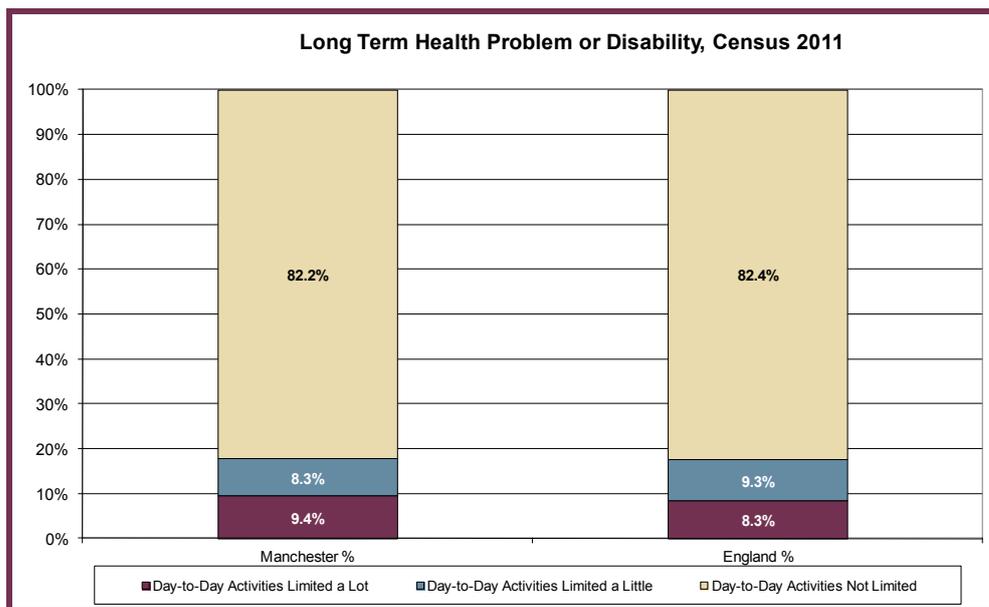


Most people suffer periods of ill health at some time, but these are usually temporary problems that do not have a sustained effect on day to day activities, such as going to work or socialising with friends and family. However, some health problems and disabilities are more serious because they are long-lasting and reduce a person's ability to carry out day-to-day activities.



A question on whether people had a long term illness, health problem or disability was included in both the 2001 and 2011 Censuses, although the question asked in 2001 differed from that asked in 2011 making direct comparisons difficult.

In common with other large urban conurbations in England, Manchester has experienced a reduction in the proportion of people reporting having an activity limiting health problem or disability between 2001 and 2011.

Long-Term Health Problem or Disability (QS303EW)	Manchester	Manchester %	England %
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Lot	47,353	9.4%	8.3%
Day-to-Day Activities Limited a Little	42,011	8.3%	9.3%
Day-to-Day Activities Not Limited	413,763	82.2%	82.4%

People in some parts of Manchester are more likely to report that their day to day activities are limited due to a long-term health problem or disability than others. The areas where more than 30% of people report having an activity limiting health problem or disability are listed below. At the opposite side of the spectrum, there are 14 LSOAs where less than 4% of people reported having an activity limiting health problem or disability. 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 activity limiting health problems or disabilities 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 whose day-to-day activities are limited
E01005103	Manchester 001E	Higher Blackley	1,640	32.1%
E01005189	Manchester 017D	Gorton North	1,691	31.4%
E01005255	Manchester 012D	Miles Platting and Newton Heath	1,609	31.0%
E01005098	Manchester 001A	Higher Blackley	1,522	30.9%
E01033679	Manchester 009G	Harpurhey	1,409	30.4%

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