

POPULATION AND MIGRATION ESTIMATES NORTHERN IRELAND (2010) – STATISTICAL REPORT



9.30 am – Thursday 30 June 2011

Executive Summary

1. Between July 2009 and June 2010 the number of people living in Northern Ireland increased by 10,500 people (0.6%). Population growth was less than in each of the previous five years, primarily due to a fall in levels of migration to Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland population at 30 June 2010 is estimated to be 1.799 million people up from 1.789 million people in June 2009. The increase in population between July 2009 and June 2010 was due to:
 - natural growth of 10,800 people (25,000 births and 14,200 deaths);
 - equal flows of people coming to Northern Ireland as leaving (22,500 people); and
 - a net loss of 300 due to changes in HM Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.
2. In the decade to 2004, the overall annual rate of population increase was around 7,000 persons (0.4%) each year. Between mid-2004 and mid-2008, the average annual rate of population increase more than doubled to 0.9% due to large flows of people into Northern Ireland, particularly from the A8¹ countries. With the return to balanced migration and population growth dominated by natural change, the population increase of 0.6% in 2009-10 exceeds that of 0.4% in the early 2000s, when balanced migration was last observed. This is primarily related to higher levels of fertility.
3. Within Northern Ireland, Dungannon Local Government District had the biggest increase in population (+2.3%) while Craigavon (+1.4%), Magherafelt (+1.2%) and Newry & Mourne (+1.2%) LGDs all experienced population growth of at least twice that of Northern Ireland (+0.6%).
4. More detailed analysis and figures are attached.

¹ Eight Central and Eastern European countries (referred to as the “A8” countries) joined the EU in May 2004. The A8 countries are the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

