

# Population

Population change shows the long-term relationship between people, their communities and the place they live in. Understanding population changes in the past, and forecasting population changes in the future, allows all services to plan for the needs of the people and the communities in Knowsley.

Following decades of population decline, Knowsley's population has grown since 2011, and is projected to continue to grow. Expected population growth and increased house-building throughout Knowsley will create more demand on all service providers; in particular education and health services will be under pressure to respond to the needs of a growing population.

Life expectancy for residents of Knowsley has increased, with more people living longer. However, there remains significant gaps between life expectancy in Knowsley and the average life expectancy in England. Healthy life expectancy in Knowsley has also increased, albeit at a slower rate than overall life expectancy. This means that people in Knowsley are living for longer but often in ill-health as they get older, creating greater demand for health and care services.

Population data should be used to improve access to services and reduce inequalities. The current indices of multiple deprivation shows that Knowsley is the second most deprived borough in England. There is also consistent evidence that the numbers of affluent people living in

Knowsley has increased since 2015. This suggests that there is a risk of growing inequalities within the Borough.

## The main messages about Knowsley's population are:

- Knowsley has a population of 149,571 people, and projections show that Knowsley's overall population will continue to grow;
- Knowsley's working age population is projected to decline by 2030;
- Recent declines in Knowsley's population was driven by internal migration out of the Borough;
- International migration has grown over the last 10-years;
- The numbers of births per year in Knowsley has increased over the last five years, against national trends;
- In 2017, Knowsley had the third highest rate of legal abortions in England and Wales;
- Knowsley has one of the highest rates of preventable deaths in England;
- Life Expectancy in Knowsley lags behind national;
- Healthy life expectancy has risen at a lower rate, so more years are spent in ill-health;
- Knowsley is less ethnically diverse than England;
- Knowsley is the 2nd most deprived borough in England;
- Average earnings in Knowsley shows greater disparity both within the Borough and outside.



## Population

This chapter describes the changing size and profile of Knowsley's population.

**Knowsley has a population of 149,571 people<sup>1</sup>:**

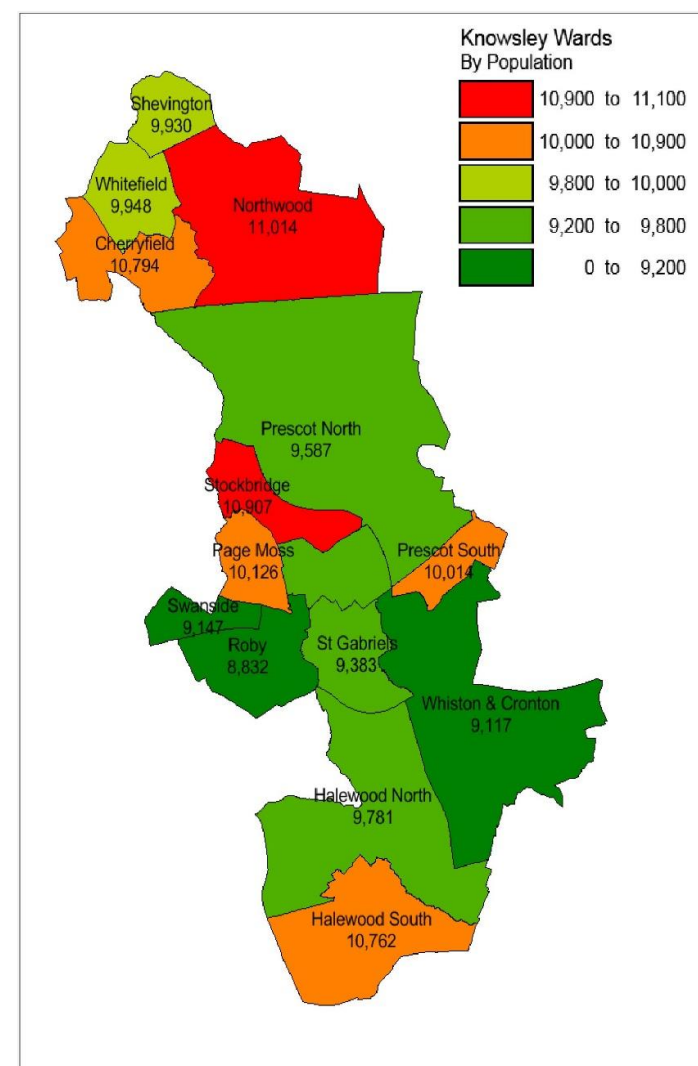
Mid-year estimates for 2018, show that there are 149,571 people living in Knowsley. This is an increase of 1,011 people from the 2017 mid-year estimates:

- There were an estimated 1,987 births in 2018 and 1,632 deaths;
- 7,151 people moved into Knowsley from other parts of the UK, and 6,589 people moved out of Knowsley to other parts of the UK;
- 318 people moved into Knowsley due to international migration, and 231 left due to international migration.

Of Knowsley's population, ONS estimate that 78,459 (52%) are female and 71,112 (48%) are male.

Knowsley has 15 wards that can be split into the townships of Huyton, Kirkby, Halewood, Prescot, Whiston and Cronton. Huyton is the most populous township in the Borough with 57,613 people living there (38.8% of the population of Knowsley). However, the Northwood ward in Kirkby has the highest overall ward population.

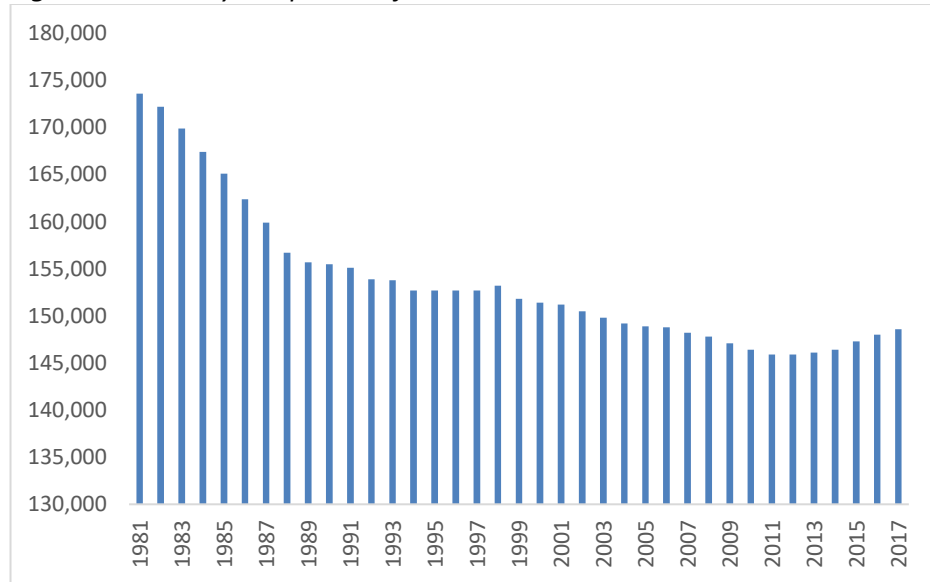
**Figure 1: Knowsley population by Ward**



