



Halton

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Oral health of 5-year-old children

This profile describes the oral health of 5-year-olds living in Halton. It uses data from the National Dental Epidemiology Programme 2019 survey of 5-year-old children¹.

The profile is designed to help local government and health services improve the oral health and wellbeing of children and tackle health inequalities.

In Halton 207 5-year-olds (approximately 58.6% of those sampled) were examined at school by trained and calibrated examiners using the national standard method².

Figure 1: Prevalence of experience of dental decay and mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in Halton, other local authorities in the North West and England.

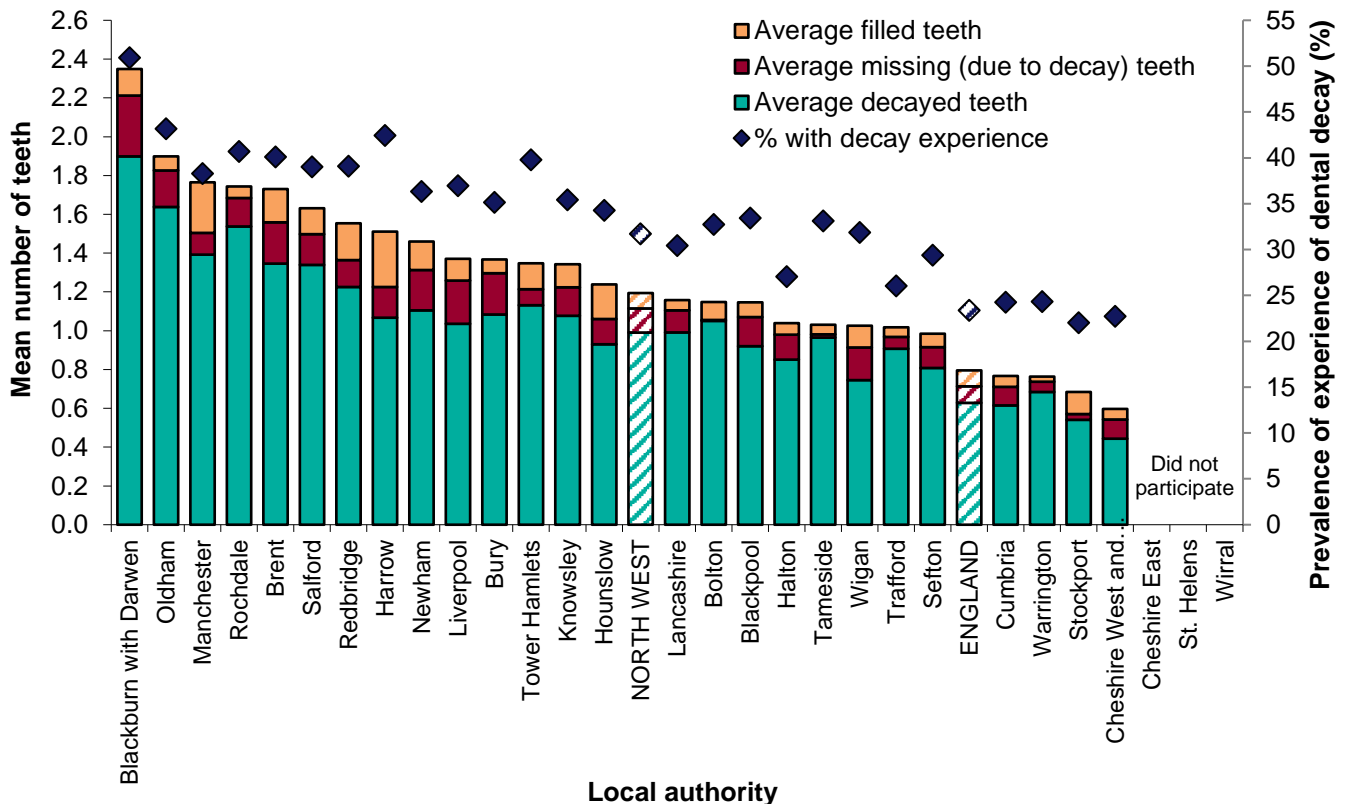


Table 1: Experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in Halton, other local authorities in the North West and England.

