**Mid-Year Population Estimates**

The estimated population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at 30th June 2023 was 221,754, 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 109,745 (49.5%) males and 112,009 (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 | |
|  | **No.** | **%** | **No.** | **%** |
| 0 – 15 years | 48,363 | 21.8% | 388,219 | 20.2% |
| 16 – 24 years | 21,714 | 9.8% | 197,651 | 10.3% |
| 25 – 49 years | 72,122 | 32.5% | 614,615 | 32.0% |
| 50 – 64 years | 42,617 | 19.2% | 377,415 | 19.7% |
| 65 and over | 36,938 | 16.7% | 342,482 | 17.8% |
| Total | **221,754** | | **1,920,382** | |

*Table 1: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland at 30th June 2023. Source: 2023 Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

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Just under 22% of the borough’s population are aged under 16, compared with approximately 20% in Northern Ireland as a whole. 16.7% of the borough’s population are aged 65 and over, compared with 17.8% in Northern Ireland as a whole.

Between 2013 and 2023 the population of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough increased by 17,682 people (8.7%). This was almost 4 percentage points more than the percentage increase for Northern Ireland as a whole over the same period (4.8%). The largest percentage increase was shown in the aged 65 and over group which increased by 24.9% (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 1,387 (-6%).

| Age Group | 2013 | 2023 | Change | % Change |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0 – 15 years | 45,291 | 48,363 | 3,072 | 6.8% |
| 16 – 24 years | 23,101 | 21,714 | -1,387 | -6.0% |
| 25 – 49 years | 71,399 | 72,122 | 723 | 1.0% |
| 50 – 64 years | 34,706 | 42,617 | 7,911 | 22.8% |
| 65 and over | 29,575 | 36,938 | 7,363 | 24.9% |
| Total | 204,072 | 221,754 | 17,682 | 8.7% |

*Table 2: Age profile of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough at 2013 and 2023. Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

*Figure 2: Population estimates for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2013 to 2023. Source: Mid-Year Population Estimates, NISRA.*

In the year ending mid-2023, the median age (i.e. the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) of the borough’s population was 39.3 years. This compared to 40.2 years for Northern Ireland. The median age of females in the borough in mid-2023 was 40.1 years compared to 38.4 years for males.

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

[2023 Mid-Year Population Estimates for Northern Ireland | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2023-mid-year-population-estimates-northern-ireland-and-estimates-population-aged-85)