

LOW WEIGHT BIRTHS, 1996-1998, BY ELECTORAL WARD

Source: Annual District Birth Extracts 1996-1998, ONS, Crown Copyright

	Number of low-weight births 1996-1998 (<2500 grams)	Number of births 1996-1998	As a percentage of all births 1996-1998
Kingston upon Hull	899	10315	8.7
Orchard Park	82	670	12.2
Marfleet	64	612	10.5
Newington	68	663	10.3
Sutton	54	536	10.1
St Andrews	48	510	9.4
Longhill	35	376	9.3
Myton	35	380	9.2
Southcoates	63	691	9.1
Pickering	35	394	8.9
Derringham	44	503	8.7
Holderness	39	469	8.3
University	38	464	8.2
Drypool	60	745	8.1
Stoneferry	50	628	8.0
NoddleHill	68	865	7.9
Ings	22	282	7.8
Boothferry	31	417	7.4
Beverley	24	393	6.1
Avenue	25	418	6.0
Newland	14	299	4.7

East Riding and Hull Health Authority: 7.9%

National average: 7.9%

Key Facts: Low birth weight is the single greatest risk to infant health. Low birth weight babies are nearly twice as likely to experience severe developmental delay, birth defects, or long term disabilities. Inadequate antenatal care, smoking, alcohol misuse and poor nutrition are known risk factors associated with low birth weight. In 1999 Kingston upon Hull had a high rate of low weight births, ranking 25th out of 354 LAs nationwide. Small area analysis for three years worth of data, suggests higher than average rates in the Orchard Park, Marfleet, Newington and Sutton areas of the authority. However, Orchard Park is the only ward with a significantly higher low birth weight rate than the authority average. See definitions for data sources and health warnings.