Local authority	Prevalence of experience of dental decay (%)	Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay in all examined children n (95% confidence intervals)	Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay in children with any decay experience n (95% confidence intervals)
Blackburn with Darwen	50.9	2.3 (1.87 - 2.82)	4.6 (3.94 - 5.29)
Oldham	43.2	1.9 (1.45 - 2.34)	4.4 (3.63 - 5.16)
Rochdale	40.7	1.7 (1.30 - 2.19)	4.3 (3.64 - 4.93)
Salford	39.0	1.6 (1.25 - 2.01)	4.2 (3.48 - 4.88)
Manchester	38.3	1.8 (1.43 - 2.10)	4.6 (3.98 - 5.24)
Liverpool	37.0	1.4 (1.05 - 1.69)	3.7 (3.09 - 4.33)
Knowsley	35.4	1.3 (0.93 - 1.75)	3.8 (2.94 - 4.63)
Bury	35.2	1.4 (1.07 - 1.66)	3.9 (3.35 - 4.44)
Blackpool	33.4	1.1 (0.74 - 1.56)	3.4 (2.50 - 4.35)
Tameside	33.1	1.0 (0.75 - 1.31)	3.1 (2.52 - 3.71)
Bolton	32.7	1.1 (0.84 - 1.45)	3.5 (2.83 - 4.18)
Wigan	31.9	1.0 (0.79 - 1.26)	3.2 (2.70 - 3.74)
NORTH WEST	31.7	1.2 (1.14 - 1.25)	3.8 (3.65 - 3.89)
Lancashire	30.4	1.2 (1.06 - 1.25)	3.8 (3.59 - 4.02)
Sefton	29.4	1.0 (0.67 - 1.30)	3.4 (2.61 - 4.10)
Halton	27.0	1.0 (0.72 - 1.36)	3.8 (3.01 - 4.67)

Local authority	Prevalence of experience of dental decay (%)	Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay in all examined children n (95% confidence intervals)	Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay in children with any decay experience n (95% confidence intervals)
Trafford	26.0	1.0 (0.72 - 1.32)	3.9 (3.05 - 4.77)
Warrington	24.3	0.8 (0.52 - 1.01)	3.1 (2.43 - 3.85)
Cumbria	24.2	0.8 (0.67 - 0.86)	3.2 (2.89 - 3.43)
ENGLAND	23.4	0.8 (0.78 - 0.81)	3.4 (3.36 - 3.44)
Cheshire West and Chester	22.7	0.6 (0.41 - 0.78)	2.6 (2.07 - 3.19)
Stockport	22.0	0.7 (0.43 - 0.94)	3.1 (2.21 - 3.99)
Cheshire East	Did Not Participate		
St. Helens	Did Not Participate		
Wirral	Did Not Participate		

Table 2. Measures of oral health among 5-year-olds in Halton, it's statistical neighbours,ⁱ the North West and England.

	Halton	Statistical neighbour within North West: Tameside	Statistical neighbour comparator 1: Hartlepool	North West	England
Prevalence of experience of dental decay	27.0%	33.1%	15.9%	31.7%	23.4%
Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.8
Mean number of teeth with experience of decay in those with experience of dental decay	3.8	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.4
Mean number of decayed teeth in those with experience of dental decay	3.1	2.9	2.3	3.0	2.7
Proportion with active decay	25.2%	32.1%	13.4%	29.0%	20.4%
Proportion with experience of tooth extraction ⁱⁱ	3.6%	0.4%	2.1%	2.9%	2.2%
Proportion with dental abscess	1.7%	0.9%	3.3%	1.2%	1.0%
Proportion with teeth decayed into pulp	5.5%	7.0%	3.2%	5.5%	3.3%
Proportion with decay affecting incisors ⁱⁱⁱ	5.5%	7.3%	3.3%	7.7%	5.2%
Proportion with high levels of plaque present on upper front teeth ^{iv}	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	1.2%

