

Population

1 [Introduction](#)

This document outlines the composition of our population, how it has changed over time, and its variations from regional and national norms and how it may change in the future if present trends continue. Knowledge of the changing patterns of the local population will help in the prediction of future demand for services.

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2 Key Facts

- Blackpool has a resident population of some 140,000
- 23.6% are under 20 years of age
- Although over half of the population (53.9%) are less than 45 years of age, Blackpool has a high proportion of older residents (aged 60 years and over) (25.8%), when compared to England (22.5%).
- Blackpool has a high percentage of residents who are described as separated or divorced (15.2%) compared to the Northwest region (11.0%) and England & Wales (10.6%).
- Both in numerical and percentage terms Blackpool has a small black and minority ethnic (BME) population.
- Birth rates for Blackpool residents are lower than regional and national figures; death rates are higher.
- Blackpool has more deaths than it had live births in any given recent year, whereas the Northwest Region and England & Wales had more live births than deaths in 2008.
- Official ONS mid-year estimates between 1981 and 2010 record a reduction in Blackpool's population of 6.1%, compared to 0.1% in the Northwest; however, the population in Great Britain is recorded as having increased by 10.3% during this period.
- The ONS estimate reasons for no change in the population between mid-year 2009 and 2010 are due to equilibrium between Deaths and Live Births. No further changes arise through net "migration and other causes".
- Official projections for the future indicate a population increase to 145,500 by the year 2033.
- By year 2033 overall numbers of young people (0-19 years) are projected to remain very similar to the 2008 base but the size of the 20-64 years section of the population reduces by 4,100. In the 65 plus age bands, numbers of people are projected to increase by 32% and will represent 24% of the resident population.

3 Structural characteristics: Blackpool Population Age Structure 2010

Table 3.1 provides estimates of the age/gender-breakdown of Blackpool's resident population in mid-2010. These mid-year estimate figures are revised annually to reflect new births, deaths and account for the latest migration assumptions.

Blackpool's total population is estimated to be 140,000.

Official estimates show that over half the population (53.9%) are aged less than 45 years. Less than one quarter (23.6%) of the population in Blackpool are estimated to be under the age of 20 years compared to 23.8% in England whilst just over one quarter (25.8%) are aged 60 years or over compared to just over one fifth (22.5%) in England.

Table 3.1: Blackpool mid-year population estimates 2010 (ONS)				
Thousands	Number	%	Number	
	Persons	All	Males	Females
ALL AGES	140.0	100	69.0	71.0
Under 1	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.9
1-4	6.6	4.7	3.4	3.2
5-9	7.5	5.4	3.8	3.7
10-14	8.1	5.8	4.1	4.0
15-19	9.0	6.4	4.5	4.5
20-24	9.1	6.5	4.7	4.4
25-29	7.9	5.6	4.1	3.8
30-34	6.7	4.8	3.4	3.3
35-39	8.3	5.9	4.0	4.3
40-44	10.5	7.5	5.2	5.3
45-49	10.5	7.5	5.2	5.3
50-54	9.5	6.8	4.9	4.6
55-59	8.3	5.9	4.2	4.1
60-64	9.1	6.5	4.6	4.6
65-69	7.6	5.4	3.7	3.9
70-74	6.7	4.8	3.2	3.5
75-79	5.1	3.6	2.2	2.9
80-84	4.0	2.9	1.7	2.4
85-89	2.5	1.8	0.9	1.6
90+	1.2	0.9	0.3	0.9

Source: Population estimates unit, ONS 2011 (Crown Copyright)
 Note: All figures are rounded to the nearest 100 in accordance with ONS publication policy. Figures may not add up due to rounding.
 Next update on release of 2011 mid year estimates

4. Population Estimates: Drivers of change

4.1 Changes in Population between Mid 2009 and Mid 2010

The table below shows the reasons for the estimated no change in population between mid-2009 and mid-2010 in Blackpool. Deaths and live births equalised. There are no changes from net migration and other changes. This results in an unchanged estimated population.

Mid-2009 Population	140.0
Live Births	1.8
Deaths	1.8
Natural change	0.0
Net migration & other changes	0.0
Total change	0.0
Mid-2010 population	140.0

Figures are rounded.

