

Briefing Note: 2006 based Sub National Population Projections for the West of England

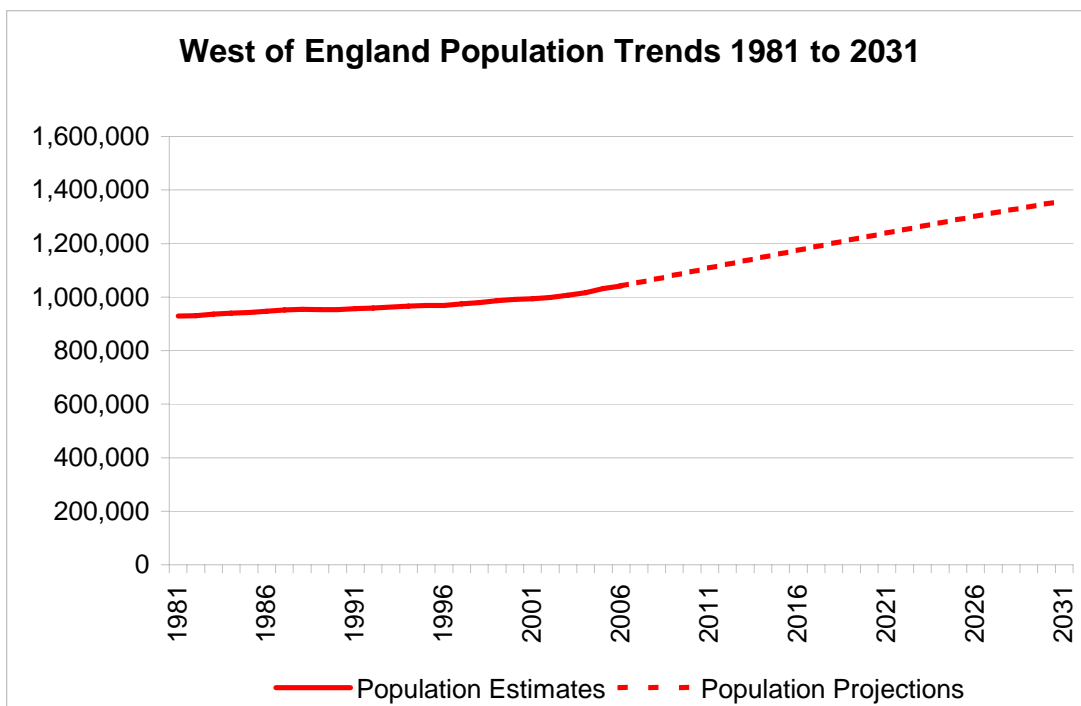
The Office for National Statistics has published 2006-based sub-national population projections.

The projections are trend based and give an indication of the future level, age structure and sex of the population by local authority area if recent demographic trends continue. The projections carry forward recent trends (2002-2006) in the levels of births, deaths and migration. Significantly they do not take account of any future policy changes or other factors that might influence demographic trends and future population levels.

The population projections are heavily influenced by the recent high levels of international migration. There is uncertainty about whether or not this high inflow will continue and whether the 2006 based projections are a robust indication of future trends. As the cost of living rises in the UK, and wages remain level, the prospect of migrating to take up jobs working in the UK may become less attractive. If the current slowdown in the economy continues the levels of international migration could stabilise or even decline in the future.

By 2026, the West of England sub-region is projected to have a population of 1,300,700 people. This represents an additional 258,800 residents since 2006; a population increase of 24.8%.

This is a large increase. The revised 2004-based projections show a population increase of 166,200 (16%) between 2006 and 2026.



Source: 2006-Based sub national population projections for West of England, ONS migration and SNPP Unit . Crown copyright 2008

Table1: 2006 Based Sub-national Population Projections for the West of England: selected age bands										
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	2006-2026	2006-2026 % change	2006-2031	2006-2031 % change
age 0-14	173,700	181,900	196,300	213,300	221,900	225,600	48,200	27.7	51,900	29.9
age 15-24	154,500	162,000	156,600	152,800	162,700	177,400	8,200	5.3	22,900	14.8
age 25-44	304,200	325,500	352,500	377,900	393,500	394,700	89,300	29.4	90,500	29.8
age 45-64	246,100	262,100	271,500	280,700	289,600	302,000	43,500	17.7	55,900	22.7
age 65-74	81,600	91,100	104,500	106,500	107,800	121,700	26,200	32.1	40,100	49.1
age 75+	82,200	85,700	92,900	107,200	125,800	137,800	43,600	53.0	55,600	67.6
All ages	1,041,900	1,108,100	1,174,000	1,238,600	1,300,700	1,358,700	258,800	24.8	316,800	30.4

Note: Figures calculated by WEPO. Figure may not sum due to rounding.