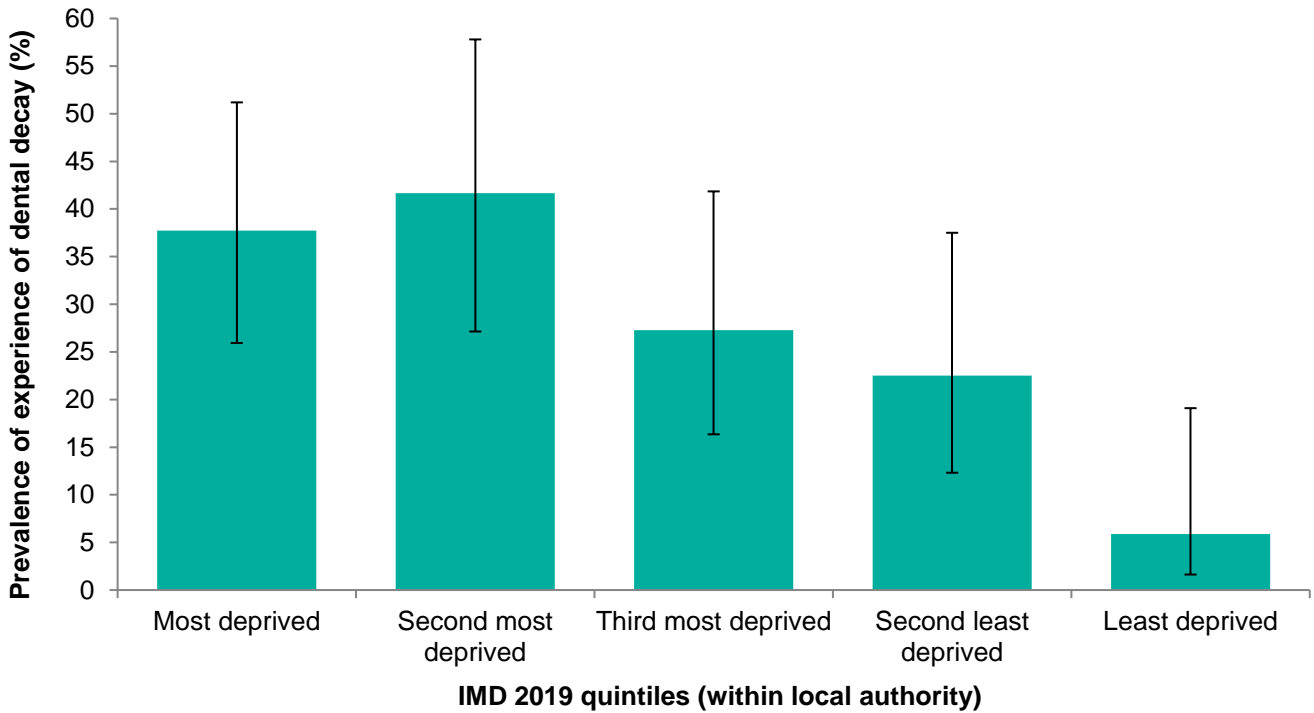
ⁱ generated by the children's services statistical neighbour benchmarking tool, the neighbour within the North West has "Very Close" comparator characteristics and the national neighbour 1 has "Very Close" comparator characteristics³.

ⁱⁱ experience of extraction of one or more teeth on one or more occasions.

ⁱⁱⁱ dental decay involving one or more surfaces of upper anterior teeth.

