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MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES NORTHERN IRELAND (2003)

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The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency today released statistics on the estimated size and structure of the population of Northern Ireland at 30 June 2003. 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 2003 was 1,702,600, an increase of 6,000 (0.4 per cent) on the 2002 population of 1,696,600 and an increase of 67,100 (4.1 per cent) on the 1993 population of 1,635,600.
- The 6,000 increase in the Northern Ireland population between 2002 and 2003 was a result of the following components of change:
 - 21,500 births;
 - 14,500 deaths;
 - Net outward migration of 1,000 people.
- The number of children (aged under 16 years) in Northern Ireland has declined from 393,000 to 388,100 (1.2 per cent) between 2002 and 2003, reflecting the falling birth rate since the mid 1980s.
- The Northern Ireland populations of working and pensionable age have increased by 0.6 per cent (from 1,037,400 to 1,043,900) and 1.7 per cent (from 266,200 to 270,600) respectively between 2002 and 2003.

Local Government Districts

- Among Local Government Districts, Banbridge had the greatest increase in population (1.7 per cent) and Belfast had the greatest decrease in population (0.9 per cent).
- The largest natural increase of population (births less deaths) in percentage terms was 0.8 per cent in Newry & Mourne and Magherafelt Local Government Districts.

- Derry was the Local Government District with the highest proportion of children among its population (25.8 per cent), while North Down had the lowest proportion (19.3 per cent).
- Castlereagh Local Government District had the highest proportion of the population of pensionable age (19.5 per cent) and Limavady Local Government District had the lowest proportion of pensionable age (12.1 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 (1.3 per cent).
- In Belfast East and Belfast North 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 (26.4 per cent), while Belfast South had the lowest (17.0 per cent).
- Belfast East Parliamentary Constituency had the highest proportion of the population of pensionable age (22.0 per cent) while Foyle Parliamentary Constituency had the lowest proportion of the population of pensionable age (12.2 per cent).

The following tables¹ are attached:

1. Northern Ireland mid year population estimates, by gender and 5 year age bands, 2003
2. Components of population change, by area, 2002 to 2003
3. Population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2003

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, 2003**

Age Group	Males	Females	Persons
0-4	56,800	53,800	110,600
5-9	62,300	58,800	121,200
10-14	66,300	63,100	129,400
15-19	68,400	64,900	133,300
20-24	57,600	55,200	112,800
25-29	53,500	54,500	108,000
30-34	61,400	63,300	124,700
35-39	64,500	66,500	131,100
40-44	59,900	62,700	122,500
45-49	54,000	54,300	108,300
50-54	48,900	49,300	98,100
55-59	46,100	48,100	94,200
60-64	37,800	40,400	78,200
65-69	31,700	35,700	67,500
70-74	25,700	32,700	58,400
75-79	19,300	28,200	47,500
80-84	12,100	21,100	33,200
85-89	4,800	11,200	16,000
90+	1,700	5,800	7,500
All Ages	832,800	869,800	1,702,600

Table 2 Components of population change, 2002 to 2003

	Population at start of period June 2002	Births ¹ 2002/2003	Deaths ¹ 2002/2003	Natural Change 2002/2003	Migration 2002/2003	Population at end of period June 2003	Population Change Number	%
Northern Ireland	1,696,600	21,500	14,500	7,000	-1,000	1,702,600	6,000	0.4
Local Government Districts								
Antrim	48,900	700	400	300	100	49,300	400	0.8
Ards	74,100	900	600	200	0	74,400	300	0.4
Armagh	55,000	700	400	300	200	55,400	500	0.9
Ballymena	59,000	700	500	200	300	59,500	600	1.0
Ballymoney	27,500	400	200	200	100	27,800	300	1.2
Banbridge	42,400	600	400	300	500	43,100	700	1.7
Belfast	274,100	3,200	2,900	300	-2,800	271,600	-2,500	-0.9
Carrickfergus	38,100	500	300	100	200	38,500	400	0.9
Castlereagh	66,300	800	600	100	-400	66,100	-300	-0.4
Coleraine	56,200	600	400	200	-300	56,000	-200	-0.3
Cookstown	33,000	400	200	200	100	33,400	300	1.1
Craigavon	81,500	1,000	700	400	300	82,200	700	0.8
Derry	106,200	1,500	800	800	-500	106,500	300	0.2
Down	64,800	800	500	300	0	65,200	400	0.6
Dungannon	48,200	700	400	300	200	48,700	500	1.0
Fermanagh	58,100	800	500	200	300	58,700	600	1.0
Larne	30,900	400	300	100	-100	30,900	0	0.0
Limavady	33,200	500	200	200	100	33,600	400	1.1
Lisburn	109,400	1,400	900	500	-300	109,600	200	0.2
Magherafelt	40,400	600	300	300	100	40,800	400	1.1
Moyle	16,200	200	200	0	0	16,300	100	0.4
Newry and Mourne	88,500	1,300	700	700	400	89,600	1,100	1.2
Newtownabbey	80,200	1,000	700	200	-200	80,300	100	0.1
North Down	77,000	800	800	0	100	77,100	100	0.2
Omagh	48,900	700	400	300	400	49,600	600	1.3
Strabane	38,400	500	300	200	-100	38,600	200	0.4

