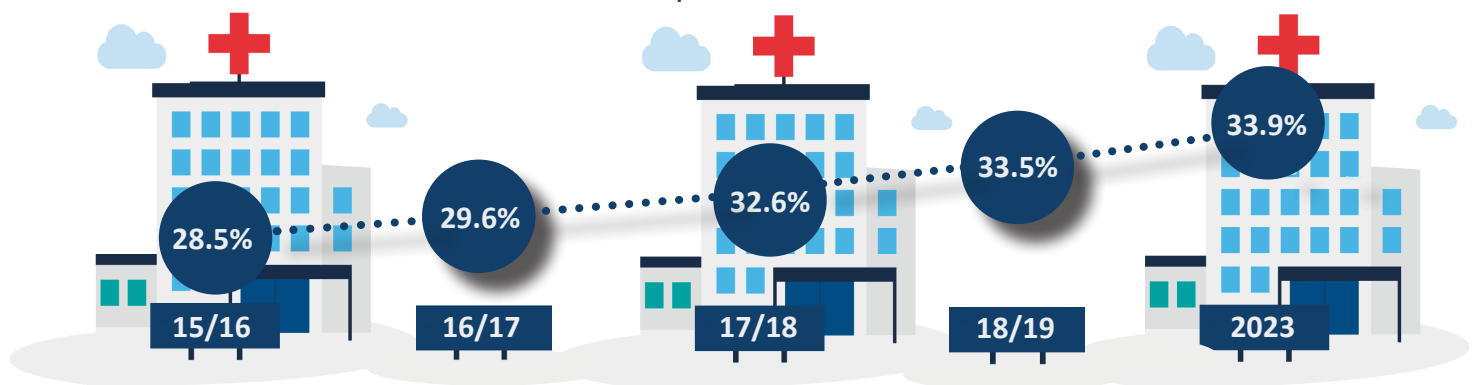


Results at a glance

The National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA) uses information collected routinely as part of NHS maternity care, combined with information collected when women and birthing people and their babies are admitted to hospital, to report on a range of care process and outcome measures.

Summarised here are results for the 173 074 women and birthing people who underwent an induction of labour (IOL) in the NHS in 2023. Details of the methods, summary results table and supplementary results can be found in the [Methods and Results](#) document.

NMPA annual clinical reports show an increase in rates of IOL



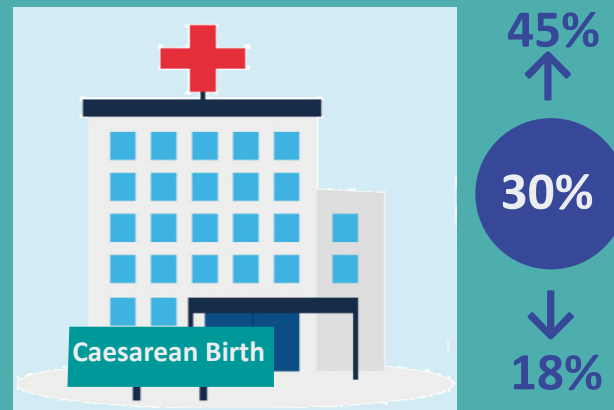
One in three women and birthing people had an induction of labour

IOL rates varied between trusts/boards



Of those who were induced, one in three gave birth by caesarean

Caesarean birth rates following IOL varied between trusts/boards



How maternal characteristics may influence outcomes are displayed as graphs for mode of birth (click [here](#) to view) and 5-minute Apgar score (click [here](#) to view).

The characteristics include:

- Maternal age
- Ethnic group
- Socioeconomic deprivation
- Pregnancy history
- Gestational age at birth
- Country



Of the babies born following IOL, **16 in 1000** were assigned an Apgar score of less than 7 at 5 minutes

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