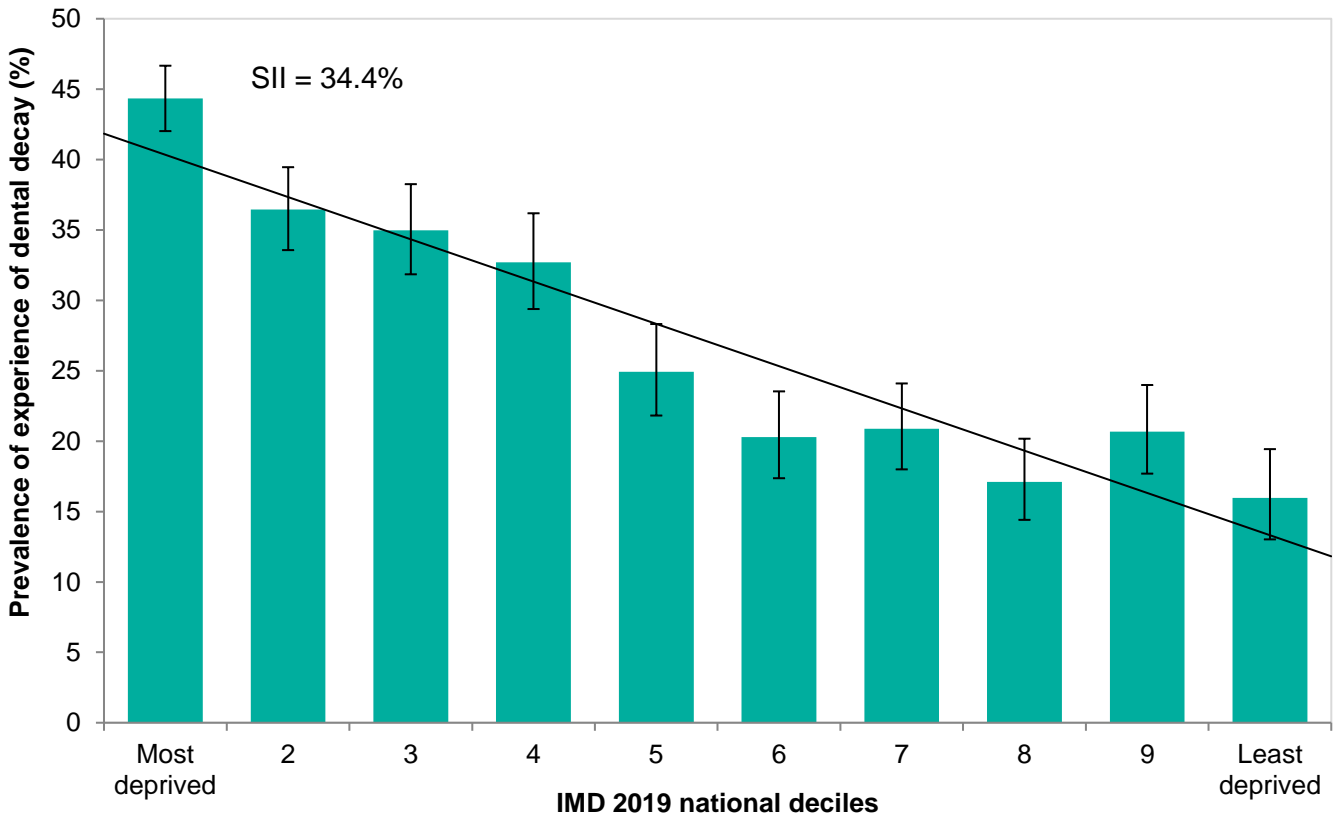
^{iv} indicative of poor tooth brushing habits.

Figure 2: Prevalence of experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in Halton, by local authority Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 quintiles.



