

## MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES NORTHERN IRELAND (2004)

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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 2004. 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 area and Northern Ireland levels.

### KEY RESULTS

- The estimated population of Northern Ireland at 30 June 2004 was 1,710,300, an increase of 7,700 (0.5 per cent) on the 2003 population of 1,702,600 and an increase of 66,600 (4.1 per cent) on the 1994 population of 1,643,700.
- The 7,700 increase in the Northern Ireland population between 2003 and 2004 was a result of the following components of change:
  - 22,000 births;
  - 14,600 deaths;
  - net inward migration to Northern Ireland of 800 people; and
  - net outward movement of 600 people in other changes, principally changes to Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Northern Ireland.
- The number of children (aged under 16 years) in Northern Ireland has declined from 388,100 to 383,300 (1.2 per cent) between 2003 and 2004, reflecting the falling birth rate since the mid 1980s.
- The Northern Ireland populations of working and pensionable age have increased by 0.8 per cent (from 1,043,900 to 1,051,700) and 1.7 per cent (from 270,600 to 275,200) respectively between 2003 and 2004.
- In the ten-year period since 1994 the number of children has fallen from 417,900 to 383,300 a fall of 8.3 per cent, in contrast the number of pensioners has increased from 250,400 to 275,200 a rise of 9.9 per cent.

## **Local Government Districts**

- Among Local Government Districts, Down had the greatest proportionate increase in population (2.4 per cent) and Armagh had the greatest decrease in population (1.0 per cent).
- The largest natural increase of population (births less deaths) in percentage terms was 0.8 per cent in Newry & Mourne Local Government District.
- Newry and Mourne was the Local Government District with the highest proportion of children among its population (25.4 per cent), while North Down had the lowest proportion (18.9 per cent).
- Castlereagh Local Government District had the highest proportion of the population of pensionable age (19.6 per cent) and Limavady Local Government District had the lowest proportion (12.4 per cent).

## **Parliamentary Constituencies**

- South Down had the greatest proportionate increase in population of the Parliamentary Constituencies (1.9 per cent), whilst all four Parliamentary Constituencies covering Belfast Local Government District showed a decrease in population between 2003 and 2004.
- In Belfast East Parliamentary Constituency 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 (25.8 per cent), while Belfast South had the lowest proportion (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 (12.5 per cent).

The following tables<sup>1</sup> are attached:

1. Northern Ireland mid year population estimates, by gender and 5-year age bands, 2004.
2. Components of population change, by area, 2003 to 2004.
3. Population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2004.

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<sup>1</sup> All count figures in tables have been rounded to nearest 100. Therefore counts may not add to totals due to rounding.

**Table 1 Northern Ireland mid-year population estimates, by gender and 5 year age bands, 2004**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Persons</b>
0-4	56,100	53,000	109,100
5-9	61,900	58,300	120,200
10-14	65,200	62,500	127,700
15-19	68,400	64,600	133,000
20-24	59,400	57,200	116,600
25-29	52,800	54,100	106,900
30-34	59,800	62,000	121,900
35-39	63,900	66,200	130,100
40-44	61,400	64,200	125,600
45-49	54,800	56,000	110,800
50-54	49,400	49,400	98,800
55-59	46,500	48,600	95,100
60-64	39,400	41,800	81,200
65-69	32,400	36,300	68,700
70-74	26,100	32,700	58,700
75-79	19,600	28,400	47,900
80-84	12,500	21,600	34,000
85-89	5,000	11,000	16,000
90+	1,900	6,100	8,000
<b>All Ages</b>	<b>836,500</b>	<b>873,800</b>	<b>1,710,300</b>