¹ Mid 2002 to Mid 2003

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	Population at start of period June 2002	Births ¹ 2002/2003	Deaths ¹ 2002/2003	Natural Change 2002/2003	Migration 2002/2003	Population at end of period June 2003	Population Change Number	%
Health and Social Services Boards								
Eastern	665,700	7,800	6,300	1,500	-3,300	663,900	-1,800	-0.3
Northern	430,400	5,400	3,500	1,900	500	432,800	2,400	0.6
Southern	315,600	4,300	2,500	1,900	1,600	319,000	3,400	1.1
Western	284,900	3,900	2,200	1,700	300	286,900	2,000	0.7
Education and Library Boards								
Belfast	274,100	3,200	2,900	300	-2,800	271,600	-2,500	-0.9
North Eastern	397,400	5,000	3,300	1,700	400	399,400	2,000	0.5
South Eastern	391,600	4,600	3,400	1,200	-500	392,300	700	0.2
Southern	348,600	4,800	2,700	2,100	1,700	352,400	3,800	1.1
Western	284,900	3,900	2,200	1,700	300	286,900	2,000	0.7
NUTS III Areas								
Belfast	274,100	3,200	2,900	300	-2,800	271,600	-2,500	-0.9
East of Northern Ireland	401,500	5,100	3,300	1,800	1,200	404,500	3,000	0.7
North of Northern Ireland	277,700	3,700	2,100	1,600	-600	278,700	1,000	0.4
Outer Belfast	371,000	4,300	3,300	1,000	-600	371,500	500	0.1
West & South of Northern Ireland	372,200	5,100	2,900	2,300	1,800	376,300	4,000	1.1

¹ Mid 2002 to Mid 2003

Table 2 Components of population change, 2002 to 2003

	Population at start of period June 2002	Births ¹ 2002/2003	Deaths ¹ 2002/2003	Natural Change 2002/2003	Migration 2002/2003	Population at end of period June 2003	Population Change Number	%
Parliamentary Constituencies								
Belfast East	78600	900	1,000	-100	-600	78000	-700	-0.9
Belfast North	84600	1,000	1,000	0	-1,100	83400	-1,100	-1.3
Belfast South	94600	1,000	900	100	-700	94100	-600	-0.6
Belfast West	86900	1,200	700	400	-1,000	86300	-600	-0.7
East Antrim	84800	1,100	800	300	100	85200	400	0.5
East Londonderry	89400	1,100	700	400	-200	89600	200	0.2
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	92100	1,200	800	300	500	92900	800	0.9
Foyle	106200	1,500	800	800	-500	106500	300	0.2
Lagan Valley	102900	1,300	900	400	200	103500	600	0.6
Mid Ulster	87700	1,200	600	700	300	88700	1,000	1.1
Newry & Armagh	102400	1,400	800	600	400	103400	1,000	1.0
North Antrim	102700	1,300	900	400	500	103600	1,000	0.9
North Down	86700	900	900	0	100	86900	100	0.2
South Antrim	100700	1,300	800	500	-100	101200	500	0.5
South Down	106100	1,400	800	700	500	107200	1,100	1.1
Strangford	98900	1,200	800	400	-100	99200	300	0.3
Upper Bann	104000	1,300	800	500	400	105000	900	0.9
West Tyrone	87300	1,200	700	500	300	88100	800	0.9

¹ Mid 2002 to Mid 2003

Table 3 Local population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2003