Source: ONS Mid-Year Estimates, 2018

**Long-term trends show that Knowsley's population has declined over the last four decades**

**Figure 2: Knowsley's Population from 1981**



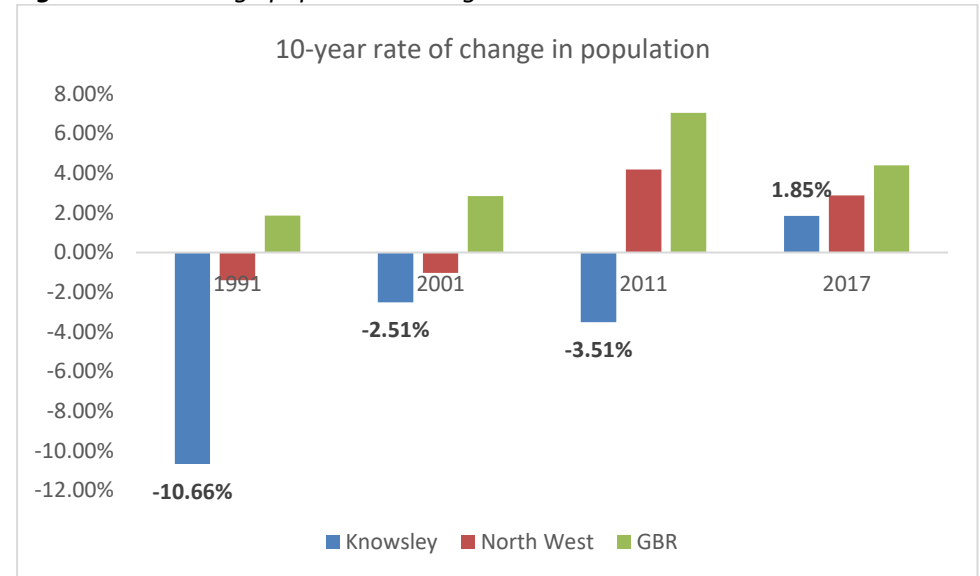
Source: ONS Population

Knowsley was formed as a borough on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1974. In 1971, there were approximately 194,600 people living in the area that would become Knowsley. By 1981 there were 173,600 people living in the Borough, by 1991 there were 155,100 people. Long-term decline continued with the population falling by over 10% between 1981 and 1991, connected to economic decline in the 1980's and 1990's (particularly in manufacturing). Knowsley's population fell to a low of 145,900 in 2011.

However, in the past seven years Knowsley's population has increased by 1.85%, albeit at a lower rate than national (4.39%) and regional (2.87%)

population growth. Knowsley has had a much lower rate of international migration into the Borough, affecting the overall population growth.

**Figure 3: Percentage population change since 1991**



Source: ONS Population

**Population changes are evident in the ages of people who live in Knowsley**

Changes to Knowsley's population in the last 10-years have been significant. While the overall working age population has stayed stable, people aged 35 to 44 years old have left the Borough (this population has declined by 25%). The proportional fall in people aged 35-44 years old is a trend also seen in national data, but the decline is greater in Knowsley. While the population of adults aged 35 to 44 years old has decreased,



there has also been a decrease of young people aged from 10 to 19 years old. This could be linked to families leaving the Borough as children transition from primary to secondary education, and for employment opportunities. There are also significant numbers of children who remain resident in the Borough, but choose to access secondary education outside of Knowsley.

The numbers of older people in Knowsley has also increased, there are an additional 2,400 people aged 65 and older in Knowsley, compared with 10 years ago. The over 65 population has increased by 10%, but the most significant changes have been in the 85 plus population that has increased by 58% and the over 90 population that has increased by 77%.

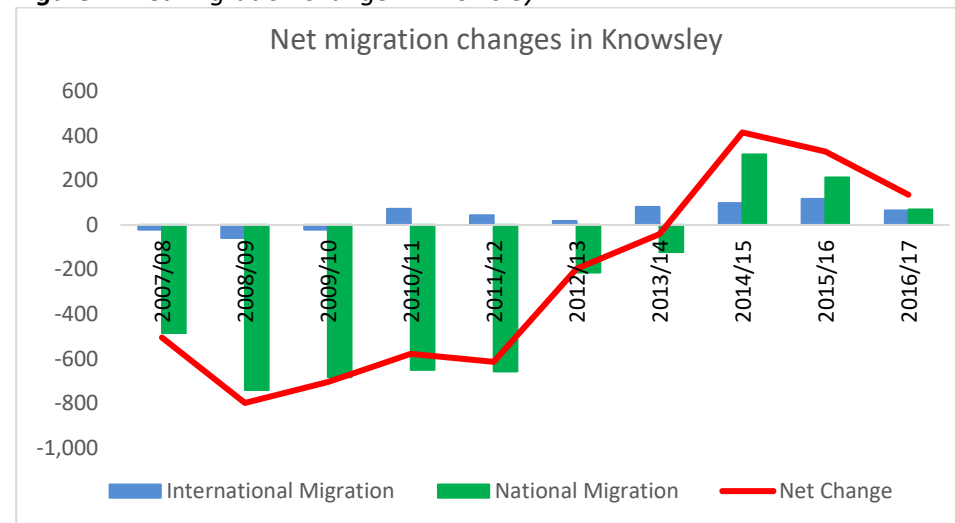
The increase in older people is at a higher rate than that of national increases, but Knowsley's older population remains an overall small number of people.

## Migration

***Recent declines in Knowsley's population was driven by internal migration out of the Borough:***

In particular, more people have left Knowsley to live in other parts of the UK, with many more people leaving the Borough than coming in between 2007 and 2013.

