

Central Neighbourhood area profile

Data & Intelligence

Central

To support Integrated Neighbourhood health and care delivery and other neighbourhood working models, Southampton has been split into six areas. They are (mostly) made up of three existing electoral wards and range from around 30,000 to 50,000 residents.

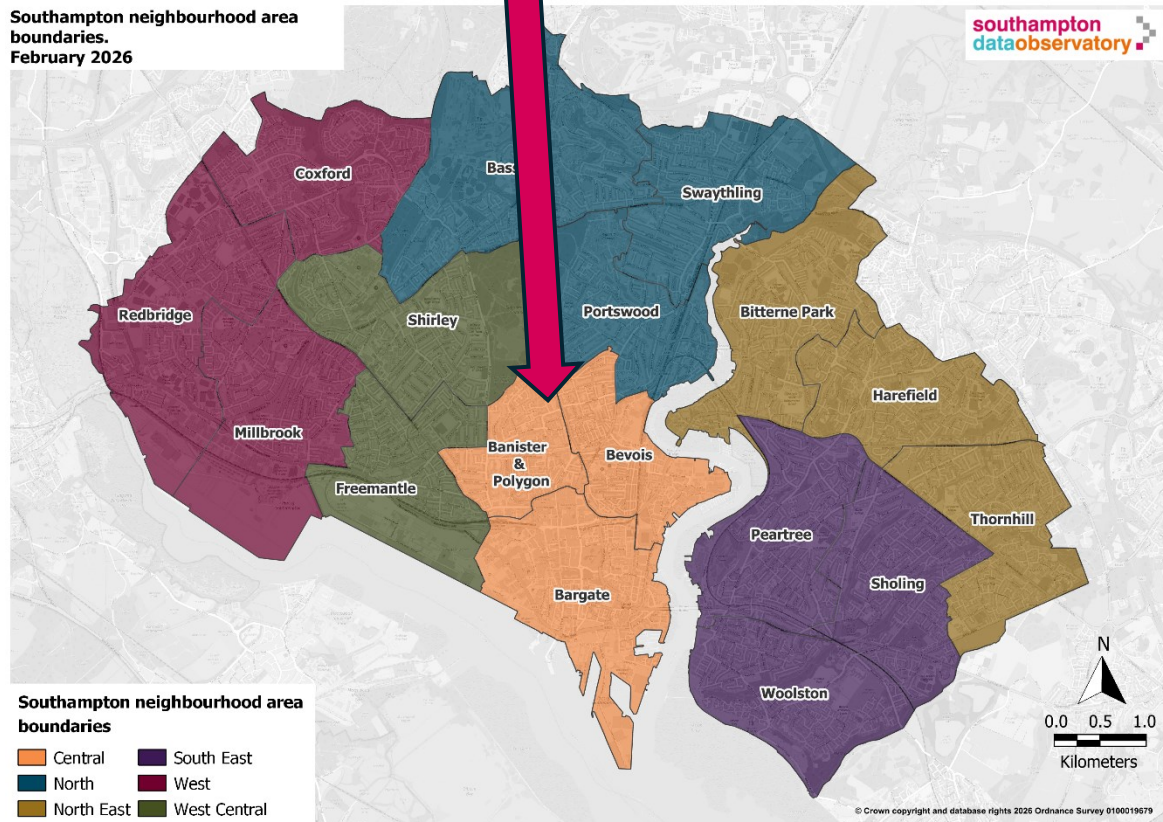
Each neighbourhood area profile has been profiled based on its unique composition and need*. These needs will be used to prioritise and inform service delivery at a local level in Southampton.

**Broad generalisations have been made about what makes each neighbourhood area profile different. There are many individual residents in each neighbourhood who do not fit the profile.*

Central Neighbourhood area profile

“Transient inequality hub”
Pop: 53,459

Southampton neighbourhood area boundaries.
February 2026



Significantly higher crime rates



Culturally & ethnically diverse



Population growing fast

Health & care summary

Extreme inequality, best & worst life expectancy, highest drug admissions, mental health & significantly higher crime

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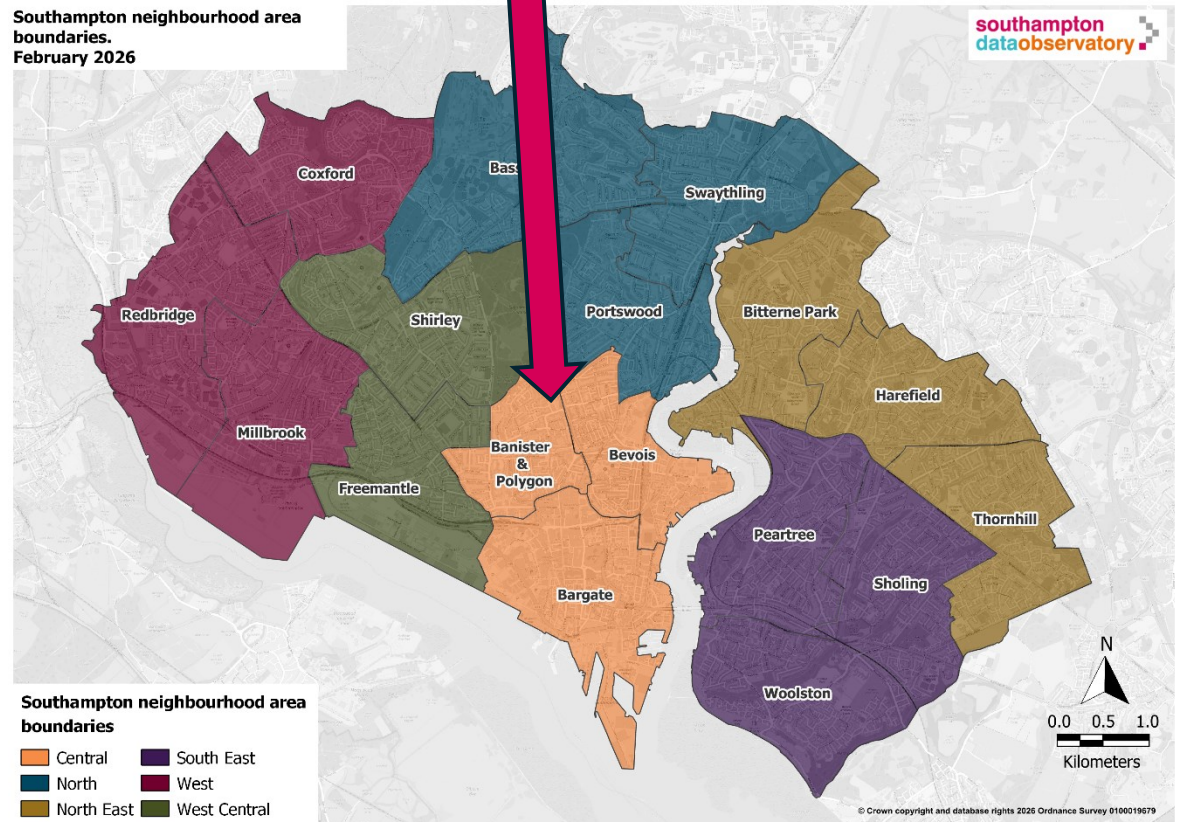
Southampton’s most populated neighbourhood. Central is culturally and ethnically diverse. The population is relatively young and well qualified (with a large student population) however unemployment is significantly higher than the city average. Crime is significantly higher here.

Central has some of the most deprived areas of the city. 29% of residents here live in IMD1 (England’s most deprived 20% LSOAs). E01032755 in St Marys is the second most deprived LSOA in Southampton.

There is stark inequality within this neighbourhood, E01032748 (Town Quay and Ocean Village at the southern end of Bargate) is one of the least deprived LSOAs in Southampton.

This inequality is also evident in the different life expectancy rates for the wards that make up this neighbourhood. Bargate has the best life expectancy for males and females in the city while Bevois and Banister & Polygon are among the worst.

The population here is growing fast and is forecast to increase by more than 9,000 (17%) by 2030 (43% growth in the 65+ age group).



Discussion points

How do these insights impact priorities?

