



Malignant melanoma: incidence, mortality and survival rates in the South West Strategic Health Authority and England

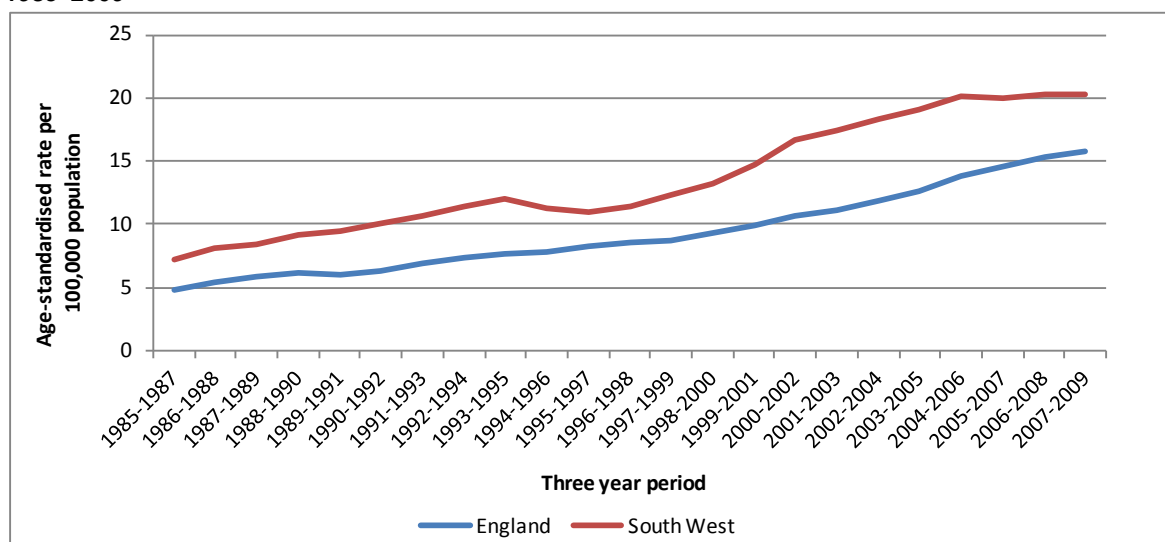
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This factsheet presents data for ICD-10 C43 "Malignant melanoma of skin". The latest available incidence, mortality and survival data have been used.

Incidence rates

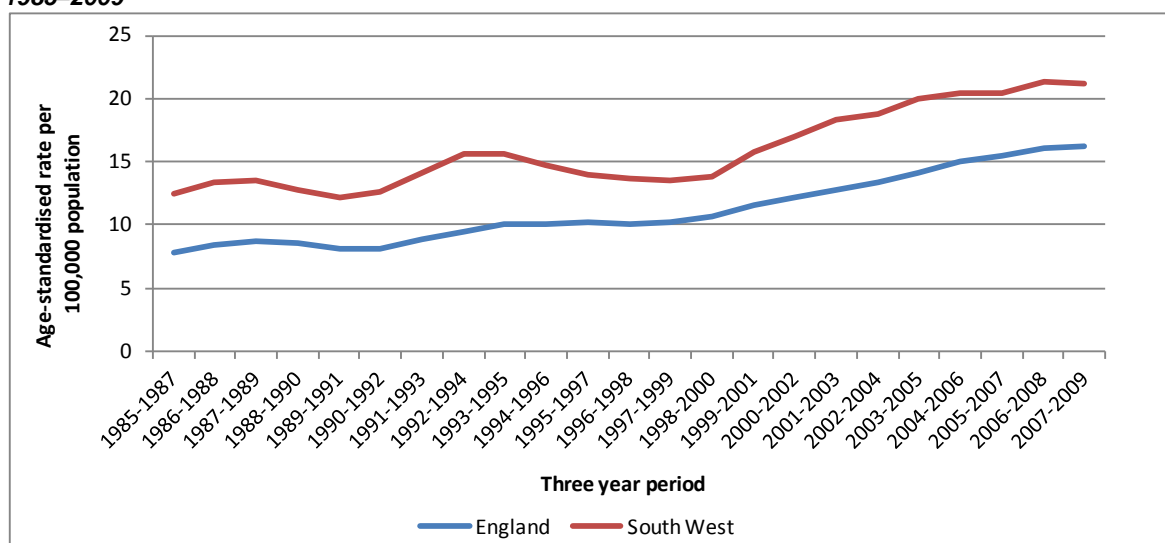
The 3-year average age-standardised incidence rate of malignant melanoma in the South West Strategic Health Authority (SHA) for males and females followed a similar trend as the rate for England: an increase in incidence over the last 20 years, however there were more fluctuations in the South West SHA rate. During this time, the South West SHA had a higher incidence than England. In 2007–08, the 3-year average age-standardised incidence rate of malignant melanoma for males was 20.2 (South West SHA) and 15.8 (England) per 100,000 population and for females the rate was 21.2 (South West SHA) and 16.3 (England) per 100,000 population. From 1985–87 to 1993–95, the age-standardised incidence rate was lower for males than for females.

