

Census 2021

Health and disability

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Census 2021 - Introduction

The ONS has recently released the Census 2021 results linked to health and disability. This document provides some high-level analysis of this data, which was collected in Spring 2021 (the Census presents a snapshot in time and will not account for anything that has happened since).

Where possible we have compared the data to regional and national averages, as well looking at changes from the Census 2011.

Going forward, the ONS plans to release further datasets with more detailed information from Census 2021 throughout the rest of this year, with plans for small area and multivariate data to be released into next year. As a result, the Analyst Team will provide analysis of Census 2021 results, as and when they are released.

More information on the release schedule and its future phases can be found on the ONS website:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/censustransformationprogramme/census2021outputs/releaseplans>

We hope that you find this document useful. If you have any queries or need further information, please get in touch with the Analyst team (AnalystTeam@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk).

General health



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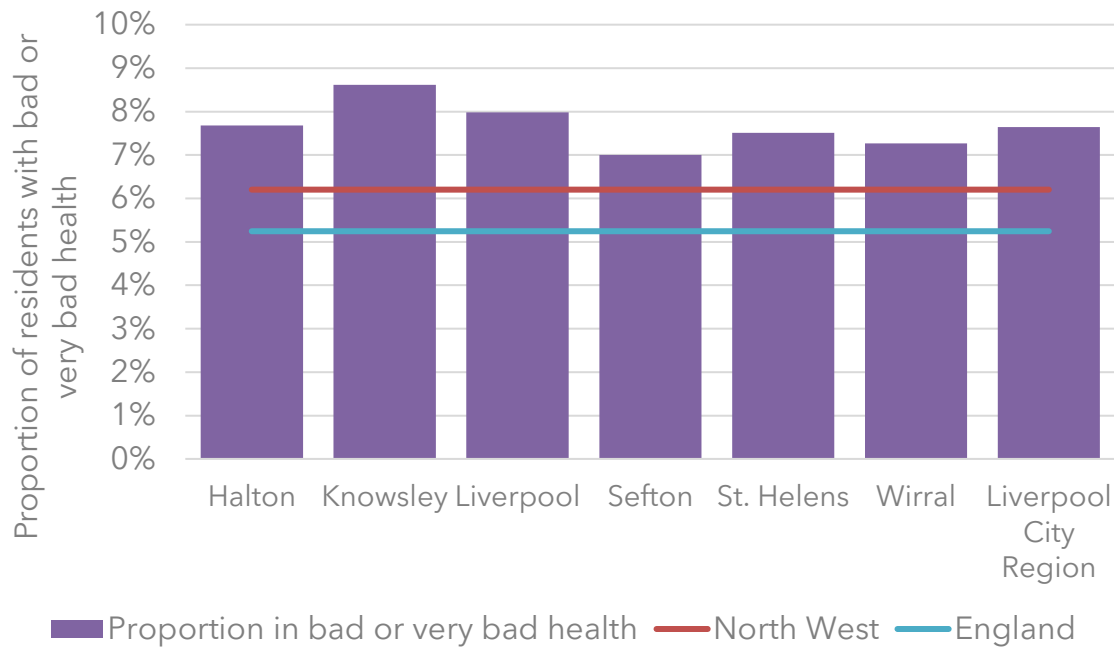
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Liverpool City Region has one of the highest rates of poor health in the country

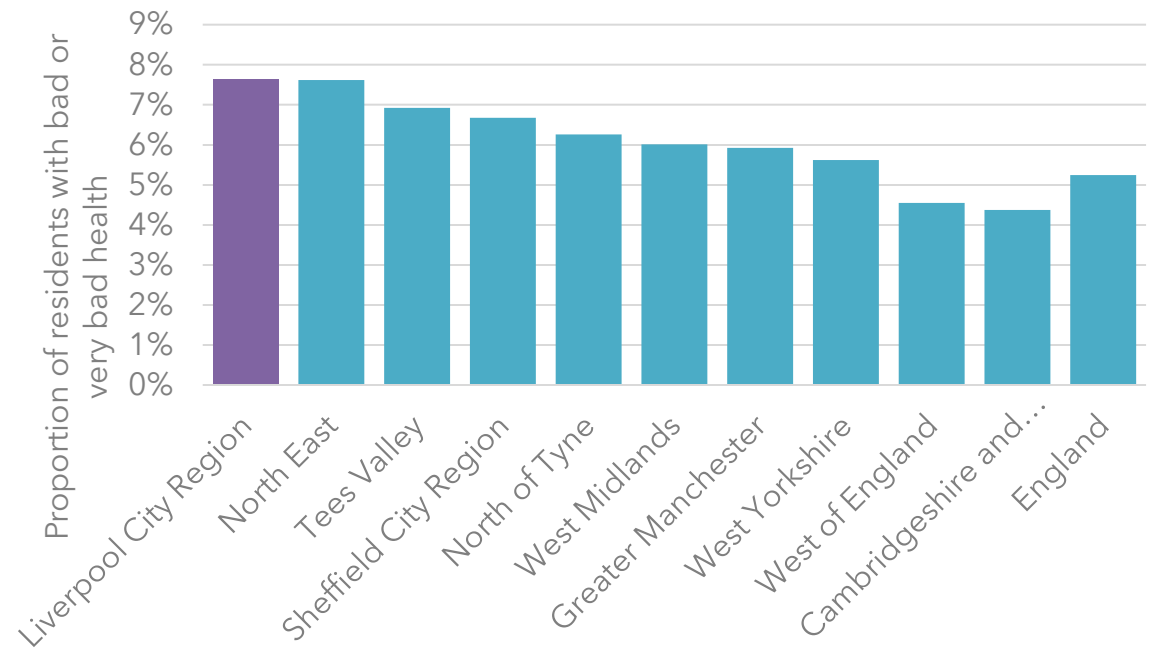
120,000 Liverpool City Region residents (7.6% of total) reported having bad or very bad health. This is significantly higher than the regional and national averages of 6.2% and 5.2%. It is also the highest rate of all English MCAs.

