**Standardised Admission Rates**

**All Admissions**

The standardised admission rate – all admissions Includes ‘all acute inpatient and day case admissions (excluding regular day and night attenders, hospital transfers and other (maternity/delivery episodes))’[[1]](#footnote-1).

The standardised number of admissions per 100,000 people in 2021/22 was 17,097 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared to 18,306 in Northern Ireland. Admissions have been higher in the borough than in Northern Ireland for just three of the nine years presented below. In Northern Ireland overall, the number of admissions was in steady decline between 2013/14 and 2019/20 while in the borough in 2016/17 there was a sharp increase in the number of admissions after which they fell again. The number of admissions fell sharply in 2020/21 in the borough and Northern Ireland which is likely an effect of restrictions placed on hospitals due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| All Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| **2013/14** | 23,700 | 25,372 |
| **2014/15** | 23,476 | 24,940 |
| **2015/16** | 24,474 | 24,794 |
| **2016/17** | 28,856 | 24,673 |
| **2017/18** | 23,889 | 23,981 |
| **2018/19** | 24,043 | 23,507 |
| **2019/20** | 22,858 | 22,557 |
| **2020/21** | 13,981 | 14,955 |
| **2021/22** | 17,097 | 18,306 |

*Table 1: Standardised admission rate (all admissions) per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2013/14 to 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

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**Emergency Admissions**

An emergency admission is one where ‘a patient for whom admission is unpredictable and at short notice because of clinical need. All non-elective acute admissions excluding maternity, other and not known’[[2]](#footnote-2). The standardised rate of emergency admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough was higher than Northern Ireland in 2021/22 with rates of 8,243 and 7,754 respectively. The rate in the borough has exceeded that of Northern Ireland in all but one year (2020/21) since 2017/18.

| Emergency Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2013/14 | 8,373 | 9,520 |
| 2014/15 | 8,696 | 9,394 |
| 2015/16 | 9,490 | 9,495 |
| 2016/17 | 9,017 | 9,285 |
| 2017/18 | 9,777 | 9,234 |
| 2018/19 | 9,547 | 8,917 |
| 2019/20 | 9,463 | 8,785 |
| 2020/21 | 6,818 | 6,926 |
| 2021/22 | 8,243 | 7,754 |

*Table 2: Standardised admission rate for emergency admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2013/14 to 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

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Emergency Admissions

**Circulatory Admissions**

Standardised circulatory admission rates per 100,000 population have been broadly similar between Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland overall with the rate in the borough higher than Northern Ireland for six of the nine years presented below. The rate for 2019/20 - 2021/22 for circulatory admissions in the borough was 1,611 while the rate for Northern Ireland was 1,576. Circulatory admission rates per 100,000 population have been declining since 2011/12 – 2013/14 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland overall.

| Circulatory Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2011/12 – 2013/14 | 2,375 | 2,344 |
| 2012/13 – 2014/15 | 2,285 | 2,337 |
| 2013/14 – 2015/16 | 2,273 | 2,285 |
| 2014/15 – 2016/17 | 2,168 | 2,170 |
| 2015/16 – 2017/18 | 2,112 | 2,062 |
| 2016/17 – 2018/19 | 2,019 | 1,996 |
| 2017/18 – 2019/20 | 2,014 | 1,953 |
| 2018/19 – 2020/21 | 1,773 | 1,732 |
|  2019/20 – 2021/22 | 1,611 | 1,576 |

*Table 3: Standardised admission rate for circulatory admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

*Figure 3: Standardised admission rate for circulatory admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

**Respiratory Admissions**

The standardised rate of respiratory admissions per 100,000 people has been consistently lower in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough since 2011/12 – 2013/14 than in Northern Ireland. The rate per 100,000 population in the borough for 2019/20 – 2021/22 was 1,173 while in Northern Ireland the rate was 1,307. Respiratory admission rates had been increasing in both the borough and Northern Ireland between 2011/12 – 2013/14 to 2015/16 – 2017/18 but both have now recorded a decrease in respiratory admission rates for the fourth year running.

| Respiratory Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2011/12 – 2013/14 | 1,721 | 1,940 |
| 2012/13 – 2014/15 | 1,790 | 2,005 |
| 2013/14 – 2015/16 | 1,835 | 2,040 |
| 2014/15 – 2016/17 | 1,876 | 2,055 |
| 2015/16 – 2017/18 | 1,898 | 2,074 |
| 2016/17 – 2018/19 | 1,875 | 2,022 |
| 2017/18 – 2019/20 | 1,852 | 1,969 |
| 2018/19 – 2020/21 | 1,452 | 1,558 |
|  2019/20 – 2021/22 | 1,173 | 1,307 |