Source: ONS Migration and sub national population projections Unit

According to the 2006 based sub-national population projections (see Table 2), Bristol will have the largest population increase within the sub-region with a rise of 109,300 people (26.6%) between 2006 and 2026. This accounts for 41% of the total increase in the West of England over this period.

Within the West of England, the Unitary Authority predicted to see the largest % population increase between 2006 and 2026 is North Somerset 32.3% (65,000) compared with 21.1% (53,700 people) for South Gloucestershire, and 17.5% (30,800 people) for Bath and North East Somerset.

Table2: 2006 Based Sub-national Population Projections for the West of England: All Ages										
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	2006-2026	2006-2026 % change	2006-2031	2006-2031 % change
B&NES	175,600	184,200	191,400	198,600	206,400	214,200	30,800	17.5	38,600	22.0
Bristol	410,500	440,700	469,400	495,600	519,800	542,800	109,300	26.6	132,300	32.2
North Somerset	201,400	216,800	233,200	250,100	266,400	280,900	65,000	32.3	79,500	39.5
South Gloucestershire	254,400	266,400	280,000	294,300	308,100	320,800	53,700	21.1	66,400	26.1
West of England	1,041,900	1,108,100	1,174,000	1,238,600	1,300,700	1,358,700	258,800	24.8	316,800	30.4

Comparison of the 2006 based sub national population projections with the revised 2004 based and 2004-based sub national population projections in the West of England:

The 2004-based population projections predicted a much lower sub-regional population increase of 116,900 people between 2006 and 2026. This equates to a difference of 49,100 people between the original and the revised 2004-based population projections.

In turn the 2006 based population projections predict an even higher population increase of 258,800 over the same period. This equates to a difference of 92,600 between the 2006 based and revised 2004 based projections and a difference of 141,900 between the 2006 based and 2004 based population projections.

Table 3: Revised 2004-Based Sub-national Population Projections for the West of England							
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2006-26	%
B&NES	175,700	181,700	186,600	191,500	196,800	21,100	12.0
Bristol	404,200	418,100	432,100	445,400	458,000	53,800	13.3
N.Som	200,500	211,900	223,500	235,200	246,100	45,600	22.7
S.Glos	255,800	267,200	278,900	290,700	301,500	45,700	17.9
WofE	1,036,200	1,078,900	1,121,100	1,162,800	1,202,400	166,200	16.0

Table 4: 2004-Based Sub-national Population Projections for the West of England							
	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2006-26	%
B&NES	175,100	180,100	184,400	188,700	193,400	18,300	10.5
Bristol	398,700	408,300	418,500	428,600	438,300	39,600	9.9
N.Som	196,600	204,400	212,700	221,200	229,200	32,600	16.6
S.Glos	250,200	256,300	262,900	270,000	276,600	26,400	10.6
WofE	1,020,600	1,049,100	1,078,500	1,108,500	1,137,500	116,900	11.5

Table 5: Comparison of 2006-2026 Projected population growth between different sets of projections							
	2004 based	revised 2004 based	2006 based		2004 based % change 2006-2026	revised 2004 % change 2006-2026	2006 based % change 2006-2026
Bath and North East Somerset	18,300	21,100	30,800		10.5	11.9	17.5
Bristol, City of	39,600	53,800	109,300		9.9	13.3	26.6
North Somerset	32,600	45,600	65,000		16.6	22.7	32.3
South Gloucestershire	26,400	45,700	53,700		10.6	17.9	21.1
West of England	116,900	166,200	258,800		11.5	16	24.4
SW	662,600	728,600	1,014,800		13	14.2	19.8
England	5,109,500	5,109,200	7,919,500		10.1	10.1	15.6

Table 6: Differences in projected growth 2006-2026 between different sets of Population Projections			
	2004 based compared with revised 2004 projections	revised 2004 projections compared with 2006 based projections	2004 based compared with 2006 based projections
Bath and North East Somerset	2,800	9,700	12,500
Bristol, City of	14,200	55,500	69,700
North Somerset	13,000	19,400	32,400
South Gloucestershire	19,300	8,000	27,300
West of England	49,300	92,600	141,900