**Population Estimates**

The estimated population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at Census Day, 21 March 2021 was 218,656, making up 11.5% of the Northern Ireland population. It is the second largest council after Belfast in terms of population.

The borough is made up of 108,268 (49.5%) males and 110,388 (50.5%) 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 | 48,243 | 22.1% | 388,430 | 20.4% |
| 16-24 | 21,774 | 10.0% | 201,369 | 10.6% |
| 25-49 | 72,023 | 32.9% | 613,605 | 32.2% |
| 50-64 | 41,626 | 19.0% | 373,292 | 19.6% |
| 65+ | 34,990 | 16.0% | 326,477 | 17.2% |
| Total | 218,656 | 100.0% | 1,903,173 | 100.0% |

*Table 1: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland at Census Day 2021. Source: MS-A06 Age Structure, Census 2021, NISRA.*

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22.1% of the borough’s population are aged under 16, compared with 20.4% in Northern Ireland as a whole. 16% of the borough’s population are aged 65 and over, compared with 17.2% in Northern Ireland as a whole.

Between 2011 and 2021 the population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough increased by 18,963 people (9.5%). This was 4.4 percentage points higher than the increase for Northern Ireland as a whole over the same period (5.1%). The largest percentage increase was shown in the aged 65 and over group which increased by 26.7% (7,363 people). The only age group in the borough to show a decrease in population were those aged 16 to 24 years old where the total number decreased by 2,175.

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| **Age Group** | **2011** | **2021** | **Change** | **% Change** |
| **0 – 15 years** | 44,206 | 48,243 | 4,037 | 9.13% |
| **16 – 24 years** | 23,949 | 21,774 | -2,175 | -9.08% |
| **25 – 49 years** | 70,774 | 72,023 | 1,249 | 1.76% |
| **50 – 64 years** | 33,137 | 41,626 | 8,489 | 25.62% |
| **65 and over** | 27,627 | 34,990 | 7,363 | 26.65% |
| **Total** | 199,693 | 218,656 | 18,963 | 9.50% |

*Table 2: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at Census 2011 and 2021. Source: Census 2011 & Census 2021*

*Figure 2: Population estimates for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2011 to 2021. Source: Census 2011, Census 2021 and Mid-Year Population Estimates 2012-2020, NISRA.*

At Census 2021, the median age (i.e. the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) of the borough’s population was 38 years. This is compared to 39 years for Northern Ireland overall. The median age of females in the borough was 39 years compared to 37 years for males.

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

[Census 2021 main statistics demography tables - age and sex | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (nisra.gov.uk)](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/census-2021-main-statistics-demography-tables-age-and-sex)