*Table 4: Standardised admission rate for respiratory admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

*Figure 4: Standardised admission rate for respiratory admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

**Alcohol Related Causes**

In 2019/20 – 2021/22 the standardised admission rates per 100,000 population for alcohol related causes was 505 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough, a decrease from 572 in 2018/19 – 2020/21. The rate for Northern Ireland for 2019/20 – 2021/22 was higher than the borough at 567. Rates in Northern Ireland have been in decline since 2013/14 – 2015/16 while in the borough, following two years of decline, the rates increased again in 2016/17 – 2018/19 and 2017/18 – 2019/20 but fell again the last two periods presented.

| Alcohol Related Causes Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2011/12 – 2013/14 | 577 | 694 |
| 2012/13 – 2014/15 | 600 | 719 |
| 2013/14 – 2015/16 | 603 | 728 |
| 2014/15 – 2016/17 | 597 | 721 |
| 2015/16 – 2017/18 | 587 | 691 |
| 2016/17 – 2018/19 | 596 | 673 |
| 2017/18 – 2019/20 | 607 | 662 |
| 2018/19 – 2020/21 | 572 | 614 |
| 2019/20 – 2021/22 | 505 | 567 |

*Table 5: Standardised admission rate for alcohol related causes admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

*Figure 5: Standardised admission rate for alcohol related causes admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

**Drug Related Causes**

Standardised admissions for drug related causes per 100,000 population had been in decline from 2012/13 – 2014/15 (261) until 2016/17 – 2018/19 when they fell to 157. Although there was a slight increase in 2017/18 – 2019/20 (164), figures have been falling again in the borough. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough admissions were higher than in Northern Ireland in 2011/12 – 2013/14 and 2012/13 – 2014/15 but the rate for the borough has remained consistently lower than Northern Ireland since 2013/14 – 2015/16.

| Drug Related Causes Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2011/12 – 2013/14 | 257 | 251 |
| 2012/13 – 2014/15 | 261 | 247 |
| 2013/14 – 2015/16 | 236 | 237 |
| 2014/15 – 2016/17 | 190 | 220 |
| 2015/16 – 2017/18 | 159 | 202 |
| 2016/17 – 2018/19 | 157 | 191 |
| 2017/18 – 2019/20 | 164 | 190 |
| 2018/19 – 2020/21 | 144 | 179 |
| 2019/20 – 2021/22 | 123 | 161 |

*Table 6: Standardised admission rate for drug related causes admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 – 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

*Figure 6: Standardised admission rate for drug related causes admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2011/12 - 2013/14 to 2019/20 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

**Self-Harm**

The standardised admission rate per 100,000 population for self-harm in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon in 2017/18 – 2021/22 was 92 compared to the Northern Ireland rate of 102. This is the fourth year running that the rate for the borough has been below the rate for Northern Ireland. While the admission rate has been decreasing in both the borough and Northern Ireland from 236 and 226 respectively in 2009/10 – 2013/14, the Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough LGD - NI Gap has widened from -3% in 2014/15 – 2018/19 to -11% in 2017/18 – 2021/22.

| Self-harm Admissions (per 100,000 population) | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2009/10 – 2013/14 | 236 | 226 |
| 2010/11 – 2014/15 | 233 | 215 |
| 2011/12 – 2015/16 | 207 | 194 |
| 2012/13 – 2016/17 | 176 | 173 |
| 2013/14 – 2017/18 | 157 | 154 |
| 2014/15 – 2018/19 | 132 | 136 |
| 2015/16 – 2019/20 | 108 | 123 |
| 2016/17 – 2020/21 | 96 | 112 |
| 2017/18 – 2021/22 | 92 | 102 |

*Table 7: Standardised admission rate for self-harm admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2009/10 - 2013/14 to 2017/18 - 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

*Figure 7: Standardised admission rate for self-harm admissions per 100,000 population in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2009/10 - 2013/14 to 2017/18 – 2021/22. Source: Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Inequalities Monitoring System, Department of Health.*

Further information on admission rates can be found in the Health Inequalities Annual Report which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/health-inequalities-statistics>

1. [Health Inequalities Annual Report 2023 (health-ni.gov.uk)](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/hscims-report-2023.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [Health Inequalities Annual Report 2023 (health-ni.gov.uk)](https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/hscims-report-2023.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)