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MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES NORTHERN IRELAND (2002)

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The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency today released statistics on the estimated size of the population of Northern Ireland at 30 June 2002. The published information includes a breakdown of the population by age and gender at Local Government District, Health and Social Services Board, Education and Library Board, Parliamentary Constituency, NUTS III areas and Northern Ireland levels.

KEY RESULTS

- The estimated population of Northern Ireland at 30 June 2002 was 1,696,600, an increase of 7,300 (0.4 per cent) on the 2001 population of 1,689,300 and an increase of 73,400 (4.5 per cent) on the 1992 population of 1,623,300.
- The 7,300 increase in the Northern Ireland population between 2001 and 2002 was a result of the following components of change:
 - 21,500 births;
 - 14,200 deaths;
 - Net inward migration of 100 people.
- The number of children (aged under 16 years) in Northern Ireland has declined from 397,200 to 393,000 (1.0 per cent) between 2001 and 2002, reflecting the falling birth rate since the mid 1980s.
- The Northern Ireland populations of working and pensionable age have increased by 0.7 per cent (from 1,030,000 to 1,037,400) and 1.5 per cent (from 262,200 to 266,200) respectively between 2001 and 2002.

Local Government Districts

- Among Local Government Districts, Banbridge had the greatest increase in population (1.9 per cent) and Belfast had the greatest decrease in population (1.1 per cent).
- The greatest proportionate natural increases of population (births less deaths) - equivalent to almost 1 per cent of the population - were in Antrim, Derry, Dungannon and Newry & Mourne Local Government Districts.

- Derry was the Local Government District with the highest proportion of children among its population (26.3 per cent), while North Down had the lowest proportion (19.4 per cent).
- Castlereagh Local Government District had the highest proportion of the population of pensionable age (19.3 per cent) and Limavady Local Government District had the lowest proportion of pensionable age (11.8 per cent).

Parliamentary Constituencies

- Mid Ulster had the greatest increase in population of the Parliamentary Constituencies (1.1 per cent) and Belfast North had the greatest decrease in population of the Parliamentary Constituencies (1.6 per cent).
- In Belfast East and North Down Parliamentary Constituencies the number of deaths was greater than the number of births. In all other Parliamentary Constituencies the number of births exceeded the number of deaths.
- Belfast West Parliamentary Constituency had the highest proportion of children among its population (27.2 per cent), while Belfast South had the lowest (17.2 per cent).
- Belfast East Parliamentary Constituency had the highest proportion of the population of pensionable age (21.9 per cent) while Foyle Parliamentary Constituency had the lowest proportion of the population of pensionable age (11.9 per cent).

The following tables¹ are attached.

1. Northern Ireland mid year population estimates, 2002, by gender and 5 year age bands
2. Components of population change, by area, 2001 to 2002
3. Population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2002

¹ All count figures in tables have been rounded to nearest 100. Therefore counts may not add to total due to rounding.

**Table 1 Northern Ireland mid-year population estimates, by
gender and 5 year age bands, 2002**

Age Group	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	57,800	54,700	112,500
5-9	62,500	59,500	122,000
10-14	67,400	64,000	131,400
15-19	67,700	64,600	132,300
20-24	55,900	54,800	110,800
25-29	55,200	56,100	111,300
30-34	62,200	64,300	126,400
35-39	64,500	66,500	131,000
40-44	58,800	61,700	120,400
45-49	53,000	52,500	105,500
50-54	48,300	49,300	97,600
55-59	45,500	47,400	92,900
60-64	36,300	38,800	75,200
65-69	31,100	35,600	66,700
70-74	25,300	32,600	58,000
75-79	19,100	28,200	47,200
80-84	11,700	20,200	31,900
85-89	4,800	11,300	16,200
90+	1,700	5,800	7,400
All Ages	828,900	867,800	1,696,600

