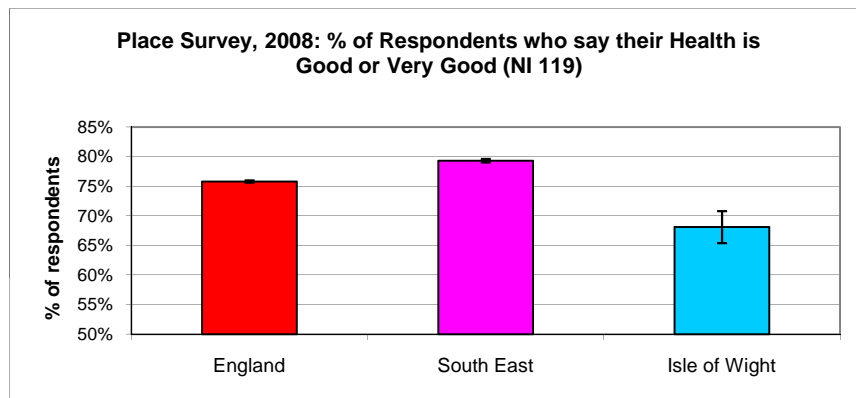


Isle of Wight Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Core Dataset		2009	
Domain:	Burden of Ill Health	Indicator:	Self-reported Health and Wellbeing
Sub-Domain:	Misc	Indicator References:	National Indicator 119
Sub-sub- Domain:	All Causes	Data Source:	Place Survey
		Indicator definition:	see below

Place Survey results: % of people surveyed who say their health is good or very good

Area	% of people surveyed
England	75.8%
South East	79.3%
Isle of Wight	68.1%



COMMENTARY

According to the Department for Communities and Local Government's 'Place Survey' website: "*The 2008 Place Survey provides information on people's perceptions of their local area and the local services they receive.*" This survey was undertaken in each Local Authority in England during 2008, by postal questionnaire using a standard set of questions, and aiming to survey a minimum sample of 1,100 adults aged 18+ in each LA.

Subjective measures of health and wellbeing are important indicators of the general health of the population. The following question was therefore included in the Place Survey:

"How is your health in general? Would you say it is 'very good', 'good', 'fair', 'bad' or 'very bad'?"

This question is similar but not identical to that asked in the 10-yearly Census. This was previously the only source of information on self-reported health at the level of Local Authorities, but was based on completion of the Census form by the whole population.

The data and chart above show the % of people surveyed who responded 'very good' or 'good' in answer to this question, comparing the IW with England and the South East. This shows that the IW % was lower (worse) than the national and regional figures and that the difference was statistically significant. These figures do not take account of the gender and age profile of individual Local Authority populations, and it is possible that the less positive IW response to this question compared with England and the South-East reflects the older age profile of the Island population (with older people less likely to perceive their health as good).

INDICATOR DEFINITION	
Indicator:	Self-Reported Health & Wellbeing
Definition:	The % of people surveyed in the Place Survey who chose the options 'good' or 'very good' to the question: <i>How is your health in general?</i>
Numerator (number of people or events)	The number of people surveyed in the Place Survey who chose the options 'good' or 'very good' to the question: <i>How is your health in general?</i>
Denominator (total population or events)	Place Survey Population Sample
Geographic Coverage	Local Authority
Time period	2008
Data Source(s)	Department for Communities and Local Government http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/placesurvey2008
Significance for Health	Higher percentages are associated with better health. Lower percentages are associated with worse health.
Factors that might affect the Accuracy of this Indicator	The Place Survey results are not standardised by gender and age - i.e. they do not take into account the gender and age profile of individual Local Authority populations. This could contribute to differences between the Island and comparator populations.