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Mid-2000 UK population estimates

The mid-2000 United Kingdom population is estimated at 59,755,700, a rise of 3.4 per cent since mid-1991 according to new data released by National Statistics today.

The mid-2000 UK population is 0.4 per cent higher than in mid-1999 when the population was estimated at 59,500,900.

The largest rises were seen in the population of working age of 30 and over (30-64/59 for men and women respectively) and the 85 and over age group which increased by 13.6 per cent and 29.5 per cent respectively between 1991 and 2000.

Although the United Kingdom population increased overall, there were decreases in some age groups. The largest decrease occurred in the number of people aged 16-29. This group was estimated at 10,645,700 in 2000 which is a fall of 13.9 per cent since 1991.

Changes in the population age structure mid-1991 to mid-2000

Table A shows for various age groups how the size of the United Kingdom population has changed between mid-1991 and mid-2000. The population has increased since 1991 with the biggest increases being observed in three age groups:

- The population of working age of 30 and over
- Children aged 5-15
- The very elderly age group of 85 and over.

The population of working age of 30 and over has increased by 13.6 per cent since 1991. This increase is mainly the result of high birth rates during the sixties and in the post Second World War baby boom. The very elderly age group of 85 and over has increased by 29.5 per cent since 1991. This reflects increasing life expectancy.

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Despite the overall increase in the population some age groups have decreased since 1991:

- the working age population of 16-29
- children aged 0-4
- the early retired age group of 65/60-74.

The decline since 1991 in the 16-29 age group is mainly as a result of low birth rates during the seventies. The decline since 1991 in the early retired age group of 65/60-74 year olds is mainly a result of low birth rates during the thirties. The decline in children aged 0-4 is due to low birth rates in recent years.

Components of population change mid-1991 to mid-2000

Table B shows components of population change in the United Kingdom between mid-1991 and mid-2000. Of the total increase between mid-1999 and mid-2000, 61,300 is due to natural change (more births than deaths). The remainder, 193,500, is estimated to be mainly due to people migrating to the United Kingdom and this includes people returning to the United Kingdom after a stay abroad of a year or more. Although migration has been an important factor in population change in recent years (from 1998-2000 it accounted for 74 per cent of total change), over the period 1991-2000 natural change has also been important. Between 1991 and 2000 natural change accounted for 47 per cent of total population change.

UK population by single year of age and sex

Table 1 gives the estimated population by single year of age and sex for the United Kingdom.

These population estimates are for mid-2000. They do not use any information from the recent Census for which results are not yet available. The mid-2000 population estimates are based on updating the 1991 Census, allowing for estimated population change since 1991.



Availability of population estimates on the Internet

The tables included with this release are available on the National Statistics website (www.statistics.gov.uk). They can be found at the following addresses:

For Table A – changes in the population structure:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/ssdataset.asp?vlnk=4167>

For Table B – components of population change:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/ssdataset.asp?vlnk=4168>

For Table 1 – estimated UK resident population:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/ssdataset.asp?vlnk=4166>

Tables for the estimated population by single year of age and sex for the constituent countries of the United Kingdom and for Great Britain are also available on the National Statistics website. They are available from the following address:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/products/p7225.asp>

The population estimates by local authority areas and health authority areas will be available from 23 August 2001 and will be available via the Internet from that date.

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. This first release contains population estimates for the United Kingdom. Population estimates for constituent countries of the UK are available on the National Statistics Website (www.statistics.gov.uk). Population estimates for local and health authorities in England and Wales will be available on 23 August 2001.
2. Population estimates for Scotland and Northern Ireland are compiled by the General Register Office for Scotland and the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency respectively. Queries about the production of estimates for Scotland and Northern Ireland should be addressed to the respective offices.
3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office.
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Table A Change in size of selected age-groups, mid-1991 to mid-2000

Numbers (thousands)

	All ages	Children		Adults										
		Total 0-15	Pre-school age 0-4	School age			Working age*				Pensionable age**			
				5-9	10-15	Total 16-64/59	16-29	30-44	45-64/59	65/60+	65/60-74	75-84	85+	
United Kingdom														
Resident population (000s)														
Mid-1991	57,813.8	11,742.5	3,887.5	3,674.1	4,180.8	35,469.3	12,357.6	12,221.4	10,890.3	10,602.0	6,565.4	3,139.0	897.6	
Mid-1999	59,500.9	12,113.9	3,624.6	3,906.6	4,582.7	36,633.7	10,733.5	13,549.0	12,351.1	10,753.3	6,389.2	3,221.8	1,142.3	
Mid-2000	59,755.7	12,076.4	3,575.2	3,862.7	4,638.5	36,889.8	10,645.7	13,750.5	12,493.6	10,789.5	6,390.0	3,237.1	1,162.4	
Change 1991-2000														
Absolute (000s)	1,941.8	333.9	-312.3	188.6	457.7	1,420.4	-1,712.0	1,529.2	1,603.2	187.5	-175.4	98.0	264.8	
Percentage	3.4	2.8	-8.0	5.1	10.9	4.0	-13.9	12.5	14.7	1.8	-2.7	3.1	29.5	

* Males aged 16 to 64; females aged 16 to 59.