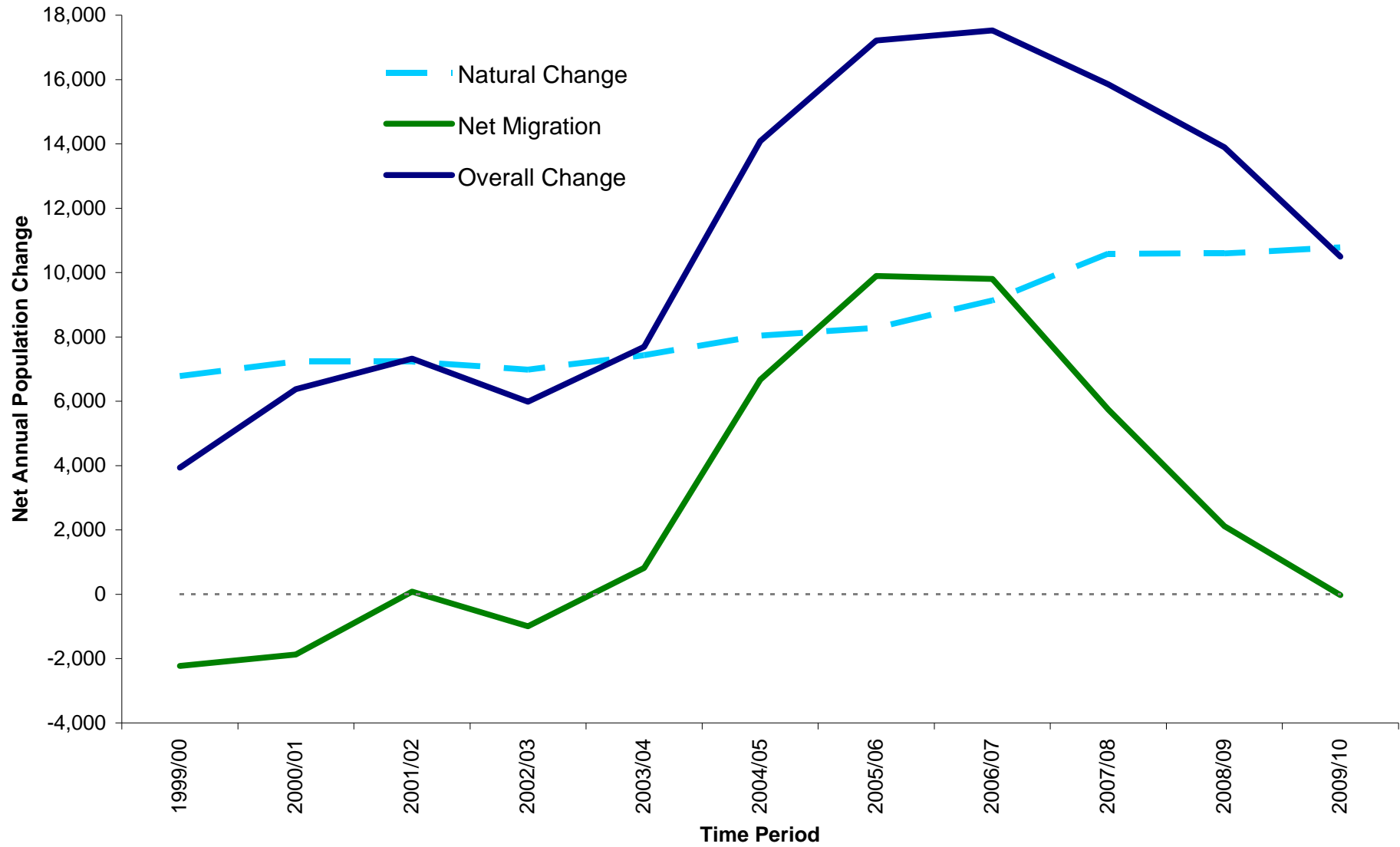
Introduction

This report outlines some of the main findings in the 2010 mid-year estimates of population and migration for Northern Ireland. All the statistics presented are available on the NISRA website at <http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp.htm>. Also available on the website is a detailed methodology report on population estimates and a report on the sources used to estimate migration in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland level

- Between mid-2009 and mid-2010 the number of people living in Northern Ireland is estimated to have increased by 10,500 people (0.6%). The size of the resident population in Northern Ireland at 30 June 2010 is estimated to be 1.799 million people;
- the population increase between July 2009 and June 2010 was a result of the following factors:
 - a. natural growth of 10,800 people (25,000 births and 14,200 deaths);
 - b. equal flows of people coming to and leaving Northern Ireland (22,500 people moving both ways); and
 - c. a net loss of 300 due to changes in HM Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.
- Figure 1 shows the components of population change between 1999/00 and 2009/10. Prior to 2004, population increase in Northern Ireland was mostly due to natural change, i.e. the number of births minus the number of deaths. However, in 2005/6 and 2006/7 the contribution from migration was larger than the contribution from natural change. Since then, net migration has gradually reduced and became zero between mid-2009 and mid-2010;

Figure 1: Components of Population Change (1999/00 to 2009/10)



Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

- between 2009 and 2010 the number of children aged 0 to 15 years old has decreased slightly (from 382,100 to 382,000). However, in the ten-year period between 2000 and 2010 this number has fallen from 403,200 to 382,100 a decrease of 5.2%. This overall fall since 2000 reflects the declining number of babies born in the late 1980s and 1990s;
- however, the latest birth figures show a significant rise in the number of babies born since the early 2000s. It is estimated that with the current pattern of fertility the “average” woman will have 2.06 children in her lifetime. Compared to the lowest number of registered births on record (21,500 between mid-2001 and mid-2002), the number of babies born between mid-2009 and mid-2010 (25,000) was 17% higher;
- between 2009 and 2010 the working age² population has increased by 0.4% (from 1,104,900 to 1,109,100). This growth is a net result of a surplus of people ageing into working ages over people ageing out of working ages. In the ten-year period between 2000 and 2010 the working age population has increased from 1,020,300 to 1,109,100, a rise of 8.7%;
- between 2009 and 2010 the combined number of males aged 65 and over, and females aged 60 and over³ has increased by 2.1% (from 301,900 to 308,300). At these ages, there is minimal migration; the growth is the result of a surplus of persons ageing into this population over those leaving it through mortality. In the ten-year period between 2000 and 2010 this population has increased from 259,400 to 308,300, a rise of 18.9%;
- between 2009 and 2010 the population aged 85 and over has increased by 3.4% (from 28,700 to 29,700). In the ten-year period between 2000 and 2010 this population has increased from 23,300 to 29,700, a rise of 27.2%;

² Working age population is defined as the male population aged 16-64 and the female population aged 16-59.

³ The population made up from males aged 65 and over, and females aged 60 and over, was previously referred to as the “pensioner population”. However, the state pensionable age (SPA) for women will increase to equal that of men over the next decade. Of the estimated population of females aged 60 on 30 June 2010, 85 per cent could be defined as SPA, and the remaining 15 per cent are defined as not SPA.

Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

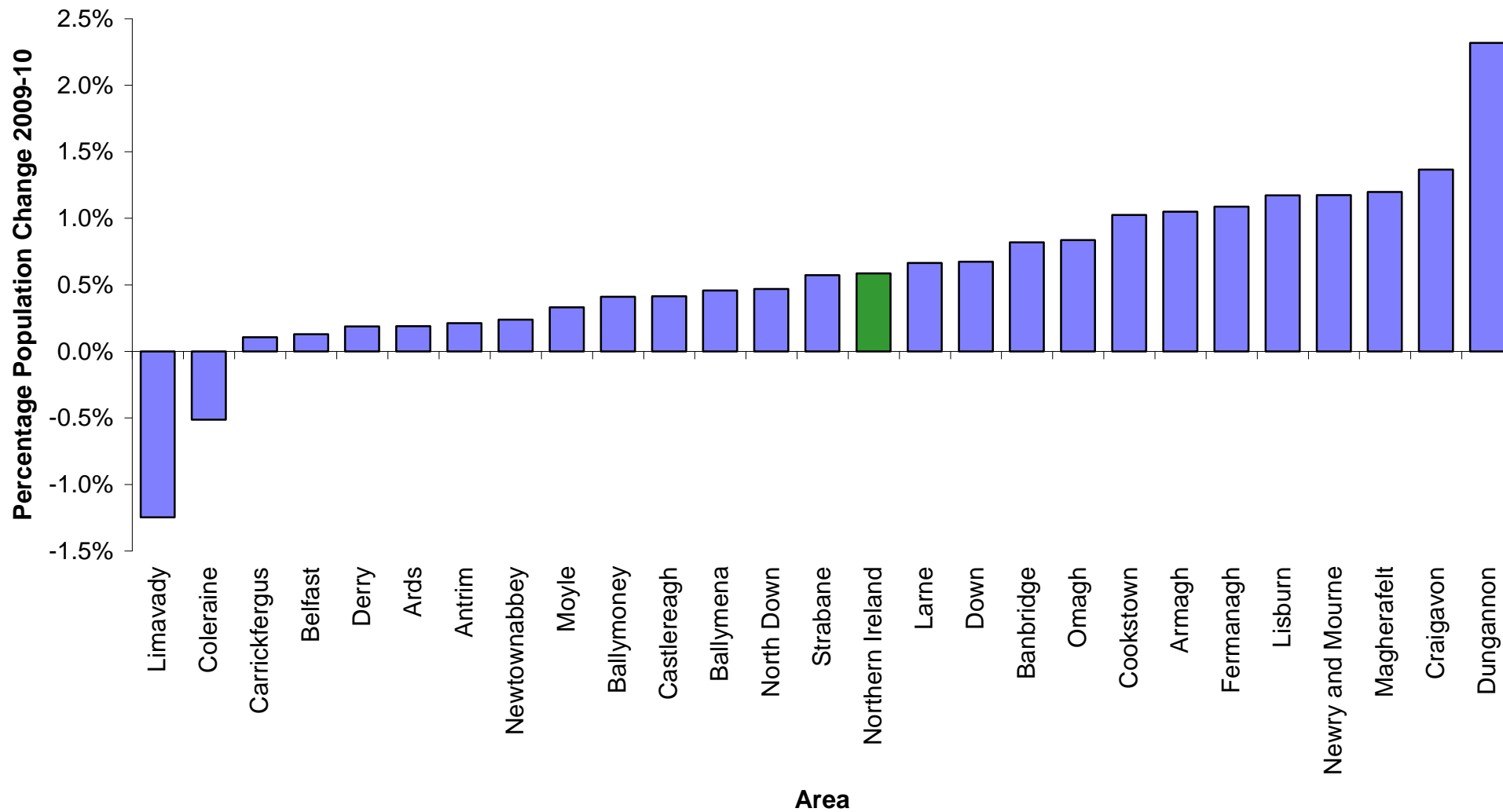
- the overall death rate in Northern Ireland has fallen significantly over the last 30 years from 11 deaths per 1,000 population in 1980 to 8 deaths per 1,000 population in 2010, despite having a higher proportion of (very) elderly population; and
- the median age (the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) of the Northern Ireland population has increased from 28 to 36 years over the last three decades.

Local Government Districts (change in population size)

- Between 2009 and 2010, Dungannon and Craigavon Local Government Districts had the greatest increases in population (+2.3% and +1.4% respectively). Lisburn, Magherafelt and Newry & Mourne Local Government Districts all experienced population increases of 1.2%. Each of these Local Government Districts had above average percentage of population change due to natural increase and an excess of in migration over out migration;
- in contrast, Limavady (-1.2%) and Coleraine (-0.5%) were the only Local Government Districts that experienced a loss in population between 2009 and 2010; negative net migration and other changes outnumbered the excess of births over deaths (natural increase);
- Figure 2a shows the overall percentage population change for all Local Government Districts within Northern Ireland between 2009 and 2010; Figure 2b shows equivalent figures for the 10-year period between 2000 and 2010;

