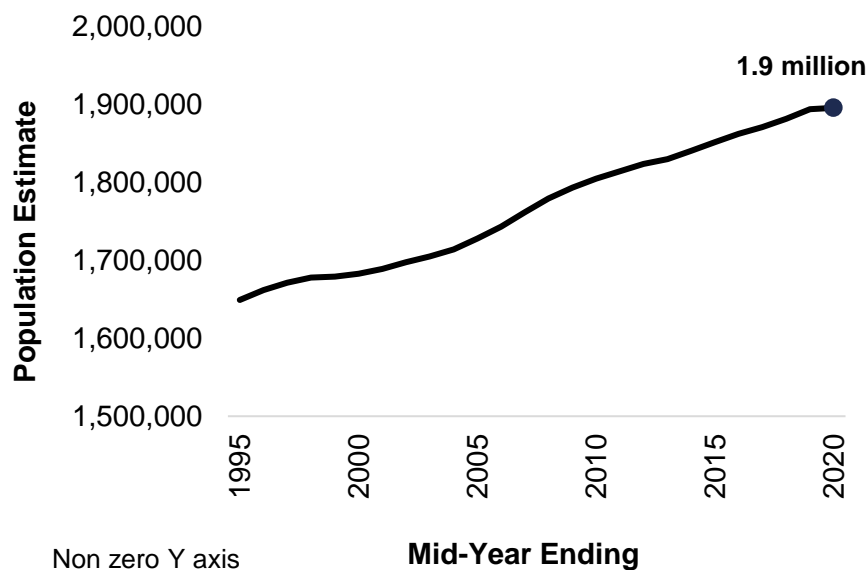


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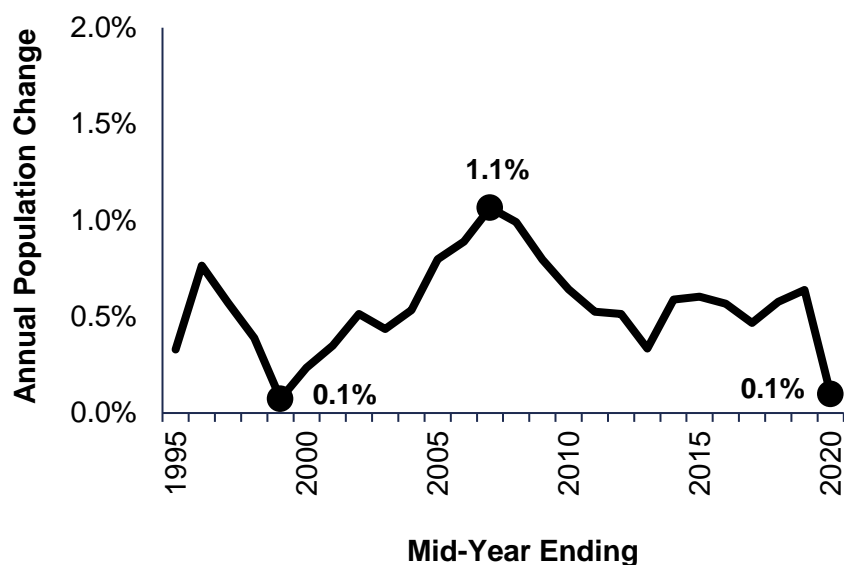


## Northern Ireland population grows to 1.9 million in mid-2020

Northern Ireland's population (30 June 2020) was 1,895,500.

The population increased by 1,800 people or 0.1 per cent between mid-2019 and mid-2020.

The graph shows the trend from 1995-2020.



## Population growth at lowest level since 1999

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

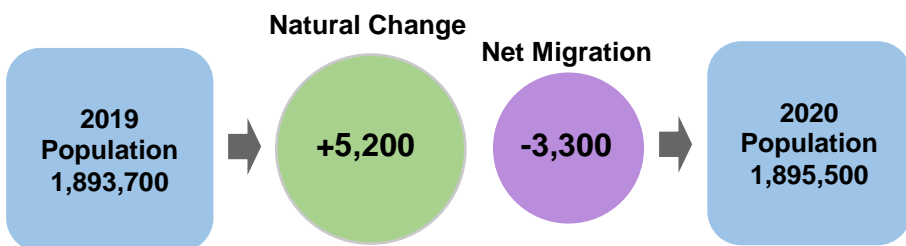
Growth over the last year was similar to that in 1999 (0.1 per cent).

Over the decade mid-2010 to mid-2020, the population of Northern Ireland increased by a total of 90,700 people with an average year-on-year increase of 0.5 per cent.