**Table 2 Components of population change, 2003 to 2004**

	Population at start of period June 2003	Births <sup>1</sup> 2003/2004	Deaths <sup>1</sup> 2003/2004	Natural Change 2003/2004	Migration 2003/2004	Other Changes <sup>2</sup> 2003/2004	Population at end of period June 2004	Population Change Number	%
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1,702,600</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>14,600</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>1,710,300</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Local Government Districts</b>									
Antrim	49,300	700	400	400	200	0	49,800	600	1.2
Ards	74,400	900	700	200	100	0	74,600	300	0.4
Armagh	55,400	700	400	300	300	-1,200	54,900	-600	-1.0
Ballymena	59,500	800	500	200	300	0	60,000	500	0.9
Ballymoney	27,800	400	200	200	300	0	28,300	500	1.6
Banbridge	43,100	600	300	300	400	0	43,800	700	1.6
Belfast	271,600	3,500	2,800	600	-2,900	-300	269,000	-2,600	-1.0
Carrickfergus	38,500	500	300	100	200	-100	38,700	200	0.6
Castlereagh	66,100	700	700	100	-300	0	65,800	-300	-0.4
Coleraine	56,000	600	500	100	-200	600	56,500	500	0.9
Cookstown	33,400	500	200	200	0	0	33,700	300	0.8
Craigavon	82,200	1,100	700	400	600	0	83,200	1,000	1.2
Derry	106,500	1,500	800	700	-100	-200	106,900	400	0.4
Down	65,200	900	500	400	600	600	66,800	1,600	2.4
Dungannon	48,700	700	400	300	300	0	49,300	600	1.3
Fermanagh	58,700	700	600	100	500	-100	59,300	600	1.0
Larne	30,900	300	300	0	-100	0	30,900	0	-0.1
Limavady	33,600	500	200	200	-100	300	34,000	400	1.3
Lisburn	109,600	1,400	800	600	100	-100	110,200	700	0.6
Magherafelt	40,800	600	300	300	200	0	41,300	500	1.1
Moyle	16,300	200	200	100	100	0	16,400	100	0.7
Newry and Mourne	89,600	1,400	700	700	600	-600	90,300	600	0.7
Newtownabbey	80,300	1,000	700	300	-500	200	80,300	0	0.0
North Down	77,100	800	800	100	200	200	77,600	500	0.7
Omagh	49,600	600	400	300	200	0	50,100	500	1.1
Strabane	38,600	500	300	200	-100	0	38,700	100	0.3

<sup>1</sup> Mid 2003 to Mid 2004

<sup>2</sup> Other changes principally relates to changes in Her Majesty's Forces stationed in Northern Ireland

**Table 2 Components of population change, 2003 to 2004**

	Population at start of period June 2003	Births <sup>1</sup> 2003/2004	Deaths <sup>1</sup> 2003/2004	Natural Change 2003/2004	Migration 2003/2004	Other Changes <sup>2</sup> 2003/2004	Population at end of period June 2004	Population Change Number	%
<b>Health and Social Services Boards</b>									
Eastern	663,900	8,200	6,300	2,000	-2,300	500	664,100	100	0.0
Northern	432,800	5,500	3,600	1,900	500	700	435,900	3,100	0.7
Southern	319,000	4,600	2,500	2,000	2,200	-1,800	321,400	2,400	0.7
Western	286,900	3,700	2,200	1,500	500	100	288,900	2,100	0.7
<b>Education and Library Boards</b>									
Belfast	271,600	3,500	2,800	600	-2,900	-300	269,000	-2,600	-1.0
North Eastern	399,400	5,000	3,300	1,700	400	700	402,300	2,800	0.7
South Eastern	392,300	4,700	3,400	1,300	600	800	395,100	2,800	0.7
Southern	352,400	5,000	2,800	2,300	2,200	-1,800	355,100	2,700	0.8
Western	286,900	3,700	2,200	1,500	500	100	288,900	2,100	0.7
<b>NUTS III Areas</b>									
Belfast	271,600	3,500	2,800	600	-2,900	-300	269,000	-2,600	-1.0
East of N. Ireland	404,500	5,200	3,400	1,800	2,100	600	409,100	4,600	1.1
North of N. Ireland	278,700	3,600	2,200	1,500	-100	700	280,800	2,100	0.7
Outer Belfast	371,500	4,500	3,200	1,200	-400	300	372,700	1,200	0.3
West & South of N. Ireland	376,300	5,200	3,000	2,300	2,100	-1,800	378,800	2,500	0.7