** Males aged 65 and over; females aged 60 and over.

Note: Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

Source: Office for National Statistics, General Register Office for Scotland and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

Table B Components of population change, mid-1991 to mid-2000
Numbers (thousands)

Mid-year period	Resident population at start of period	Annual components of change ¹				Total annual change	Resident population at end of period
		Births*	Deaths*	Natural change	Migration and other changes		
United Kingdom							
1991-98	57,813.8	748.5	636.9	111.5	91.7	203.2	59,236.5
1998-99	59,236.5	710.8	634.8	76.0	188.4	264.4	59,500.9
1999-2000	59,500.9	688.2	626.9	61.3	193.5	254.7	59,755.7

* Figures as used in compilation of estimates, mid-year to mid-year.

¹ For 1991-1998 the figures are shown as average annual change.

Note: Figures may not add exactly due to rounding.

Source: Office for National Statistics, General Register Office for Scotland and Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

Table 1 Population at mid-2000: United Kingdom; Estimated Resident Population by single year of age United Kingdom
Numbers(thousands)

Age	Persons	Males	Females	Age	Persons	Males	Females
All ages	59,755.7	29,459.0	30,296.7				
0-4	3,575.2	1,832.0	1,743.2	50-54	4,058.9	2,022.4	2,036.5
0	685.6	351.4	334.2	50	773.3	385.4	387.9
1	708.9	363.3	345.6	51	798.0	397.9	400.1
2	717.4	367.3	350.1	52	848.6	422.5	426.1
3	739.7	378.8	360.9	53	922.3	460.5	461.8
4	723.5	371.2	352.3	54	716.8	356.1	360.7
5-9	3,862.7	1,979.4	1,883.4	55-59	3,250.2	1,609.0	1,641.1
5	739.0	378.9	360.1	55	703.3	348.7	354.6
6	765.3	392.6	372.7	56	706.0	350.4	355.6
7	764.1	391.3	372.8	57	669.6	331.6	338.0
8	793.5	406.6	386.9	58	609.9	301.6	308.2
9	800.8	410.0	390.8	59	561.3	276.7	284.6
10-14	3,884.5	1,993.8	1,890.7	60-64	2,883.5	1,410.7	1,472.8
10	783.6	402.0	381.6	60	589.4	290.0	299.4
11	780.6	400.4	380.2	61	591.6	289.8	301.8
12	790.7	406.2	384.5	62	582.9	285.4	297.4
13	768.5	394.2	374.3	63	566.9	277.0	289.9
14	761.2	391.1	370.0	64	552.8	268.5	284.3
15-19	3,682.7	1,893.9	1,788.8	65-69	2,582.6	1,232.5	1,350.1
15	754.0	387.0	367.0	65	536.0	259.9	276.1
16	726.4	373.2	353.3	66	514.1	247.4	266.7
17	730.9	376.3	354.6	67	507.1	241.8	265.3
18	728.7	375.4	353.3	68	512.1	243.2	268.9
19	742.7	382.1	360.6	69	513.3	240.1	273.2
20-24	3,563.9	1,827.4	1,736.4	70-74	2,334.6	1,054.5	1,280.1
20	755.5	387.1	368.5	70	500.0	230.0	270.0
21	728.5	374.2	354.3	71	478.4	218.0	260.4
22	684.2	350.8	333.4	72	460.1	208.0	252.2
23	680.3	348.9	331.4	73	452.1	202.1	250.0
24	715.4	366.5	348.9	74	444.0	196.5	247.5
25-29	4,153.1	2,134.4	2,018.7	75-79	1,992.7	823.2	1,169.6
25	751.0	384.8	366.2	75	422.0	182.3	239.7
26	776.8	398.3	378.5	76	407.2	172.0	235.2
27	828.0	426.4	401.6	77	390.9	161.0	229.9
28	876.1	451.3	424.8	78	388.6	157.2	231.4
29	921.2	473.5	447.7	79	384.1	150.6	233.4
30-34	4,745.6	2,430.8	2,314.8	80-84	1,244.3	450.0	794.3
30	913.0	470.5	442.5	80	374.6	143.3	231.2
31	941.2	483.1	458.1	81	236.5	87.3	149.2
32	943.6	482.3	461.3	82	209.8	74.8	134.9
33	966.6	494.0	472.6	83	214.3	74.5	139.8
34	981.2	500.9	480.3	84	209.2	70.1	139.1
35-39	4,835.3	2,463.0	2,372.4	85-89	758.4	227.8	530.6
35	997.7	509.2	488.5	85	197.0	62.8	134.2
36	993.9	506.8	487.1	86	175.5	53.9	121.6
37	972.5	495.2	477.2	87	150.6	45.3	105.3
38	947.9	481.9	466.0	88	127.0	36.3	90.7
39	923.3	469.8	453.6	89	108.3	29.4	78.9
40-44	4,169.6	2,099.9	2,069.7	90 and over	404.0	87.3	316.7
40	881.9	447.7	434.2				
41	857.6	431.6	426.0				
42	837.8	421.0	416.7	Under 16	12,076.4	6,192.2	5,884.3
43	810.9	407.2	403.7				
44	781.4	392.2	389.2	Under 18	13,533.8	6,941.7	6,592.1
45-49	3,773.8	1,887.1	1,886.7	16-44	24,396.2	12,462.4	11,933.8
45	755.5	378.6	376.9				
46	764.3	382.5	381.9	45-64/59*	12,493.6	6,929.3	5,564.3
47	758.3	379.4	378.9				
48	741.3	369.5	371.7	65/60**	10,789.5	3,875.2	6,914.3
49	754.4	377.2	377.2	and over			

* 45-64 for males; 45-59 for females.

** 65 and over for males; 60 and over for females.

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