Source: Population Estimates, ONS 2011 (Crown copyright)

5 Population trends: comparisons between Blackpool, the Northwest region and Great Britain.

Table 5.1: Mid-year population estimates 1981-2010 (in thousands)			
Year	Blackpool	Northwest Region	Great Britain
1981	149.1	6,940.3	54,814.5
1991	148.6	6,843.0	55,831.4
1996	147.6	6,809.6	56,502.6
2001	142.3	6,773.0	57,424.2
2002	142.0	6,776.9	57,622.1
2003	142.5	6,798.9	57,849.6
2004	142.9	6,818.7	58,131.6
2005	143.2	6,838.9	58,511.1
2006	142.6	6,852.0	58,842.7
2007	141.8	6,863.7	59,226.5
2008	140.6	6,874.1	59,623.2
2009	140.0	6,897.9	60,003.1
2010	140.0	6,935.7	60,462.6
Source: ONS population estimates (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 mid year estimates			

Over the period between 1981 and 2010, the official estimates record for Blackpool a population reduction by 6.1% with the population of the Northwest region (including Cumbria) declining by 0.1%. Meanwhile, the Great Britain population has increased by 10.3%.

6. Population: Comparisons from the Census of Population 2001

	Persons	Male	Female	Aged 0-15	Aged 16-74	Aged 75+
Blackpool	142,283	48%	52%	19%	72%	10%
Lancashire County	1,134,974	49%	51%	20%	72%	8%
Northwest Region	6,729,764	48%	52%	21%	72%	7%
England & Wales	52,041,916	49%	51%	20%	72%	8%

Source: Census of Population 2001 – Profiles ONS July 2004 (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 Census

Table 6.1 shows that Blackpool reflects the county, regional and country positions with females slightly outnumbering males.

Table 6.2 provides an analysis of the situation surrounding older age groups. Blackpool's resident population comprises noticeably higher proportions of older persons (age 60 and over) at the time of the 2001 Census. In Blackpool 25.5% were aged over 60 years whereas in England & Wales it was 20.9%. Within Blackpool the 60-64 age group comprises 5.96% of the Blackpool population (4th highest amongst the districts in the Northwest region); the 65-74 ages comprise 10% (6th highest in the Northwest); the 75-84 ages comprise 7.09% (4th highest in the Northwest); the ages 85-89 comprise 1.65% (4th highest in the Northwest) and the ages 90 and over comprise 0.84% (6th highest in the Northwest).

	Aged 60-64	Aged 65-74	Aged 75-84	Aged 85-89	Aged 90 & over
Percentage of all Persons in Blackpool	5.96%	10.00%	7.09%	1.65%	0.84%
Number of persons in Blackpool	8,484	14,232	10,081	2,349	1,195
Northwest Region	5.09%	8.59%	5.55%	1.24%	0.61%
England & Wales	4.89%	8.39%	5.64%	1.30%	0.65%

Source: Census of Population 2001 – Profiles ONS July 2004: (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 Census

Table 6.3 shows that amongst the residents of Blackpool aged 16 and over, 15.2% are separated or divorced.

	Single (never-married)	Married or re-married	Separated/ Divorced*	Widowed
Blackpool	28.5%	45.4%	15.2%	10.9%
Lancashire County	27.3%	52.7%	11.0%	9.0%
Northwest Region	30.1%	49.8%	11.0%	9.0%
England & Wales	30.1%	50.9%	10.6%	8.4%

Source: Census of Population 2001 – profiles ONS July 2004: (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 Census

Note: * Such persons may cohabit and still be part of a stable family group

Table 6.4: Ethnicity and Place of Birth (All People)				
	Ethnic Group	Place of Birth		
	Proportion Categori- sued: White	Born in UK	Born Elsewhere in EU	Born Outside EU
Blackpool	98.4%	96.6%	1.7%	1.8%
Lancashire County	94.7%	95.4%	1.4%	3.3%
Northwest Region	94.4%	94.9%	1.6%	3.5%
England & Wales	91.3%	91.1%	2.3%	6.6%
Source: Census of Population 2001 – Profiles ONS July 2004: (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 Census				

Table 6.4 shows 98.4% of Blackpool’s population is “white” thus indicating 1.6% to be “Black Minority Ethnic” (BME); the “BME” element is a smaller proportion than present in many other localities within the Northwest Region. The “BME” proportion of the population of the Northwest region is 5.6% and 8.7% for England and Wales. Some 3.5% of Blackpool’s population were born outside the United Kingdom (UK); 1.8% outside the European Union (EU).

