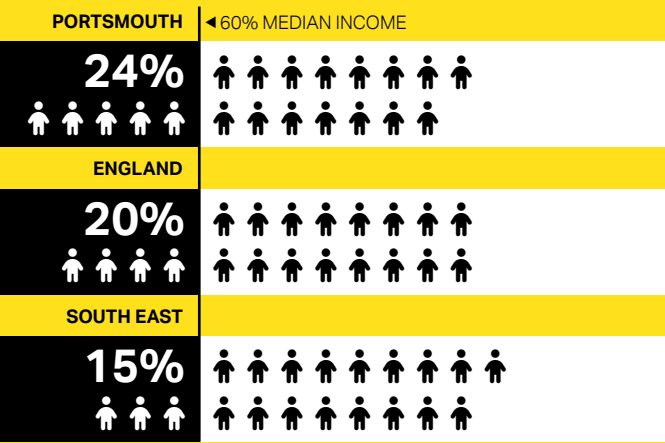


Poverty and cost of living in Portsmouth

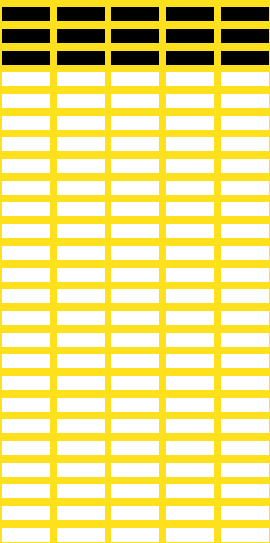
The picture in Portsmouth

Children living in relative low income families ¹



Deprivation

15
of Portsmouth's
125 small areas
are within the
most deprived
10% of small
areas in England.



Life expectancy

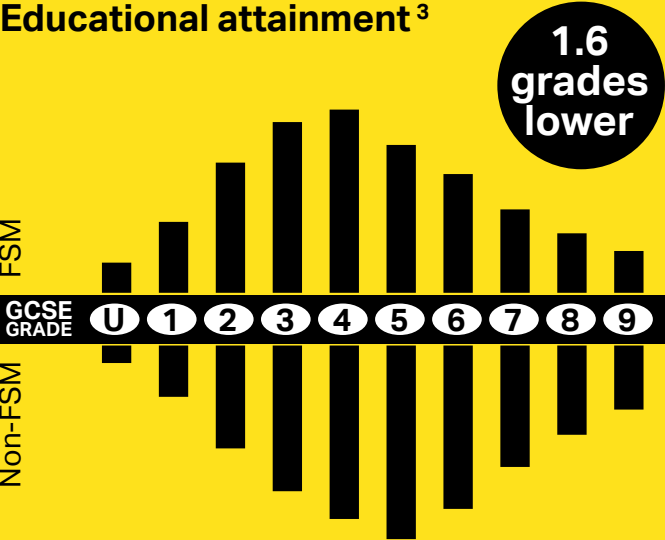


Life expectancy at birth is 12% shorter for males and 6% shorter for females in the most deprived parts of Portsmouth than in the least deprived parts, and a greater proportion of those years will be lived in poor health.

Earnings ²

Average weekly earnings
in Portsmouth were
£468,
lower than England (£496)
and the South East (£530)

Educational attainment ³



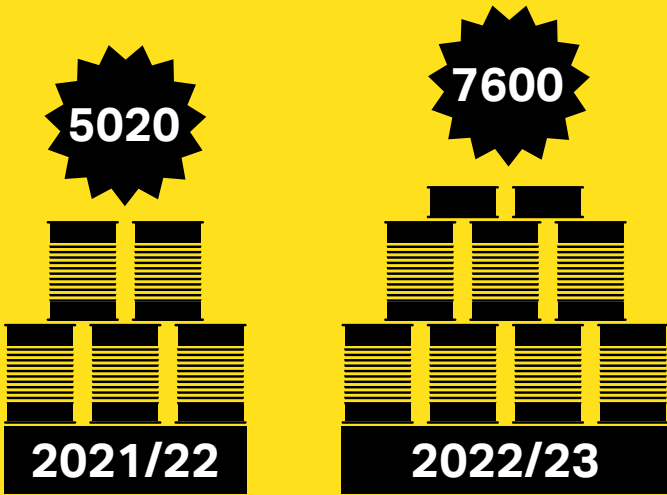
- 1. **Children living in relative low income families:** 2021/22 figures
- 2. **Earnings:** 2021 figures
- 3. **Educational attainment:** The gap in attainment for pupils eligible for free school meals is greater than nationally, with FSM-eligible pupils' GCSE grades an average of 1.6 grades lower than non-FSM, Graphic is pictorial only, does not represent actual data.