Figure 1: Malignant melanoma – 3-year average age-standardised incidence rates for males, 1985–2009



Source: UK Cancer Intelligence Service (UKCIS)

Figure 2: Malignant melanoma – 3-year average age-standardised incidence rates for females, 1985–2009

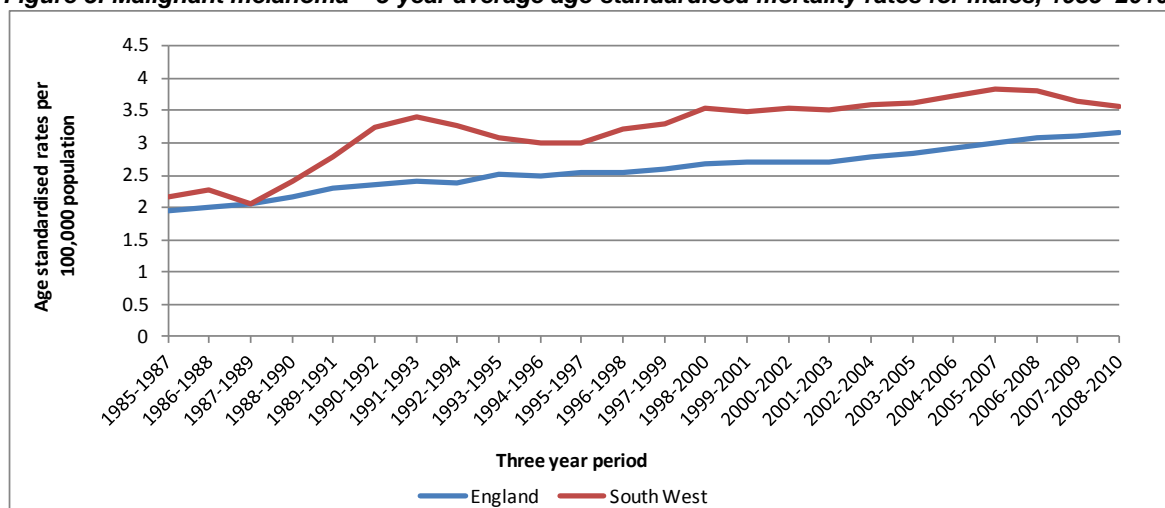


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Mortality rates

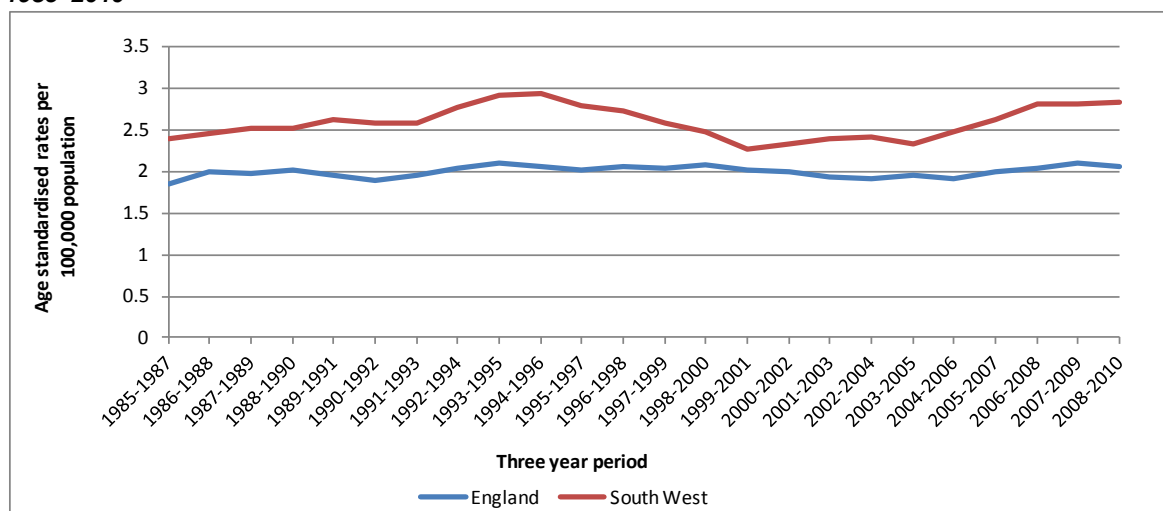
The 3-year average age-standardised mortality rate from malignant melanoma in the South West SHA for males and females followed a similar trend to the rate for England over the last 20 years: for males the rate increased and for females it stayed constant, despite some fluctuations in the South West SHA rates. The South West SHA mortality rate was generally higher than the England rate. In 2008–10, the 3-year average age-standardised mortality rate from malignant melanoma for males was 3.6 (South West SHA) and 3.2 (England) per 100,000 population, and for females the rate was 2.8 (South West SHA) and 2.1 (England) per 100,000 population. From 1997–99, the age-standardised mortality rate was higher for males than females.

Figure 3: Malignant melanoma – 3-year average age-standardised mortality rates for males, 1985–2010



Source: UK Cancer Intelligence Service (UKCIS)

Figure 4: Malignant melanoma – 3-year average age-standardised mortality rates for females, 1985–2010