Table 2 Components of Population change, 2001 to 2002

	Population at start of period June 2001	Births ¹ 2001/2002	Deaths ¹ 2001/2002	Natural Change 2001/2002	Migration ² 2001/2002	Population at end of period June 2002	Population Change Number	%
Northern Ireland	1,689,300	21,500	14,200	7,200	100	1,696,600	7,300	0.4
Local Government Districts								
Antrim	48,800	700	300	400	-300	48,900	100	0.2
Ards	73,400	800	600	200	500	74,100	600	0.9
Armagh	54,500	700	400	300	200	55,000	500	0.9
Ballymena	58,800	700	500	200	0	59,000	200	0.3
Ballymoney	27,000	400	200	200	300	27,500	500	1.7
Banbridge	41,500	600	300	300	500	42,400	800	1.9
Belfast	277,200	3,200	2,800	400	-3,400	274,100	-3,100	-1.1
Carrickfergus	37,700	400	300	100	300	38,100	400	1.0
Castlereagh	66,500	800	700	100	-300	66,300	-200	-0.3
Coleraine	56,400	600	500	200	-400	56,200	-200	-0.4
Cookstown	32,700	500	200	200	100	33,000	300	1.0
Craigavon	80,900	1,100	600	500	100	81,500	600	0.7
Derry	105,300	1,600	700	900	0	106,200	900	0.8
Down	64,100	800	600	300	400	64,800	700	1.1
Dungannon	47,800	700	400	400	0	48,200	400	0.8
Fermanagh	57,700	700	500	200	300	58,100	500	0.8
Larne	30,800	300	300	0	100	30,900	100	0.4
Limavady	32,600	400	200	200	300	33,200	600	1.7
Lisburn	109,000	1,400	900	600	-200	109,400	400	0.4
Magherafelt	39,900	600	300	300	200	40,400	500	1.3
Moyle	16,000	200	100	0	200	16,200	300	1.8
Newry and Mourne	87,400	1,400	700	700	400	88,500	1,200	1.3
Newtownabbey	80,100	1,000	700	300	-200	80,200	100	0.1
North Down	76,600	800	800	0	400	77,000	400	0.5
Omagh	48,100	600	400	300	500	48,900	800	1.7
Strabane	38,300	500	300	200	0	38,400	100	0.4

¹ Mid 2001 to Mid 2002

² Estimated net migration including an adjustment for unrecorded migration.

Table 2 Components of Population change, 2001 to 2002

	Population at start of period June 2001	Births ¹ 2001/2002	Deaths ¹ 2001/2002	Natural Change 2001/2002	Migration ² 2001/2002	Population at end of period June 2002	Population Change Number	%
Health and Social Services Boards								
Eastern	666,900	7,800	6,300	1,500	-2,700	665,700	-1,100	-0.2
Northern	428,200	5,300	3,400	1,900	300	430,400	2,200	0.5
Southern	312,200	4,500	2,400	2,100	1,300	315,600	3,400	1.1
Western	282,000	3,800	2,100	1,700	1,100	284,900	2,800	1.0
Education and Library Boards								
Belfast	277,200	3,200	2,800	400	-3,400	274,100	-3,100	-1.1
North Eastern	395,500	4,900	3,200	1,700	200	397,400	1,900	0.5
South Eastern	389,700	4,600	3,500	1,200	800	391,600	1,900	0.5
Southern	344,900	4,900	2,600	2,300	1,400	348,600	3,700	1.1
Western	282,000	3,800	2,100	1,700	1,100	284,900	2,800	1.0
NUTS III Areas								
Belfast	277,200	3,200	2,800	400	-3,400	274,100	-3,100	-1.1
East of Northern Ireland	398,400	5,000	3,300	1,700	1,400	401,500	3,100	0.8
North of Northern Ireland	275,600	3,700	2,000	1,600	400	277,700	2,100	0.8
Outer Belfast	370,000	4,400	3,300	1,100	-100	371,000	1,000	0.3
West & South of Northern Ireland	368,100	5,200	2,800	2,300	1,800	372,200	4,100	1.1

¹ Mid 2001 to Mid 2002

² Estimated net migration including an adjustment for unrecorded migration.