**Figure 4: Net Migration change in Knowsley**



Source: ONS Population

Over this period, typically more than 5,000 people left the Borough, with 4,000 people coming to live in the Borough each year. This pattern is similar to migration patterns in Merseyside, whereby from 2007 to 2012 more people were leaving Merseyside than coming to live here. Much of the migration from Knowsley was to surrounding areas, especially to Liverpool and St. Helens.

The increase in population from 2013 onwards can be attributed to the rate of people moving into to the Borough increasing, while the numbers of people leaving has remained stable. This change can be attributed to increased house-building, and improved housing stock throughout the Borough.

Knowsley's shape, the relatively easy transport routes out of the Borough and more difficult cross borough transport, means that when moving,

families are more likely to move into another Borough rather than a different part of the Borough.

***International migration has grown over the last 10-years:***

Overall, international migration has grown in Knowsley over the last 10-years, but international migration has a much lower impact on net changes than national/internal migration. International migration occurs at a lower rate in Knowsley than in Merseyside.

## Births and Deaths

***The numbers of births per year in Knowsley has increased over the last five years, against national trends:***

Over the past five-years, birth rates have grown slightly in Knowsley, with mortality rates remaining stable. In Knowsley, women tend to have children younger than national or regional fertility rates, with more women in Knowsley having children in their twenties. 33% of children born, are born to women aged between 25 and 29 in Knowsley, whereas nationally more children are born to women aged 30-34.

Projections show that the birth rate in Knowsley will decline from the current rate of 2,000 children each year to 1,800 by 2030.

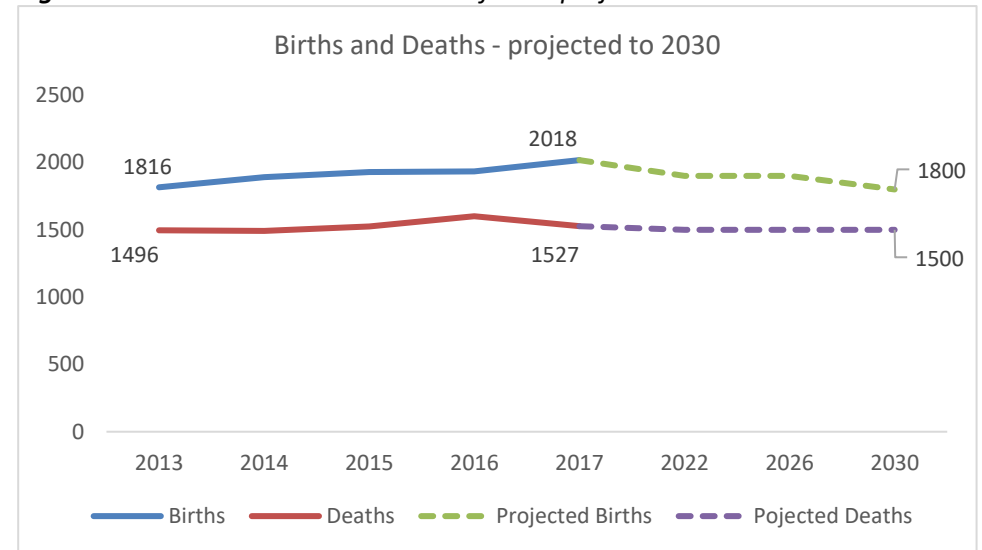
***In 2017, Knowsley had the third highest rate of legal abortions in England and Wales:***

There were 24.9 abortions per 1,000 resident women aged between 15 and 44 years old, equating to 753 abortions. Knowsley is the only non-

London local authority in the five authorities with the highest prevalence of abortion in England and Wales.

Other local authorities with high rates of abortions, tend to have particularly high rates of abortion in women aged between 18 and 19, but Knowsley has a high proportion of women aged between 20 and 24, and the highest rate in the country for women aged between 25 and 29.

**Figure 5: Births and Deaths actual and future projections**



Source: ONS Population

***Knowsley has one of the highest rates of preventable deaths in England:***

Mortality rates for all ages have fallen in the last decade, and the overall mortality rate has remained stable for the last five years. However, more than a third of deaths in Knowsley were people under the age of 75, and

Knowsley has the 13<sup>th</sup> highest rate of all age, all causes mortality considered preventable out of 326 authorities.

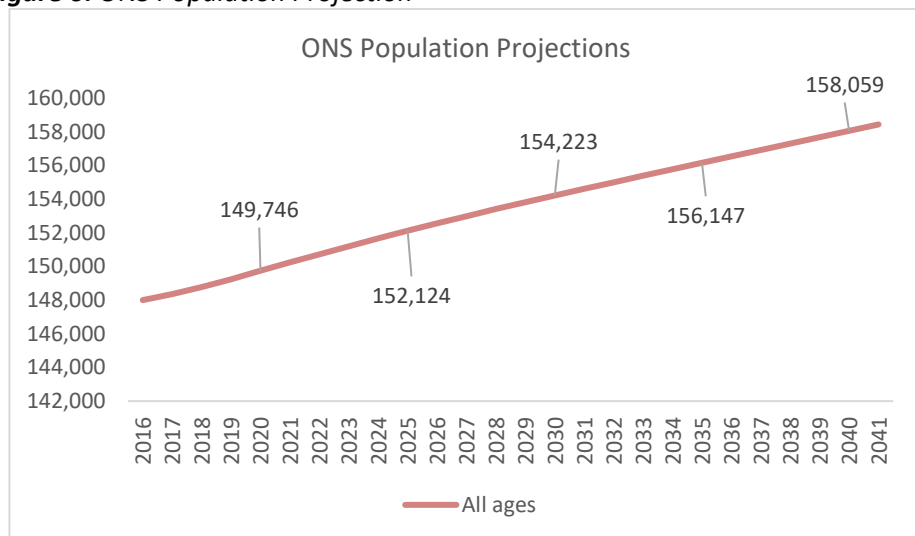
The main causes of death in Knowsley are Cancer, Cardiovascular and Respiratory diseases. *(More detail can be found in Live Well).*

## Population Projections

### **Projections show that Knowsley's population will continue to grow**

National projections from the Office for National Statistics indicate that by 2030, Knowsley will have a population of 154,223.