Table 6.5: Religion (All People)									
	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	No Religion	Religion Not Stated
Blackpool	78.6%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	11.4%	8.8%
Lancashire County	78.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	3.4%	0.1%	0.2%	10.4%	6.9%
Northwest Region	78.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	3.0%	0.1%	0.2%	10.5%	7.2%
England & Wales	71.8%	0.3%	1.1%	0.5%	3.0%	0.6%	0.3%	14.8%	7.7%
Source: Census of Population 2001 – Profiles ONS July 2004: (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2011 Census									

Table 6.5 shows in Blackpool the proportions indicating “no religion” when combined with those providing a return with “religion-not stated” were higher for Blackpool (20.2%) when compared to other Northwest geographies but lower than the England and Wales figure (22.5%). Whilst there is little difference between the proportions of those persons expressing an affinity to “Christianity” (78.6%) in Blackpool and (78%) in the Northwest Region, both are higher than the equivalent England & Wales figure (71.8%). The smaller proportions of persons following the Muslim (0.4%) and Hindu (0.1%) faiths also sets Blackpool aside from the other tabled northwest geographies.

7.

Population: 'Drivers' of Structural Change, Births and Deaths in Blackpool

7.1

Births

Births declined between 1991 and 2001. They have increased in more recent years.

Live Births in 2008 were 10.6% below 1991 levels.

Table 7.1.1: Blackpool, births to persons resident

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Live Births	1,951	1,796	1,683	1,722	1,528	1,523	1,397	1,403	1,549	1,686	1,649	1,655	1,694	1,745
All Births under 2500 grams	136*	118	114	150	125	127	117	119	159	150	123	153	-	-

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) & Clinical & Health Systems Knowledge Base Website – Next update on release of 2008 Low Birth weight data (Not available yet)

Table 7.1.2 indicates live birth rates for Blackpool are lower than the figures for England & Wales. The live birth rate had declined locally, regionally and nationally between 1991 and 2001. Since then rates have increased across all geographies.

Table 7.1.2: Live Birth Rates (per 1000 resident population)

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Blackpool	13.0	11.7	11.0	11.3	10.2	10.2	9.3	9.9	10.9	11.8	11.5	11.6	11.9
North West Region	14.3	13.2	12.3	12.0	11.4	11.1	10.9	11.1	11.5	11.9	11.9*	12.3	12.5
England & Wales	13.7	13.1	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.8	12.1	12.1*	12.5	12.8

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2008 data
 Note: 2002 to 2005 are calculated based on unrevised mid year estimates
 2007 rates based on 2007 mid year estimates

The incidence of low weight births (under 2500 grams) has been taken as a proxy measure for clusters of poor health. Low birth weights make up a greater percentage of all births in 2007 than they did in 1991 in Blackpool, regionally and nationally.

Table 7.1.3: Low Weight Births as a Percentage of all Births

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Blackpool	6.9%	6.5%	6.7%	8.6%	8.2%	8.3%	8.3%	8.5%	10.2%	8.9%	7.4%	9.2%	8.6%
Northwest Region	7.0%	7.4%	8.0%	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%	8.3%	8.5%	8.6%	7.1%	8.1%	8.1%	7.3%
England & Wales	6.9%	7.2%	7.7%	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%	8.5%	8.0%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%	7.2%

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) & Clinical & Health Systems Knowledge Base Website – Next update on release of 2008 data

7.2

Teenage Pregnancy

Teenage pregnancy is an indicator strongly linked to poor school attendance, low educational attainment, social exclusion and deprivation.

Table 7.2.1 shows the rate of teenage conceptions per 1,000 15 to 17 year olds is higher in Blackpool than the national rate.

Table 7.2.1: Teenage Conceptions

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Blackpool number	159	153	182	171	156	200	217	193	176	182	170
Blackpool u18 rate*	66.5	64.8	75.7	69.9	63.0	77.0	81.1	72.2	66.0	66.4	60.9
England u18 rate*	45.5	46.6	44.8	43.6	42.5	42.7	42.2	41.6	41.3	40.6	41.7

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2008 provisional data

* Rates are per thousand female population aged 15-17

7.3 Deaths

The annual total of deaths of Blackpool residents has reduced by 20.7% between 1991 and 2008.

