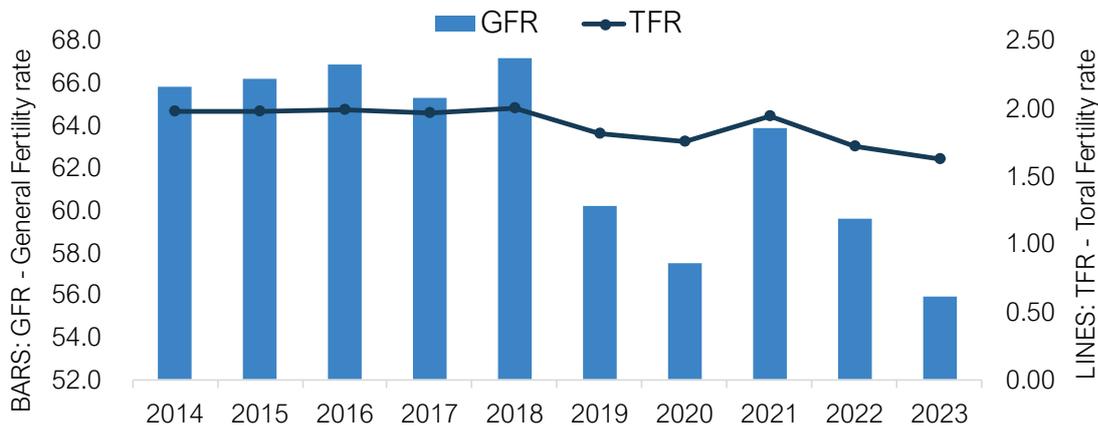
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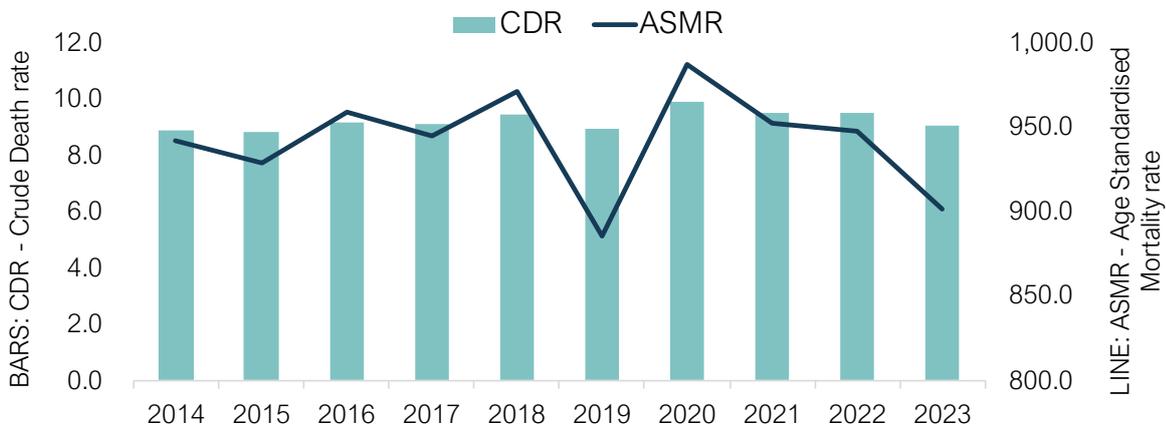
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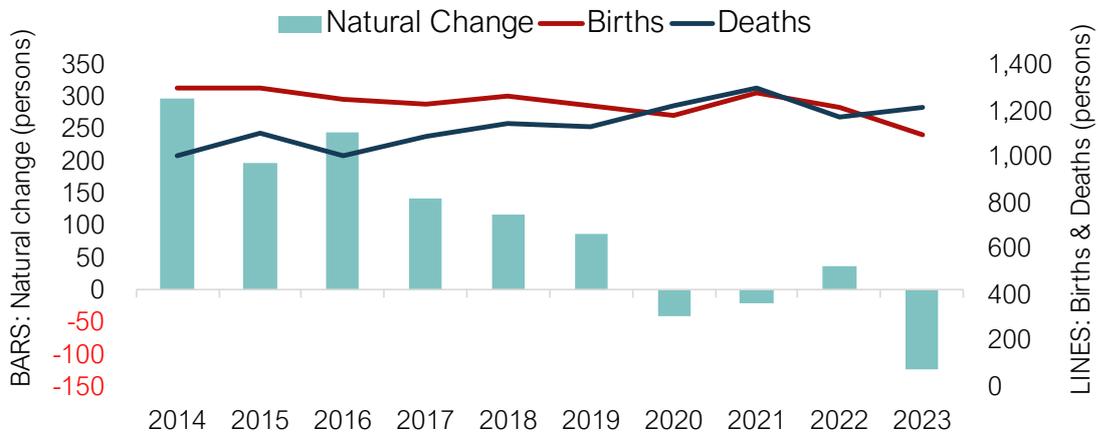
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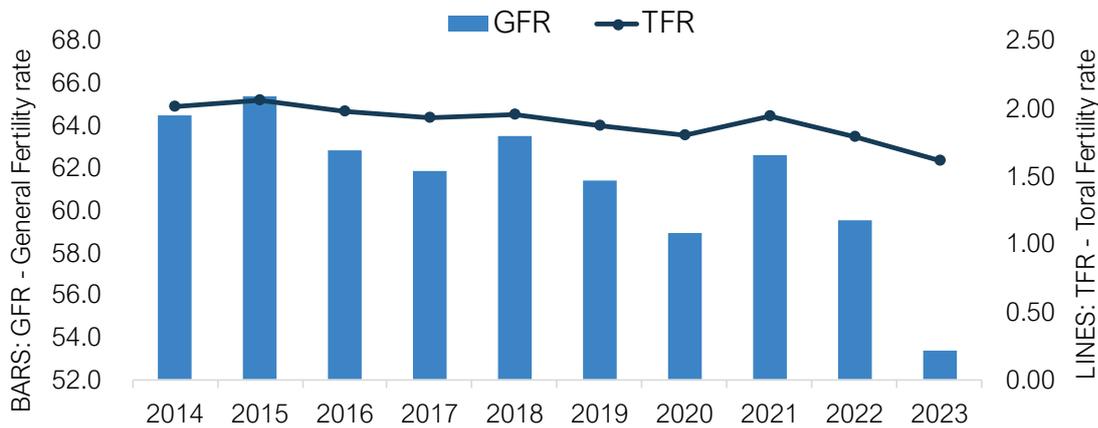
