**Population Projections**

The projected population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough is expected to increase year on year up until 2043 (the latest year projections are available). The population at the end of June 2043 is projected to be 250,870. This is an increase of 33,638 people or 15.5% on 2020 mid-year population estimates. This is projected to be the largest increase in the number of people across all 11 council areas. The projected population increase in Northern Ireland between 2020 and 2043 is 93,685 which equates to an increase of approximately 4.9%.

*Figure 1: Population estimates and projections for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010 to 2043. Source: 2020 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2018 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

Most age groups in the borough are projected to increase between 2020 and 2043, most notably those aged 65 and over, who are projected to increase by 21,365 people or 62.5%. There is a projected decrease in those aged 0-15 in the borough while in Northern Ireland overall, all age groups up to 49 years are projected to decrease.

| Age Group |  ABC 2020 |  ABC 2043 | ABC Change (No.) | ABC Change (%) | Northern Ireland Change (%) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0-15 years | 48,872 | 47,450 | -1,422 | -2.9% | -11.3% |
| 16-24 years | 21,132 | 24,385 | 3,253 | 15.4% | -0.1% |
| 25-49 years | 72,155 | 76,934 | 4,779 | 6.6% | -4.4% |
| 50-64 years | 40,906 | 46,569 | 5,663 | 13.8% | 1.2% |
| 65 and over | 34,167 | 55,532 | 21,365 | 62.5% | 50.5% |
| Total | **217,232** | **250,870** | **33,638** | **15.5%** | **4.9%** |

*Table 1: Population changes between 2020 and 2043 for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland. Source: 2020 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2018 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

The age profile of the borough is projected to change between 2020 and 2043 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 15.7% in 2020 to 22.1% in 2043. The proportion of those aged under 16 is projected to decrease from 22.5% in 2020 to 18.9% in 2043.

| Age Group | 2020 | % | 2033 | % | 2043 | % |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0 – 15 years | 48,872 | 22.5% | 46,148 | 19.4% | 47,450 | 18.9% |
| 16 – 24 years | 21,132 | 9.7% | 26,539 | 11.2% | 24,385 | 9.7% |
| 25 – 49 years | 72,155 | 33.2% | 74,541 | 31.3% | 76,934 | 30.7% |
| 50 – 64 years | 40,906 | 18.8% | 43,025 | 18.1% | 46,569 | 18.6% |
| 65 and over | 34,167 | 15.7% | 47,813 | 20.1% | 55,532 | 22.1% |
| Total  | 217,232 | 100.0% | 238,066 | 100.0% | 250,870 | 100.0% |

*Table 2: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2020, 2033 and 2043. Source: 2020 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2018 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Population estimates and projections for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough for children and older people 2010 to 2043. Source: 2020 Mid-Year Population Estimates and 2018 Based Population Projections, NISRA.*

This is also illustrated in the following population pyramids for 2020 and 2043 which shows the growth of older people, especially older males.

*Figure 3: 2020 Population estimates by gender and age band for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: 2020 Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

*Figure 4: 2043 Population projections by gender and age band for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough. Source: 2018 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>