There is no impact of Covid-19 in these mid-year population estimates, as any impact will be after mid-2019 (the time these estimates relate to).

**Northern Ireland population grows to 1.894 million in mid-2019**

Northern Ireland’s population (30 June 2019) was 1,893,700.

The population increased by 12,000 people or 0.6 per cent between mid-2018 and mid-2019.

The graph shows the trend from 1994-2019.

**Population growth has remained steady over the past 5 years**

Annual population change has remained positive over the last twenty five years.

Growth has fluctuated from 0.1 per cent in 1999 to 1.1 percent in 2007.

From mid-2018 to mid-2019 growth was 0.6 per cent. Over the last five years annual growth has averaged around 0.6 per cent.

**Natural change is the main driver of population growth**

Natural change (births minus deaths) was the main contributor to population increase.

Natural change accounted for 60 per cent of growth last year (+7,300 people) with migration contributing the remaining 40 per cent (+4,800 people).
The Northern Ireland population continues to age

The population pyramid (left) shows the population structure.

The ageing of the population from 2009 to 2019 is evident in the increasing population amongst the older ages.

In the year to mid-2019, the number of people aged 65 or more increased by 2.1 per cent to 314,700 people.

By mid-2019, one in six people in Northern Ireland were aged 65 and over

The proportion of the population aged 65 or more has increased from 13.0 per cent in mid-1994 to 16.6 per cent in mid-2019.

In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 0 to 15 years has decreased from 25.4 per cent in mid-1994 to 20.9 per cent in mid-2019.

All Local Government Districts experienced population growth over the year

Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD had the largest population growth over the year (1.1 per cent) with net migration being the main contributor to population change (0.7 per cent).

Mid and East Antrim, Derry City and Strabane and Causeway Coast and Glens LGDs had the smallest population growth over the year (0.4 per cent).