- Significantly worse than city
- Similar to city
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Greater ethnic and cultural diversity, highest rates in the city for non-white residents and English not their main language. Population largely working age as well as biggest city changes for wards in forecasted 65+ pop.

Population and Demography	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Minority Ethnic Groups	26.6%	34.0%	47.6%	19.3%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	4th	2nd	1st	
Households with 1+ main language is English	83.4%	80.1%	78.3%	90.6%
Ward ranking (1= lowest)	3rd	2nd	1st	
Pop is working age 16-64 yrs	80.0%	76.4%	73.9%	68.3%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	1st	2nd	4th	
Percentage change in 65+ pop	30.8%	113.4%	39.1%	18.7%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	3rd	1st	2nd	

Crime	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Alcohol affected crime rate	20.7 per 1k	24.4 per 1k	10.1 per 1k	9.4 per 1k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	2nd	1st	5th	
Anti social behaviour crime rate	14.9 per 1k	30.4 per 1k	19.0 per 1k	11.3 per 1k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	3rd	1st	2nd	
Theft offences rate	42.8 per 1k	118.7 per 1k	40.1 per 1k	37.2 per 1k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	4th	1st	6th	
Total crime rate	152.6 per 1k	280.2 per 1k	163.5 per 1k	123.4 per 1k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	3rd	1st	2nd	
Violent crime rate	58.4 per 1k	75.3 per 1k	72.3 per 1k	48.2 per 1k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	4th	1st	2nd	

Central neighbourhood area profile's wards mostly rank in the city's top 5, if not top 3, for many crime rates by ward. Bargate is 1st for all measures of crime in this table.

Central neighbourhood area profile's wards are among the worst in the city for admissions involving drugs, Bevois has the worst rate in Southampton. Central neighbourhood area profile covers the best and worst ward falls rates.

Admissions	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Drug use poisoning admissions (primary diagnosis) 5 yrs	48.6 per 100k	40.3 per 100k	67.3 per 100k	40.9 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	5th	8th	1st	
Drug related mental/behavioural admissions (primary/secondary diagnosis) 5 yrs	326.4 per 100k	342.2 per 100k	634.2 per 100k	256.0 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	4th	5th	1st	
Falls admissions 65+ (5 yrs)	3,018 per 100k	1,674 per 100k	3,683 per 100k	2,886 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	6th	17th	1st	

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Other health	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Life expectancy (males)	77.1 yrs	84.9 yrs	75.3 yrs	78.8 yrs
Ward ranking (1= lowest)	5th	17th	1st	
Life expectancy (females)	80.6 yrs	97.0 yrs	82.3 year	83.1 yrs
Ward ranking (1= lowest)	1st	17th	6th	

Central neighbourhood area profile's wards cover the full range of life expectancy in the city.

Central neighbourhood area profile contains two wards (Bargate and Bevois) in the top 5 for overall and persistent absence at primary, which are also in the lowest 5 wards for good levels of development. Bevois and Bargate wards are in the top 5 wards for higher SEN and FSM %s.

Education	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Overall absence (Primary)	6.0%	7.4%	7.1%	6.3%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	11th	2nd	4th	
Persistent absence (Primary)	15.4%	24.5%	20.6%	18.2%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	12th	1st	4th	
End of reception good level of development	66.3%	62.5%	62.8%	66.9%
Ward ranking (1= lowest)	8th	4th	5th	
Free School Meals eligibility	30.2%	38.4%	38.2%	34.4%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	10th	4th	5th	
SEN pupils	18.7%	15.7%	17.3%	20.3%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	7th	2nd	4th	

Across the Central neighbourhood area profile, the three wards show a wide spread of health outcomes, with Bargate consistently performing better than the city average and Bevois showing significantly worse outcomes across multiple indicators.

Deaths	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Under 75 deaths from cancer (5 yrs)	123.8 per 100k	98.6 per 100k	162.7 per 100k	146.5 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	14th	17th	5th	
Under 75 deaths from cardiovascular diseases (5 yrs)	67.1 per 100k	58.9 per 100k	138.1 per 100k	80.6 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	13th	16th	1st	
Under 75 deaths from resp (5 yrs)	42.5 per 100k	40.8 per 100k	32.8 per 100k	39.9 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	6th	8th	13th	
Under 75 deaths from all causes (5 yrs)	405.9 per 100k	311.8 per 100k	560.4 per 100k	386.8 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	8th	16th	1st	
All age deaths from all causes (5 yrs)	1229.3 per 100k	572.5 per 100k	1234.5 per 100k	960.6 per 100k
Ward ranking (1= highest)	3rd	17th	2nd	

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Economy	Banister & Polygon	Bargate	Bevois	Southampton average
Percentage of residents age 16+ with no qualifications	9.8%	11.8%	18.7%	17.3%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	17th	16th	7th	
Percentage of residents age 16+ with level 4+ qualifications	43.7%	42.8%	31.6%	31.6%
Ward ranking (1= lowest)	17th	16th	10th	
Percentage of unemployed residents (aged 16+ economically active, excludes full-time students)	3.2%	3.3%	4.0%	3.0%
Ward ranking (1= highest)	7th	5th	2nd	

This neighbourhood area profile experiences the range of economic outcomes with two wards with the lowest levels of no qualifications/highest levels of level 4+ qualifications but also levels of unemployment above the city average.



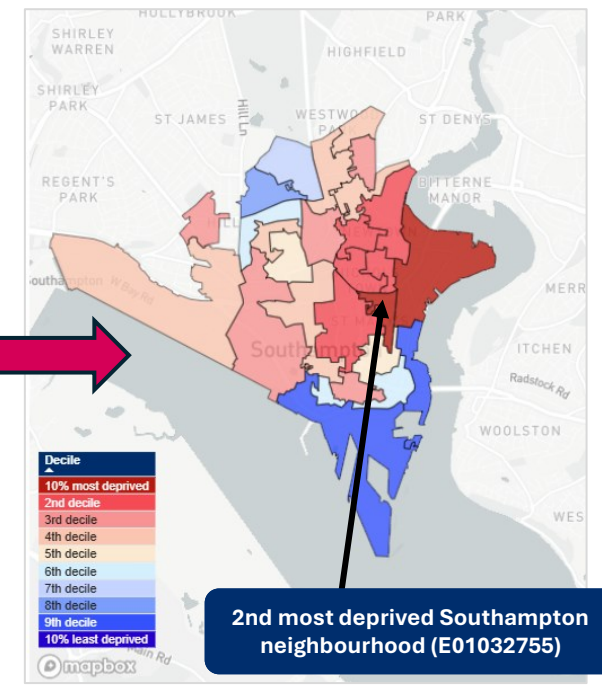
Central neighbourhood area profile has the lowest rate of home ownership in the city (26%) and highest proportion private rented, more than half of homes here are privately rented (53%).

Bevois ranks 2nd lowest and Banister & Polygon 4th lowest for amount of greenspace.

IMD 2025:

Central neighbourhood area profile

- 27 LSOA neighbourhood
- 7 LSOAs in 20% most deprived
- 28.5% (15,794) of residents within Central neighbourhood live in 20% most deprived (significantly higher than Southampton average (24.3%))



Population aged 0 to 15 for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

7,243

Population aged 16 to 64 for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

43,192

Population aged 18+ for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

45,184

Population aged 65+ for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

3,024

Total population for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

53,459

Population by age and sex for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