	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³
Northern Ireland	1,702,600	388,100	1,043,900	270,600	22.8	61.3	15.9
Local Government Districts							
Antrim	49,300	11,600	31,000	6,700	23.6	62.9	13.5
Ards	74,400	15,300	46,200	12,800	20.6	62.1	17.2
Armagh	55,400	13,400	33,800	8,300	24.1	61.0	14.9
Ballymena	59,500	12,800	36,300	10,500	21.5	61.0	17.6
Ballymoney	27,800	6,400	16,900	4,500	23.0	60.7	16.3
Banbridge	43,100	9,900	26,800	6,400	22.9	62.2	14.9
Belfast	271,600	56,500	167,000	48,100	20.8	61.5	17.7
Carrickfergus	38,500	8,400	23,900	6,200	21.8	62.2	16.1
Castlereagh	66,100	13,900	39,300	12,900	21.1	59.4	19.5
Coleraine	56,000	12,200	33,800	10,000	21.8	60.3	17.9
Cookstown	33,400	8,200	20,500	4,700	24.6	61.4	14.0
Craigavon	82,200	19,400	50,100	12,600	23.7	61.0	15.3
Derry	106,500	27,400	66,000	13,000	25.8	62.0	12.2
Down	65,200	15,600	39,600	10,000	23.9	60.8	15.4
Dungannon	48,700	12,000	29,400	7,300	24.6	60.4	15.0
Fermanagh	58,700	13,400	35,800	9,500	22.8	60.9	16.2
Larne	30,900	6,500	18,900	5,600	21.1	61.0	17.9
Limavady	33,600	8,300	21,200	4,100	24.9	63.0	12.1
Lisburn	109,600	26,200	67,500	15,900	23.9	61.6	14.5
Magherafelt	40,800	10,300	25,000	5,600	25.2	61.2	13.6
Moyle	16,300	3,700	9,800	2,900	22.5	59.9	17.5
Newry and Mourne	89,600	23,000	54,200	12,400	25.7	60.5	13.9
Newtownabbey	80,300	17,100	49,400	13,800	21.3	61.6	17.2
North Down	77,100	14,900	47,400	14,800	19.3	61.5	19.2
Omagh	49,600	12,200	30,600	6,800	24.6	61.8	13.6
Strabane	38,600	9,500	23,600	5,500	24.7	61.1	14.2

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

³ Pensioners are defined as the female population aged 60 and over and the male population aged 65 and over

Table 3 Local population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2003

	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age ²	Pensioners ³
Health and Social Services Boards							
Eastern	663,900	142,400	407,000	114,500	21.4	61.3	17.2
Northern	432,800	97,200	265,400	70,300	22.4	61.3	16.2
Southern	319,000	77,700	194,300	47,000	24.4	60.9	14.7
Western	286,900	70,900	177,100	38,800	24.7	61.8	13.5
Education and Library Boards							
Belfast	271,600	56,500	167,000	48,100	20.8	61.5	17.7
North Eastern	399,400	89,000	244,900	65,600	22.3	61.3	16.4
South Eastern	392,300	85,900	240,100	66,400	21.9	61.2	16.9
Southern	352,400	85,900	214,800	51,700	24.4	61.0	14.7
Western	286,900	70,900	177,100	38,800	24.7	61.8	13.5
NUTS III Areas							
Belfast	271,600	56,500	167,000	48,100	20.8	61.5	17.7
East of Northern Ireland	404,500	91,100	248,900	64,500	22.5	61.5	16.0
North of Northern Ireland	278,700	67,600	171,200	40,000	24.3	61.4	14.3
Outer Belfast	371,500	80,400	227,600	63,500	21.6	61.3	17.1
West & South of Northern Ireland	376,300	92,500	229,300	54,500	24.6	60.9	14.5
Parliamentary Constituencies							
Belfast East	78000	15100	45700	17100	19.4	58.7	22.0

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	All Ages	Children ¹	Working Age	Pensioners ³	Children ¹	Working Age	Pensioners ³
Belfast North	83400	18700	48200	16600	22.4	57.8	19.9
Belfast South	94100	16000	62900	15200	17.0	66.8	16.2
Belfast West	86300	22800	51300	12300	26.4	59.4	14.3
East Antrim	85200	18400	52800	14000	21.6	62.0	16.5
East Londonderry	89600	20600	54900	14100	23.0	61.3	15.7
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	92900	21400	56500	15000	23.1	60.8	16.2
Foyle	106500	27400	66000	13000	25.8	62.0	12.2
Lagan Valley	103500	23200	64000	16200	22.4	61.9	15.7
Mid Ulster	88700	22500	54200	12000	25.3	61.1	13.5
Newry and Armagh	103400	25700	62800	14900	24.8	60.8	14.4
North Antrim	103600	22800	62900	17900	22.0	60.7	17.2
North Down	86900	16700	53100	17000	19.3	61.1	19.6
South Antrim	101200	22900	63400	14900	22.6	62.7	14.7
South Down	107200	26400	65000	15700	24.7	60.6	14.7
Strangford	99200	21200	61600	16400	21.4	62.1	16.5
Upper Bann	105000	24700	64400	15900	23.5	61.3	15.2
West Tyrone	88100	21700	54200	12300	24.6	61.5	13.9

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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-2002 and mid-2003. A more detailed breakdown of these and other statistics will be published later in the year in the "Registrar General Annual Report (NI) 2003".
2. This information can also be accessed on the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency's web site at:
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/financeandpersonnel/dmb/datavault.html>
3. The Nomenclature of Units for Territorial Statistics (NUTS) is a hierarchical classification of administrative areas, used across the European Union for statistical purposes. NUTS III Areas in Northern Ireland are groups of district council areas. NUTS areas were created by the European Office for Statistics (Eurostat) as a single hierarchical classification of spatial units used for statistical production across the European Union.
4. A separate press notice has been issued today on the 2002 based population projections for areas within Northern Ireland.
5. 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).
6. Further press information can be obtained from:

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