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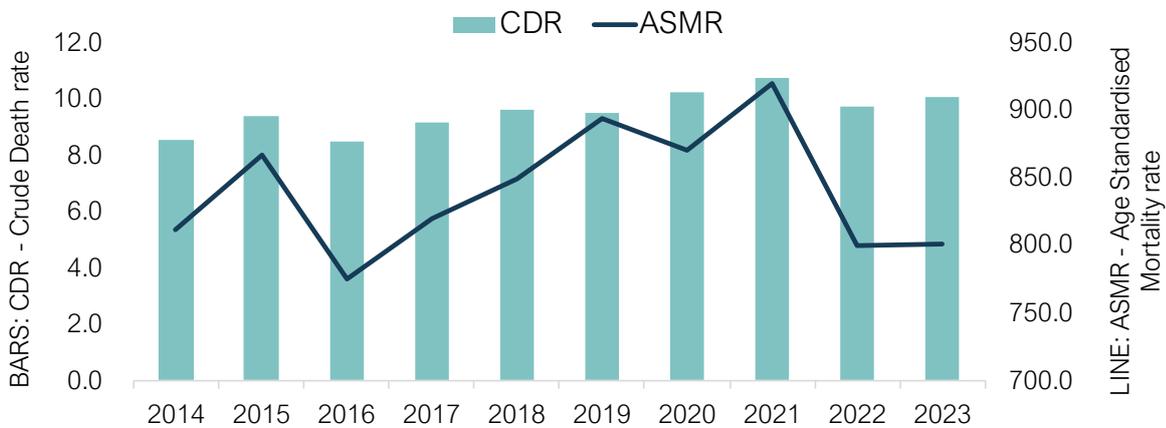
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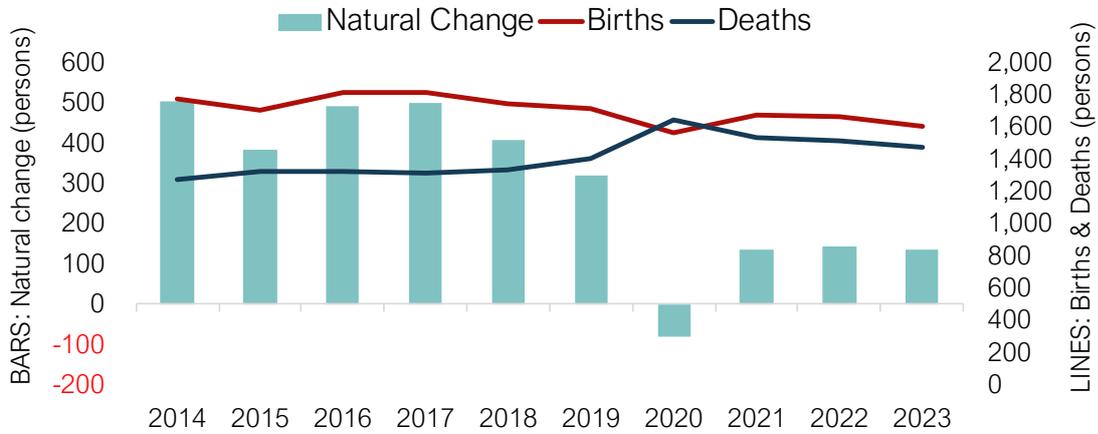
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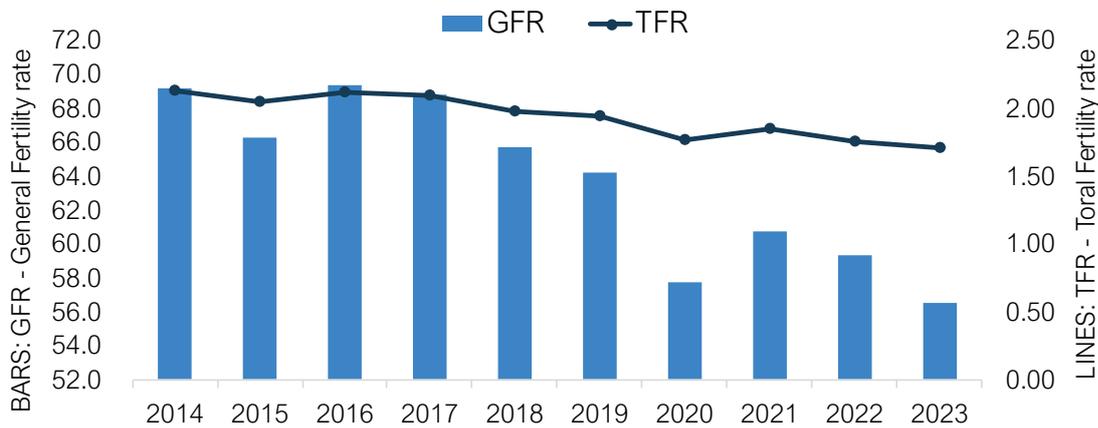
