

DCLG 2004-based Household Projections



England and Regions, Hertfordshire and districts 2004 to 2029

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1 Background

The 2004-based household projections were published by DCLG on 16th March 2007. The projections are published at national, regional and local authority level. At local authority level they were limited to projections of the total number of households expressed in whole thousands for selected years to 2029. There is a disaggregation by household type at regional level, and a supplement now contains a similar table for Hertfordshire and districts. The projections are linked to the 2004-based sub-national population projections published by ONS in October 2006. They supersede the previous ODPM 2003-based projections.

Like the population projections from which they are derived, these household projections are trend-based, not policy-based. The supporting documentation states as follows.

“The sub regional household projections are not ‘National Statistics’. The household projections are an indication of the likely increase in households given the continuation of recent demographic trends. The household projections are not an assessment of housing need. They also do not take account of future policies.”

2 National and Regional Projections

The projections for England suggest an increase of 5.4 million households (26%) over the 25 years from 2004 to 2029. The projections for Eastern region suggest an increase of 650,000 (28%) in the number of households over the same period. The corresponding increase for London is 31%, and 30% for the South West Region. These regions have now replaced the East of England as having the highest rate of projected growth of all the English regions.

**Table 1 Projected Increase in Households 2004 to 2029
Regions in England**

Projected Households in thousands	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
England	21,062	21,519	22,646	23,837	24,973	25,975	26,497	5,435	25.8%
North East	1,095	1,111	1,152	1,194	1,231	1,260	1,275	180	16.4%
North West	2,895	2,946	3,080	3,220	3,348	3,455	3,507	612	21.1%
Yorkshire and The Humber	2,122	2,171	2,295	2,424	2,543	2,648	2,703	581	27.4%
East Midlands	1,799	1,841	1,948	2,058	2,161	2,251	2,296	497	27.6%
West Midlands	2,206	2,245	2,341	2,442	2,536	2,616	2,657	451	20.4%
East	2,304	2,357	2,489	2,630	2,766	2,889	2,954	650	28.2%
London	3,112	3,200	3,394	3,598	3,797	3,980	4,078	966	31.0%
South East	3,368	3,435	3,601	3,783	3,963	4,125	4,211	843	25.0%
South West	2,160	2,212	2,346	2,489	2,628	2,752	2,817	657	30.4%

3 Projected households in Eastern Region, Unitaries and Counties

Within Eastern Region, the highest rate of projected growth is in Cambridgeshire, particularly in Cambridge, and East and South Cambridgeshire districts. Mid Bedfordshire also has a high projected growth rate. Hertfordshire is projected to have the lowest growth rate of any of the counties, although higher than the unitary authorities of Luton, Southend and Peterborough.

Table 2 Projected households, 2004-based Eastern Region, its counties and unitary authorities, 2004 to 2029

Projected Households in thousands	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029	Rank of % Increase
ENGLAND	21,062	21,519	22,646	23,837	24,973	25,975	26,497	5,435	25.8%	
EAST	2,304	2,357	2,489	2,630	2,766	2,889	2,954	650	28.2%	
Luton UA	71	72	74	76	78	80	81	10	14.1%	10
Peterborough UA	67	68	71	75	78	80	82	15	22.4%	8
Southend-on-Sea UA	72	72	75	77	80	83	84	12	16.7%	9
Thurrock UA	60	62	65	69	72	75	77	17	28.3%	5
Bedfordshire	161	166	178	191	202	212	217	56	34.8%	2
Cambridgeshire	236	244	264	285	305	322	332	96	40.7%	1
Essex	561	572	601	633	664	692	706	145	25.8%	6
Hertfordshire	429	436	455	477	498	518	528	99	23.1%	7
Norfolk	356	366	389	414	438	460	471	115	32.3%	3
Suffolk	291	298	315	333	350	366	375	84	28.9%	4

4 Projected households in Hertfordshire and districts

These household projections are acknowledged to be more uncertain at district level. They suggest highest rates of growth in North Herts and St Albans district. The lowest projected growth rates are in Broxbourne and Welwyn Hatfield.