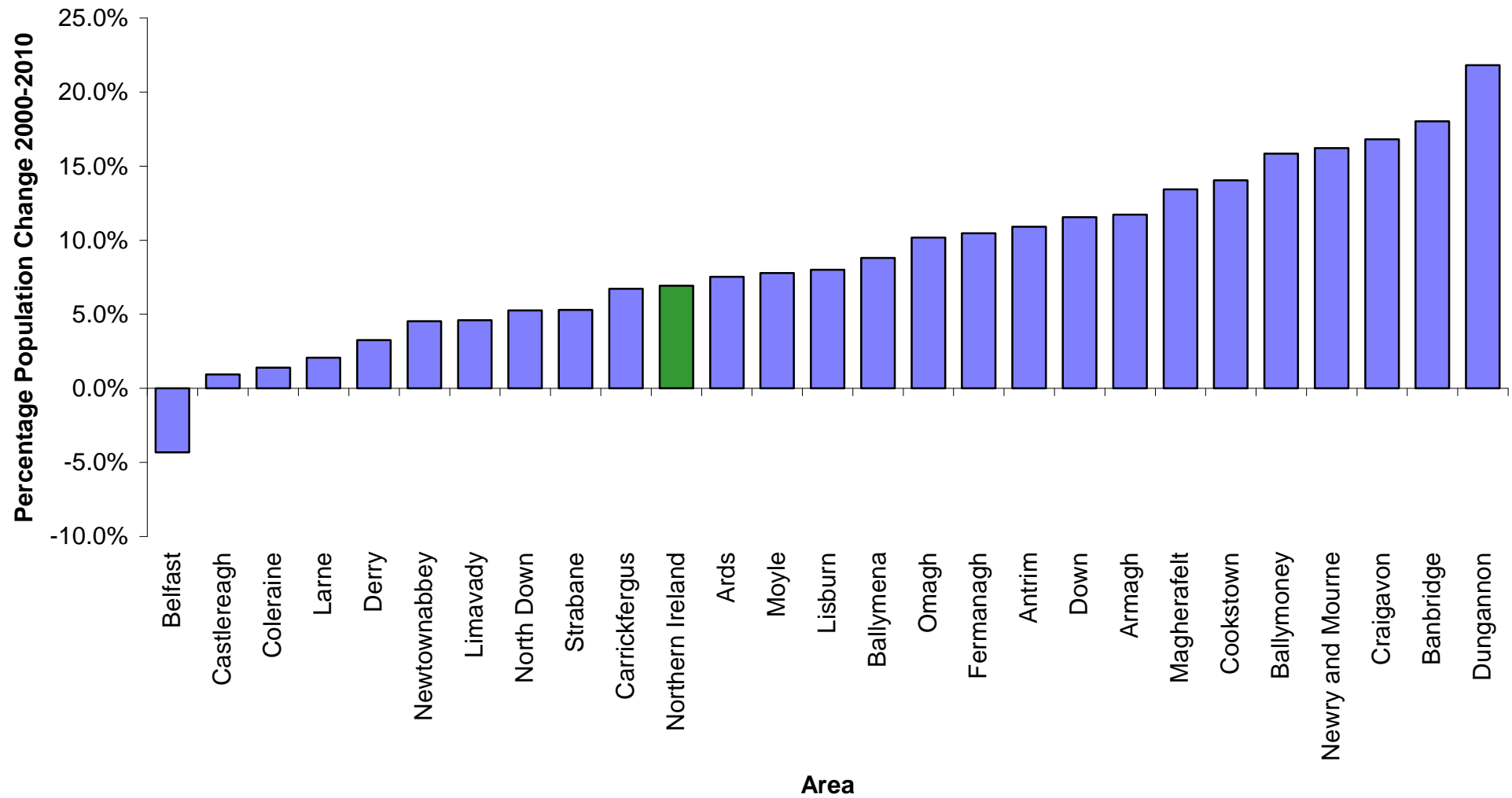
Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

Figure 2a: Overall percentage change in population size between 2009 and 2010 of Local Areas



Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

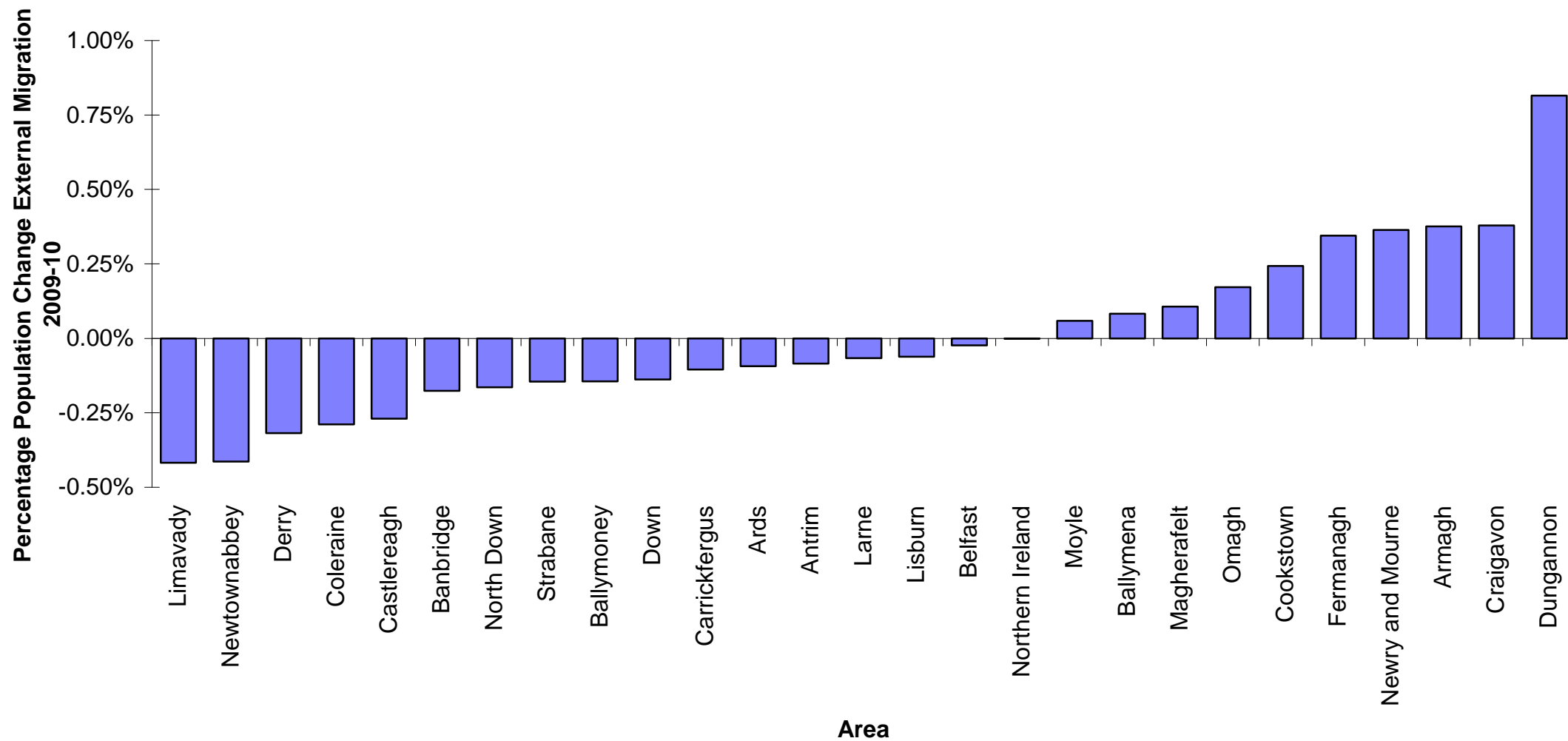
Figure 2b: Overall percentage change in population size between 2000 and 2010 of Local Areas



Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

- all Local Government Districts in Northern Ireland experienced a natural increase in population (births less deaths). The largest natural increase of population was in Belfast Local Government District, with a natural increase of 1,200 people, whilst Dungannon and Magherafelt Local Government Districts had the largest percentage of population change due to natural increase (+1.0%);
- Newry and Mourne Local Government District had the highest proportion of children among its population (23.9%), which can be directly linked to continued above average fertility rates in the last 15 years. North Down Local Government District had the lowest proportion (18.3%) due to a combination of historically low fertility and low mortality rates;
- North Down Local Government District had the highest proportion of the population of males aged 65 and over, and females aged 60 and over (21.7%). Derry Local Government District had the lowest proportion (14.0%) through a combination of high mortality rates and historic out migration;
- Figure 3 shows the overall percentage change in population size due to migration (2009-10) from outside Northern Ireland to each area; and
- Dungannon Local Government District had the largest percentage of population change due to migration from outside Northern Ireland (+0.8%, see Table 4 for full details).

Figure 3: Net external migration as percentage change of population size between 2009 and 2010 by Local Area



Population & Migration Estimates Northern Ireland (2010)

The following tables⁴ are attached:

Table 1: Northern Ireland mid-year population estimates, by gender and 5-year age bands, 2010

Table 2: Components of population change, Northern Ireland, 1995 to 2010

Table 3: Components of population change, by area, 2009 to 2010

Table 4: Detailed migration, by area, 2009 to 2010

Table 5: Local population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2010

NISRA

June 2011

⁴ All figures in tables have been rounded to the nearest 100. Therefore counts may not add to totals due to rounding.

**Table 1 Northern Ireland Mid-Year Population Estimates, by
Gender and Five Year Age Bands, 2010**

Age Group	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	63,700	60,600	124,300
5-9	57,800	54,800	112,600
10-14	62,300	58,700	121,000
15-19	62,700	60,400	123,100
20-24	65,900	63,700	129,600
25-29	64,200	63,900	128,100
30-34	58,600	58,600	117,200
35-39	60,500	61,200	121,700
40-44	63,600	65,800	129,400
45-49	62,700	65,300	127,900
50-54	55,700	57,600	113,300
55-59	48,900	48,800	97,700
60-64	45,400	47,800	93,200
65-69	38,000	41,500	79,500
70-74	29,400	34,300	63,700
75-79	21,900	28,800	50,700
80-84	14,000	23,000	37,000
85-89	6,700	13,500	20,200
90+	2,400	7,100	9,500
All Ages	884,400	915,000	1,799,400

