

JSNA Health and Wellbeing Profile 2020/21

Population Projections

Summary points

- Bristol's population is projected to increase by 6% over the next decade (2020-30), higher than the England projection of 4%.
- Bristol's child population (aged 0-15) is projected to remain stable over the same 10 year period but the population of older people aged 75 and over is projected to increase by 15%.

If recent trends continue, the population of Bristol is projected to increase by 27,800 (6%) to 499,200 over the next decade (2020-30) (figs 1 & 2) and potentially rise to 525,800 by 2040¹. This compares to a 4% projection for England over the next decade.

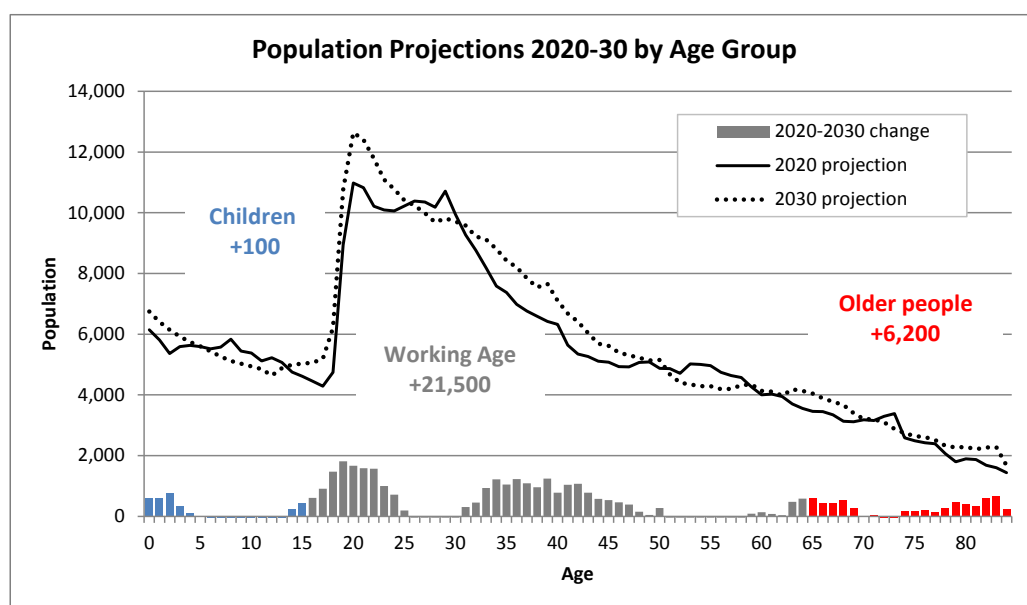


Fig 1: Population Projections 2020-2040 by Age Group
Source: ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections

Age	2020	2030	2040	change 2020-30		
				number	Bristol %	England %
Age 0-15	86,600	86,700	93,100	100	0%	-4%
Age 16-24	74,600	85,900	82,800	11,300	15%	13%
Age 25-49	182,500	194,800	209,800	12,300	7%	0%
Age 50-64	66,900	64,700	68,100	-2,100	-3%	0%
Age 65-74	32,100	33,900	34,100	1,800	6%	15%
Age 75+	28,700	33,100	37,900	4,400	15%	28%
All ages	471,300	499,200	525,800	27,800	6%	4%

Fig 2: Population Projections 2020-40 by Age
Source: ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections

¹ ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections, published March 2020. Assumptions for future levels of births, deaths and migration are based on the 2013 to 2018 trend. They show what the population will be if trends continue. They do not attempt to predict the impact of future policies, economic conditions, local development or other factors. The potential impacts of leaving the EU or Covid-19 are not reflected in the current projections.

Child projections

The number of children living in Bristol will remain stable over the next decade, with some increase in the under 5s offset by a decrease in the over 5s (fig 3). Children are projected to increase from 2030 onwards.

The young person population (16-24) is projected to increase by 15% over the next decade.

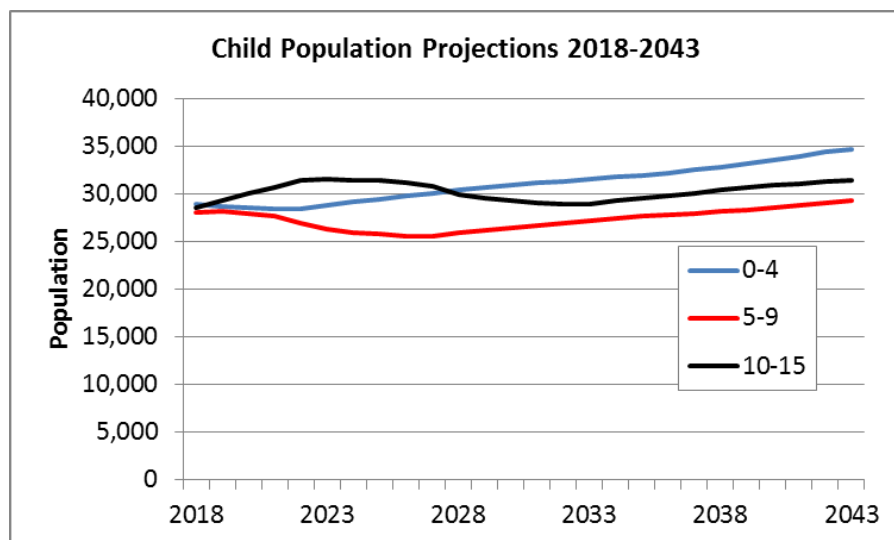


Fig 3: Child Population Projections 2018-2043. Source: ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections

Older People projections

The proportion of older people is lower than nationally but numbers are rising. The number of people aged 65 and over living in Bristol is projected to increase by 6,200 over the next decade (2020-30), a 10% increase, lower than the projected increase in England of 21% (fig 4).

For people 75 & over, there is projected to be a 15% rise by 2030 (+4,400 people) and potentially a 32% rise by 2040.

Age	2020	2030	2040	change 2020-30		
				number	Bristol %	England %
Children						
Age 0-4	28,500	31,000	33,600	2,400	8%	-5%
Age 5-9	28,000	26,400	28,600	-1,500	-5%	-10%
Age 10-15	30,100	29,300	30,900	-800	-3%	1%
Older People						
Age 65-74	32,100	33,900	34,100	1,800	6%	15%
Age 75-84	19,600	23,100	25,400	3,400	18%	27%
Age 85+	9,000	10,000	12,500	1,000	11%	28%

Fig 4: Population Projections 2020-40 – Children and Older People. Source: ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections

Further links: [ONS 2018-based Sub-national Population Projections](#)

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