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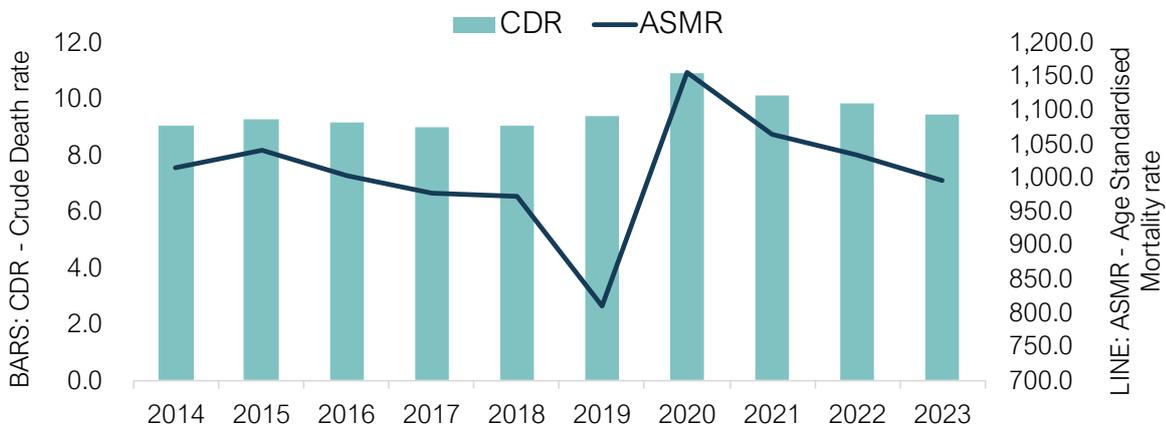
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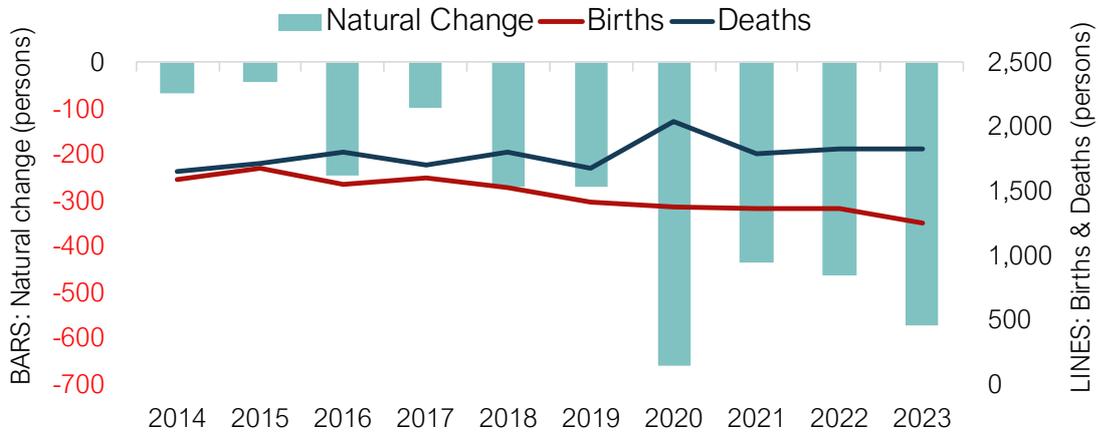
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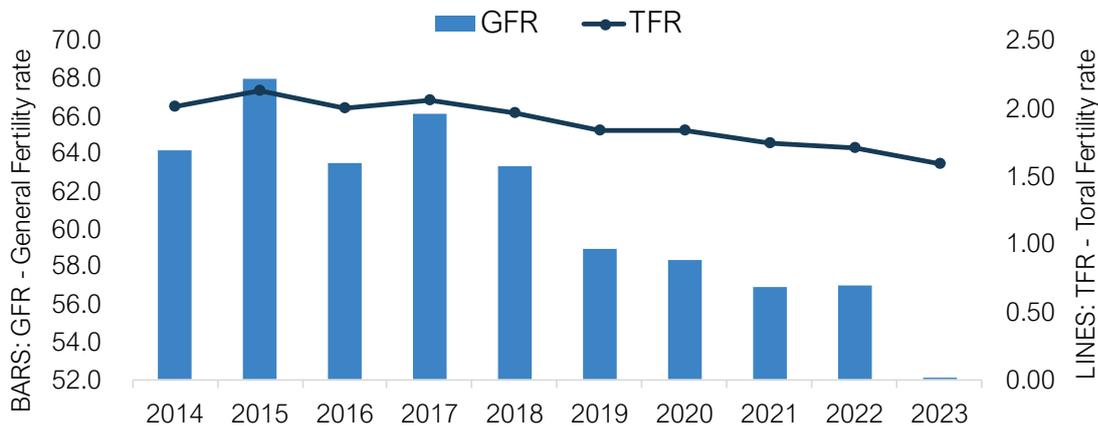
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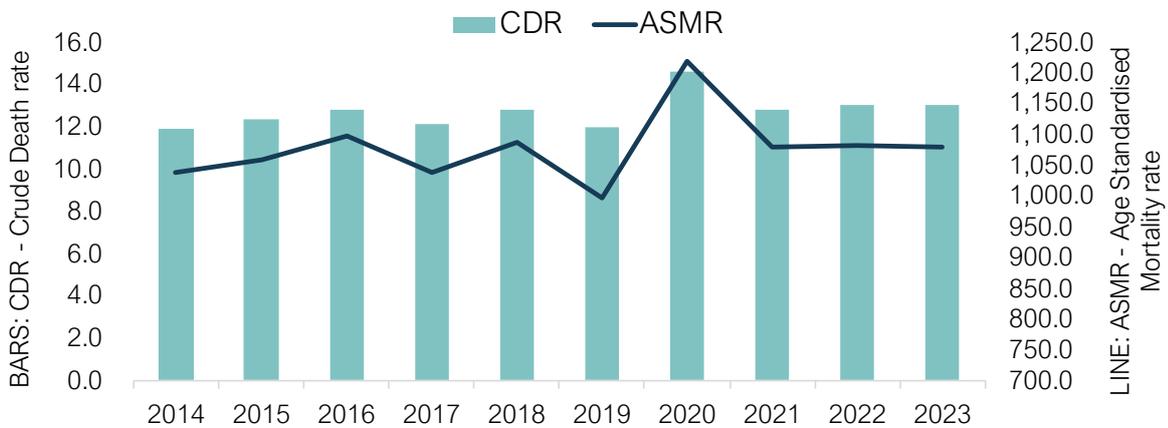