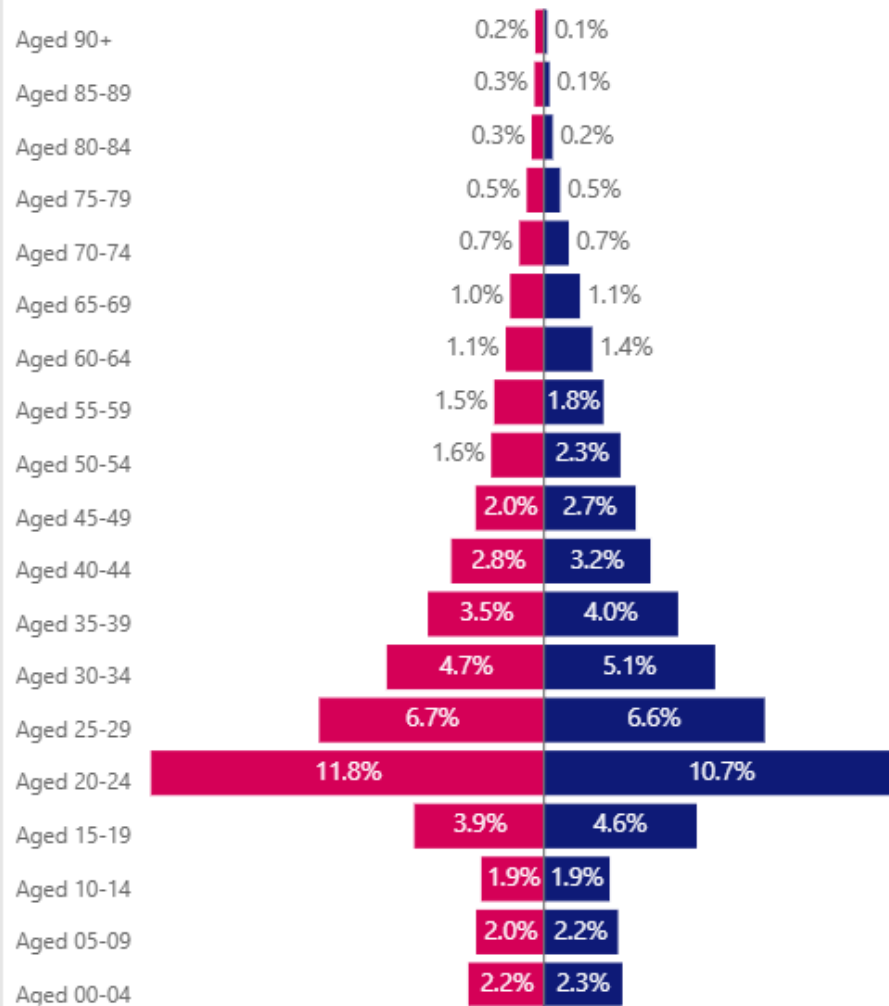
Source: ONS MYE

Ward age groups	Female	Male	Total
Aged 00-04	1,198	1,244	2,442
Aged 05-09	1,075	1,174	2,249
Aged 10-14	990	1,040	2,030
Aged 15-19	2,070	2,440	4,510
Aged 20-24	6,305	5,698	12,003
Aged 25-29	3,599	3,533	7,132
Aged 30-34	2,511	2,735	5,246
Aged 35-39	1,850	2,140	3,990
Aged 40-44	1,474	1,696	3,170
Aged 45-49	1,081	1,458	2,539
Aged 50-54	831	1,213	2,044
Aged 55-59	783	940	1,723
Aged 60-64	598	759	1,357
Aged 65-69	528	562	1,090
Aged 70-74	378	382	760
Aged 75-79	261	243	504
Aged 80-84	181	124	305
Aged 85-89	136	72	208
Aged 90+	123	34	157
Total	25,972	27,487	53,459

Population by age and sex for Central neighbourhood area: 2024

Source: ONS MYE

● Female ● Male



Aged 0 to 15 change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

16.7% (1,280)

Aged 16 to 64 change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

20.8% (8,380)

Aged 18+ change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

25.0% (10,824)

Aged 65+ change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

72.3% (2,739)

Population change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

24.0% (12,399)

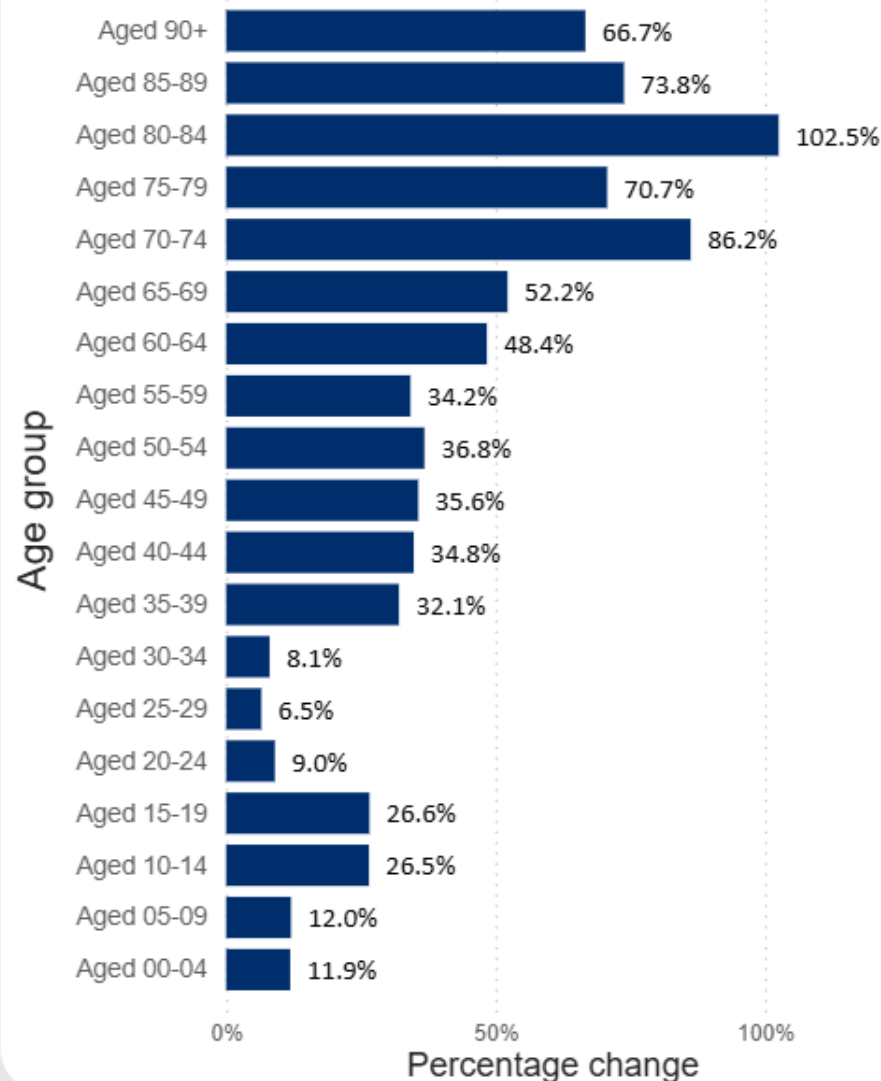
Population change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

Source: HCC SAPF

Age group	Female	Male	Total
Aged 00-04	118	201	319
Aged 05-09	173	119	292
Aged 10-14	286	283	569
Aged 15-19	565	652	1,217
Aged 20-24	450	462	912
Aged 25-29	171	165	336
Aged 30-34	172	241	413
Aged 35-39	632	710	1,342
Aged 40-44	567	575	1,142
Aged 45-49	449	489	938
Aged 50-54	429	372	801
Aged 55-59	320	351	671
Aged 60-64	348	360	708
Aged 65-69	317	318	635
Aged 70-74	333	411	744
Aged 75-79	267	245	512
Aged 80-84	224	261	485
Aged 85-89	121	116	237
Aged 90+	58	68	126
Total	6,000	6,399	12,399

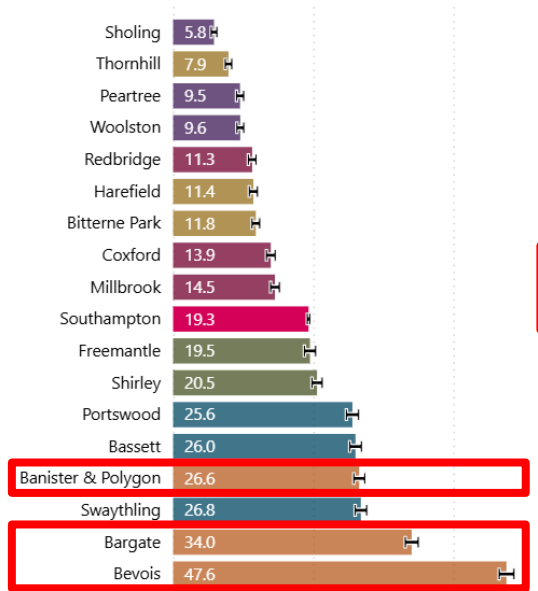
Percentage of population change between 2024 and 2031: Central neighbourhood area

