

STATISTICS PRESS NOTICE – NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS (2012 BASED)



Number of households set to grow faster than population

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Between 2012 and 2037, the growth in the number of households (14.7 per cent) is projected to exceed that of the population (9.9 per cent). The overall number of households is projected to increase from 708,600 households in 2012 to 812,700 in 2037. This increase is equivalent to an average increase of 4,200 households per annum over the 25 year period in question.

The greatest levels of growth between 2012 and 2037 can be expected in the number of households with either one adult or two adults (i.e. no children), which are projected to increase by 21.5 per cent and 30.7 per cent respectively. By 2037, these two household types are projected to account for three fifths (60.1 per cent) of all households, in broadly equal proportions.

The main drivers for this growth are the population in Northern Ireland continuing to age and the tendency for the older population to live in either one or two-person households. For example, due to improvements in life expectancy, the population aged 65 and over is projected to grow by 79.3 per cent between 2012 and 2037.

In contrast, the overall number of households with children is projected to decrease by 4.2 per cent between 2012 (212,900 households) and 2037 (204,000 households), although an increase of 9,500 households of this type is projected during the first decade of this period.

Across Northern Ireland, while the number of households is projected to increase in each of the 11 new Local Government Districts between 2012 and 2037, the level of growth is projected to range from 7.7 per cent in Mid & East Antrim to 26.8 per cent in Mid Ulster.

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Local Government District is projected to experience the greatest growth in terms of the number of households (i.e. 19,600 households), accounting for 18.8 per cent of the total growth across Northern Ireland during the period 2012-2037.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Northern Ireland household projections are produced by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA). Household projections are based on trends in household formation between the 2001 and 2011 Census, and the latest [population projections](#) published by the Office for National Statistics and NISRA. Both population and household projections contain the qualifier “2012-based”, relating to the starting year of the latest population estimates available at the time.
2. NISRA produces household projections for Northern Ireland, Local Government Districts and related geographies within Northern Ireland. An [infographic](#) has also been released to highlight the key findings from the 2012-based household projections. Detailed statistics and a statistical report can be obtained from the [NISRA Website](#).
3. The projections are **not** forecasts and do not predict changes in the economy or other factors that may impact on the number of households. Future changes are based solely on current trends in births, deaths, migration and household formation. Therefore, the further into the future that projections are taken, the greater the degree of uncertainty associated with the projections. Similarly, household projections for smaller areas are less robust than those produced for Northern Ireland or large regional areas.
4. Household projections are used in policy development for future housing need and service provision (such as waste collection and community care).
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