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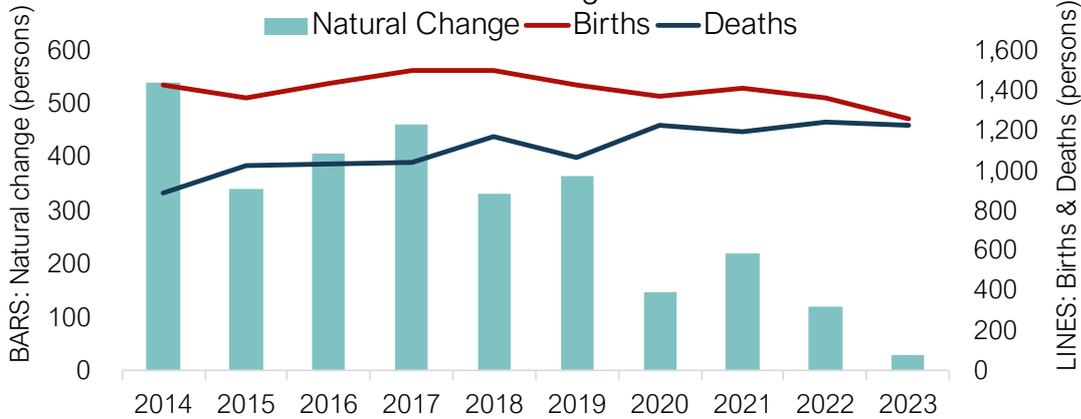
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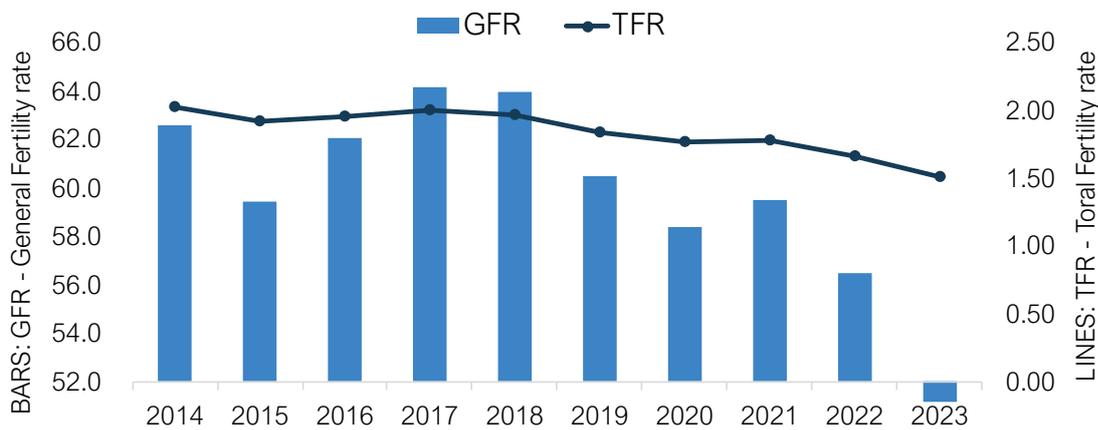
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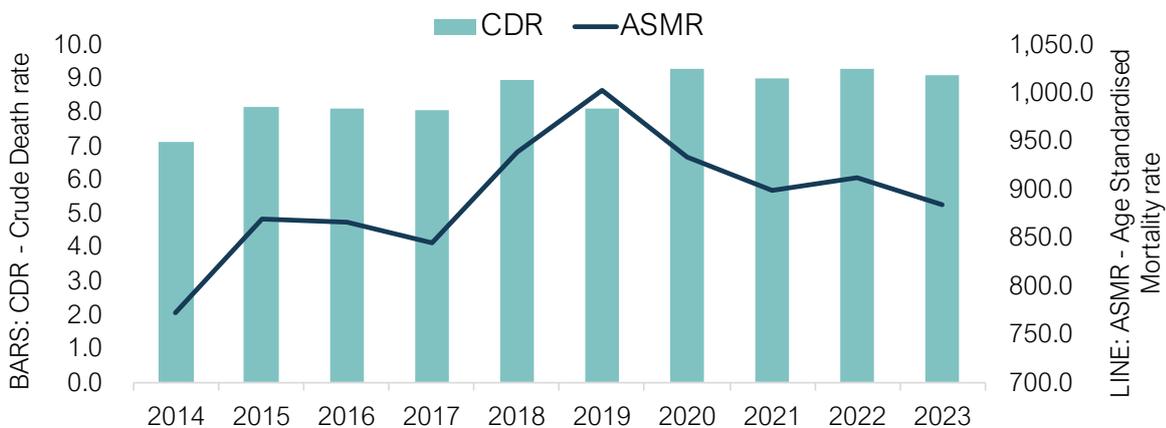