Source: HCC SAPF

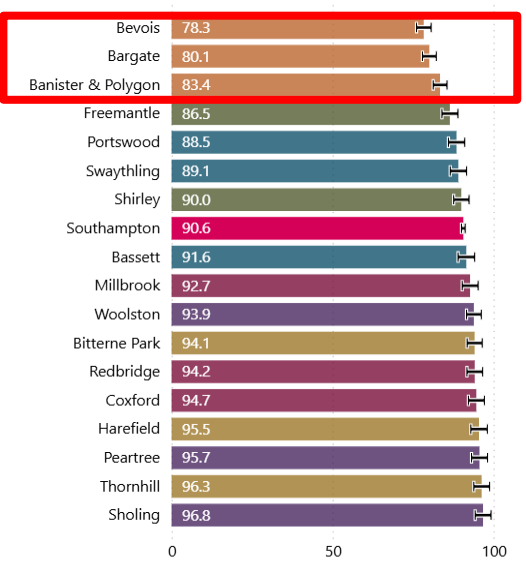


Population and demography

Percentage of population that are minority ethnic groups by Ward: 2021



Percentage of households that have one or more persons with English as a main language by Ward: 2021



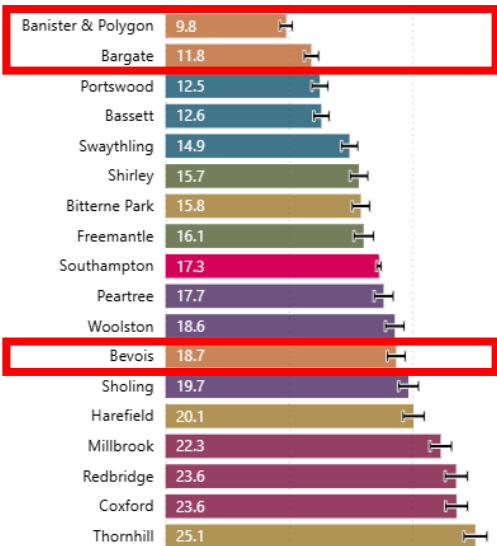
Area	Forecast percentage change in resident population aged 16-64 years	Forecast percentage change in resident population aged 65 and over	Forecast percentage change in resident population aged under 16 years	Percentage of households that have one or more persons with English as a main language	Percentage of lone parent families with dependent children	Percentage of population that are minority ethnic groups	Percentage of resident population aged 16-64 years	Percentage of resident population aged 65 and over	Percentage of resident population aged under 16 years
Southampton	7.5	18.7	-1.8	90.6	7.2	19.3	68.3	14.3	17.3
Banister & Polygon	5.9	30.8	17.0	83.4	4.2	26.6	80.0	8.3	11.7
Bargate	47.8	113.4	63.3	80.1	5.4	34.0	76.4	9.6	13.9
Bassett	2.9	4.0	-8.1	91.6	3.6	26.0	72.4	15.0	12.6
Bevois	13.7	39.1	-1.3	78.3	6.0	47.6	73.9	7.3	18.8
Bitterne Park	4.6	21.0	-5.3	94.1	6.7	11.8	64.4	18.0	17.6
Coxford	1.2	6.5	-1.3	94.7	7.0	13.9	62.4	19.2	18.4
Freemantle	4.5	24.8	-0.3	86.5	5.3	19.5	68.2	13.2	18.6
Harefield	0.9	7.8	-8.8	95.5	8.4	11.4	61.9	19.6	18.6
Millbrook	2.1	10.8	-12.8	92.7	9.8	14.5	63.7	15.5	20.8
Pear tree	3.0	14.2	-7.4	95.7	7.8	9.5	66.3	14.7	18.9
Portswood	1.9	4.8	-10.3	88.5	4.0	25.6	72.3	14.2	13.5
Redbridge	5.7	12.6	-8.9	94.2	11.1	11.3	62.6	15.3	22.1
Shirley	5.6	10.3	-8.9	90.0	7.6	20.5	64.8	15.7	19.5
Sholing	-0.3	11.0	-3.6	96.8	5.2	5.8	62.6	20.2	17.2
Swaythling	1.2	13.3	-10.6	89.1	6.8	26.8	76.3	10.4	13.3
Thornhill	3.0	10.6	-13.9	96.3	13.3	7.9	62.5	16.0	21.5
Woolston	5.7	21.9	-3.0	93.9	9.4	9.6	64.7	15.3	20.0

High ethnic and cultural diversity, with significant population change forecasted

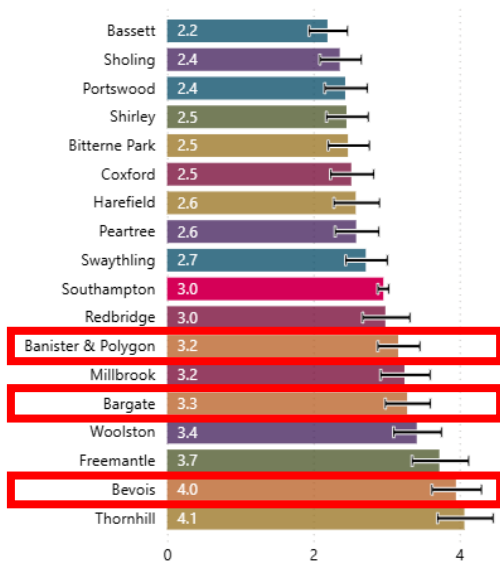
- Central neighbourhood area profile has high ethnic and cultural diversity, with all 3 wards having a much higher proportion of minority ethnic residents than the Southampton average, with Bevois at nearly 50%. All 3 wards have the lowest percentage of households that have one or more persons with English as a main language.
- Central neighbourhood area profile contains the wards with the highest percentages of population change forecasted across the different age groups.

Unemployment levels and qualifications

Percentage of residents aged 16 and over with no qualifications by Ward: 2021



Percentage of unemployed residents (aged 16+ years that are economically active, excludes full-time students) by Ward: 2021



Area	Percentage of economically active residents aged 16 years and over (excluding full-time students)	Percentage of residents aged 16 and over with no qualifications	Percentage of residents aged 16 years and over with level 4 qualifications or above	Percentage of unemployed residents (aged 16+ years that are economically active, excludes full-time students)
Southampton	57.9	17.3	31.6	3.0
Banister & Polygon	54.9	9.8	43.7	3.2
Bargate	55.8	11.8	42.8	3.3
Bassett	48.7	12.6	40.0	2.2
Bevois	50.0	18.7	31.6	4.0
Bitterne Park	65.1	15.8	32.7	2.5
Coxford	59.9	23.6	24.7	2.5
Freemantle	68.4	16.1	37.8	3.7
Harefield	59.9	20.1	24.1	2.6
Millbrook	62.5	22.3	25.4	3.2
Pear tree	64.6	17.7	27.1	2.6
Portswood	46.5	12.5	42.3	2.4
Redbridge	62.5	23.6	21.6	3.0
Shirley	64.0	15.7	40.4	2.5
Sholing	62.9	19.7	22.8	2.4
Swaythling	42.0	14.9	28.8	2.7
Thornhill	57.9	25.1	18.3	4.1
Woolston	63.9	18.6	27.3	3.4

A mix of unemployment levels and qualifications

- Banister & Polygon has a more stable working-age population with lower levels of unemployment and residents with no qualifications.
- Bevois in contrast faces a more pronounced disadvantage, higher unemployment among those economically active and large proportion with no qualifications. Qualifications will be impacted by student residents in Bargate and Banister & Polygon