All six LCR local authorities have higher rates of residents with poor health than average. However, the highest rates are in Knowsley (8.6%) and Liverpool (8%).

Proportion of residents with bad or very bad health



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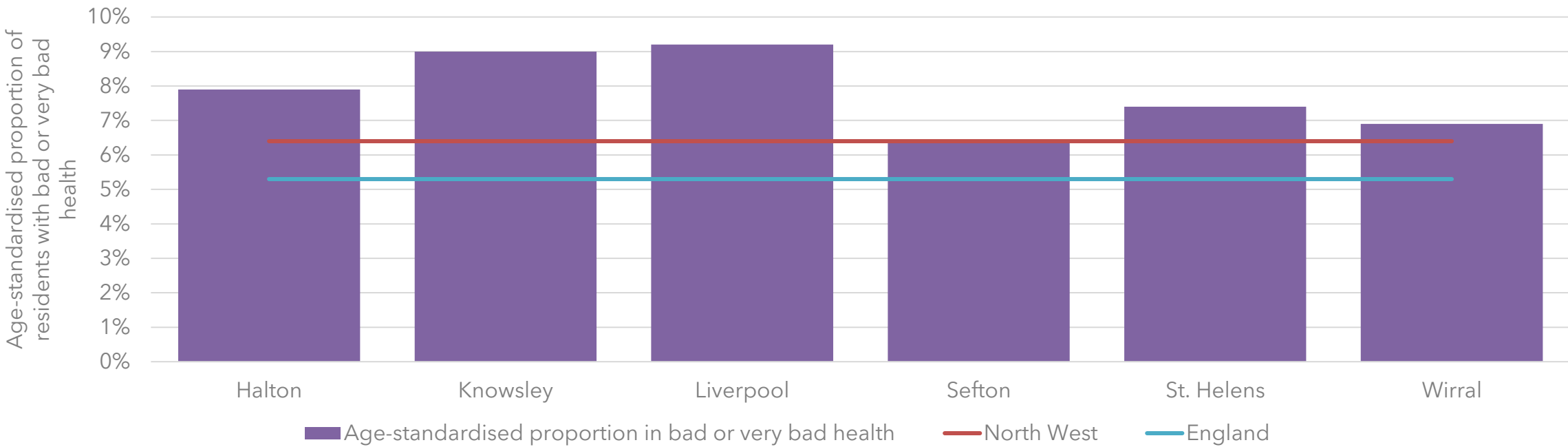
Source: ONS Census, 2021

After taking the age profile into account, Liverpool and Knowsley have some of the worst health profiles in the country

After accounting for the age of the resident population, Liverpool and Knowsley had the 2nd and 3rd highest rates of residents with bad or very bad health out of all English local authorities, with Halton ranked 10th.

If Liverpool and Knowsley had the same age structure as the national population, there would be an estimated 9.2% and 9% respectively in bad or very bad health.

Age-standardised proportion of residents with bad or very bad health



Source: ONS Census, 2021

Note: Liverpool City Region data is not available for this metric.