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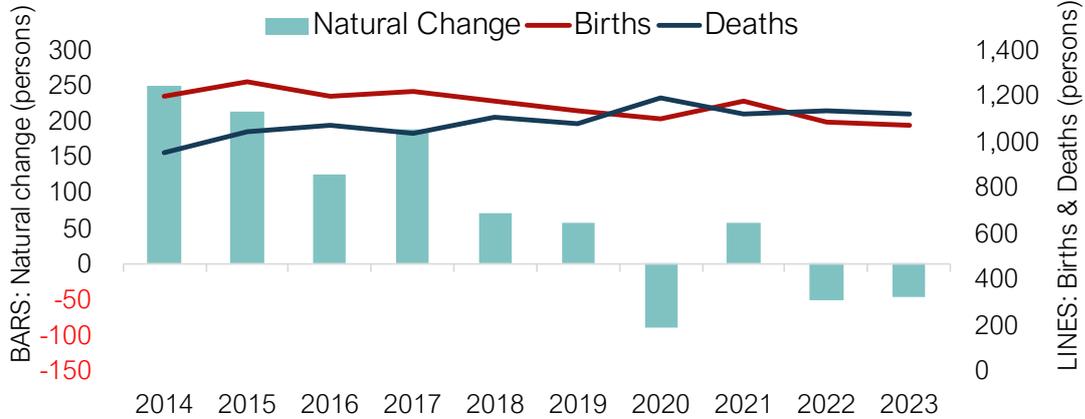
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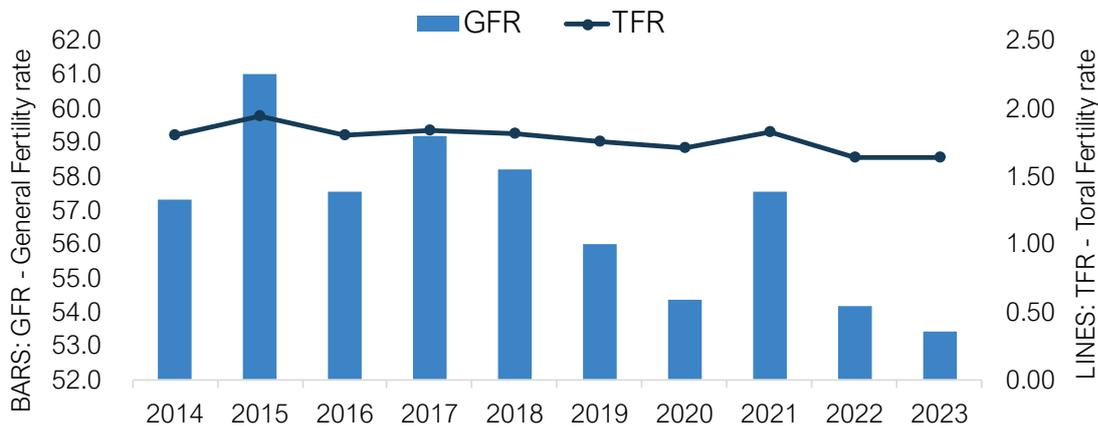
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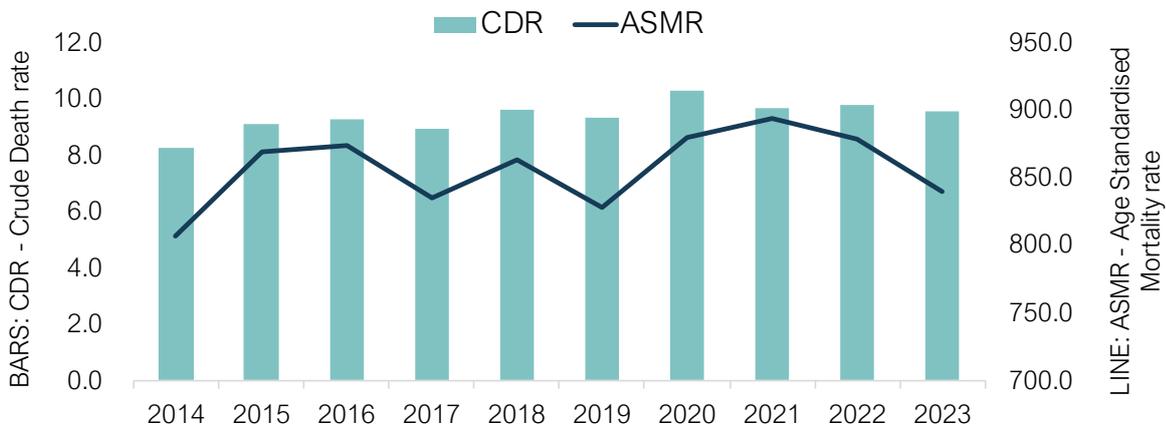
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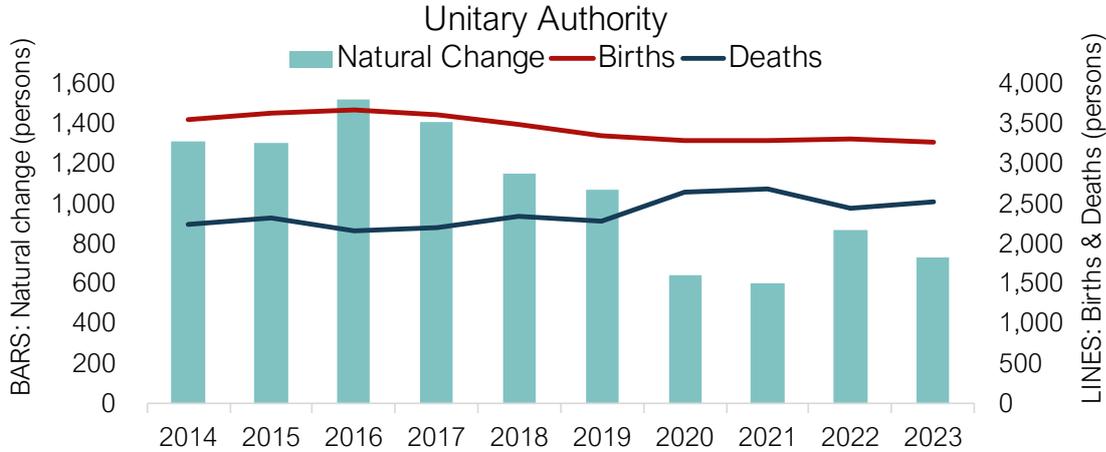