Health outcomes

Area	Directly age standardised mortality rate from cancer, per 100,000 population, in those aged under 75 years (5 year pooled)	Directly age standardised mortality rate from respiratory disease, per 100,000 population, in those aged under 75 years (5 years)	Female life expectancy at birth (5 year pooled)	General fertility rate, live births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44 years (5 year pooled)	Male life expectancy at birth (5 year pooled)	Mortality rate from all causes, all ages (persons) DSR per 100,00 persons (5 year pooled)	Percentage of population reporting bad or very bad health	Percentage of residents limited a lot by disability	Percentage of Year 6 children that are a healthy weight (5 year pooled)	Percentage of Year R children that are a healthy weight (5 year pooled)	Under 75 mortality rate from all cardiovascular diseases (persons) DSR per 100,000 aged under 75 (5 year pooled)	Under 75 mortality rate from all causes (persons) DSR per 100,000 people aged under 75 (5 year pooled)
Banister & Polygon	123.8	42.5	80.6	26.7	77.1	1,229.3	3.9	5.1	63.4	80.7	67.1	405.9
Bargate	98.6	40.8	97.0	26.3	84.9	572.5	3.7	4.6	55.6	76.2	58.9	311.8
Bassett	134.7	21.2	84.0	24.4	81.1	888.6	3.9	5.4	65.1	81.8	51.4	312.2
Bevois	162.7	32.8	82.3	38.0	75.3	1,234.5	4.4	5.9	53.4	73.5	138.1	560.4
Bitterne Park	117.6	22.6	87.0	54.7	81.9	748.7	4.3	6.5	67.8	77.6	68.6	309.8
Coxford	169.3	60.7	81.5	52.8	77.2	1,084.0	6.5	8.8	60.2	72.8	67.1	433.0
Freemantle	167.4	41.9	86.3	54.7	80.3	835.4	4.7	6.2	59.9	78.5	115.3	422.3
Harefield	148.3	35.8	85.0	58.3	79.5	860.4	5.7	8.2	59.2	73.8	69.9	320.3
Millbrook	128.3	34.1	84.3	53.6	80.4	817.5	5.7	7.9	58.0	71.2	73.1	349.2
Pear tree	148.9	54.1	81.1	51.4	77.0	1,220.1	5.3	7.4	57.5	76.7	96.5	389.6
Portswood	119.2	32.3	82.5	30.1	78.2	959.8	4.4	6.4	60.5	74.0	117.3	363.7
Redbridge	165.7	44.7	84.1	65.2	78.6	916.8	5.9	8.6	56.3	72.2	62.2	411.8
Shirley	149.5	34.1	84.4	50.8	80.7	858.5	4.5	6.7	64.1	74.9	69.6	347.3
Sholing	153.4	38.2	84.4	51.9	79.8	872.6	5.0	7.6	62.0	76.7	61.9	336.1
Swaythling	156.3	62.4	83.9	22.6	78.6	938.6	4.6	6.5	59.2	77.8	96.8	432.1
Thornhill	189.3	47.2	81.4	58.6	76.8	1,102.3	6.8	10.1	55.2	71.2	104.1	495.1
Woolston	147.0	29.6	81.6	62.7	76.5	1,337.4	5.6	8.7	59.1	72.9	95.6	436.5

Mix of health outcomes

- Bargate shows the strongest health outcomes, with life expectancy significantly higher than the city for both males and females and lower premature mortality, a likely reflection of a younger population and pockets of low deprivation.
- Bevois have notable health inequalities, with premature mortality significantly worse than the city average.
- Bargate has the highest life expectancy for both male and females, whilst Bannister & Polygon has the lowest for females, and Bevois has the lowest for males.

Hospital admissions

Area	Admission episodes with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by drug misuse, DSR per 100,000 population, all ages (3 years)	Admission episodes with a primary diagnosis of poisoning by drug misuse, DSR per 100,000 population, all ages (5 years)	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over DSR per 100,000 (3 year pooled)	Emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65 and over DSR per 100,000 (5 year pooled)	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0 to 14 years) crude rate per 10,000 (3 year pooled)	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0 to 14 years) crude rate per 10,000 (5 year pooled)	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children and young people (aged 15 to 24 years) crude rate per 10,000 (3 year pooled)	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children and young people (aged 15 to 24 years) crude rate per 10,000 (5 year pooled)	Inpatient admission rate for mental health disorders crude rate per 100,000 population aged 0-17 years (3 years)	Inpatient admission rate for mental health disorders crude rate per 100,000 population aged 0-17 years (5 years)
Banister & Polygon	45.5	48.6	3,002.0	3,018.2	59.4	54.6	117.2	109.1		92.8
Bargate	36.6	40.3	1,493.9	1,673.6	68.4	83.1	58.3	63.7		63.6
Bassett		19.4	2,847.5	3,080.8	67.4	82.0	77.3	88.2	272.7	199.9
Bevois	36.5	67.3	3,364.4	3,682.8	58.4	70.7	152.1	160.1	128.3	125.4
Bitterne Park	24.4	34.2	2,563.4	2,702.3	85.3	85.7	96.5	108.7	161.4	128.8
Coxford	31.5	42.9	2,818.9	2,971.9	105.7	116.5	198.0	187.3	160.8	150.4
Freemantle	59.3	64.8	2,265.8	2,587.7	69.0	76.9	193.9	195.1	106.0	135.0
Harefield	28.1	33.4	2,675.7	2,832.8	122.6	129.4	145.6	166.1		154.0
Millbrook	34.4	41.4	2,706.8	2,955.9	86.4	102.9	183.4	198.9	156.4	122.5
Peartree	31.5	39.0	3,397.4	3,610.9	75.1	98.8	148.6	172.3	229.5	175.3
Portswood		18.2	2,496.1	2,877.7	58.4	64.5	101.4	96.6	133.2	130.7
Redbridge	40.2	59.7	2,901.8	3,094.5	126.6	120.3	156.9	174.7	264.3	198.4
Shirley	26.5	30.8	3,039.3	3,006.6	71.9	96.1	150.3	147.7	206.2	205.1
Sholing	35.5	34.6	2,566.4	2,574.5	63.8	88.1	181.9	169.5		116.0
Swaythling	36.1	36.0	2,608.7	2,574.3	81.9	89.4	91.4	95.4	278.6	221.8
Thornhill	49.3	58.5	3,028.6	2,871.6	89.1	127.4	312.6	288.2	122.9	146.2
Woolston	39.0	39.1	3,007.3	3,278.8	68.9	92.2	140.7	154.4		82.2

Different levels of vulnerability for hospital admissions

- Hospital admissions in Bannister & Polygon are higher for drug admissions and falls in ages 65+, but lower admissions for children's injuries.
- Bargate has the lowest rate of fall admissions, a reflection of a high student population.
- Bevois has the highest hospital admission pressures of the 3 wards, particularly in drug poisoning admissions and falls in people 65+.