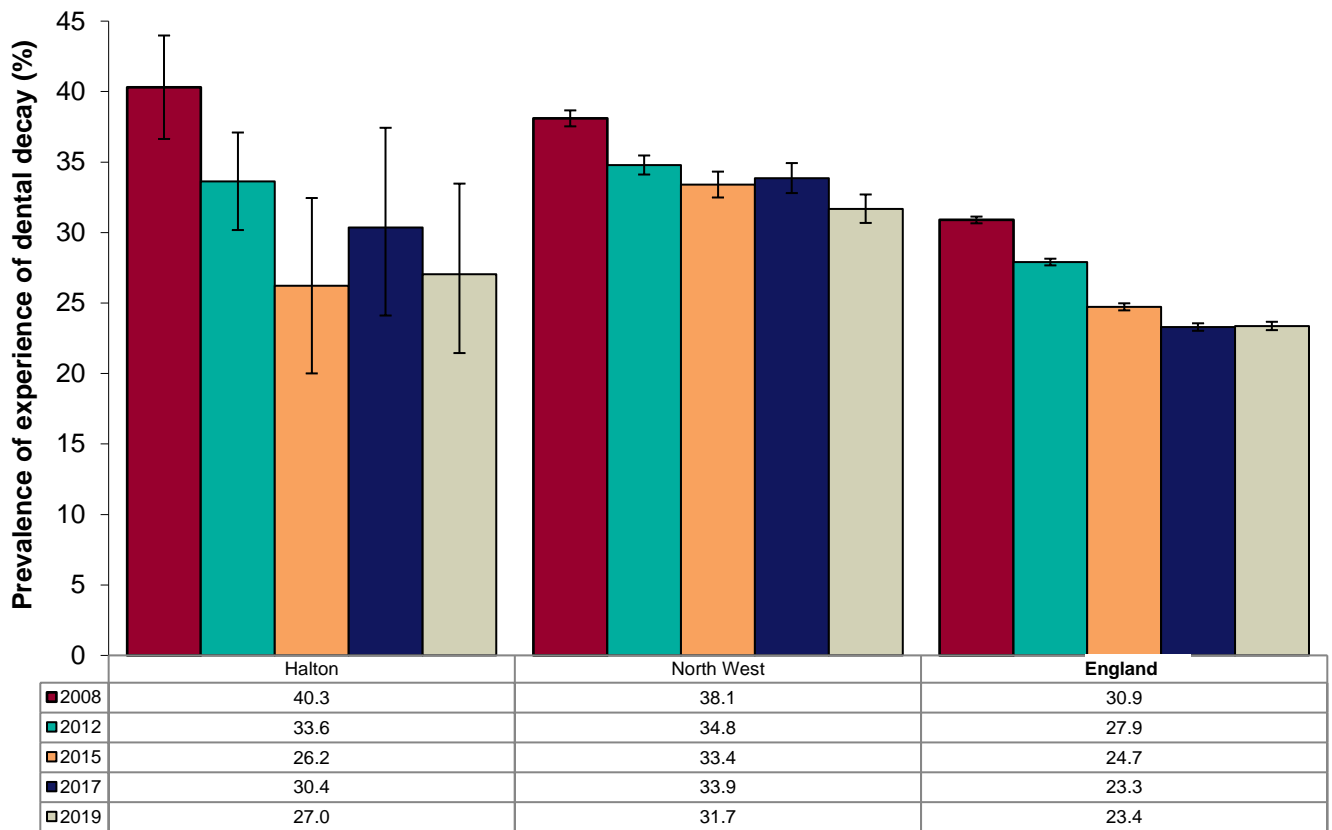
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Figure 3: Slope index of inequality in the prevalence of experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in the North West.



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Figure 4: Prevalence of experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in Halton, the North West and England, by year.