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<b>Parliamentary Constituencies</b>									
Belfast East	78,000	900	900	-100	0	-200	77,700	-200	-0.3
Belfast North	83,400	1,100	1,000	200	-1,100	-100	82,400	-1,000	-1.2
Belfast South	94,100	1,000	800	200	-1,500	100	92,800	-1,200	-1.3
Belfast West	86,300	1,300	800	500	-1,000	-100	85,700	-600	-0.7
East Antrim	85,200	1,000	700	200	-200	100	85,300	100	0.2
East Londonderry	89,600	1,100	700	400	-300	900	90,500	900	1.1
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	92,900	1,200	900	300	700	-100	93,900	1,000	1.0
Foyle	106,500	1,500	800	700	-100	-200	106,900	400	0.4
Lagan Valley	103,500	1,300	800	500	700	-100	104,600	1,100	1.1
Mid Ulster	88,700	1,300	600	700	300	0	89,700	1,000	1.1
Newry & Armagh	103,400	1,500	800	700	500	-1,700	103,000	-400	-0.4
North Antrim	103,600	1,300	900	400	700	0	104,700	1,100	1.0
North Down	86,900	900	900	0	300	200	87,400	600	0.6
South Antrim	101,200	1,400	700	600	100	0	101,900	800	0.7
South Down	107,200	1,500	800	700	800	500	109,200	2,000	1.9
Strangford	99,200	1,200	800	300	100	0	99,600	400	0.4
Upper Bann	105,000	1,400	800	500	700	0	106,200	1,200	1.2
West Tyrone	88,100	1,100	700	400	200	0	88,700	600	0.7

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**Table 3      Local population estimates for selected age groups, by area, 2004**

	Numbers				Percentages		
	All Ages	Children <sup>1</sup>	Working Age <sup>2</sup>	Pensioners <sup>3</sup>	Children <sup>1</sup>	Working Age <sup>2</sup>	Pensioners <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1,710,300</b>	<b>383,300</b>	<b>1,051,700</b>	<b>275,200</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>Local Government Districts</b>							
Antrim	49,800	11,600	31,400	6,900	23.3	62.9	13.8
Ards	74,600	15,200	46,400	13,000	20.3	62.2	17.5
Armagh	54,900	13,200	33,200	8,500	24.1	60.4	15.5
Ballymena	60,000	12,700	36,500	10,700	21.2	60.9	17.9
Ballymoney	28,300	6,400	17,200	4,700	22.6	60.8	16.6
Banbridge	43,800	9,900	27,300	6,600	22.6	62.4	15.0
Belfast	269,000	55,300	165,800	47,800	20.6	61.6	17.8
Carrickfergus	38,700	8,300	24,000	6,400	21.4	62.1	16.5
Castlereagh	65,800	13,700	39,200	12,900	20.8	59.6	19.6
Coleraine	56,500	12,100	34,200	10,200	21.4	60.5	18.1
Cookstown	33,700	8,100	20,700	4,800	24.1	61.6	14.2
Craigavon	83,200	19,200	51,100	12,800	23.1	61.5	15.4
Derry	106,900	26,900	66,700	13,300	25.1	62.4	12.5
Down	66,800	15,500	40,900	10,400	23.2	61.3	15.5
Dungannon	49,300	11,900	30,000	7,400	24.2	60.8	15.0
Fermanagh	59,300	13,300	36,300	9,700	22.4	61.2	16.4
Larne	30,900	6,400	18,900	5,600	20.7	61.1	18.2
Limavady	34,000	8,200	21,600	4,200	24.1	63.5	12.4
Lisburn	110,200	25,800	68,100	16,300	23.4	61.8	14.8
Magherafelt	41,300	10,200	25,500	5,600	24.7	61.6	13.7
Moyle	16,400	3,600	9,900	2,900	22.0	60.2	17.8
Newry and Mourne	90,300	23,000	54,700	12,700	25.4	60.5	14.0
Newtownabbey	80,300	16,800	49,400	14,000	21.0	61.5	17.5
North Down	77,600	14,700	47,800	15,200	18.9	61.6	19.5
Omagh	50,100	12,000	31,200	6,900	24.0	62.2	13.8
Strabane	38,700	9,300	23,800	5,600	24.1	61.4	14.5

