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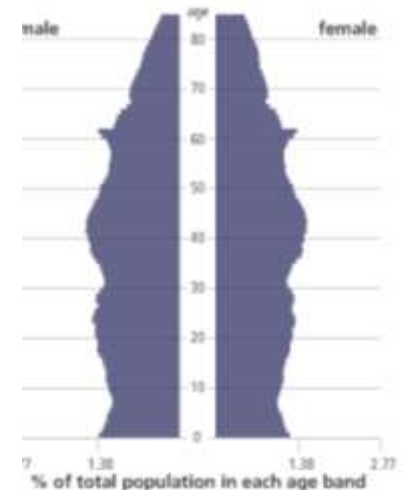
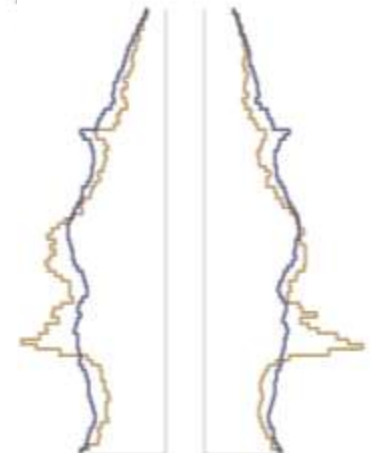
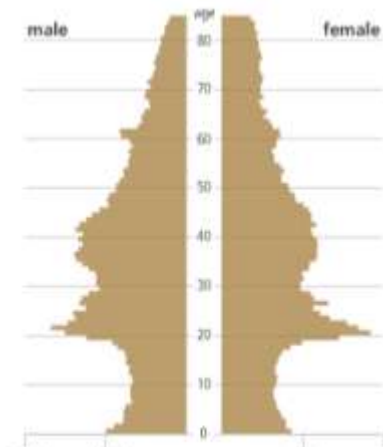
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City Demographics

Brighton and Hove Headlines

- 1 in 5 children living in poverty
- High numbers of children in households with no working adults
- Service sector employment with relatively low wages
- Poor quality houses with high rents
- Projected widening inequality gap
- Higher smoking prevalence (27%)
- High numbers of teenage mothers
- High rates of suicide
- High rates of alcohol / substance misuse
- 'Poor relation' of South East



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Community Resilience in Brighton and Hove Context



Political context:

Labour Government Social Exclusion Unit /Social Capital Coalition Government 'Big Society' and 'Localism'



Socio-economic:

World Bank support for social capital
Current recession pressures



Academic and Policy:

Marmot 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives'
Public Health White Paper 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People'



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Some concepts of community resilience

- Definition of community resilience:

"... the ability of a community to adapt to pressures and transform itself in ... ways that fundamentally transform the basis of the community." Australian Social Inclusion Board, June 2009



- International evidence of 'general' resilience:

Sri Lanka, Cuba, Costa Rica, Kerala in India - good community health outcomes despite poor economic indicators (WHO, 2007)



- Research base:

Typically focused on individuals

Often focused on single outcomes: education ,
economy





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The WARM concept of community resilience

Self

Life satisfaction

Education

Health

Material wellbeing

Supports

Strong and stable families

Belonging

Systems and structures

Local economy

Public services

Crime and anti-social behaviour

Infrastructure

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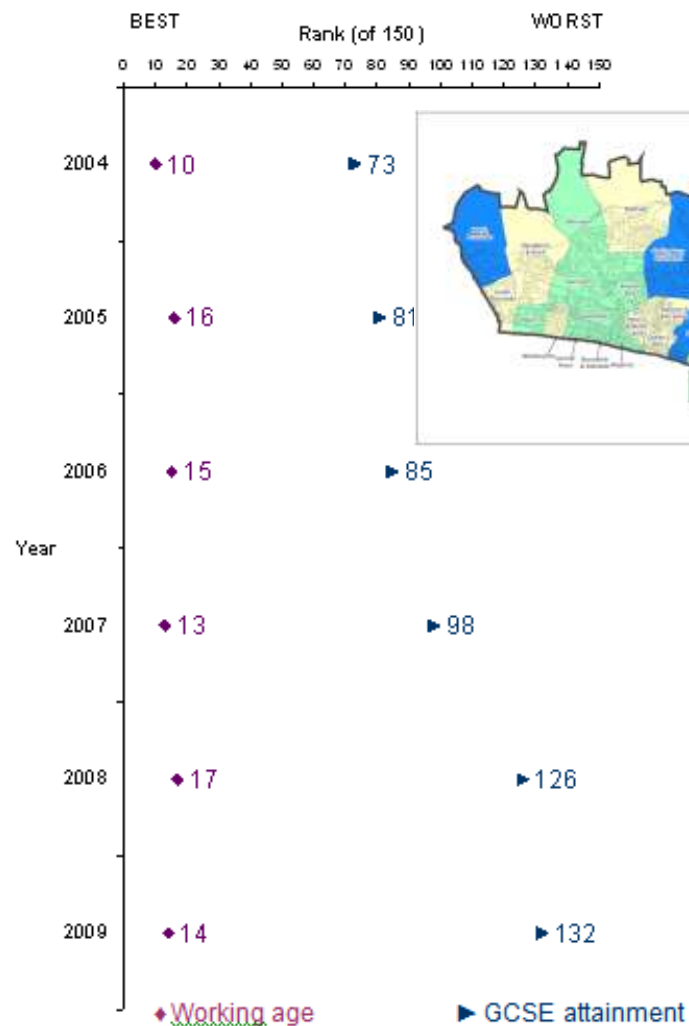
WARM assets and vulnerabilities: Education

Children: Reduced permanent school exclusion, SEAL embedded in curriculum, good early years and primary academic performance, poor GCSEs.

Working age adults: Highly educated, initiatives targeted at deprived groups, imported educated workforce placing pressure on longer term residents.

Older people: High levels of higher level qualifications.

LGBT: Improved levels of peer support in Education Institutions, bullying reducing school attendance. Highly educated LGBT community.



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WARM assets and vulnerabilities: Belonging

Overall: Lower sense of belonging and participation in decision making, similar volunteering. Wards outside city centre have more defined sense of neighbourhood?

Children: Higher participation in group activities, similar volunteering & friendships.

Working age adults: Higher female involvement and volunteering, social capital lower in more deprived areas

Older people: More involved in decision making, similar % volunteers 60+ to population 60+

LGBT: Move to city to engage with community and belong, more volunteering, increased associations across social divides, but less feel local area inclusive, higher risk marginalisation and isolation.



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WARM assets and vulnerabilities: Local economy

Overall: City benefits from small size and short travel times by foot / public transport.

High numbers of small industries and vacancies, though the latter fallen considerably and high number of claimants per vacancy

Large number of creative businesses, business start ups and business density, but reliance on service sector.

High resilience in priority sectors.

High business satisfaction in the city.

LGBT: Two leading organisations in the top 100 gay-friendly employers in the country, “pink pound” contributes to the local economy, e.g. Pride





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How to harness these assets to build community resilience?

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