**Figure 6: ONS Population Projection**



Source: ONS Population Estimates

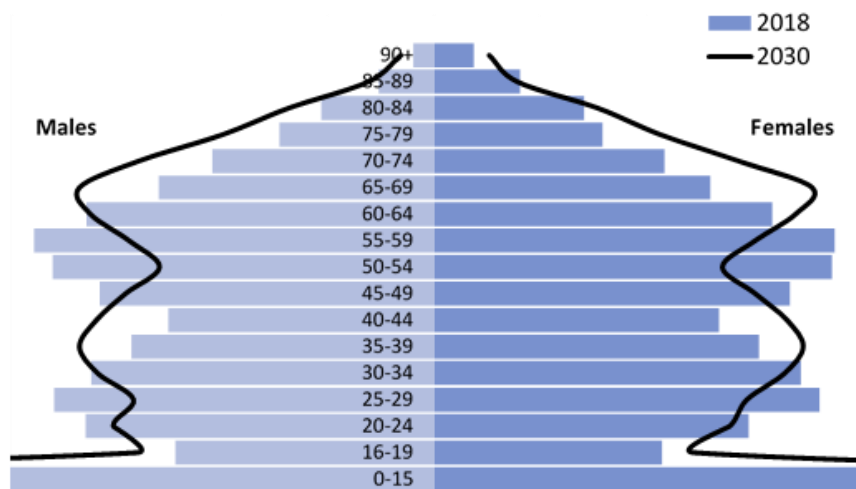
National projections show that the 2030 total population will have grown by approximately 5,000 people, growing at a faster rate than the previous decade. These projections show that growth in the rate of older people living in the Borough will exceed growth in the overall population with a projected increase of almost 8,000 people aged 65 and older.

### **Knowsley's working age population is projected to decline by 2030:**

The number of people living in Knowsley aged between 20 and 65 is projected to fall by 4,800 between 2018 and 2030. In particular, numbers of people in their 20's and 50's living in Knowsley are projected to decline.

Migration of people in their 20's is connected to both employment and education opportunities, and Knowsley's current housing stock which has fewer one-bedroomed homes suitable for younger people.

**Figure 7: Population Pyramid – current and projected**

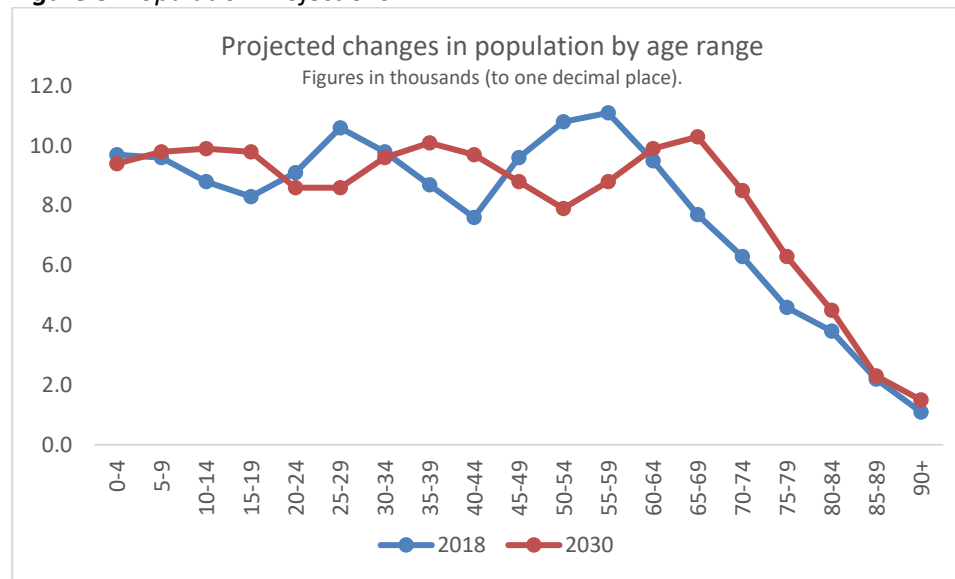


Source: ONS Population Estimates

Population projections show that the current low proportion of people in their 30's and 40's will continue into the next decade, with fewer people in their 50's living in Knowsley. This reduction is significant, as there will be fewer people in the Borough at the higher end of the skills spectrum living in the Borough. The projected decline of people in the 20's will also potentially affect the skills mix available for Knowsley's workforce.

The number of children living in Knowsley will increase by 2,500 – but projections show a decline in the number of children aged between 0-4, as there is a projected decline Knowsley's birth rate.

**Figure 8: Population Projections**



Source: ONS Population Estimates

**Local population projections align with national population projections:**

Standard population projection methods use past trends to project into the future, and are formed based on a variety of factors including births, deaths and migration. However, local projections can take these factors into consideration, and also local intelligence including council tax information and plans for house building (numbers of houses and size of houses being built) to create slightly different population projections. Taking into consideration expansions in house building across the Borough local projections state that by 2030, Knowsley will have a population of 153,027.

Significant commitments have been made to house building across the Borough, and are focused on providing high-quality housing for Knowsley



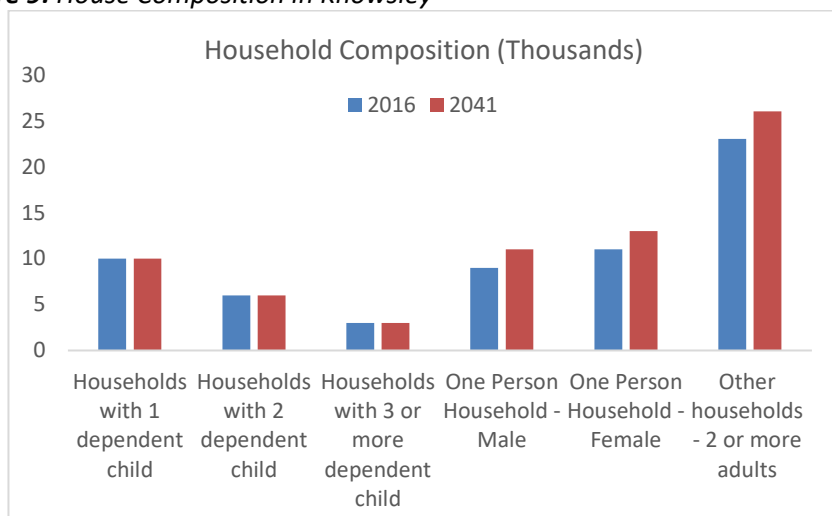


families. It is anticipated that this will also attract families into the Borough, and with a positive impact on the working-age population.