<sup>1</sup> Children are defined as those in the population aged under 16

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

<sup>3</sup> Pensioners are defined as the female population aged 60 and over and the male population aged 65 and over

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<b>Health and Social Services Boards</b>							
Eastern	664,100	140,200	408,300	115,600	21.1	61.5	17.4
Northern	435,900	96,300	267,700	71,900	22.1	61.4	16.5
Southern	321,400	77,200	196,200	48,000	24.0	61.1	14.9
Western	288,900	69,600	179,500	39,800	24.1	62.1	13.8
<b>Education and Library Boards</b>							
Belfast	269,000	55,300	165,800	47,800	20.6	61.6	17.8
North Eastern	402,300	88,200	247,000	67,100	21.9	61.4	16.7
South Eastern	395,100	84,900	242,500	67,800	21.5	61.4	17.1
Southern	355,100	85,300	217,000	52,800	24.0	61.1	14.9
Western	288,900	69,600	179,500	39,800	24.1	62.1	13.8
<b>NUTS III Areas</b>							
Belfast	269,000	55,300	165,800	47,800	20.6	61.6	17.8
East of N. Ireland	409,100	90,500	252,600	66,000	22.1	61.7	16.1
North of N. Ireland	280,800	66,500	173,300	41,000	23.7	61.7	14.6
Outer Belfast	372,700	79,300	228,600	64,800	21.3	61.3	17.4
West & South of N. Ireland	378,800	91,700	231,500	55,600	24.2	61.1	14.7

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<b>Parliamentary Constituencies</b>							
Belfast East	77,700	14,900	45,800	17,100	19.1	58.9	22.0
Belfast North	82,400	18,100	47,800	16,400	22.0	58.1	19.9
Belfast South	92,800	15,800	62,000	15,100	17.0	66.8	16.2
Belfast West	85,700	22,100	51,200	12,400	25.8	59.8	14.4
East Antrim	85,300	18,100	52,800	14,300	21.3	61.9	16.8
East Londonderry	90,500	20,300	55,800	14,400	22.4	61.7	15.9
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	93,900	21,200	57,400	15,300	22.6	61.1	16.3
Foyle	106,900	26,900	66,700	13,300	25.1	62.4	12.5
Lagan Valley	104,600	23,200	64,700	16,600	22.2	61.9	15.9
Mid Ulster	89,700	22,300	55,100	12,300	24.9	61.4	13.7
Newry and Armagh	103,000	25,500	62,200	15,200	24.8	60.4	14.8
North Antrim	104,700	22,700	63,600	18,400	21.7	60.7	17.5
North Down	87,400	16,500	53,600	17,400	18.9	61.2	19.9
South Antrim	101,900	22,800	63,900	15,300	22.3	62.6	15.0
South Down	109,200	26,400	66,700	16,100	24.1	61.1	14.8
Strangford	99,600	21,000	61,900	16,800	21.1	62.1	16.8
Upper Bann	106,200	24,300	65,600	16,300	22.9	61.8	15.3
West Tyrone	88,700	21,300	54,900	12,500	24.0	61.9	14.1

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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 by the General Register Office between mid-2003 and mid-2004. A more detailed breakdown of these and other statistics will be published later in the year in the "Registrar General Annual Report (NI) 2004".
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/myear.html>
3. A separate paper on the "Development of Methods/Sources to improve migration estimates for Northern Ireland" has been issued today and can be found at:  
<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/financeandpersonnel/DMB/publications.htm>
4. 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 Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) as a single hierarchical classification of spatial units used for statistical production across the European Union.
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