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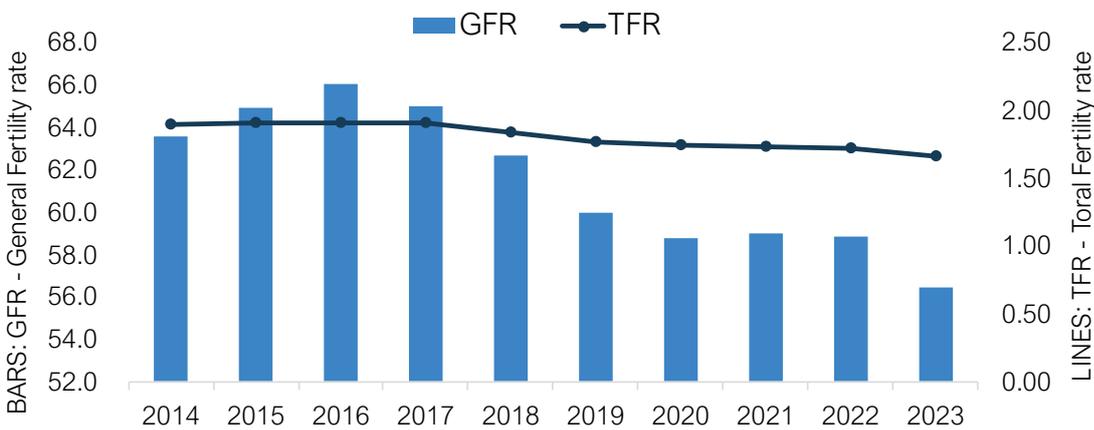
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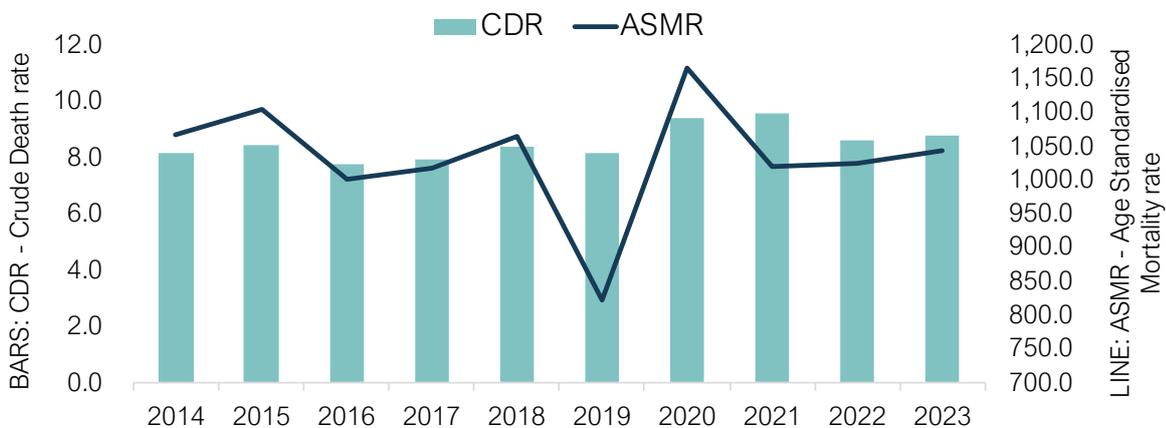
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Death Rates: 2014 to 2023: Medway Unitary Authority



