



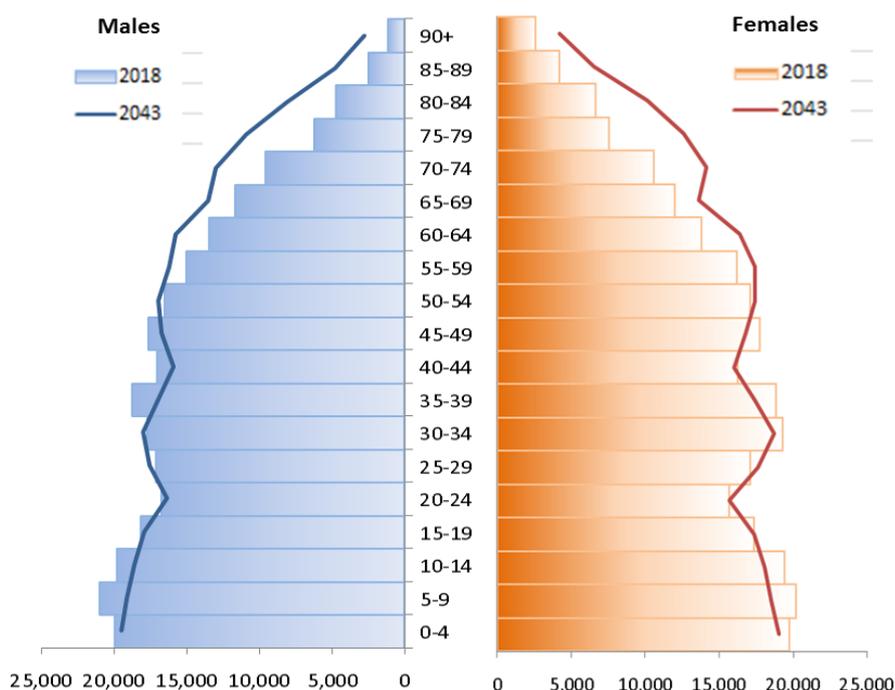
2020 Population projections

At a glance:

- By mid-2043 Bradford’s population is projected to grow to 566,500 – an increase of 5.5%
- The older age groups are projected to have the largest percentage increases: by 2043 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 43.8% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 75.9%
- The under-16 population is projected to decrease by 5.8% by 2043
- The working age population is expected to increase by 1.5% by 2028 and by 0.6% by 2043

Main findings for Bradford

By mid-2028 the population of Bradford District is projected to grow to 550,100. This is an increase of 2.4% from mid-2018. The population is projected to grow to 566,500 by 2043 – an increase of 5.5%.



The older age groups are projected to have the largest percentage increases. By 2028 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 19.1% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 12.2%. By 2043 the 65+ age group is projected to increase by 43.8% and the 85+ age group is projected to increase by 75.9%.

Bradford’s under-18 population is 27.8% of the total population in 2018 and projected to decrease by 1.4% by 2026 and by 2.7% by 2043. Bradford had the fourth largest under-18 population in 2018, and it is projected to remain the same in 2028 and 2043.

The working age population shows an increase of 1.5% by 2028 and 0.6% by 2043. This does not take 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.

Both the 5-9 and the 35-39 age groups are projected to show marked decreases of -8.4% and -8.3% respectively by 2043.

Bradford compared with other local authorities

Bradford's population is projected to increase at a slower rate than both West Yorkshire (3.8% by 2028 and 8.2% by 2043) and England (5% by 2028 and 10.3% by 2043). Bradford has the second slowest projected population increase of the local authorities in West Yorkshire (apart from Calderdale) and Wakefield has the fastest population increase with a projected 10.1% increase by 2028 and 21.4% increase by 2043. Across the country, Birmingham has a projected increase of 9.7% by 2043 and Manchester has a projected increase of 9.2% by 2043.

Bradford's components of change

Bradford's population growth is due to the District having more births than deaths. The number of births is projected to increase from 7,200 in 2019 to 7,700 in 2043 and the number of deaths is projected to increase from 4,300 in 2019 to around 5,500 in 2043 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. This is also true for international migration with more people coming to live in Bradford from overseas than emigrating.

These population projections were published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on 24 March 2020 and are based on the population at 30 June 2018 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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