Table 3 Projected households, 2004-based Hertfordshire and districts, 2004 to 2029

Projected Households in thousands	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
ENGLAND	21,062	21,519	22,646	23,837	24,973	25,975	26,497	5,435	25.8%
EAST	2,304	2,357	2,489	2,630	2,766	2,889	2,954	650	28.2%
Hertfordshire	429	436	455	477	498	518	528	99	23.1%
Broxbourne	35	35	36	38	39	40	41	6	17.1%
Dacorum	57	58	60	62	64	67	68	11	19.3%
East Hertfordshire	54	55	57	60	63	65	66	12	22.2%
Hertsmere	38	38	40	42	43	45	46	8	21.1%
North Hertfordshire	51	52	56	59	63	66	68	17	33.3%
St. Albans	54	56	59	62	66	69	71	17	31.5%
Stevenage	33	33	35	36	37	38	39	6	18.2%
Three Rivers	34	35	37	39	41	42	43	9	26.5%
Watford	32	33	34	35	37	38	39	7	21.9%
Welwyn Hatfield	41	41	42	44	45	47	48	7	17.1%

5 Households by Household Type in Eastern Region

The projections released for the regions also give a disaggregation by household type. This shows for Eastern region an increase in households of cohabiting couples somewhat offset by a decline in married couple households. Over the 25-year period of the projections the combined group of married couple and cohabiting couple households is projected to increase by 11%. This is less than the overall increase in households of 28%, and hence represents a growing number of households but a diminishing proportion of the total.

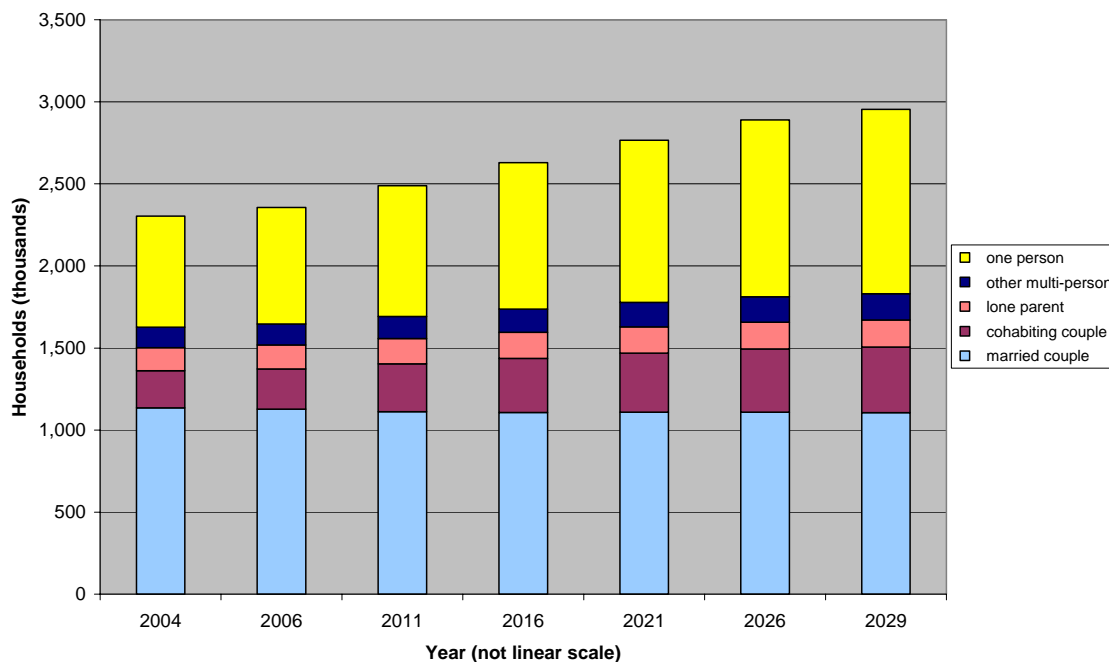
There is a similar continuing increase in lone parent households throughout the period of the projections, again at a lower rate than the projected rate of increase in total households. This is a lower rate of increase than in the previous 2003-based projections.

**Table 4 Projected Households by Household Type 2004 to 2029
East of England**

Households in thousands	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:									
<i>married + cohabiting couples</i>	1,361	1,373	1,404	1,437	1,469	1,494	1,506	145	10.7%
married couple	1,135	1,127	1,112	1,107	1,109	1,109	1,106	-29	-2.6%
cohabiting couple	226	246	292	330	360	385	400	174	77.0%
lone parent	141	146	154	158	160	163	165	24	17.0%
other multi-person	125	128	134	142	149	155	159	34	27.2%
one person	677	710	797	892	988	1,077	1,124	447	66.0%
All households	2,304	2,357	2,489	2,630	2,766	2,889	2,954	650	28.2%
Private household population	5,399	5,474	5,634	5,798	5,963	6,114	6,193	794	14.7%
Average household size	2.34	2.32	2.26	2.21	2.16	2.12	2.10	1.22	