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Appendix A

Table 3: Births 2014 to 2023

Births	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England, Wales & elsewhere*	695,233	697,852	696,271	679,106	657,076	640,370	613,936	624,828	605,479	591,072
South East Region	102,406	102,703	101,982	99,108	96,748	93,664	90,864	94,291	90,589	88,164
Kent	17,305	17,297	17,374	17,467	17,062	16,537	15,940	16,632	16,364	15,429
Ashford	1,474	1,523	1,565	1,571	1,460	1,378	1,423	1,415	1,441	1,364
Canterbury	1,366	1,375	1,382	1,347	1,305	1,310	1,171	1,279	1,250	1,211
Dartford	1,494	1,500	1,514	1,615	1,668	1,612	1,680	1,703	1,653	1,505
Dover	1,170	1,130	1,173	1,128	1,052	1,073	1,045	1,051	1,100	990
Folkestone & Hythe	1,092	1,056	1,054	1,061	984	1,027	938	978	953	898
Gravesham	1,454	1,410	1,417	1,375	1,311	1,343	1,283	1,257	1,323	1,275
Maidstone	1,979	2,006	2,035	2,010	2,078	1,891	1,815	2,071	1,979	1,915
Sevenoaks	1,298	1,300	1,246	1,228	1,260	1,217	1,181	1,275	1,211	1,092
Swale	1,771	1,707	1,813	1,814	1,743	1,717	1,559	1,669	1,658	1,607
Thanet	1,586	1,677	1,553	1,606	1,533	1,414	1,383	1,360	1,360	1,251
Tonbridge & Malling	1,424	1,358	1,431	1,495	1,493	1,425	1,368	1,404	1,354	1,253
Tunbridge Wells	1,197	1,255	1,191	1,217	1,175	1,130	1,094	1,170	1,082	1,068
Medway	3,531	3,609	3,657	3,601	3,475	3,330	3,265	3,272	3,293	3,243

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Table 4: Deaths 2014 to 2023

Deaths	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England, Wales & elsewhere*	501,424	529,655	525,048	533,253	541,589	530,841	607,922	586,334	577,160	581,363
South East Region	76,971	81,049	80,429	81,915	82,623	81,234	91,410	90,194	88,237	89,299
Kent	14,014	14,811	14,744	14,934	15,507	15,100	17,233	16,603	16,307	16,264
Ashford	1,087	1,075	1,077	1,078	1,179	1,162	1,334	1,252	1,224	1,285
Canterbury	1,562	1,628	1,601	1,668	1,684	1,706	1,781	1,821	1,710	1,784
Dartford	823	935	913	884	913	868	984	958	900	868
Dover	1,231	1,335	1,296	1,347	1,318	1,222	1,515	1,468	1,419	1,421
Folkestone & Hythe	1,228	1,330	1,259	1,324	1,319	1,384	1,487	1,403	1,493	1,446
Gravesham	894	858	866	941	941	881	1,114	1,098	970	946
Maidstone	1,431	1,441	1,519	1,524	1,601	1,528	1,709	1,678	1,709	1,665
Sevenoaks	1,002	1,102	1,002	1,085	1,144	1,130	1,222	1,296	1,174	1,215
Swale	1,268	1,323	1,322	1,313	1,337	1,399	1,639	1,534	1,515	1,472
Thanet	1,652	1,721	1,798	1,704	1,805	1,684	2,044	1,796	1,825	1,823
Tonbridge & Malling	887	1,020	1,025	1,036	1,162	1,062	1,220	1,185	1,235	1,224
Tunbridge Wells	949	1,043	1,066	1,030	1,104	1,074	1,184	1,114	1,133	1,115
Medway	2,227	2,313	2,144	2,197	2,329	2,266	2,626	2,671	2,427	2,514

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Table 5: Natural change – (births minus deaths) 2014 to 2023

Natural Change	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England, Wales & elsewhere*	193,809	168,197	171,223	145,853	115,487	109,529	6,014	38,494	28,319	9,709
South East Region	25,435	21,654	21,553	17,193	14,125	12,430	-546	4,097	2,352	-1,135
Kent	3,291	2,486	2,630	2,533	1,555	1,437	-1,293	29	57	-835
Ashford	387	448	488	493	281	216	89	163	217	79
Canterbury	-196	-253	-219	-321	-379	-396	-610	-542	-460	-573
Dartford	671	565	601	731	755	744	696	745	753	637
Dover	-61	-205	-123	-219	-266	-149	-470	-417	-319	-431
Folkestone & Hythe	-136	-274	-205	-263	-335	-357	-549	-425	-540	-548
Gravesham	560	552	551	434	370	462	169	159	353	329
Maidstone	548	565	516	486	477	363	106	393	270	250
Sevenoaks	296	198	244	143	116	87	-41	-21	37	-123
Swale	503	384	491	501	406	318	-80	135	143	135
Thanet	-66	-44	-245	-98	-272	-270	-661	-436	-465	-572
Tonbridge & Malling	537	338	406	459	331	363	148	219	119	29
Tunbridge Wells	248	212	125	187	71	56	-90	56	-51	-47
Medway	1,304	1,296	1,513	1,404	1,146	1,064	639	601	866	729

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Table 6: Total Fertility Rate (TFR) 2014 to 2023

PFR/TFR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England, Wales & elsewhere*	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
South East Region	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5
Kent	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.6
Ashford	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
Canterbury	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3
Dartford	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.6
Dover	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5
Folkestone & Hythe	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5
Gravesham	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8
Maidstone	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.6
Sevenoaks	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.6
Swale	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7
Thanet	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Tonbridge & Malling	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5
Tunbridge Wells	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6	1.6
Medway	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7

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Table 7: General Fertility Rate (GFR) 2014 to 2023

