

Central Bedfordshire population forecasts, 2011

- The Central Bedfordshire population is forecast to increase from 255,600 in 2011 to 287,300 by 2021, an increase of 12.4%
- The largest rate of growth is expected in the older age groups, with those aged 75 and over forecast to increase by 39.0% between 2011 and 2021.
- The number of occupied households in Central Bedfordshire is expected to increase from 104,900 in 2011 to 119,300 by 2021, an increase of 13.7%

Introduction

The population forecast uses the Central Bedfordshire 2011 Mid Year Estimate from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as a base, and then incorporates assumptions on births, deaths and migration. These assumptions are based on information provided by ONS. Please note that these forecasts do not specifically take local housing policy into account.

The forecasts are calculated using the POPGROUP population forecasting model. The model uses standard forecasting techniques based on a cohort component methodology (Population at the beginning of the year + Births, - Deaths, + Net Migration = Population at the end of the year). POPGROUP is used by a large number of local and regional organisations across the UK, including Bedford Borough Council and Luton Borough Council, and is owned by the Local Government Association.

Numerous factors influence the future population size and distribution and many of these are themselves difficult to predict, particularly migration. It should also be noted that there is a greater degree of uncertainty the further ahead the projection is made. For this reason, the analysis here relates to the projection period to 2021.

For more information about these forecasts please contact the Customer and Community Insight team at insight@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

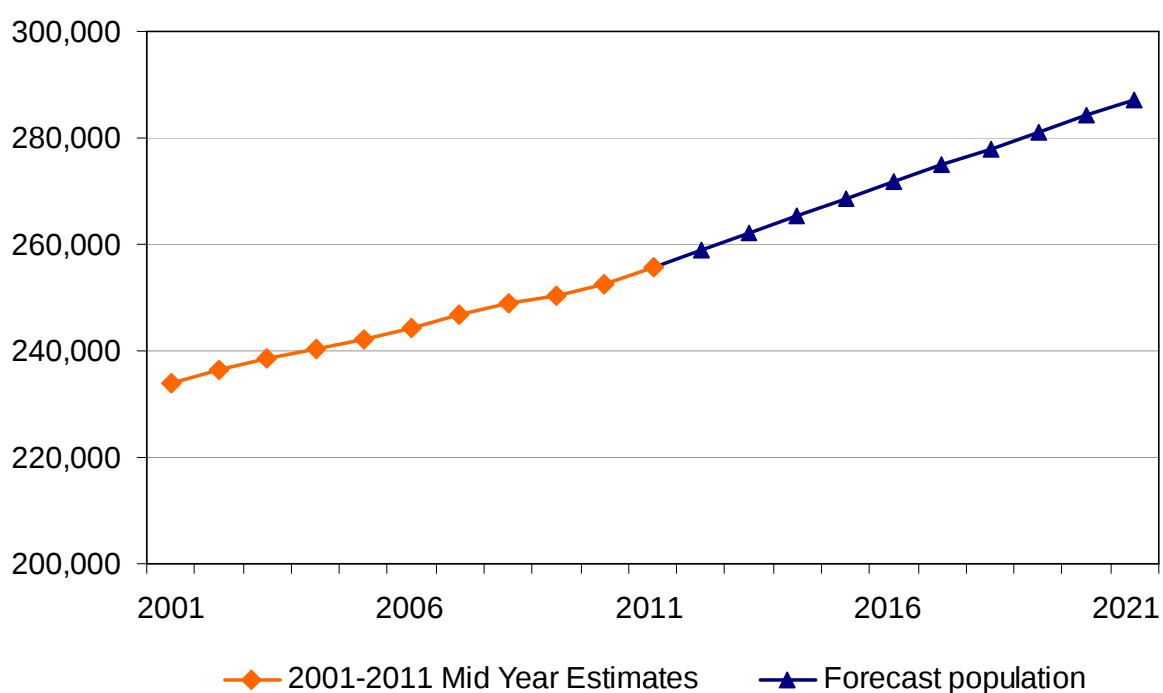
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Population growth

Central Bedfordshire's population is forecast to grow from 255,600 in 2011 to 287,300 in 2021, an increase of 12.4%. This compares to an increase of 9.2% experienced between 2001 and 2011.