The cost of living crisis

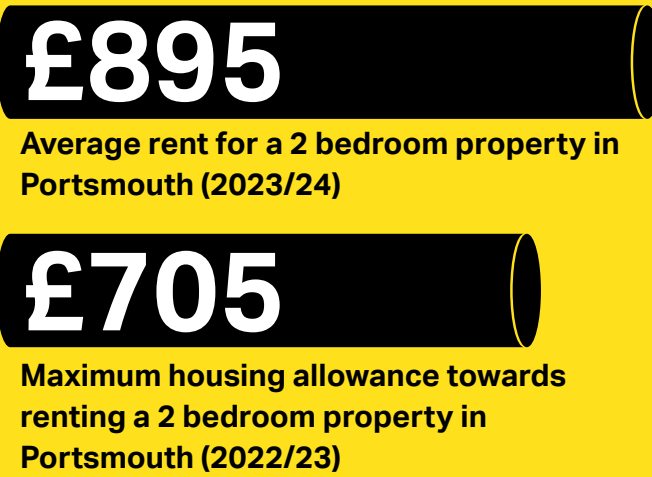
The Big Portsmouth Survey ⁴

In 2022 more than
90%
of people said their
cost of living had
increased.

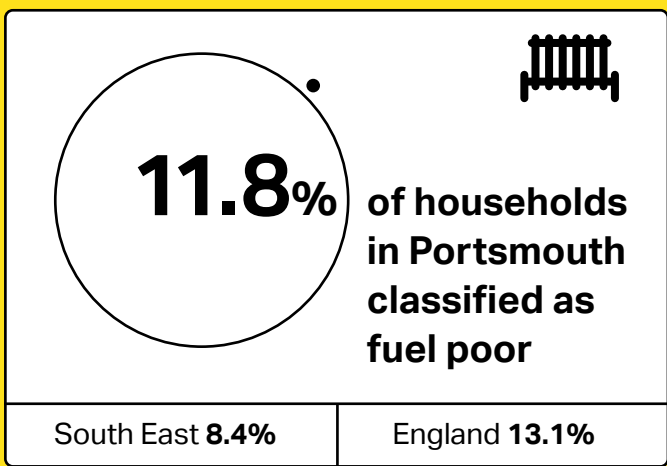
Food bank vouchers ⁵



Housing ⁶

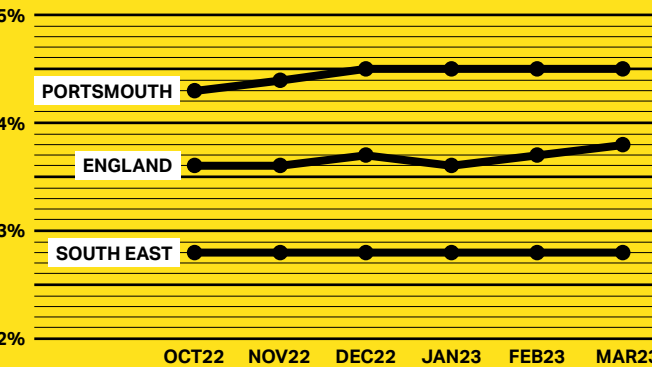


Fuel and energy ⁷



Skills, employment and benefit ⁸

Percentage of people aged 16–64 claiming unemployment-related benefits



- 4. **The Big Portsmouth Survey:** November 2022.
- 5. **Food bank vouchers:** In 2022/23 7,600 vouchers were fulfilled at Portsmouth Food Bank. This is an increase of 51% from 2021/22 when 5,020 vouchers were fulfilled.
- 6. **Housing:** The maximum monthly amount of Local Housing Allowance that an eligible resident can claim (through Housing Benefit or Universal Credit) towards the cost of renting a 2 bedroom property is £725 in 2023/24. The average rent for a 2 bedroom property in Portsmouth in 2022/23 was £895.
- 7. **Fuel and energy:** Based on 2021 data, 11.8% of households in Portsmouth were classified as fuel poor, based on having low income and high cost.
- 8. **Skills, employment and benefits:** The number of people aged 16–64 claiming unemployment-related benefits began to increase in November 2022 and stood at 6,350 in March 2023.