**Projections show that the household composition in Knowsley will change**

Household projections start in 2016 and project to 2041. Between 2016 and 2041, average household size is projected to fall in Knowsley (2.36 to 2.29) and England (2.37 to 2.26), whilst the numbers of households increases from 60,000 to 69,000. There will be particular growth in numbers of households with one adult or two or more adults, and no dependent children. This is line with expectations around increasing life expectancy and more adults staying at home.<sup>ii</sup>

**Figure 9: House Composition in Knowsley**



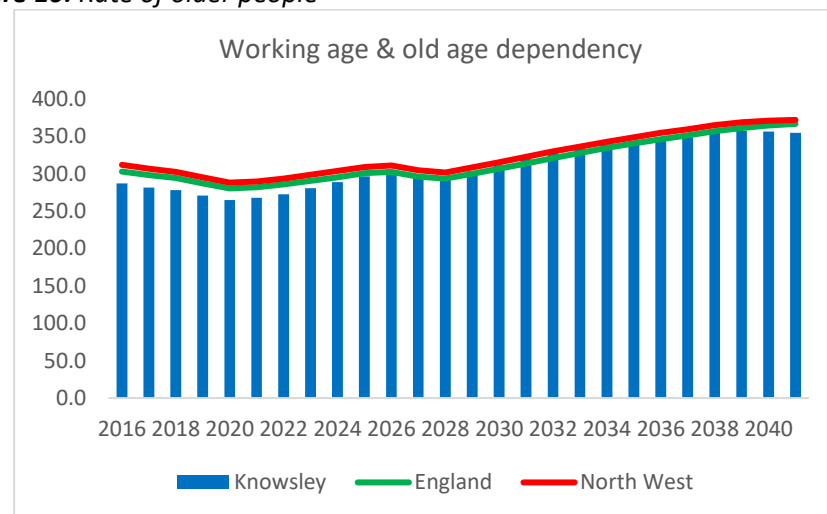
Source: ONS Families and households in the UK, 2016

As the population lives longer, there is an increase in its old-age dependency ratio (OADR) - the number of people of State Pension age (those aged 65 years and older) per every 1,000 of the working-age population (those aged 16 to 64 years old). In Knowsley, the old age ratio is projected to increase from 287 per 1,000 working age people to 311 per 1,000 working age people in 2030.

**The number of people aged 65 and over in Knowsley is expected to increase by almost a third between now and 2030**

Current population figures show that there are approximately 26,000 people aged 65 and over living in Knowsley, representing around 17% of the total population. This figure is expected to increase by approximately 33% by 2030 to 33,400 older people.

**Figure 10: Rate of older people**



Source: ONS Old age dependency ratio





## Life Expectancy

### ***Life Expectancy at birth in Knowsley lags behind national:***

Although the population of older people has grown, the increase in life expectancy in Knowsley has not caught up with national life expectancy, and the latest data shows that Knowsley's life expectancy in 2016 is lower than national life expectancy in 2006:

**Table 1: Life Expectancy**

Male Life Expectancy	2004-06	2014-16
Knowsley	74.3	76.7
England	77.2	79.5

Female Life Expectancy	2004-06	2014-16
Knowsley	78.8	80.3
England	81.5	83.1

Source: NHS Fingertips

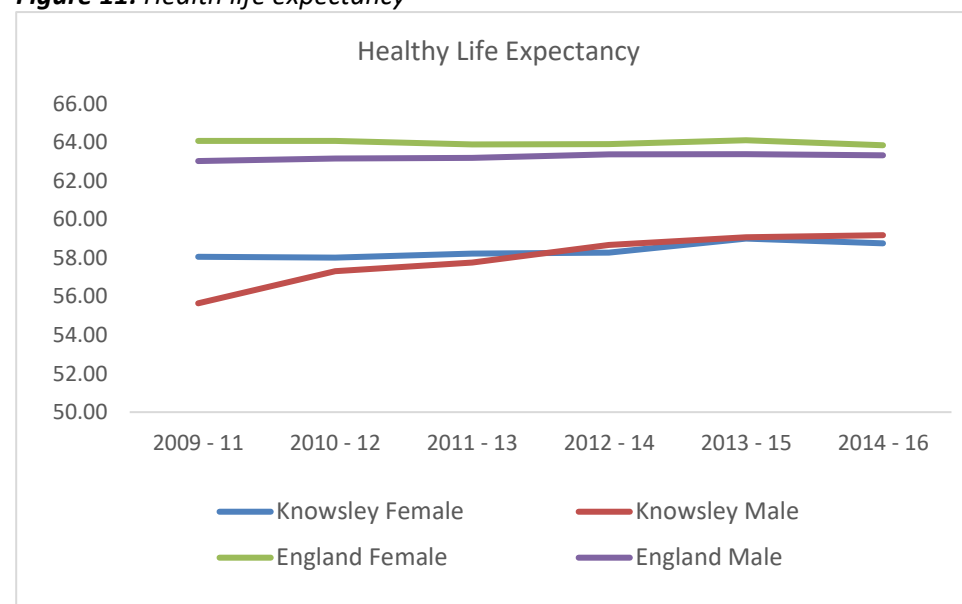
Despite overall increases in life expectancy, the gap between Knowsley and national has widened for female life expectancy in this 10-year period. Knowsley is in the lowest quartile nationally for all life expectancy indicators. While there is a persistent North-South divide between life expectancy, men in Knowsley have a lower life expectancy than men in the North West (78.2 years).

### ***Healthy life expectancy has risen at a lower rate, so more years are spent in ill-health:***

Both nationally and in Knowsley, life expectancy has continued to rise, yet healthy life expectancy has risen at a lower rate so more years are spent

in ill-health. However, Knowsley differs from the national picture in that male healthy life expectancy has exceeded female healthy life expectancy. This means that while females are living longer, they are spending more time in ill-health. The healthy life expectancy measure adds a 'quality of life' dimension to estimates of life expectancy by dividing it into time spent in different states of health, and shows the extent of challenge for health and care services in Knowsley:

**Figure 11: Health life expectancy**



Source: NHS Fingertips

People living in more affluent areas live significantly longer than people living in deprived areas, the gap in healthy life expectancy is even greater. There is a larger gap of years between Knowsley and England healthy life expectancy (4-5 years), compared to the gap between Knowsley and England overall life expectancy (2 years).