Education

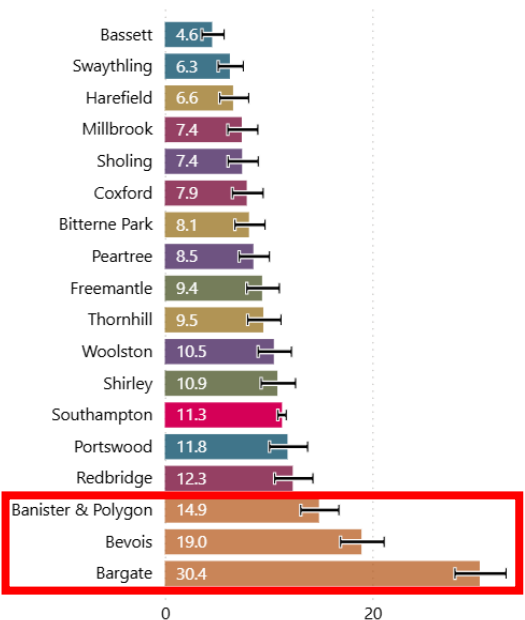
Area	% Overall Absence	% Overall Absence Primary	% Overall Absence Secondary	% Persistent Absence	% Persistent Absence Primary	% Persistent Absence Secondary	Key Stage 4 - Attainment 8	Key Stage 4 - Percentage achieving 5+ in English & Maths (Basics)	Percentage of children achieving a good level of development at the end of Reception	Percentage of key stage 2 pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths	Percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)	Percentage of pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Suspensions Rate (per 100 pupils)	Suspensions Rate (per 100 pupils) Primary	Suspensions Rate (per 100 pupils) Secondary
Banister & Polygon	7.0	6.0	8.9	18.4	15.4	23.7	48.4	49.1	66.3	64.0	30.2	18.7	4.0		7.3
Bargate	8.6	7.4	10.4	26.9	24.5	30.4	41.9	35.9	62.5	53.3	38.4	15.7	10.4	2.9	24.8
Bassett	6.5	5.7	7.4	17.0	14.9	18.5	47.8	48.8	75.0	63.0	23.7	14.8	4.3	1.9	5.5
Bevois	8.0	7.1	8.9	24.6	20.6	28.7	46.7	43.7	62.8	46.1	38.2	17.3	10.9	1.5	25.2
Bitterne Park	6.3	5.0	8.4	15.3	11.1	21.5	46.5	43.6	78.7	67.0	22.7	19.7	7.4	2.6	14.3
Coxford	8.0	6.6	10.5	22.9	17.8	29.7	42.7	36.8	63.1	62.2	34.4	22.7	6.0	1.6	11.9
Freemantle	7.1	6.0	8.9	19.4	16.2	24.1	45.6	42.7	70.6	60.8	26.8	20.5	2.7	2.1	3.5
Harefield	8.8	6.9	11.3	23.7	19.5	28.8	41.1	28.1	57.2	47.1	36.9	21.7	17.0	6.1	32.2
Millbrook	8.2	6.6	10.2	23.7	19.3	29.2	40.6	35.8	65.6	55.7	36.5	23.3	6.3	4.3	8.2
Peartree	7.8	5.8	10.7	20.1	13.5	28.9	42.3	40.8	71.0	54.1	29.0	20.5	12.1	2.1	25.5
Portswood	6.9	5.5	9.3	18.9	13.7	26.6	48.0	50.7	67.0	63.2	22.1	17.5	7.8		19.9
Redbridge	9.0	7.1	11.9	24.9	20.5	31.2	39.2	29.4	68.2	64.1	44.3	26.5	6.5	3.1	12.2
Shirley	7.0	5.9	8.6	18.6	15.5	21.9	49.0	50.3	66.7	54.4	27.2	15.8	6.3	3.7	10.1
Sholing	7.6	5.7	10.3	19.4	14.5	25.9	39.1	32.1	69.9	43.7	23.1	18.1	10.1	1.9	22.2
Swaythling	8.7	7.2	10.3	25.3	21.8	27.9	42.0	34.3	61.8	52.3	35.5	21.8	9.2	2.2	18.4
Thornhill	10.7	7.5	15.3	30.2	22.0	41.4	30.3	19.6	60.3	33.0	55.6	24.9	19.4	6.4	39.0
Woolston	9.1	7.1	12.8	25.9	20.4	35.0	39.0	30.7	67.2	52.7	43.4	19.4	28.6	2.6	75.6

Divergence in education

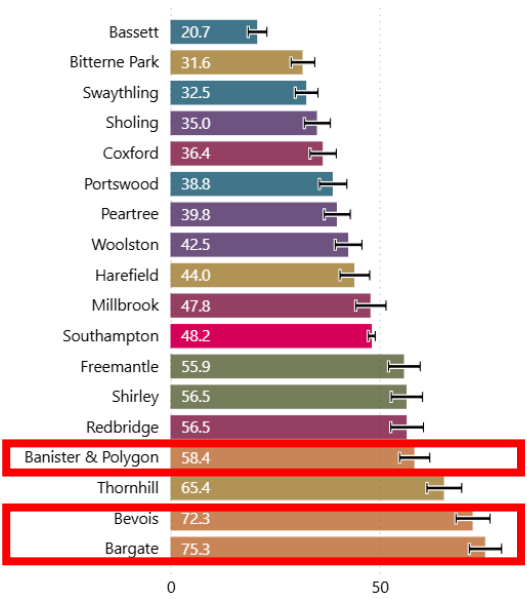
- Banister & Polygon demonstrates consistently stronger outcomes in education with significantly better absence and suspension rates.
- Both Bevois and Bargate show significantly higher proportions of free school meal eligibility than the city average.

Crime

Rate of anti-social behaviour incidents per 1k population by Ward: January 2023 - December 2023



Rate of violent crime per 1k population by Ward: January 2023 - December 2023



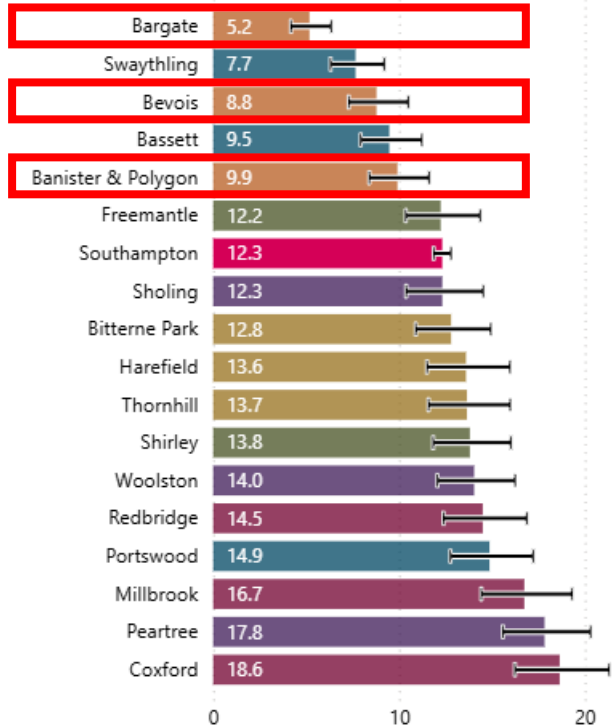
Area	Rate of alcohol affected crimes per 1k population	Rate of anti-social behaviour incidents per 1k population	Rate of domestic abuse related crimes per 1k population	Rate of theft offences per 1k population	Rate of total crime per 1k population	Rate of violent crime per 1k population
Banister & Polygon	20.7	14.9	15.6	42.8	152.6	58.4
Bargate	24.4	30.4	18.1	118.7	280.2	75.3
Bassett	2.7	4.6	7.8	19.4	59.3	20.7
Bevois	10.1	19.0	23.7	40.1	163.5	72.3
Bitterne Park	5.3	8.1	14.1	23.2	75.4	31.6
Coxford	5.5	7.9	19.5	18.6	79.6	36.4
Freemantle	16.9	9.4	22.2	46.0	151.8	55.9
Harefield	5.5	6.6	18.1	31.3	103.9	44.0
Millbrook	6.2	7.4	22.6	50.6	133.1	47.8
Peartree	6.7	8.5	17.1	27.0	96.4	39.8
Portswood	8.6	11.8	13.8	41.0	115.1	38.8
Redbridge	6.0	12.3	24.2	26.3	126.9	56.5
Shirley	9.2	10.9	18.9	30.8	127.7	56.5
Sholing	4.1	7.4	15.0	20.8	78.2	35.0
Swaythling	5.3	6.3	13.9	18.5	73.1	32.5
Thornhill	11.3	9.5	34.6	32.4	142.2	65.4
Woolston	6.0	10.5	20.6	24.0	93.0	42.5

High levels of crime

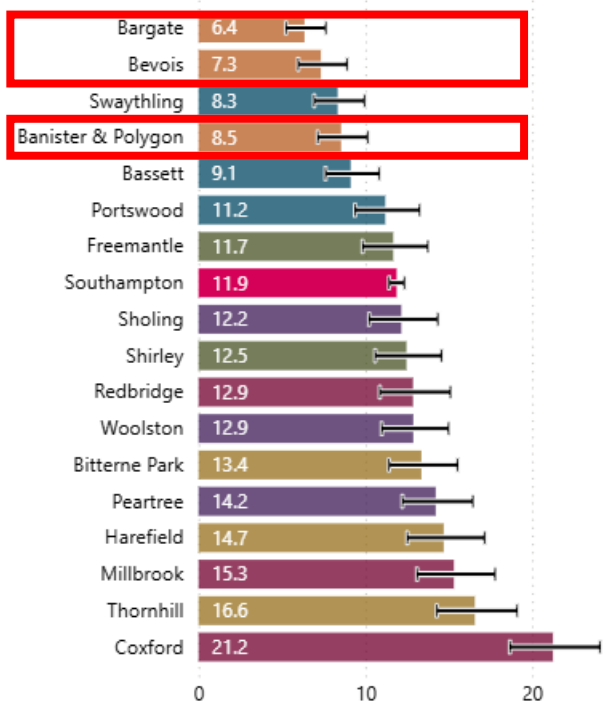
- Crime levels are consistently above the city average across all 3 wards, particularly for theft, violent crime and anti-social behaviour, reflecting nightlife-related activity and location of shopping centres.
- Banister & Polygon and Bargate were significantly higher than the Southampton average for 5 out of 6 crime indicators. Bevois was significantly higher for 4 out of 6.

