



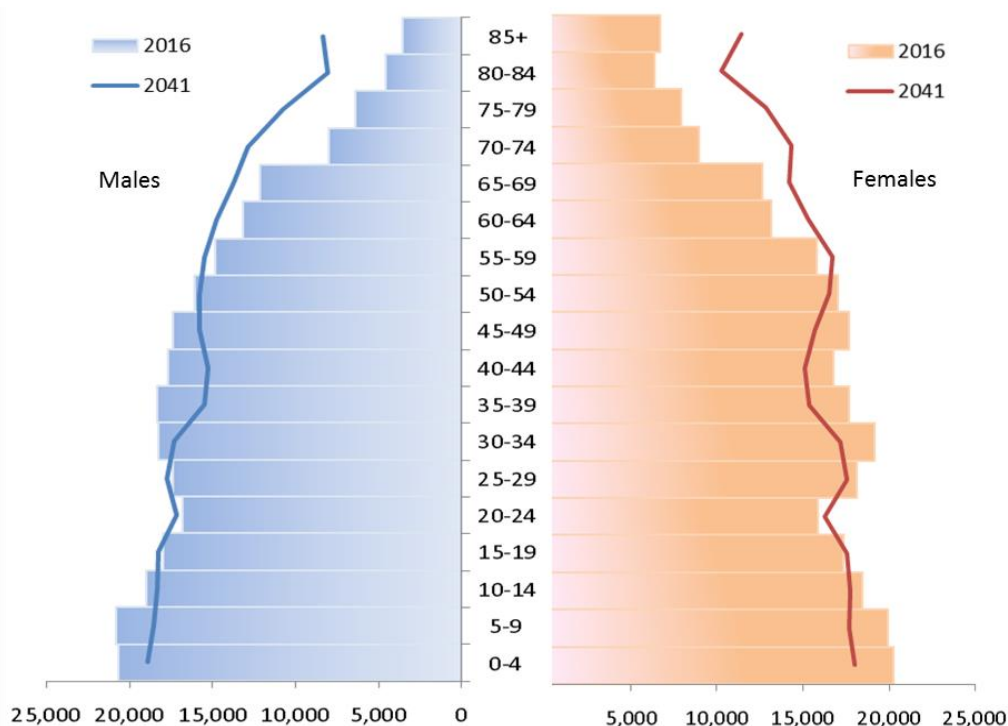
2018 Population projections

At a glance:

- By mid-2041 Bradford’s population is projected to grow to 552,300 – an increase of 3.7%
- Bradford has the slowest projected population increase in West Yorkshire
- The older age groups are projected to have the largest percentage increases: by 2041 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 51.4% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 92.8%
- The under-18 population is projected to decrease by 2.3% by 2041
- The working age population is expected to increase by 4.5% by 2026 and by 1.9% by 2041

Main findings for Bradford

By mid-2026 the population of Bradford District is projected to grow to 543,000. This is an increase of 2% from mid-2016. The population is projected to grow to 552,300 by 2041 – an increase of 3.7%.



The older age groups are projected to have the largest percentage increases. By 2026 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 20% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 17%. By 2041 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 51.4% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 92.8%.

Bradford’s under-18 population is 26.5% of the total population in 2016 and projected to decrease by 0.8% by 2026 and by 2.3% by 2041. Although Bradford had the third largest under-18 population in 2016, it is projected to have the fourth largest by 2026 and the fifth largest by 2041.

The working age population shows an increase of 4.5% by 2026 and 1.9% by 2041. This takes account of the future increases in the state pension age. From 2019, the State Pension Age will increase for both men and women to reach 66 by October 2020. The Government is planning further increases which will raise the State Pension age from 66 to 67 between 2026 and 2028.

The 30-49 age group is projected to show a marked decrease by 2041 – with the largest decreases seen in the 35-44 age groups for both males and females.

Bradford compared with other local authorities

Bradford's population is projected to increase at a slower rate than both West Yorkshire (4.1% by 2026 and 8.2% by 2041) and England (1% by 2026 and 6.9% by 2041). Bradford has the slowest projected population increase of all local authorities in West Yorkshire and Leeds has the fastest population increase with a projected 10.9% increase by 2041. Across the country, Birmingham has a projected increase of 16.4% by 2041 and Manchester has a projected increase of 16.7% by 2041.

Bradford's components of change

Bradford's population growth is due to the District having more births than deaths, although the projected decline in the number of births and the projected increase in the number of deaths leads to a projected lower rate of population increase than in previous projections. The number of births is projected to fall from 7,600 in 2017 to 7,400 in 2041 and the number of deaths is projected to increase from 4,500 in 2016 to around 5,200 in 2041 as the 'baby boom' generation ages.

The projections also show a continuation of the current trend for more people to leave Bradford for other parts of the UK than come here to live. Although the population projections for international migration continue to show more people coming to live in Bradford from overseas than emigrating – the total figures are small and have little impact on the net migration figures.

These population projections were published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on 24 May 2018 and are based on the population at 30 June 2016 together with a set of underlying demographic assumptions about future fertility, mortality and migration.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) advises that the projections do not predict the impact that future government policies, changing economic circumstances or other factors might have on demographic behaviour.

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