Table 2 Components of Population change, 2001 to 2002

	Population at start of period June 2001	Births ¹ 2001/2002	Deaths ¹ 2001/2002	Natural Change 2001/2002	Migration ² 2001/2002	Population at end of period June 2002	Population Change Number	%
Parliamentary Constituencies								
Belfast East	79,300	800	1,000	-100	-500	78,600	-600	-0.8
Belfast North	85,900	1,100	900	100	-1,500	84,600	-1,300	-1.6
Belfast South	95,000	900	900	100	-500	94,600	-400	-0.4
Belfast West	87,500	1,200	700	500	-1,100	86,900	-600	-0.7
East Antrim	84,100	900	700	200	400	84,800	600	0.7
East Londonderry	89,000	1,100	700	400	-100	89,400	300	0.4
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	91,400	1,200	800	400	300	92,100	700	0.8
Foyle	105,300	1,600	700	900	0	106,200	900	0.8
Lagan Valley	102,000	1,300	900	500	400	102,900	800	0.8
Mid Ulster	86,800	1,200	600	700	300	87,700	1,000	1.1
Newry & Armagh	101,400	1,500	800	700	300	102,400	1,000	1.0
North Antrim	101,800	1,200	900	400	500	102,700	900	0.9
North Down	86,300	900	900	0	500	86,700	500	0.5
South Antrim	100,300	1,300	700	700	-300	100,700	400	0.4
South Down	105,100	1,400	800	600	400	106,100	1,000	0.9
Strangford	98,400	1,100	800	300	200	98,900	500	0.5
Upper Bann	103,300	1,400	800	600	200	104,000	800	0.7
West Tyrone	86,400	1,100	600	500	500	87,300	900	1.1

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Table 3 Local population estimates for selected age groups, 2002

	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³
Northern Ireland	1,696,600	393,000	1,037,400	266,200	23.2	61.1	15.7
Local Government Districts							
Antrim	48,900	11,600	30,800	6,500	23.7	63.1	13.2
Ards	74,100	15,500	46,100	12,500	20.9	62.3	16.8
Armagh	55,000	13,500	33,400	8,100	24.5	60.8	14.7
Ballymena	59,000	12,900	35,900	10,200	21.8	61.0	17.2
Ballymoney	27,500	6,400	16,700	4,400	23.3	60.6	16.1
Banbridge	42,400	9,800	26,200	6,300	23.1	62.0	14.9
Belfast	274,100	58,200	167,600	48,300	21.2	61.1	17.6
Carrickfergus	38,100	8,400	23,700	6,000	22.1	62.1	15.9
Castlereagh	66,300	14,200	39,400	12,800	21.4	59.4	19.3
Coleraine	56,200	12,400	34,100	9,700	22.1	60.6	17.3
Cookstown	33,000	8,300	20,100	4,600	25.3	60.9	13.8
Craigavon	81,500	19,700	49,500	12,300	24.2	60.7	15.1
Derry	106,200	27,900	65,600	12,600	26.3	61.8	11.9
Down	64,800	15,800	39,300	9,800	24.3	60.6	15.1
Dungannon	48,200	12,200	28,900	7,100	25.4	59.8	14.8
Fermanagh	58,100	13,600	35,300	9,300	23.3	60.6	16.1
Larne	30,900	6,500	18,900	5,500	21.1	61.2	17.7
Limavady	33,200	8,400	20,900	3,900	25.2	63.0	11.8
Lisburn	109,400	26,500	67,400	15,600	24.2	61.6	14.2
Magherafelt	40,400	10,300	24,600	5,500	25.5	61.0	13.6
Moyle	16,200	3,800	9,700	2,800	23.1	59.6	17.3
Newry and Mourne	88,500	23,200	53,200	12,100	26.2	60.1	13.7
Newtownabbey	80,200	17,200	49,400	13,600	21.4	61.6	17.0
North Down	77,000	15,000	47,400	14,600	19.4	61.6	19.0
Omagh	48,900	12,300	30,000	6,600	25.1	61.4	13.5
Strabane	38,400	9,700	23,300	5,400	25.2	60.7	14.1

