**Population Projections**

The projected population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough is expected to increase year on year up until 2041 (the latest year projections are available). The population at the end of June 2041 is projected to be 251,621. This is an increase of 37,531 people or 17.5% on 2018 mid-year population estimates. This is projected to be the largest increase in both the number of people and percentage increase across all 11 councils. The projected population increase in Northern Ireland between 2018 and 2041 is 6.5%.

*Figure 1: Population estimates and projections for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008 to 2041. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2016 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

All age groups in the borough are projected to increase between 2018 and 2041, most notably those aged 65 and over, who are projected to increase by 23,285 people or 71.0%. However, in Northern Ireland overall those under 16 and aged 25 to 49 years are projected to decrease.

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| **Age Group** | **ABC 2018** | **ABC 2041** | **ABC Change** | **% Change ABC** | **% Change Northern Ireland** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 48,166 | 49,316 | 1,150 | 2.4% | -7.1% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 21,883 | 25,467 | 3,584 | 16.4% | 0.9% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 71,975 | 76,064 | 4,089 | 5.7% | -6.0% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 39,255 | 44,678 | 5,423 | 13.8% | 0.4% |
| **65 and over** | 32,811 | 56,096 | 23,285 | 71.0% | 59.5% |
| **Total** | 214,090 | 251,621 | 37,531 | 17.5% | 6.5% |

*Table 1: Population changes between 2018 and 2041 for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2016 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

The age profile of the borough is projected to change between 2018 and 2041 with an ageing population. It is projected that in 2033, the proportion of older people in the borough (those aged 65 and over) will be higher than the proportion of children (those aged 15 and under). The proportion of those aged 65 and over is projected to increase from 15.3% in 2018 to 22.3% in 2041. The proportion of those aged under 16 is projected to decrease from 22.5% in 2018 to 19.6% in 2041.

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| **Age Group** | **2018** | **%** | **2033** | **%** | **2041** | **%** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 48,166 | 22.5% | 48,098 | 19.9% | 49,316 | 19.6% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 21,883 | 10.2% | 26,267 | 10.9% | 25,467 | 10.1% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 71,975 | 33.6% | 74,130 | 30.7% | 76,064 | 30.2% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 39,255 | 18.3% | 42,755 | 17.7% | 44,678 | 17.8% |
| **65 and over** | 32,811 | 15.3% | 49,974 | 20.7% | 56,096 | 22.3% |
| **Total** | 214,090 | 100.0% | 241,224 | 100.0% | 251,621 | 100.0% |

*Table 2: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2018, 2033 and 2041. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2016 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Population estimates and projections for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough for children and older people 2008 to 2041. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2016 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

This is also illustrated in the following population pyramids for 2018 and 2041 which shows the growth of older people, especially older males.

*Figure 3: 2018 Population estimates by gender and age band for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: 2018 Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

*Figure 4: 2041 Population projections by gender and age band for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: 2016 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

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

<https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2016-based-population-projections-areas-within-northern-ireland>