

STATISTICS PRESS NOTICE – NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS (2016 BASED)



Number of households set to grow faster than population

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Between 2016 and 2041, the growth in the number of households (12.2 per cent) is projected to exceed that of the population (7.6 per cent). The overall number of households is projected to increase from 725,100 households in 2016 to 813,800 in 2041. This increase is equivalent to an average increase of 3,500 households per annum over the 25 year period in question.

The greatest levels of growth between 2016 and 2041 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 18.6 per cent and 27.0 per cent respectively. By 2041, these two household types are projected to account for three fifths (60.3 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 65.1 per cent between 2016 and 2041.

In contrast, the overall number of households with children is projected to decrease by 5.9 per cent between 2016 (215,800 households) and 2041 (203,100 households), although an increase of 4,700 households of this type is projected up until 2022.

Each of the 11 Local Government District is projected to have an increase in the number of households between 2016 and 2041, ranging from 4.6 per cent in Derry City & Strabane to 23.9 per cent in Lisburn & Castlereagh. Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Local Government District is projected to experience the greatest growth in terms of the number of households (i.e. 18,400 households), accounting for 20.7 per cent of the total growth across Northern Ireland during the period 2016-2041.

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 “2016-based”, relating to the starting year of the latest population estimates available at the time.
2. NISRA produces household projections for Northern Ireland and its Local Government Districts. 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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