

## Information note: 2008-based national population projections



### 18 November 2009: Release of additional variant projections

On 21 October 2009, ONS released the 2008-based national population projections for the UK and constituent countries. The main results of these new projections were published in a [Statistical Bulletin](#).

Projections are uncertain and become increasingly so the further they are carried forward in time. In addition to the principal (or central) projection, variant projections are also produced based on alternative, but still plausible, assumptions.

Nine key variant projections were released on 21 October alongside the principal projections. Today ONS is releasing a further 13 variant projections that illustrate additional alternative scenarios to supplement the projections released on 21 October.

Please see this link for [the results of the 2008-based principal and variant projections](#). Results of the additional variant projections, together with information on the assumptions underlying these projections, have been added to the information published on 21 October.

Today ONS is also releasing an [interactive population pyramid](#) that allows the projected age structure of the UK population to be viewed and compared for the 2008-based principal and variant projections.

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