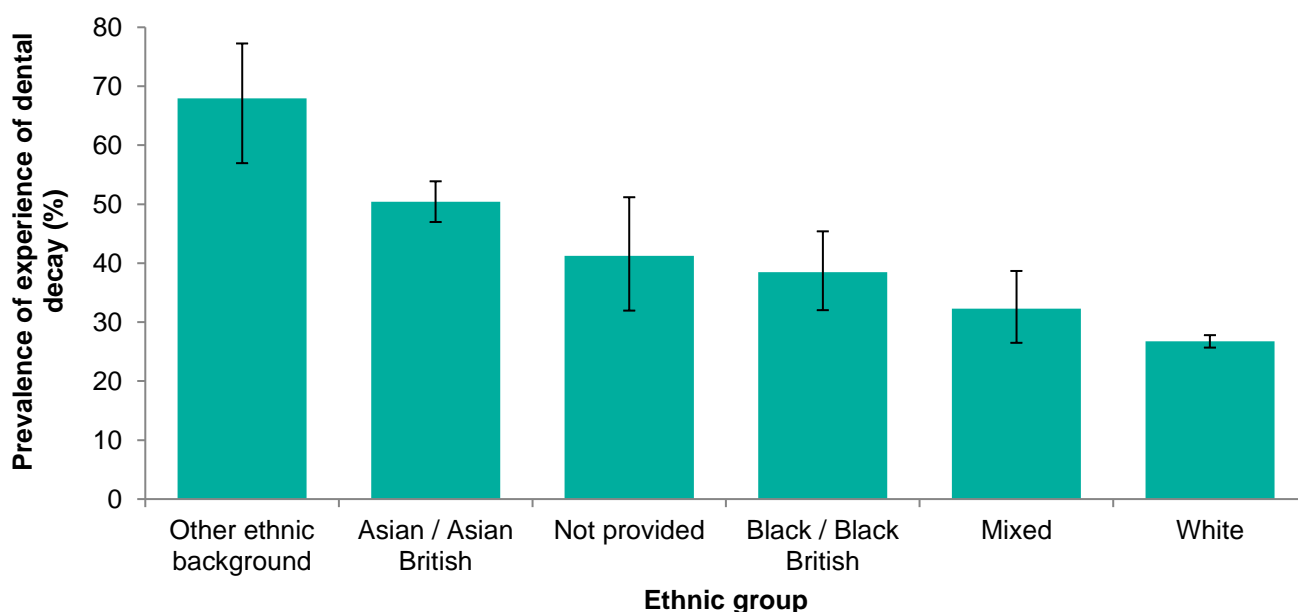


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Table 3: Experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in the North West, by ethnic group.

Ethnic group	Number of children examined (N)	Prevalence of experience of dental decay (%)	Mean number of teeth with experience of dental decay among children with any experience of dental decay n (95% CI)	Prevalence of dental decay affecting incisors (%)
Other ethnic background	78	67.9	5.0 (4.05 - 5.98)	30.8
Asian / Asian British	803	50.4	4.7 (4.39 - 5.07)	20.0
Not provided	97	41.2	3.8 (2.59 - 4.96)	9.3
Black / Black British	200	38.5	3.9 (3.25 - 4.62)	12.5
Mixed	223	32.3	3.4 (2.74 - 4.10)	9.0
White	6,753	26.7	3.4 (3.25 - 3.51)	4.9
North West	8,154	31.7	3.8 (3.65 - 3.89)	7.7

Figure 5: Prevalence of experience of dental decay in 5-year-olds in the North West, by ethnic group.



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Summary

In Halton average levels of dental decay are similar to the average for England.

The small sample size means it is not possible to provide information at ward level. Future surveys could be commissioned to provide larger samples to facilitate local analysis.

Commissioning High Quality Information to Support Oral Health Improvement: A toolkit about dental epidemiology for local authorities, commissioners and partners is available to support the commissioning of oral health surveys⁴.

Public health interventions can improve child oral health at a local level. Local authorities improving oral health: commissioning better oral health for children and young people is available to support local authorities to commission oral health improvement programmes for children and young people aged up to 19 years⁵.

If further local analysis is required, please contact the national dental public health team:

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