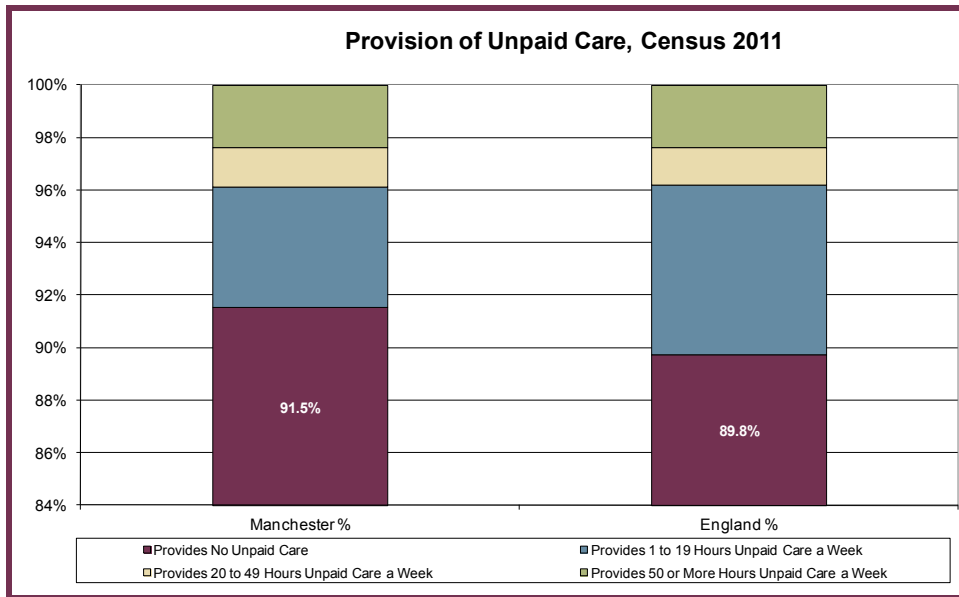


As the population ages, the demand for care is projected to grow with the result that people are increasingly likely to become providers of care at some point in their lives. This is an important social policy issue because the provision of unpaid care not only makes a vital contribution to the supply of care but can also affect the employment opportunities and social and leisure activities of those providing it.



A question on unpaid care was included in both the 2001 and 2011 Census. The same questions were asked in each Census, thus allowing direct comparisons to be made over time. Whilst the proportion of people in Manchester not providing any unpaid care remained broadly the same between 2001 and 2011, the extent of care being provided has increased, with a substantial growth in the proportion of people providing between 20 and 49 hours of unpaid care per week over this

Provision of Unpaid Care (QS301EW)	Manchester	Manchester %	England %
Provides No Unpaid Care	110,728	91.5%	89.8%
Provides 1 to 19 Hours Unpaid Care a Week	8,009	4.6%	6.5%
Provides 20 to 49 Hours Unpaid Care a Week	2,440	1.5%	1.4%
Provides 50 or More Hours Unpaid Care a Week	4,569	2.4%	2.4%

Substantial differences can be found within Manchester in terms of the provision of unpaid care. The areas of Manchester that have the highest proportions of people providing unpaid care (13% and higher) are listed below. At the opposite side of the spectrum, there are 13 LSOAs where less than 3% of people report providing unpaid care. When looking at these figures it is important to remember that this measure is very strongly related to age and that areas with older populations are more likely to have higher rates of unpaid care than areas with younger populations, irrespective of the underlying levels of ill health in the area.

LSOA 2011	LSOA 2011 name	Within Ward	Total residents in this LSOA at 2011	% of people providing unpaid care
E01005248	Manchester 005B	Moston	1,369	15.1%
E01005136	Manchester 002C	Higher Blackley	1,506	14.9%
E01005294	Manchester 052D	Sharston	1,496	14.4%
E01005229	Manchester 007E	Moston	1,539	13.8%
E01005102	Manchester 001D	Higher Blackley	1,358	13.3%
E01005114	Manchester 047D	Brooklands	1,768	13.2%
E01005118	Manchester 034A	Burnage	1,507	13.2%
E01005119	Manchester 041A	Burnage	1,531	13.1%
E01005269	Manchester 046D	Northenden	1,484	13.0%

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