While people in Knowsley do not live as long as the national average, they also spend more years in poor health. This has had a significant impact on health and adult social care services, as they seek to support more older people, who are living longer in worse health compared to other local authorities.

## Diversity

Statistics can limit our understanding of diversity in Knowsley, as we are often reliant on the Census, which tells us little about what people feel about their identity and the communities in which they live. It also means that changes within the decade are not captured, with particular evidence that in Knowsley small diverse communities have arrived and left in between Censuses.

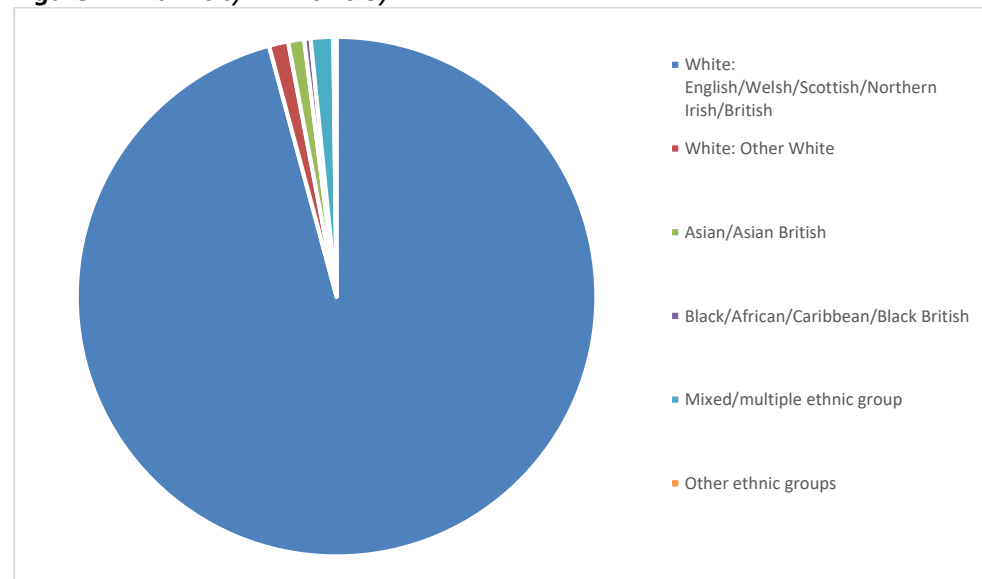
## Ethnicity, Nationality, and Religion

### *Knowsley is less ethnically diverse than England*

96.1% of Knowsley's residents are White British, with the highest non-white population describing themselves as being of "Mixed Ethnic Origin" (1.4% of population). National data shows that the population is 86% White British, with Asian/British Asian comprising 7.7% of the population.

3% of Knowsley's population are non-British nationals, which is significantly lower than the national average of 9.5% of the population nationally.<sup>iii</sup>

**Figure 12: Ethnicity in Knowsley**



Source: Census 2011

Knowsley is part of a Refugee resettlement programme, and has welcomed people from Syria and the Sudan in the last two-years. In addition to the refugee programme, there are 109 known asylum seekers living in Knowsley, predominately from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq and Nigeria.

### ***Knowsley has the highest rate of self-declared Christianity in England:***

Census data shows that 80.9% of people living in Knowsley identify as being Christian; small numbers of people living in Knowsley identify as Muslim (0.3%), as Hindu (0.2%) and as Buddhist (0.1%). 12.6% of Knowsley's population identify as having no religion, and 5.7% of people did not respond to the question in the 2011 Census. The prevalence of

Christian denominations in Knowsley is shown through the proportion of Knowsley's primary schools being either the Roman Catholic Archdiocese or the Church of England Diocese.

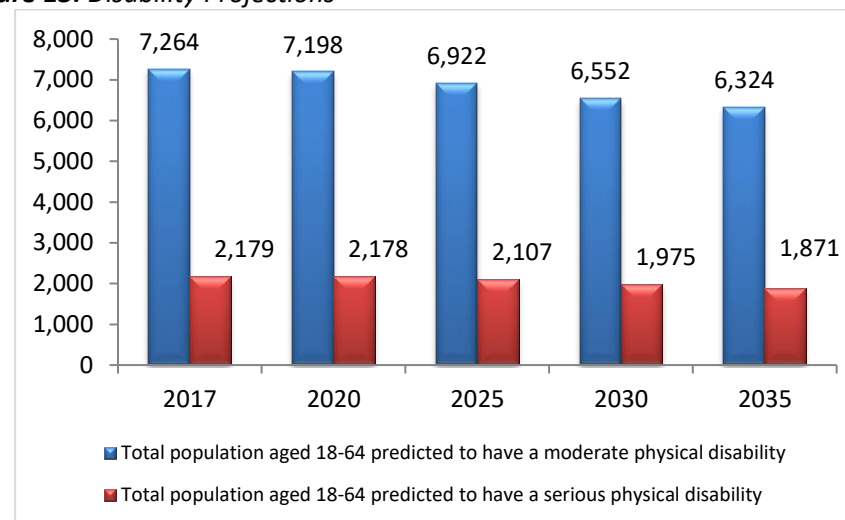
## Protected Characteristics

***Knowsley has the third highest rate of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in England:***

19.2% of children educated in Knowsley are identified as having a Special Educational Need, and there are 1,200 children and young people with a current Education, Health and Care Plan to support them. The rate of children and young people with SEND has declined from a high of 27.2% of children educated in Knowsley in 2010.

Information from Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information (PANSI) shows that there is an estimated population of 7,264 adults aged 18-64 with a moderate disability, and a further 2,179 adults aged 18-64 with a serious disability. In addition to physical disabilities, there are 2,699 adults aged 18 and over projected to have a learning disability. Projections up to 2035 forecast a reduction in residents predicted to have a physical disability with those with moderate physical disabilities reducing by just over 700 and serious disabilities reducing by 204.