¹ Children are defined as those in the population aged under 16² Working age is defined as the female population aged 16 to 59 and the male population aged 16 to 64³ Pensioners are defined as the female population aged 60 and over and the male population aged 65 and over

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	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³
Health and Social Services Boards							
Eastern	665,700	145,100	407,100	113,500	21.8	61.2	17.1
Northern	430,400	97,800	264,000	68,700	22.7	61.3	16.0
Southern	315,600	78,400	191,200	46,000	24.8	60.6	14.6
Western	284,900	71,800	175,100	37,900	25.2	61.5	13.3
Education and Library Boards							
Belfast	274,100	58,200	167,600	48,300	21.2	61.1	17.6
North Eastern	397,400	89,400	243,800	64,200	22.5	61.4	16.2
South Eastern	391,600	86,900	239,600	65,200	22.2	61.2	16.6
Southern	348,600	86,700	211,300	50,600	24.9	60.6	14.5
Western	284,900	71,800	175,100	37,900	25.2	61.5	13.3
NUTS III Areas							
Belfast	274,100	58,200	167,600	48,300	21.2	61.1	17.6
East of Northern Ireland	401,500	91,700	246,900	63,000	22.8	61.5	15.7
North of Northern Ireland	277,700	68,500	170,300	38,900	24.7	61.3	14.0
Outer Belfast	371,000	81,200	227,200	62,600	21.9	61.2	16.9
West & South of Northern Ireland	372,200	93,400	225,500	53,400	25.1	60.6	14.3

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	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³
Parliamentary Constituencies							
Belfast East	78,600	15,400	46,000	17,200	19.6	58.5	21.9
Belfast North	84,600	19,300	48,500	16,700	22.8	57.4	19.8
Belfast South	94,600	16,200	63,100	15,300	17.2	66.7	16.2
Belfast West	86,900	23,600	51,000	12,200	27.2	58.7	14.1
East Antrim	84,800	18,400	52,600	13,800	21.8	62.0	16.2
East Londonderry	89,400	20,800	55,000	13,700	23.2	61.5	15.3
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	92,100	21,800	55,600	14,700	23.7	60.3	16.0
Foyle	106,200	27,900	65,600	12,600	26.3	61.8	11.9
Lagan Valley	102,900	23,200	63,800	15,900	22.5	62.0	15.5
Mid Ulster	87,700	22,600	53,300	11,800	25.8	60.8	13.4
Newry and Armagh	102,400	25,800	62,000	14,600	25.2	60.5	14.3
North Antrim	102,700	23,000	62,300	17,400	22.4	60.7	16.9
North Down	86,700	16,900	53,100	16,800	19.4	61.2	19.4
South Antrim	100,700	22,900	63,300	14,500	22.8	62.8	14.4
South Down	106,100	26,600	64,000	15,400	25.1	60.4	14.5
Strangford	98,900	21,500	61,500	15,900	21.7	62.1	16.1
Upper Bann	104,000	25,000	63,500	15,600	24.0	61.0	15.0
West Tyrone	87,300	22,000	53,300	12,000	25.2	61.1	13.8

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Northern Ireland mid year population estimate is an estimate of the usually resident population of Northern Ireland including Her Majesty's Forces stationed here. The births and deaths recorded in this release are those registered between mid-2001 and mid-2002. A separate press notice has been issued today which records the number of births and deaths registered in the calendar year 2002. A more detailed breakdown of these and other statistics will be published later in the year in the "Registrar General Annual Report (NI) 2002".
2. This information can also be accessed on the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency's web site at <http://www.nisra.gov.uk>
3. Corresponding information is published for England and Wales by the Office for National Statistics (London) and for Scotland by the General Register Office for Scotland (Edinburgh).
4. Population estimates at Parliamentary Constituency level were not published with the 2001 Mid-year estimates, but this year a revised series from 1992 to 2002 is published.
5. Further information can be obtained from:

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