Table 2 Components of Population Change, Northern Ireland, 1995 to 2010

Year	Population at start of period	Births ¹	Deaths ¹	Natural Change	Net Migration	Other Changes ²	Population at end of period	Population Change	
								Number	%
Mid 1995 to Mid 1996	1,649,100	23,600	15,200	8,400	4,700	-500	1,661,800	12,600	0.8
Mid 1996 to Mid 1997	1,661,800	24,600	15,000	9,600	-1,000	1,000	1,671,300	9,500	0.6
Mid 1997 to Mid 1998	1,671,300	23,800	15,100	8,700	-1,800	-400	1,677,800	6,500	0.4
Mid 1998 to Mid 1999	1,677,800	23,400	15,500	7,900	-4,800	-1,900	1,679,000	1,200	0.1
Mid 1999 to Mid 2000	1,679,000	22,300	15,500	6,800	-2,200	-600	1,682,900	3,900	0.2
Mid 2000 to Mid 2001	1,682,900	21,600	14,300	7,200	-1,900	1,000	1,689,300	6,400	0.4
Mid 2001 to Mid 2002	1,689,300	21,500	14,200	7,200	100	0	1,696,600	7,300	0.4
Mid 2002 to Mid 2003	1,696,600	21,500	14,500	7,000	-1,000	0	1,702,600	6,000	0.4
Mid 2003 to Mid 2004	1,702,600	22,000	14,600	7,400	800	-600	1,710,300	7,700	0.5
Mid 2004 to Mid 2005	1,710,300	22,400	14,400	8,000	6,700	-600	1,724,400	14,100	0.8
Mid 2005 to Mid 2006	1,724,400	22,700	14,400	8,300	9,900	-1,000	1,741,600	17,200	1.0
Mid 2006 to Mid 2007	1,741,600	23,800	14,700	9,100	9,800	-1,400	1,759,100	17,500	1.0
Mid 2007 to Mid 2008	1,759,100	25,200	14,600	10,600	5,700	-500	1,775,000	15,900	0.9
Mid 2008 to Mid 2009	1,775,000	25,400	14,800	10,600	2,100	1,200	1,788,900	13,900	0.8
Mid 2009 to Mid 2010	1,788,900	25,000	14,200	10,800	0	-300	1,799,400	10,500	0.6

¹ Mid year to mid year.

² Other changes include changes in Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.

Table 3: Components of population change, by area, 2009 to 2010

Area	Population at start of period June 2009	Births ¹ 2009/2010	Deaths ¹ 2009/2010	Natural Change 2009/2010	Net Migration 2009/2010	Other Changes ² 2009/2010	Population at end of period June 2010	Population Change	
								Number	%
Northern Ireland	1,788,900	25,000	14,200	10,800	0	-300	1,799,400	10,500	0.6
Antrim	54,000	800	400	400	200	-500	54,100	100	0.2
Ards	78,100	900	600	200	-100	0	78,200	100	0.2
Armagh	58,800	900	500	400	200	0	59,400	600	1.0
Ballymena	63,200	800	500	300	0	0	63,500	300	0.5
Ballymoney	30,400	400	200	200	0	0	30,600	100	0.4
Banbridge	47,600	700	300	400	0	0	48,000	400	0.8
Belfast	268,400	3,800	2,600	1,200	-1,200	300	268,700	300	0.1
Carrickfergus	40,100	500	400	100	0	0	40,200	0	0.1
Castlereagh	66,800	800	600	300	0	0	67,000	300	0.4
Coleraine	57,100	700	500	200	-200	-300	56,800	-300	-0.5
Cookstown	36,300	600	300	300	0	0	36,700	400	1.0
Craigavon	92,400	1,400	700	800	500	0	93,600	1,300	1.4
Derry	109,600	1,600	800	800	-600	100	109,800	200	0.2
Down	70,300	1,000	500	500	0	0	70,800	500	0.7
Dungannon	56,400	1,000	400	500	500	300	57,700	1,300	2.3
Fermanagh	62,400	800	500	300	300	0	63,100	700	1.1
Larne	31,400	400	300	0	0	200	31,700	200	0.7
Limavady	34,000	400	200	200	-200	-400	33,600	-400	-1.2
Lisburn	116,500	1,700	900	900	500	0	117,800	1,400	1.2
Magherafelt	44,200	700	200	400	0	100	44,700	500	1.2
Moyle	16,900	200	200	0	0	0	17,000	100	0.3
Newry and Mourne	98,700	1,600	700	900	300	0	99,900	1,200	1.2
Newtownabbey	83,400	1,100	700	500	-300	0	83,600	200	0.2
North Down	79,600	1,000	800	200	100	100	79,900	400	0.5
Omagh	52,400	800	400	400	100	-100	52,900	400	0.8
Strabane	39,900	600	300	300	-100	0	40,100	200	0.6

¹ Mid 2009 to 2010.² Other changes include changes in Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.