Table 7.3.1: Deaths of Persons Resident

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Deaths All Ages	2,396	2,431	2,352	2,251	2,109	2,120	2,124	2,100	2,114	1,953	1,976	1,921	1,876	1,900
Males	1,132	1,172	1,144	1,033	976	1,032	1,031	995	971	931	963	910	896	913
Females	1,264	1,259	1,208	1,218	1,133	1,088	1,093	1,105	1,143	1,022	1,013	1,011	980	987

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2009 data

Table 7.3.2: Deaths: Crude rates (deaths per 1000 resident population)

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Blackpool	16.0	15.8	15.3	14.8	14.0	14.1	14.1	14.8	14.9	13.7	13.8	13.5	13.1
Northwest Region	12.0	12.1	11.6	11.4	11.3	10.9	10.9	11.1	11.1	10.5	10.4	10.0	10.3
England & Wales	11.2	11.2	10.9	10.7	10.6	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.4

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2008 data

Note: 2002 to 2005 are calculated based on unrevised mid year estimates

2007 rates based on 2006 mid year estimates

The overall trend for Blackpool shows a decline in death rates between 1991 and 2007. Deaths of Blackpool residents in 2007 were 2.9 per 1,000 residents less than in 1991.

Through the entire sequence reported the death rate in Blackpool has been and remains higher than that for the Northwest Region and nationally.

Table 7.3.3: Births/Deaths Ratio

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Live Births	1,951	1,796	1,683	1,722	1,528	1,523	1,397	1,403	1,549	1,686	1,649	1,655	1,694	1,745
Deaths All Ages	2,396	2,431	2,352	2,251	2,109	2,120	2,124	2,100	2,114	1,953	1,976	1,921	1,876	1,900
Births/Deaths Ratio	0.81	0.74	0.72	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.65	0.67	0.73	0.86	0.83	0.86	0.90	0.92

Source: ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of 2008 data

Table 7.3.3 shows that Blackpool had more deaths than births in the year 2008. In the Northwest Region there were more live births (88,167) than deaths (70,740) and similarly there were more live births in England and Wales (708,711) than deaths (509,090). The regional and national ratios are 1.25 and 1.39 respectively.

7.4 Other Factors Affecting the Population

Net inward migration into the town counteracts some of the reduction of population resulting from the excess of deaths over births but does not fully compensate.

13.76% of Blackpool's total population were people whose address was different a year prior to the 2001 Census. This was higher than the number of movers in the Northwest Region and the nationally. The highest percentage (8.12%) moved from within the area. 4.34% came from other areas in the UK, 1.06% were people who previously had no address one year ago, and 0.23% came from abroad. This table shows that Blackpool's population increased by more than 400 people at the time of the Census through people moving into the area.

More recent figures show a balance of 200 people added to Blackpool's population in 2005/2006 due to internal migration. 7,800 people moved in and 7,600 moved out of the area. (Source: ONS Internal migration gross and net flows mid 2005-mid 2006.) The previous year there was a balance of 500 people added to Blackpool's population by way of internal migration. (Source: ONS Internal migration gross and net flows mid 2004-mid 2005).

Table: 7.4 Movers (Those whose address was different one year prior to Census)

	Population	% total movers	% of all people who moved within area	% of all people who moved into the area from outside the UK	% of all people: No usual address one year ago	% of people who moved into the area from elsewhere in the UK	% of all people who moved out of the area to elsewhere in the UK
Blackpool	142,283	13.76	8.12	0.23	1.06	4.34	4.26
Northwest Region	6,729,764	11.19	8.71	0.39	0.75	1.34	1.43
England & Wales	49,138,831	12.18	10.55	0.71	0.81	0.11	0.1