Disability



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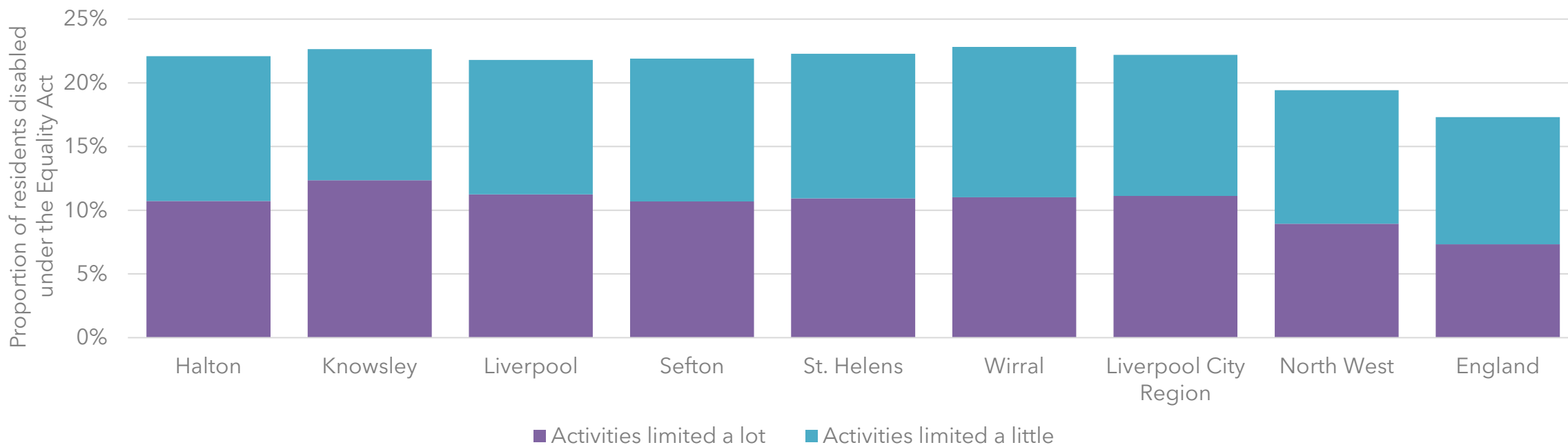
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A greater proportion of Liverpool City Region residents are disabled than average, with a relatively high share limited a lot by health problems

There are around 340,000 disabled residents of LCR, representing 22% of the total population. This is higher than the regional average of 19% and national average of 17%. 11% of LCR residents have disabilities that limit their daily activities a lot, compared to 9% in the North West and 7% in England.

Out of LCR's local authorities, Wirral and Knowsley have the highest shares of disabled residents. However, The ONS notes that, after taking age profiles into account, Liverpool has the second highest share of disabled residents in the country after Blackpool.

Proportion of residents disabled under the Equality Act



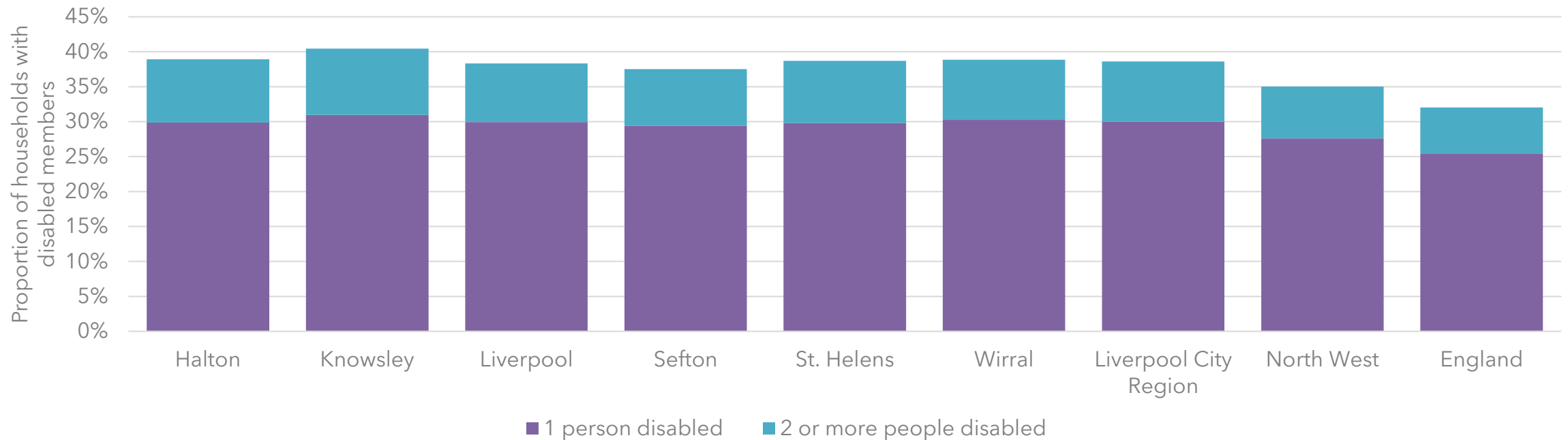
Source: ONS Census, 2021

Around 40% of LCR households have at least one disabled member

Roughly 58,000 households in LCR have at least one disabled member. This represents 39% of all households compared to 35% across the North West and 32% in England. 9% of all LCR households have at least two disabled members, compared to 7% both regionally and nationally.

Out of LCR's local authorities, Knowsley and Wirral had the highest share of households with at least one disabled member.

Proportion of households with disabled members



Source: ONS Census, 2021