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Births and Deaths



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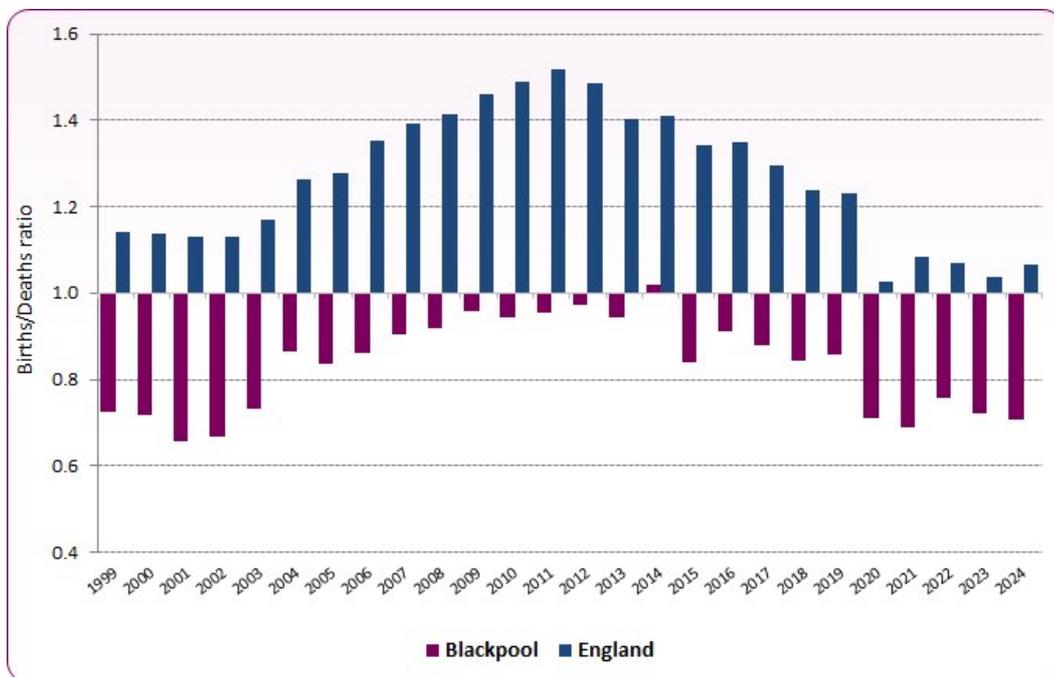
The ratio of births to deaths ([Figure 1](#)) in Blackpool has shown a consistently greater number of deaths than births apart from in 2014. By comparison there has been consistently more births than deaths across England as a whole, though the ratio fell between 2012 and 2024.

In COVID-19 affected 2020, the birth to death ratio fell sharply in Blackpool and has not returned back to the previous level. In Blackpool there were 257 more deaths and 90 fewer live births recorded than the previous year ([Figure 2](#)), resulting in the birth to death ratio falling from 0.86 to 0.71 (71 births per 100 deaths). This reducing ratio was also reflected nationally, where there was a 6% decline in live births and a 14% increase in recorded deaths compared to 2019, though there were still more births than deaths across England.

2024 statistics show slight reductions in the overall number of deaths from 2023 (a 2% reduction in Blackpool and nationally). In Blackpool the number of births continued to fall, with 1,353 births, 49 fewer (-3%) than the previous year. This resulted in the birth to death ratio falling to 0.71 (71 births per 100 deaths). Nationally the birth to death ratio was 1.07.

2024 saw another slight reduction in the number of deaths from 1,949 in 2023 to 1,913.

Figure 1 - Births/deaths ratio: Blackpool and England



Source: ONS birth and death summary tables

Figure 2: Trend in births and deaths ratio in Blackpool

Year	Live births	Deaths - all ages	Births/Deaths Ratio
1999	1,528	2,109	0.72
2000	1,523	2,120	0.72

2001	1,397	2,124	0.66
2002	1,403	2,100	0.67
2003	1,549	2,114	0.73
2004	1,686	1,953	0.86
2005	1,649	1,976	0.83
2006	1,655	1,921	0.86
2007	1,694	1,876	0.90
2008	1,745	1,900	0.92
2009	1,725	1,803	0.96
2010	1,777	1,880	0.95
2011	1,735	1,818	0.95
2012	1,770	1,822	0.97
2013	1,717	1,816	0.95
2014	1,819	1,782	1.02
2015	1,665	1,986	0.84
2016	1,700	1,862	0.91
2017	1,643	1,868	0.88
2018	1,617	1,915	0.84
2019	1,570	1,832	0.86
2020	1,480	2,089	0.71
2021	1,423	2,067	0.69
2022	1,438	1,969	0.76

2023	1,402	1,949	0.72
2024	1,353	1,913	0.71

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