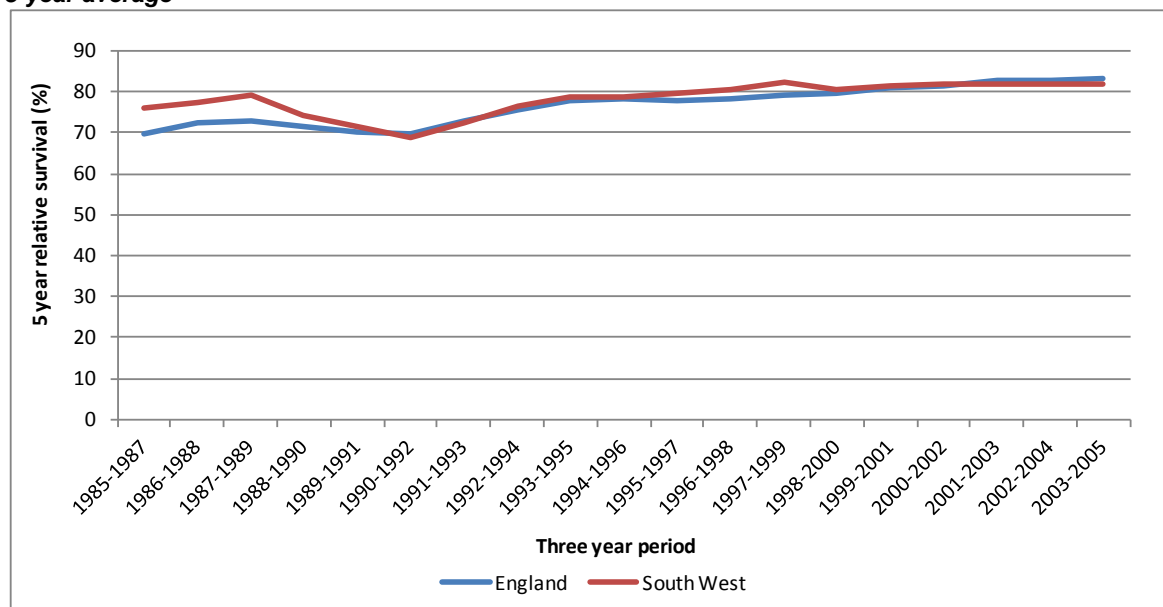


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Survival rates

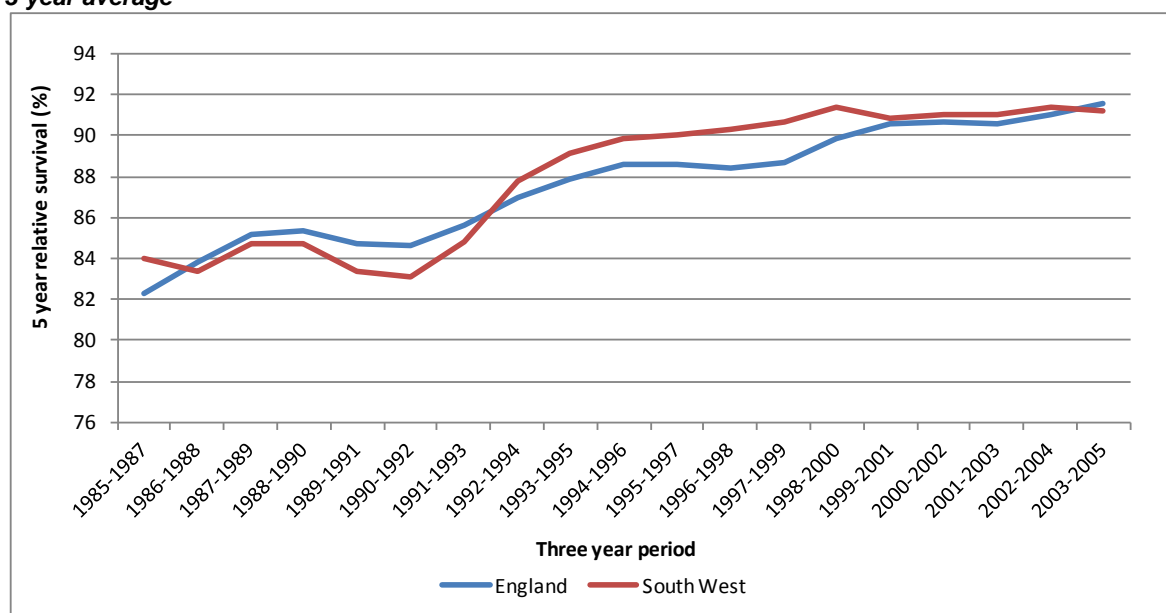
Five-year relative survival rates from malignant melanoma showed little difference between the South West SHA and England for both males and females diagnosed in 2003–05; the survival rate for males was 81.7% in the South West SHA and 83.0% in England, while for females the rates were 9.1% in the South West SHA and 91.6% in England. Comparing survival for people diagnosed in 1985–87 and 2003–05, relative survival increased by 5.5% for males and by 7.2% for females in South West SHA.

Figure 5: Malignant melanoma – 5-year relative survival rates for males diagnosed in 1985–2005, 3-year average



Source: UK Cancer Intelligence Service (UKCIS)

Figure: 6 Malignant melanoma – 5-year relative survival rates for females diagnosed in 1985–2005, 3-year average



Source: UK Cancer Intelligence Service (UKCIS)

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