Table 3: Components of population change, by area, 2009 to 2010

	Population at start of period						Population at end of period	Population Change	
Area	June 2009	Births ¹ 2009/2010	Deaths ¹ 2009/2010	Natural Change 2009/2010	Net Migration 2009/2010	Other Changes ² 2009/2010	June 2010	Number	%
Health and Social Care Trusts									
Belfast	335,200	4,700	3,200	1,500	-1,200	300	335,800	600	0.2
Northern	457,100	6,000	3,600	2,500	-300	-500	458,700	1,600	0.4
South Eastern	344,400	4,500	2,800	1,700	600	100	346,800	2,400	0.7
Southern	353,900	5,600	2,600	3,000	1,500	200	358,600	4,700	1.3
Western	298,300	4,200	2,200	2,000	-500	-400	299,400	1,100	0.4
Education and Library Boards									
Belfast	268,400	3,800	2,600	1,200	-1,200	300	268,700	300	0.1
North Eastern	420,800	5,500	3,300	2,200	-400	-500	422,100	1,300	0.3
South Eastern	411,200	5,300	3,400	2,000	600	100	413,800	2,600	0.6
Southern	390,200	6,200	2,800	3,300	1,500	300	395,300	5,100	1.3
Western	298,300	4,200	2,200	2,000	-500	-400	299,400	1,100	0.4
NUTS III Areas									
Belfast	268,400	3,800	2,600	1,200	-1,200	300	268,700	300	0.1
East of N. Ireland	437,000	5,900	3,300	2,600	600	-300	439,800	2,900	0.7
North of N. Ireland	287,900	3,900	2,200	1,700	-1,200	-600	287,800	-100	0.0
Outer Belfast	386,300	5,100	3,200	1,900	300	100	388,600	2,300	0.6
West & South of NI	409,300	6,300	2,900	3,400	1,500	300	414,400	5,100	1.2

¹ Mid 2009 to 2010.

² Other changes include changes in Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.

Table 4: Detailed migration by area, 2009 to 2010

Area	Population at June 2010	Net Internal Migration ¹ 2009/2010	Net External Migration ² 2009/2010	Net Total Migration 2009/2010
Northern Ireland	1,799,400	0	0	0
Local Government Districts				
Antrim	54,100	200	0	200
Ards	78,200	0	-100	-100
Armagh	59,400	0	200	200
Ballymena	63,500	-100	100	0
Ballymoney	30,600	0	0	0
Banbridge	48,000	100	-100	0
Belfast	268,700	-1,100	-100	-1,200
Carrickfergus	40,200	0	0	0
Castlereagh	67,000	200	-200	0
Coleraine	56,800	0	-200	-200
Cookstown	36,700	-100	100	0
Craigavon	93,600	100	400	500
Derry	109,800	-300	-300	-600
Down	70,800	100	-100	0
Dungannon	57,700	0	500	500
Fermanagh	63,100	100	200	300
Larne	31,700	0	0	0
Limavady	33,600	-100	-100	-200
Lisburn	117,800	500	-100	500
Magherafelt	44,700	0	0	0
Moyle	17,000	0	0	0
Newry and Mourne	99,900	-100	400	300
Newtownabbey	83,600	100	-300	-300
North Down	79,900	300	-100	100
Omagh	52,900	0	100	100
Strabane	40,100	0	-100	-100

¹ Internal migration relates to population migration across local areas within Northern Ireland only.

² External migration relates to migration flows with Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland and the Rest of the World.

Table 4: Detailed migration by area, 2009 to 2010

Area	Population at June 2010	Net Internal Migration ¹ 2009/2010	Net External Migration ² 2009/2010	Net Total Migration 2009/2010
Health and Social Care Trusts				
Belfast	335,800	-1,000	-200	-1,200
Northern	458,700	100	-500	-300
South Eastern	346,800	900	-400	600
Southern	358,600	200	1,300	1,500
Western	299,400	-300	-200	-500
Education and Library Boards				
Belfast	268,700	-1,100	-100	-1,200
North Eastern	422,100	200	-600	-400
South Eastern	413,800	1,100	-600	600
Southern	395,300	100	1,400	1,500
Western	299,400	-300	-200	-500
NUTS III Areas				
Belfast	268,700	-1,100	-100	-1,200
East of N. Ireland	439,800	500	100	600
North of N. Ireland	287,800	-400	-700	-1,200
Outer Belfast	388,600	1,100	-800	300
West & South of NI	414,400	0	1,500	1,500

¹ Internal migration relates to population migration across local areas within Northern Ireland only.

² External migration relates to migration flows with Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland and the Rest of the World.