**Figure 13: Disability Projections**



Source: PANSI

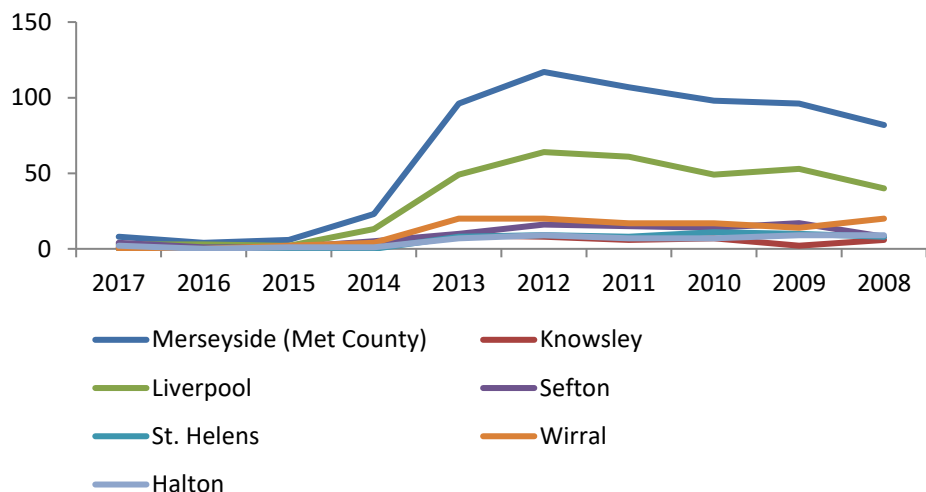
***Knowsley has a relatively low rate of people in same-sex civil partnerships***

In 2017, only 18 civil partnerships were registered across the Liverpool City Region, with Knowsley only registering 1 formation during the year.

Data from 2008 through to 2017 show a marked reduction in civil partnership formations not only in Knowsley but across the UK as a whole.

In 2008, a total of 6 civil partnerships were registered in Knowsley and in 2017 only 1 civil partnership was formed in the Borough. This reflects the reduction overall across the UK with England seeing over an 85% reduction in civil partnerships since 2008.

**Figure 14: Registered Civil Partnerships**



Source: ONS Civil Partnerships in England and Wales

**There are an estimated 8,668 veterans living in Knowsley**

The size and characteristics of the UK’s Armed Forces veteran population have always been an area that has been relatively difficult to quantify due to the movement of veterans around the UK.

The following figures for Knowsley were determined in 2013 “Liverpool Public Health Observatory”. The report identified 8,668 veterans across Knowsley with the expectation that these figures are continually increasing. The figures reflected returning service personnel from activity which had occurred post 2007.

**Table 2: Known Veteran by age-group**

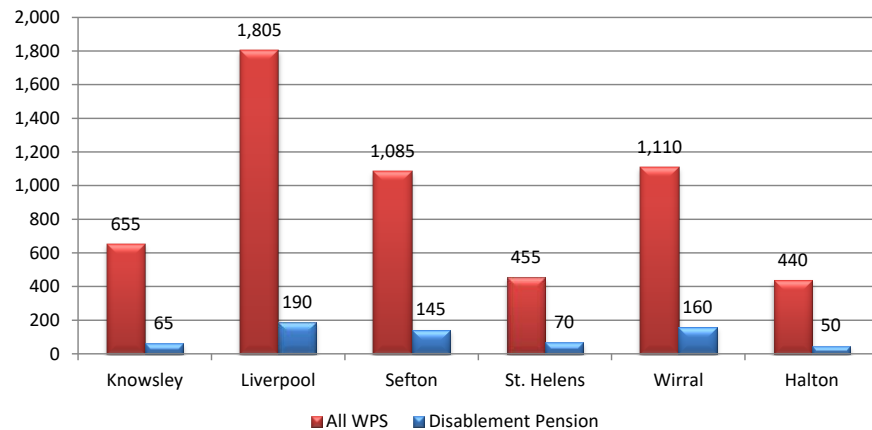
	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	<65's
Knowsley	323	527	1,190	1,214	1,080	4,334

Source: Liverpool Public Health Observatory

The table above does not include Veterans who are older than 65 years old. The size of the veteran population depends on both the number of deaths in the existing veteran population, and numbers of people leaving the Forces. The numbers of people in the armed Forces has changed over time, and reflects the UK involvement in conflicts, as well as Government “reductions” policy. Up until 2007 the majority of Veterans in the UK were WWII Servicemen and women, but this has changed dramatically over the following years as service personnel die and younger people return from more recent conflicts and tours. For both World War II and National Service, armed Forces personnel were from a wide socio-economic and geographic base, so the veteran population is likely to reflect the wider population. There is likely to be greater variation of the socio-economic backgrounds of younger Veterans.

A marker of numbers of veterans in a location is the payment of the Armed Forces War Pension Scheme (WPS). Currently in Knowsley there are 665 veterans living in the Borough in receipt of the WPS with 65 of these receiving the disablement Pension.



**Figure 15: Population eligible for War Pension Scheme**

Source: Liverpool Public Health Observatory

Throughout the Start, Live and Age Well chapters there are references to specific protected characteristics. However, an overview of Knowsley's population shows that there are several protected characteristics where Knowsley has a higher rate than national levels:

- **Children looked after** – there are 90 children per 10,000 population looked after in Knowsley compared to 62 per 10,000 population nationally.
- **Carers** - 17,865 Knowsley residents describe themselves as unpaid carers. This represents 12.2% of the Borough's population and is higher than the national figures (10.2%).
- **Older people** – Approximately 17% of the local population is made up of older adults in Knowsley, slightly lower than the national figure of 18%.

- **People with disabilities** - In Knowsley there are currently 694 people receiving care services for learning disabilities and 1,638 people with receiving social care services for a physical disability.
- **Gender** – 52% of the population in Knowsley are female.
- **Gender identity** – Although there is not a specific figure, there has been demand for gender transition treatment locally, both for adults and children.
- **Sexual orientation** – based on the LGBT Foundation approximately 15% of the national population identify as LGBT.
- **Offenders** – at the end of 2018, the National Probation Service had an active caseload of 406 adults at the end of 2018. Knowsley has a lower re-offending rate than other Liverpool City Region authorities, with a total cohort of 1,550 past offenders with 336 re-offending. This equates to a rate of 22% compared to an overall rate of 29% in the City Region.
- **Religion or belief** - In the 2011 census 80.9% of the Borough stated their religion was Christian compared to 59.3% nationally
- **Social Economic Status and Child Poverty** – Knowsley has the second highest rate of poverty nationally, and as such this impacts upon large parts of the population. For example, Knowsley has 15,170 claimants of working age out of work benefits. At 16.2% of the working age population, this is almost twice as much as the national average of 8.6%.
- **Ethnicity** - 2.7% of Knowsley's population are from Black Ethnic Minority (BME) groups compared to 14.1% in England and Wales.