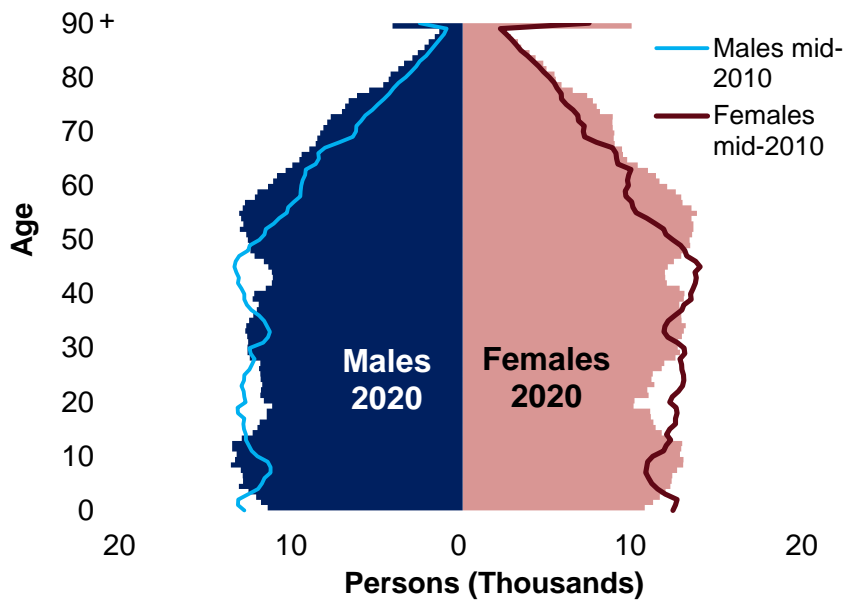
## Natural change is the main driver of population growth

Natural change (births minus deaths) accounted for the total population growth over the last year.

Net migration for Northern Ireland was negative (-3,300) for the first time since mid-2013.



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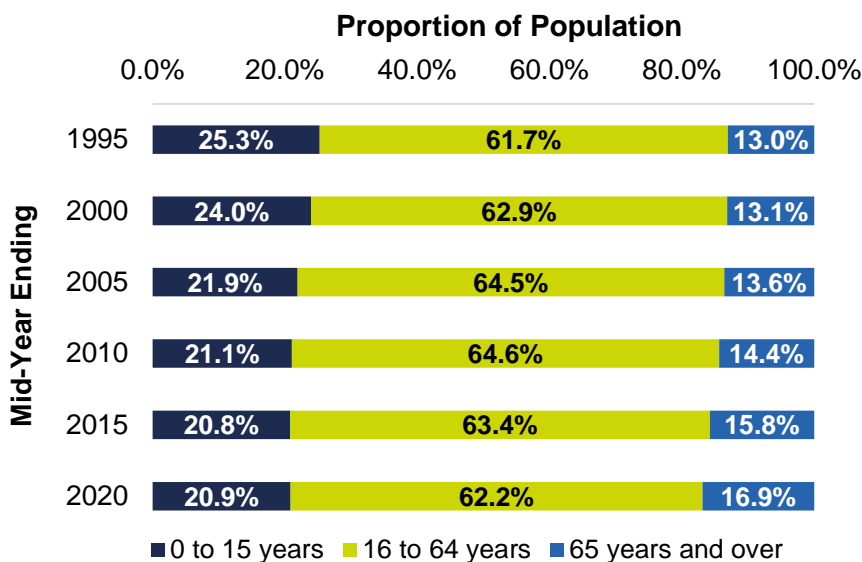


## The Northern Ireland population continues to age

The population pyramid (left) shows the population structure.

The ageing of the population from 2010 to 2020 is evident in the increasing population amongst the older ages. This is evident by the pyramid beginning to broaden around age 50.

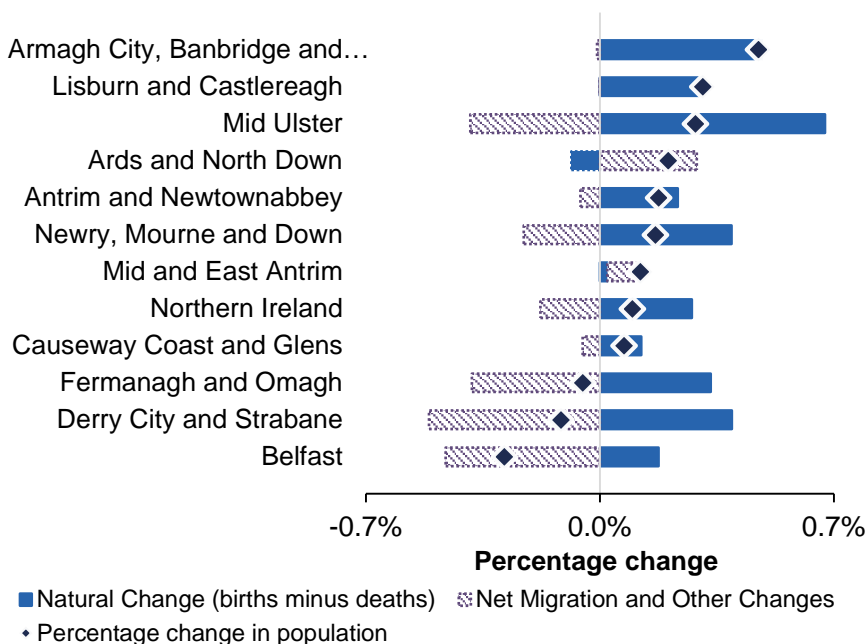
In the year to mid-2020, the number of people aged 65 or more increased by 1.7 per cent to 319,900 people.



## By mid-2020, 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-1995 to 16.9 per cent in mid-2020.

In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 0 to 15 years has decreased from 25.3 per cent in mid-1995 to 20.9 per cent in mid-2020.



## Three LGDs experienced population decline over the year

Fermanagh & Omagh (0.1 per cent), Derry City & Strabane (0.1 per cent) and Belfast (0.3 per cent) all experienced population decline over the year. Negative net migration was the driver of this population decrease.

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon LGD had the largest population growth over the year (0.5 per cent) with natural change being the main contributor to population change (0.5 per cent).