Source: Census of Population 2001, – Next update on release of 2011 Census

8. Population Projections

Age Group in Years	2008	2013	2018	2023	2028	2033
0 - 4	8.2	8.3	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0
5 - 9	7.4	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.2
10-14	8.4	7.6	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.6
15-19	9.3	8.6	7.7	8.5	8.8	8.8
20-24	8.6	8.9	8.1	7.4	8.1	8.4
25-29	7.4	8.8	8.9	8.2	7.5	8.2
30-34	6.9	7.4	8.7	8.9	8.2	7.5
35-39	9.6	6.9	7.5	8.8	9.0	8.3
40-44	10.8	9.7	7.2	7.9	9.2	9.4
45-49	10.3	10.9	9.8	7.5	8.2	9.6
50-54	9.1	10.2	10.9	9.8	7.6	8.4
55-59	8.6	8.7	9.8	10.5	9.5	7.5
60-64	9.2	8.1	8.2	9.3	10.0	9.1
65-69	7.4	8.4	7.5	7.6	8.7	9.3
70-74	6.5	6.5	7.5	6.8	6.9	8.0
75-79	5.3	5.4	5.6	6.5	6.0	6.2
80-84	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.5	5.4	5.0
85-89	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.0	3.3	4.1
90+	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.7	2.2	2.7
ALL AGES	140.6	140.2	140.8	142.1	143.7	145.5

Source: Sub-national population projections 2008-2033 based on 2008 mid year estimates, ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of projections based on 2010 mid year estimates

Based upon the mid-2008 population estimates, the Sub-national population projections from the “Office for National Statistics” assume that very recent patterns of change in the local population will continue over the full projection period. They do not reflect any impacts that will arise from future regeneration activity, policy decisions or other unforeseen changes in circumstances. If these projections come to fruition Blackpool’s estimated population of 140,600 in 2008 is set to rise by 4,900 (3.5%) to achieve 145,500 by the year 2033.

There is an almost even split of quinary (five-year) age bands set to gain and lose population. Gains in population will be in the bands 5-14, 25-34 and the elderly 65 plus years. Under this scenario, the elderly population (65 plus) would become much more numerous from 26.8 (19.06%)[2008] to 35.3 (24.26%)[2033] and would increase as a proportion of the total population.

Year	Number (thousands)	Percentage of total population
2008	33.3	23.7%
2013	32.7	23.3%
2018	32.7	23.2%
2023	33.6	23.7%
2028	33.7	23.5%
2033	33.6	23.1%

Source: Sub-national population projections 2008-2033 based on 2008 mid year estimates, ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of projections based on 2010 mid year estimates

Under this series of population projections between the years of 2008 and 2033 the numbers of young people would hardly change (+300); 0 to 19 year olds will make up a smaller proportion of the overall population, 23.1% in 2033 compared to 23.7% in 2008.

Year	Number (thousands)	Percentage of total population
2008	80.5	57.3%
2013	79.6	56.8%
2018	79.1	56.2%
2023	78.3	55.1%
2028	77.3	53.8%
2033	76.4	52.5%

Source: Sub-national population projections 2008-2033 based on 2008 mid year estimates, ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of projections based on 2010 mid year estimates

Under this scenario the population of 20 to 64 year olds will reduce in numbers by 4,100 between 2008 and 2033, and will drop as a proportion of the overall population from 57.3% to 52.5%.

Year	Number (thousands)	Percentage of total population
2008	26.8	19.1%
2013	28.0	20.0%
2018	28.9	20.5%
2023	30.1	21.2%
2028	32.5	22.6%
2033	35.3	24.3%

Source: Sub-national population projections 2008-2033 based on 2008 mid year estimates, ONS (Crown Copyright) – Next update on release of projections based on 2010 mid year estimates

Under this scenario the elderly population will rise by 8,500 people between 2008 and 2033, and it will also go up as a proportion of the population rising from 19.1% to 24.3% of the overall population.

Glossary

BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
EU	European Union
HMSO	Her Majesty's Stationary Office
Northwest Region	The Northwest Region of England comprises the area of the counties of Cumbria, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside and that of the unitary authorities of Blackburn-with-Darwen, Blackpool, Halton and Warrington.
ONS	Office of National Statistics
OS	Ordnance Survey
UK	United Kingdom

Where can I get further information on the issues covered in Blackpool Figures?

Blackpool Figures collects its summary information from a range of detailed reports and web sites. All sources are clearly acknowledged and referenced throughout the work. Much additional information is available within these original sources. Listed below are website references for information on population.

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[Census of Population 2001](#)

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