Population growth 2001-2021

Year	Total
2001	234,000
2006	244,400
2011	255,600
2016	271,600
2021	287,300



Note: scale does not start at zero

Population growth 2001-2021

Year	Total Increase	%
2001-11	21,600	9.2%
2011-21	31,600	12.4%
Overall 2001-21	53,300	22.8%

(Source: 2001 and 2011 from Office for National Statistics, Mid Year Estimates; 2016 and 2021 from Central Bedfordshire Council, POPGROUP population forecasting model 2011)

Age structure

The largest rate of growth is expected in the older age groups, with those aged 75 and over forecast to increase by 39.0% between 2011 and 2021.

Changes in age structure, 2001-2021

Age	2001 MYE	2011 MYE	2016 Forecast	2021 Forecast	Change 2011-21
0-4	14,865	16,115	17,750	17,875	10.9%
5-15	35,315	33,720	35,025	38,835	15.2%
16-19	10,915	12,285	11,555	11,190	-8.9%
20-64	141,185	153,245	159,015	164,970	7.7%
65-74	17,580	22,165	27,550	29,240	31.9%
75+	14,140	18,110	20,740	25,180	39.0%
Total	234,000	255,600	271,600	287,300	12.4%

Population by five year age group, 2001 to 2021

	2001 MYE	2011 MYE	2016 Forecast	2021 Forecast
0 to 4	14,865	16,115	17,750	17,875
5 to 9	15,890	15,000	16,795	18,470
10 to 14	16,340	15,430	15,190	17,065
15 to 19	14,000	15,575	14,600	14,490
20 to 24	10,955	13,655	13,605	12,745
25 to 29	13,825	14,605	17,455	17,305
30 to 34	18,585	15,765	17,000	19,820
35 to 39	20,900	17,700	17,685	18,865
40 to 44	18,715	20,140	18,540	18,555
45 to 49	15,955	21,170	20,420	18,875
50 to 54	17,300	18,345	21,125	20,420
55 to 59	13,930	15,530	18,055	20,800
60 to 64	11,020	16,335	15,130	17,580
65 to 69	9,595	12,680	15,605	14,495
70 to 74	7,985	9,480	11,945	14,745
75 to 79	6,530	7,840	8,495	10,810
80 to 84	4,115	5,500	6,430	7,055
85 to 89	2,435	3,195	3,755	4,585
90+	1,065	1,575	2,060	2,730
Total	234,000	255,600	271,600	287,300

(Source: 2001 and 2011 from Office for National Statistics, Mid Year Estimates; 2016 and 2021 from Central Bedfordshire Council, POPGROUP population forecasting model 2011)

Household growth

Household growth is calculated by the POPGROUP model, which applies household formation rates to the forecast population. These household formation rates give projections for the composition of households, by age and family type, and are provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The most recent information on household formation rates was published in March 2013 and incorporates recent evidence, including the 2011 Census. It is important to note that the current figures are only short-term and improved rates are due to be released in 2014.

Household growth, 2001-2021

Year	Households
2001	94,300
2011	104,900
2016	112,300
2021	119,300

Household growth, 2001-2021

Year	Total increase	%
2001-11	10,600	11.2%
2011-21	14,400	13.7%
Overall 2001-21	25,000	26.5%

(Source: 2001 from Office for National Statistics, 2001 Census; 2011 from Department for Communities and Local Government, Household projections, 2011; 2016 and 2021 from Central Bedfordshire Council, POPGROUP population forecasting model 2011)

Summary

These population forecasts represent the most robust view of local population growth within Central Bedfordshire based on current evidence, and have been validated against information held by Central Bedfordshire Electoral Role, Council Tax and Planning teams.

Population forecasts are updated annually with the next set likely to be available in the middle of 2014.