Adult Social Care

Rate of people with a current Adult Social Care service per 1k population aged 18+ by Ward: February 2024



Rate of new care request contacts where one of the three outcomes was Care Act Assessment Required per 1k population aged 18+ by Ward: March 2023 - February 2024



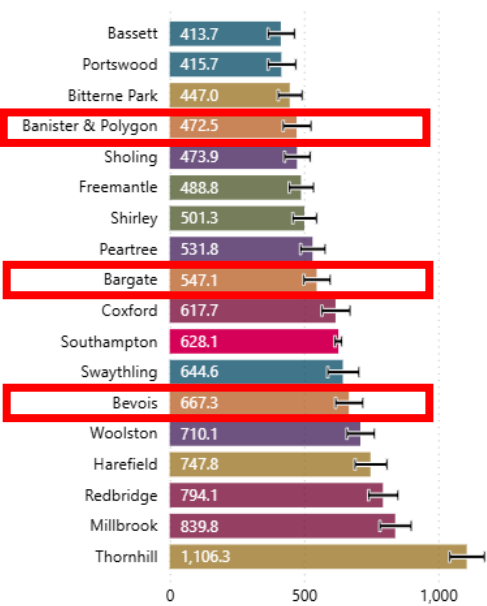
Area	Rate of contacts with an outcome of Information, Advice and Guidance per 1k population aged 18+	Rate of new care request contacts where one of the three outcomes was Care Act Assessment Required per 1k population aged 18+	Rate of people with a current Adult Social Care service per 1k population aged 18+	Rate of Safeguarding concerns per 1k population aged 18+	Rate of Section 42 enquiries per 1k population aged 18+
Banister & Polygon	19.1	8.5	9.9	2.8	1.4
Bargate	18.5	6.4	5.2	3.2	1.3
Bassett	22.8	9.1	9.5	4.9	2.0
Bevois	24.9	7.3	8.8	4.4	1.5
Bitterne Park	28.1	13.4	12.8	4.1	1.7
Coxford	36.4	21.2	18.6	5.9	2.9
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Harefield	34.4	14.7	13.6	6.0	2.9
Millbrook	31.4	15.3	16.7	4.5	2.1
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Portswood	29.9	11.2	14.9	6.0	2.3
Redbridge	26.1	12.9	14.5	4.9	2.3
Shirley	34.7	12.5	13.8	6.7	2.6
Sholing	23.0	12.2	12.3	3.6	1.3
Swaythling	23.6	8.3	7.7	3.5	1.8
Thornhill	36.1	16.6	13.7	7.0	3.3
Woolston	26.1	12.9	14.0	5.8	3.5

Lower levels of Adult Social Care (ASC) involvement

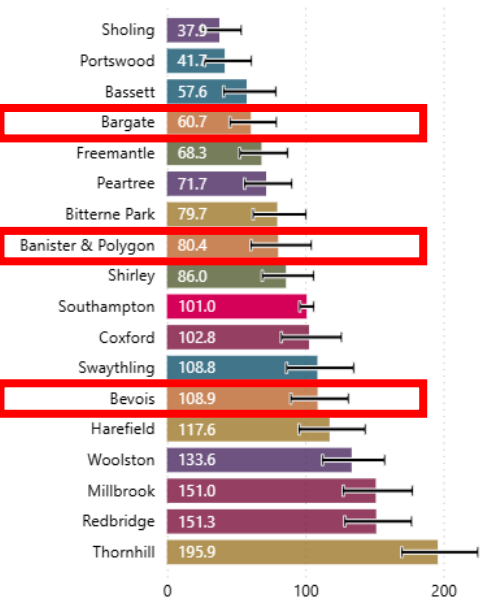
- All 3 wards show lower levels of adult social care involvement, however Bevois and Bargate experience higher burdens of hospital admissions due to drug use or falls.

Children Social Care

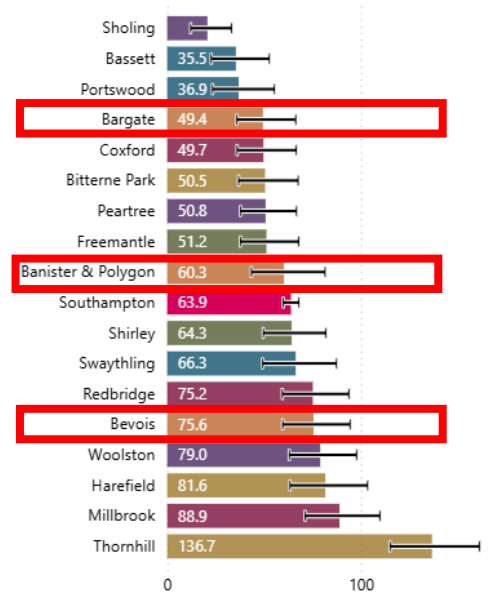
Rate of Children In Need per 10k 0-17 population by Ward: 2020/21 - 2022/23



Rate of Children on Child Protection Plans per 10k 0-17 population by Ward: 2020/21 - 2022/23



Rate of Children Looked After per 10k 0-17 population by Ward: 2020/21 - 2022/23



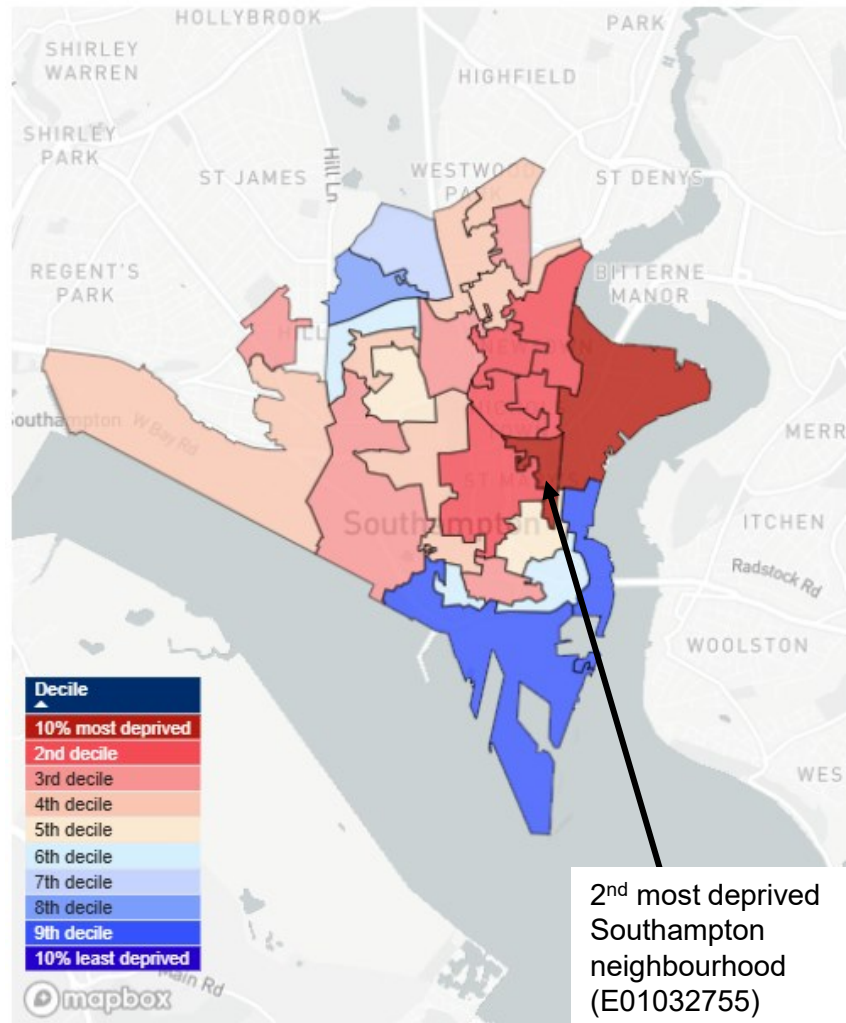
Area	Rate of Children In Need per 10k 0-17 population	Rate of Children Looked After per 10k 0-17 population	Rate of Children on Child Protection Plans per 10k 0-17 population
Banister & Polygon	472.5	60.3	80.4
Bargate	547.1	49.4	60.7
Bassett	413.7	35.5	57.6
Bevois	667.3	75.6	108.9
Bitterne Park	447.0	50.5	79.7
Coxford	617.7	49.7	102.8
Freemantle	488.8	51.2	68.3
Harefield	747.8	81.6	117.6
Millbrook	839.8	88.9	151.0
Pear tree	531.8	50.8	71.7
Portswood	415.7	36.9	41.7
Redbridge	794.1	75.2	151.3
Shirley	501.3	64.3	86.0
Sholing	473.9	20.8	37.9
Swaythling	644.6	66.3	108.8
Thornhill	1,106.3	136.7	195.9
Woolston	710.1	79.0	133.6