Table 5 Local Population Estimates for Selected Age Groups, by Area, 2010

Area	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Males 65+, Females 60+	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Males 65+, Females 60+
Northern Ireland	1,799,400	382,000	1,109,100	308,300	21.2	61.6	17.1
Local Government Districts							
Antrim	54,100	12,400	33,400	8,300	22.9	61.8	15.3
Ards	78,200	15,200	47,300	15,800	19.4	60.5	20.1
Armagh	59,400	13,800	35,800	9,900	23.2	60.2	16.6
Ballymena	63,500	13,000	38,100	12,400	20.5	60.0	19.6
Ballymoney	30,600	6,600	18,700	5,300	21.4	61.3	17.3
Banbridge	48,000	10,600	29,600	7,800	22.1	61.7	16.2
Belfast	268,700	52,000	169,600	47,200	19.3	63.1	17.6
Carrickfergus	40,200	7,800	25,000	7,400	19.5	62.1	18.3
Castlereagh	67,000	12,900	40,600	13,500	19.3	60.6	20.1
Coleraine	56,800	11,400	33,900	11,500	20.1	59.7	20.2
Cookstown	36,700	8,200	22,900	5,600	22.3	62.5	15.2
Craigavon	93,600	20,500	58,200	14,900	21.9	62.2	15.9
Derry	109,800	25,600	68,900	15,300	23.3	62.8	14.0
Down	70,800	15,300	43,400	12,000	21.6	61.4	17.0
Dungannon	57,700	13,300	36,000	8,400	23.0	62.4	14.6
Fermanagh	63,100	13,300	38,800	11,000	21.1	61.4	17.5
Larne	31,700	6,100	19,300	6,300	19.2	60.9	19.9
Limavady	33,600	7,300	21,200	5,000	21.9	63.3	14.9
Lisburn	117,800	26,300	72,400	19,100	22.4	61.4	16.2
Magherafelt	44,700	10,400	27,900	6,400	23.2	62.4	14.4
Moyle	17,000	3,500	10,200	3,300	20.4	59.9	19.6
Newry and Mourne	99,900	23,900	61,500	14,500	23.9	61.5	14.5
Newtownabbey	83,600	17,000	50,900	15,700	20.3	60.9	18.7
North Down	79,900	14,600	48,000	17,300	18.3	60.0	21.7
Omagh	52,900	11,800	33,100	7,900	22.4	62.6	15.0
Strabane	40,100	9,200	24,300	6,500	23.0	60.7	16.3

¹ Children are defined as those in the population aged under 16.² Working age population is defined as the male population aged 16-64 and the female population aged 16-59.

Table 5 Local Population Estimates for Selected Age Groups, by Area, 2010

Area	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Males 65+, Females 60+	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Males 65+, Females 60+
Health and Social Care Trusts							
Belfast	335,800	64,900	210,200	60,600	19.3	62.6	18.1
Northern	458,700	96,300	280,300	82,100	21.0	61.1	17.9
South Eastern	346,800	71,400	211,100	64,200	20.6	60.9	18.5
Southern	358,600	82,100	221,100	55,500	22.9	61.6	15.5
Western	299,400	67,300	186,400	45,800	22.5	62.2	15.3
Education and Library Boards							
Belfast	268,700	52,000	169,600	47,200	19.3	63.1	17.6
North Eastern	422,100	88,200	257,400	76,600	20.9	61.0	18.1
South Eastern	413,800	84,400	251,700	77,700	20.4	60.8	18.8
Southern	395,300	90,200	244,000	61,100	22.8	61.7	15.4
Western	299,400	67,300	186,400	45,800	22.5	62.2	15.3
NUTS III Areas							
Belfast	268,700	52,000	169,600	47,200	19.3	63.1	17.6
East of Northern Ireland	439,800	93,000	269,300	77,500	21.2	61.2	17.6
North of Northern Ireland	287,800	63,600	177,300	47,000	22.1	61.6	16.3
Outer Belfast	388,600	78,800	236,900	72,900	20.3	61.0	18.8
West & South of NI	414,400	94,700	256,000	63,800	22.8	61.8	15.4

¹ Children are defined as those in the population aged under 16.² Working age population is defined as the male population aged 16-64 and the female population aged 16-59.

NOTES

1. The Northern Ireland mid-year population estimate relates to the usually resident population of Northern Ireland including Her Majesty's Forces stationed here. Births and deaths recorded are those registered by the General Register Office between mid-2009 and mid-2010.
2. Following international guidelines migration statistics relate only to long-term migrants (i.e. someone who changes their place of residence for a year or more (Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration, United Nations, 1998)).
3. This information, detailed tables and additional reports can be accessed on the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency's website at:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp17.htm>
4. A separate paper with more detailed statistics on measures of long-term migration will be published later this year. This updates analysis undertaken by NISRA last year entitled "Long-term International Migration Statistics for Northern Ireland (2008-9)" which can be found at:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp18.htm>
5. Further statistical information can be obtained from NISRA Customer Services:

Telephone:	028 9034 8160
Fax:	028 9034 8161
E-mail:	census.nisra@dfpni.gov.uk
Responsible Statistician:	Dr David Marshall