GFR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England & Wales	61.4	61.5	61.2	59.7	57.6	55.8	53.4	54.1	51.8	49.8
South East Region	60.6	60.7	60.1	58.4	56.9	55.0	53.3	54.7	52.2	49.9
Kent	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.2	60.6	58.5	56.3	58.2	56.9	52.6
Ashford	63.8	66.2	67.3	67.0	61.4	57.8	59.5	58.4	58.6	53.7
Canterbury	41.7	41.9	42.0	41.1	40.1	40.9	36.5	40.7	40.3	38.0
Dartford	69.2	68.6	68.1	71.2	71.6	66.8	68.9	68.5	65.2	57.9
Dover	62.2	60.7	63.4	60.5	56.3	56.9	55.0	54.9	57.4	50.8
Folkestone & Hythe	61.2	59.2	59.2	60.6	56.2	58.9	54.1	55.9	54.2	50.2
Gravesham	70.0	67.8	68.6	67.1	64.0	65.3	62.7	60.9	64.2	61.1
Maidstone	65.8	66.1	66.8	65.3	67.1	60.2	57.5	63.8	59.5	55.9
Sevenoaks	64.5	65.4	62.8	61.8	63.5	61.4	58.9	62.6	59.5	53.3
Swale	69.1	66.2	69.3	68.8	65.7	64.2	57.7	60.7	59.3	56.5
Thanet	64.1	68.0	63.5	66.1	63.3	59.0	58.3	56.9	57.0	52.0
Tonbridge & Malling	62.6	59.4	62.0	64.1	64.0	60.5	58.4	59.5	56.4	51.1
Tunbridge Wells	57.3	61.0	57.5	59.2	58.2	56.0	54.3	57.5	54.2	53.4
Medway	63.5	64.9	66.0	65.0	62.7	59.9	58.8	59.0	58.8	56.5

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Note: Number of births and MYPE 2023 for females aged 15-44 are used to calculate GFR. Number of births figures are for England, Wales & elsewhere, MYPE figures are for England & Wales

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Table 8: Crude Death Rate (CDR) 2014 to 2023

CDR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England & Wales	8.7	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.2	8.9	10.2	9.8	9.6	9.6
South East Region	8.7	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	9.9	9.7	9.4	9.4
Kent	9.3	9.8	9.6	9.7	10.0	9.7	11.0	10.5	10.2	10.1
Ashford	8.8	8.6	8.5	8.4	9.1	8.9	10.1	9.4	9.0	9.3
Canterbury	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.6	10.7	10.9	11.3	11.6	10.8	11.2
Dartford	8.0	9.0	8.6	8.2	8.2	7.6	8.5	8.2	7.6	7.2
Dover	10.9	11.9	11.4	11.8	11.4	10.5	13.0	12.6	12.1	12.0
Folkestone & Hythe	11.4	12.3	11.5	12.1	12.0	12.6	13.6	12.7	13.5	13.0
Gravesham	8.5	8.1	8.1	8.8	8.8	8.2	10.4	10.3	9.1	8.8
Maidstone	8.9	8.8	9.2	9.1	9.4	8.9	9.9	9.5	9.5	9.0
Sevenoaks	8.5	9.4	8.5	9.2	9.6	9.5	10.2	10.7	9.7	10.0
Swale	9.0	9.3	9.1	8.9	9.0	9.3	10.9	10.1	9.8	9.4
Thanet	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.1	12.8	12.0	14.6	12.8	13.0	13.0
Tonbridge & Malling	7.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.9	8.1	9.3	9.0	9.2	9.1
Tunbridge Wells	8.2	9.1	9.3	8.9	9.6	9.3	10.3	9.6	9.8	9.5
Medway	8.1	8.4	7.7	7.9	8.4	8.1	9.4	9.5	8.6	8.8

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Table 9: Age Standardised Mortality Rate (ASMR) 2014 to 2023

ASMR	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
England, Wales & elsewhere*	956.3	998.7	974.1	974.3	976.5	937.3	1,065.5	1,014.2	978.6	971.6
South East Region	880.8	912.7	889.3	888.3	880.9	845.8	940.9	931.8	889.6	885.7
Kent	927.5	965.9	943.8	937.8	956.7	911.4	1,028.3	1,001.4	960.1	942.7
Ashford	929.8	910.0	891.4	868.8	928.3	908.6	1,024.6	950.0	895.9	929.0
Canterbury	926.1	954.8	937.3	957.2	953.9	908.6	972.4	1,013.8	927.6	962.1
Dartford	1,005.4	1,115.7	1,072.6	1,028.2	1,068.0	940.9	1,128.8	1,094.5	993.5	952.3
Dover	975.2	1,051.2	999.7	1,012.1	971.8	980.3	1,082.1	1,069.2	1,008.4	981.6
Folkestone & Hythe	945.2	1,007.7	929.1	967.5	943.2	881.9	1,031.5	1,025.9	1,065.1	1,018.3
Gravesham	986.3	943.7	934.0	996.7	967.8	977.6	1,131.1	1,120.1	992.2	965.7
Maidstone	941.5	928.6	958.7	944.3	970.6	884.9	986.1	951.6	947.0	901.4
Sevenoaks	811.3	865.7	774.8	819.5	848.3	893.5	870.1	918.8	799.1	800.8
Swale	1,014.1	1,039.2	1,002.4	976.2	972.3	810.7	1,154.9	1,062.2	1,031.7	994.4
Thanet	1,036.4	1,058.7	1,097.1	1,037.0	1,087.5	996.6	1,218.4	1,078.4	1,081.0	1,077.5
Tonbridge & Malling	771.7	868.2	866.0	844.0	937.4	1,000.9	933.5	898.2	910.9	883.2
Tunbridge Wells	806.4	868.8	873.0	834.4	862.2	828.1	878.7	893.6	878.1	839.6
Medway	1,064.9	1,103.1	1,000.4	1,015.5	1,063.6	820.8	1,164.2	1,018.1	1,022.5	1,042.4

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