**Mid-Year Population Estimates**

The estimated population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at 30th June 2018 was 214,090, making up 11.4% of the Northern Ireland population. It is the second largest council after Belfast in terms of population.

The borough is made up of 106,425 (49.7%) males and 107,665 (50.3%) females. In Northern Ireland overall the proportion of females is slightly higher at 50.8%.

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| **Age Group** | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **%** | **Northern Ireland** | **%** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 48,166 | 22.5% | 393,510 | 20.9% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 21,883 | 10.2% | 207,545 | 11.0% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 71,975 | 33.6% | 615,599 | 32.7% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 39,255 | 18.3% | 356,790 | 19.0% |
| **65 and over** | 32,811 | 15.3% | 308,197 | 16.4% |
| **Total**  | 214,090 | 100.0% | 1,881,641 | 100.0% |

*Table 1: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland at 30th June 2018. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

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22.5% of the borough’s population are aged under 16, compared with 20.9% in Northern Ireland as a whole. 15.3% of the borough’s population are aged 65 and over, compared with 16.4% in Northern Ireland as a whole.

Between 2008 and 2018 the population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough increased by 20,487 people (10.6%). This was almost double the percentage increase for Northern Ireland as a whole over the same period (5.8%). The largest percentage increase was shown in the aged 65 and over group which increased by 28.1% (7,195 people). The only age group in the borough to show a decrease in population were those aged 16 to 24 years old.

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| **Age Group** | **2008** | **2018** | **Change** | **% Change** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 43,081 | 48,166 | 5,085 | 11.8% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 24,016 | 21,883 | -2,133 | -8.9% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 69,407 | 71,975 | 2,568 | 3.7% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 31,483 | 39,255 | 7,772 | 24.7% |
| **65 and over** | 25,616 | 32,811 | 7,195 | 28.1% |
| **Total**  | 193,603 | 214,090 | 20,487 | 10.6% |

*Table 2: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at 2008 and 2018. Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Population estimates for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008 to 2018. Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

In the year ending mid-2018, the median age (i.e. the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) of the borough’s population was 37.7 years. This compared to 38.7 years for Northern Ireland. The median age of females in the borough in mid-2018 was 38.7 years compared to 36.8 years for males.

Further information on population estimates can be found via the following link:

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2018-mid-year-population-estimates-northern-ireland>