## Deprivation in Knowsley

**Knowsley is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most deprived borough in England:**

There are 10,605 children living in families in poverty in the Borough. The number and proportion of overall children has been decreasing since

2008, however the number of children aged under-5 living in poverty is increasing.

The highest concentrations of child poverty are centred around the Stockbridge (47.8%), Page Moss (46.7%) and Longview (40.4%) wards in Huyton, and the Northwood (48.9%) and Whitefield (40.5%) wards in Kirkby. There are also pockets of high child poverty in Halewood, Prescot and Cherryfield. Deprivation in Knowsley manifests itself in pockets spread across the borough rather than in large areas.

***Despite the relative increase in deprivation, the numbers of affluent people living in Knowsley has increased:***

Through the use of geodemographic segmentation model 'Acorn', it has been possible to identify that while the largest proportion of Knowsley's population is made up of 'Hard Pressed' communities, that between 2011 and 2018, there has been an increase of people living in Knowsley living in 'Moderate Means' and 'Urban Prosperity', in addition to smaller increases in 'Wealthy Achievers', and those who are 'Comfortably Off':

**Table 3:** Knowsley Population by socioeconomic group

% of people in each group	2011	2018	Percentage Point Change
Wealthy Achievers	7.93	8.43	0.50
Urban Prosperity	0.45	2.01	1.56
Comfortably Off	30.78	31.57	0.79
Moderate Means	9.34	10.93	1.59
Hard Pressed	51.23	46.78	-4.45
Unclassified	0.27	0.27	0.00

Source: Acorn

***Average earnings in Knowsley shows greater disparity both within the Borough and outside***

In Knowsley, the average household income is increasing, but it remains much lower than English averages. Average full time earnings of residents are currently £508 per week, which is £61 per week lower than the UK average, and the lowest in the whole Liverpool City Region. The gap has been closing over the last ten years but remains significant.

The average incomes varies across Knowsley, the average net household income ranges from £423 per week to £638 per week. This means that average household income in some areas of Knowsley is almost 50% higher than in the lowest earning parts of the Borough. In 2012, the range of income was between £370 and £570 per week. Since then, the gap between the highest and lowest income areas in Knowsley has increased from £200 per week to £215 per week.

***Indices of multiple Deprivation – this is due to be updated in the coming months – this section will need to reflect any changes.***

Between 2010 and 2015 Knowsley moved from 5th to 2nd most deprived of 326 Local Authority Districts, as measured in the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), which is one of several Indices of Deprivation published by the ONS.

The overall IMD ranking allows measurement of improvement over time in areas and the table below shows the 5 most deprived LA's in England in both 2010 and 2015:

**Figure 16: Comparison of Deprivation**








	2010	2015
<b>1st Most Deprived</b>	Liverpool	Blackpool
<b>2nd Most Deprived</b>	Hackney	Knowsley
<b>3rd Most Deprived</b>	Newham	Kingston Upon Hull
<b>4th Most Deprived</b>	Manchester	Liverpool
<b>5th Most Deprived</b>	Knowsley	Manchester

Source: English indices of deprivation 2015

3 of the LA's from the most deprived 5 areas in 2010 appear in 2015 however only Knowsley shown a deterioration in overall ranking dropping from 5<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The seven domains that make up the overall IMD score and rank are not equally weighted. The graphic below shows Knowsley's change in rank between IMD 2010 and IMD 2015 for each domain, and shows the weight that each is given in the IMD. Knowsley improved in three of the seven domains (Crime, Barriers to Housing and Services, and Living Environment), but together these contributed only 28% to the final score.

**Figure 17****Figure 17: Knowsley rankings**

IMD Domain	2010 Ranking	2015 Ranking	Weighting
 Income	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	22.5%
 Employment	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	22.5%
 Education	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	13.5%
 Health	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	13.5%
 Crime	<b>85</b>	<b>96</b>	9.3%
 Housing	<b>202</b>	<b>260</b>	9.3%
 Living	<b>41</b>	<b>106</b>	9.3%

Source: English indices of deprivation 2015

Although the IMD has shown a decline in the Borough, key points to remember about the Indices of deprivation are;

- The Indices do not measure absolute improvement or decline in an area; they show improvement or decline relative to other areas.
- An area can be improving, but at a slower rate than another area, and therefore move higher in the index (higher is worse). Much of the evidence suggests this is the case for Knowsley.
- A difference of several places in the ranks may result from only very small differences between areas in the indicators being



measured, so Knowsley can be close in actual performance to areas several places better in the index.

The IMD is an important data set that helps Councils benchmark against other areas, but it is not intended to reflect change in absolute terms. There is much evidence that Knowsley is experiencing real improvement – much of it that won't be reflected in the IMD – but our underlying relatively weak economic base makes it all the more difficult to close the gap with many other areas.

## Getting to 2030

The anticipated change in Knowsley's population will have an impact on all public sector and voluntary sector services in Knowsley; businesses will have growth in the available labour force and in potential customers; and new communities will emerge. To be able to respond to the needs of communities and people, it will be important to have plans in place to monitor and understand the population.

This includes:

- Agreeing a model for forecasting and monitoring the changes to population accessible to all services active in Knowsley;
- Health and education providers are able to ensure that there are sufficient services available for Knowsley's population;
- Ensuring that the growth in services is inclusive in responding to the needs of the more deprived and vulnerable communities, and that services that make a difference to people's lives are protected;

Evidence shows that the gaps between affluent and deprived communities have widened in Knowsley, and with increased house-building, the gaps could potentially get bigger. There is a risk that continued economic growth may not benefit the communities who are most in need, and most affected by the intensity of deprivation in the Borough. It is the responsibility of public sector organisations and businesses to work in partnership to ensure that all communities in Knowsley are given opportunities to benefit from growth.

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<sup>i</sup> [Population estimates for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland: mid-2018](#)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/householdprojectionsforengland>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/ethnicity/articles/ethnicityandnationalidentityinenglandandwales/2012-12-11>