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**Coverage**

England

**Theme**

Population and Migration

## Population projected to rise in all regions of England

Population is projected to increase in all of the regions of England over the period 2004 to 2029, according to new local population projections released today by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The projections look 25 years ahead from 2004 for the regions, local authority and Strategic Health Authorities of England.

The projections assume recent population trends continue and so do not reflect the impact of future development policies on the population of an area.

Although the populations of all the English regions are projected to increase over the period, London (19 per cent), the South West (16 per cent), East (15 per cent), East Midlands (14 per cent), Yorkshire and the Humber (14 per cent) and the South East (13 per cent) show the highest growth.

The West Midlands (8 per cent), North West (7 per cent) and the North East (4 per cent) show slower growth over the projected period.

Local authority projections are also presented. They show that the population in more than one fifth of local authorities is projected to increase by more than 20 per cent to 2029, while six per cent of authorities are projected to have decreasing populations.

The total projected population is in line with the steady growth seen in the population mid-year estimates. It shows a continued ageing in all areas.

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The subnational population projections are available free on National Statistics website: [www.statistics.gov.uk/snpp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/snpp)

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These new long-term subnational population projections replace the 2003 -based interim subnational population projections previously published by the ONS.

The subnational population projections for England are consistent with the official national population projections published by the Government Actuary's Department on 20 October 2005.

### 2004-based Subnational population projections: England and Regions

All people

	<i>thousands</i>		% growth over period
	2004	2029	
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>50,093.1</b>	<b>56,456.6</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
North East	2,545.1	2,638.1	3.7%
North West	6,827.2	7,331.2	7.4%
Yorkshire and The Humber	5,038.8	5,737.5	13.9%
East Midlands	4,279.7	4,874.1	13.9%
West Midlands	5,334.0	5,748.7	7.8%
East	5,491.3	6,308.0	14.9%
London	7,428.6	8,806.8	18.6%
South East	8,110.2	9,149.8	12.8%
South West	5,038.2	5,862.5	16.4%

## BACKGROUND NOTES

1. The subnational population projections use historic demographic data to make assumptions on future demographic behaviour. They therefore do not take into account future housing or other policies for specific areas.
2. Care must be taken when interpreting the projections due to limitations in the methodology, particularly relating to the distribution of international migration to smaller areas. ONS is working on methodological improvements to this as part of its "Improvements to Migration and Population Statistics" research programme. Further information on this, as well as information about future plans to develop the statistics, can be found at: [www.statistics.gov.uk/snpp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/snpp)
3. Until January 2006, The Government Actuary's Department was responsible for the National Population Projections for England. They published 2004-based projections on 20 October 2005. These subnational population projections are produced by the ONS and are fully consistent with the official national projections in terms of population and components of change.
4. On 31 January 2006, responsibility for the production of national projections was transferred to the Office for National Statistics Centre for Demography (NSCD). Future national projections will be produced by ONS in consultation with the General Register Office for Scotland, the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and the Welsh Assembly Government Statistical Directorate.
5. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office.
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