Mixed level of Children Social Care (CSC) involvement

- Children's social care involvement is comparatively lower in Banister & Polygon and Bargate, while Bevois aligns more closely with city averages across children in care, children in need, and child protection plans.

Deprivation

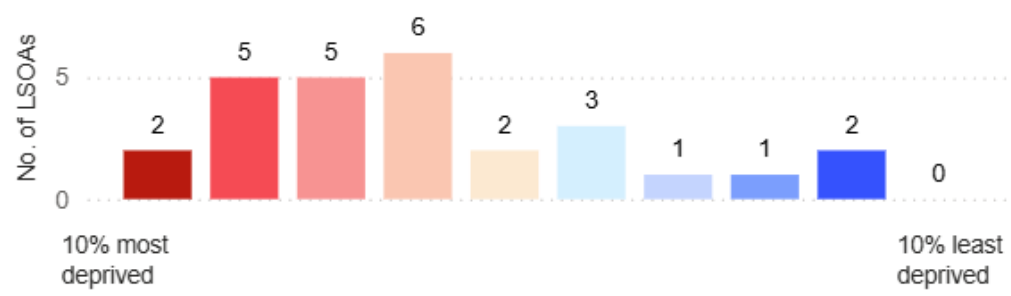
The map shows deprivation deciles by neighbourhood within the Central neighbourhood area profile. There is a mixed picture across the area, with pockets of deprivation and affluence.



7 LSOAs in Central neighbourhood area profile are among the 20% most deprived nationally and 2 within the 20% least deprived.

Number of LSOAs by decile - Central Locality: Overall IMD (2025)

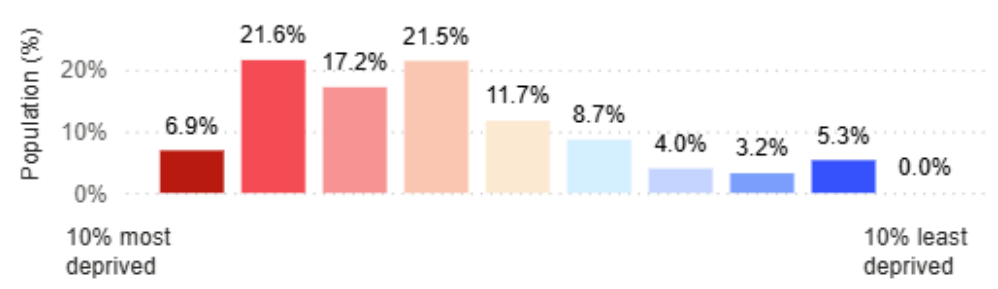
Source: MHCLG 2025



28.5% (15,794) of residents within the Central neighbourhood area profile live within the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods nationally, which is significantly higher than the Southampton average (24.3%).

Percentage of population by decile - Central Locality: Overall IMD (2025)

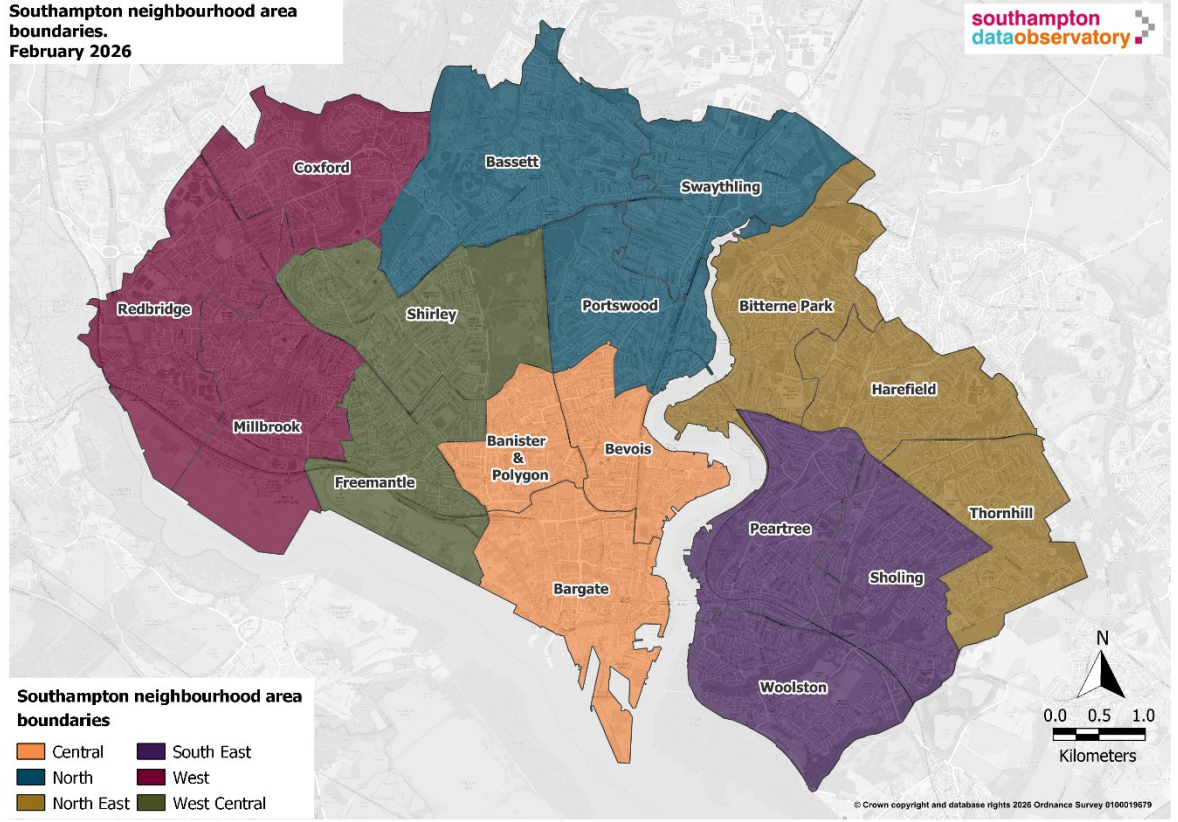
Source: MHCLG 2025, ONS MYE 2024



Housing tenure



Southampton neighbourhood area boundaries. February 2026



Central neighbourhood area profile has the lowest rate of home ownership in the city (26%) and highest proportion private rented, more than half of homes here are privately rented (53%).

Housing tenure by locality

Source: Census 2021 - ONS

Tenure: Owned (Blue), Private rented (Dark Blue), Social rented (Orange), Shared ow... (Purple), Lives rent f... (Pink)