Note: Increase 2001 to 2026 in Average household size shows differential household size ([Increase in household population] / [Increase in households])

**Figure 1 Projected Households by Household Type 2004 to 2029
East of England**



The major element of the growth in households is growth in single person households, projected to increase steadily throughout the projection period, and by 66% over the 25-year period 2004 to 2029. This is a slightly lower rate of increase than in the previous 2003-based projections. Of the total increase in households of 650,000 over that period, 447,000 are single person households. In 2004, single person households were 29% of households, but are projected to be 38% of households by 2029. Reasons for this increase include increasing numbers of elderly persons in the population projections with a high propensity to be widowed, and a growing tendency for ex-cohabiters to live as single persons. The effect of this is a low increase in population per additional household. The increase of 650,000 households is associated with an increase of 794,000 in the household population, just 1.22 additional persons per additional household.

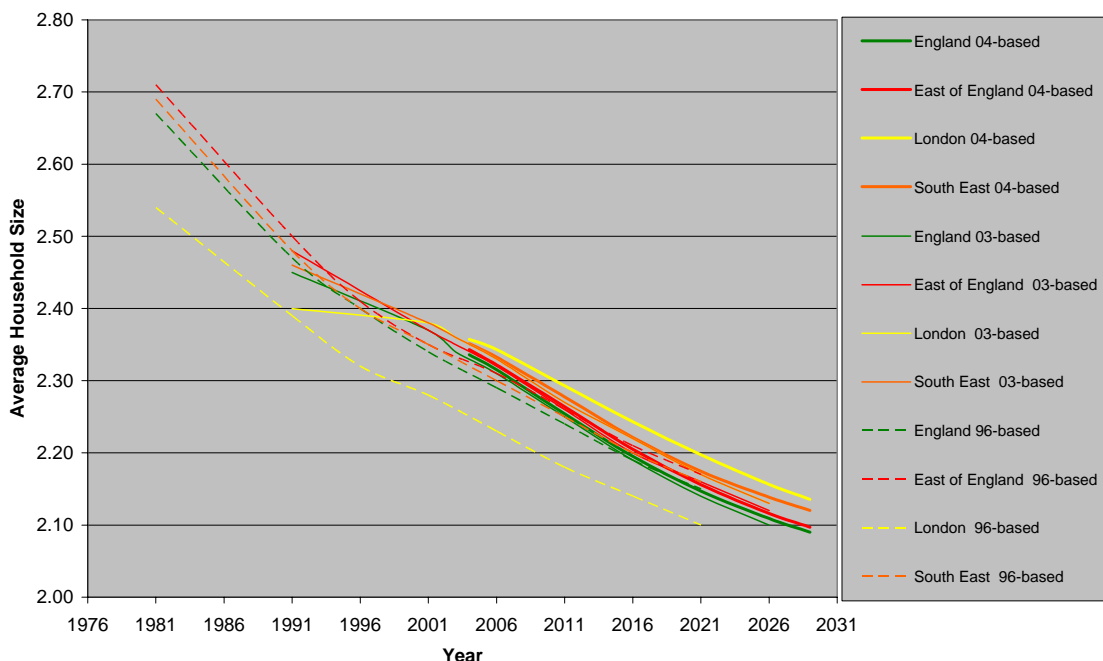
6 Trend in Mean Household Size by Region

In the 1996-based projections, there was a steady downward trend over the period 1981 to 2021 in the projected Average Household Size for all regions in the south-east of England, with substantially lower household sizes shown for London.

The 2003-based projections showed higher household sizes for 2001 than the 1996-based projections. They also show household sizes revised for 1991, 1996, and 2001 (reflecting the results of the 2001 Census and revisions to Mid Year Estimates). The period 1981 to 1991 showed the most rapid decline in household size. The period 1991 to 2001 showed a much more gradual decline in household size, but the 2003-based projections then suggested a somewhat increased rate of decline from 2003. This applied particularly to the projections for London.

The 2004-based household projections suggest a more gradual rate of decline in household size than the 2003-based. At some point average household size must reach a lower limit. Although these projections suggest an easing off in the rate of decline after about 2021, the general trend of the projections and evidence from other European countries suggest that it will still be many decades before average household size ceases to decline.

Figure 2 Trend in Average Household Size
England and Regions in South-East, 2004-, 2003- and 1996-based



7 Comparison with previous projections

7.1 2003-based ODPM household projections

From a national perspective, growth over the 25-year period has increased slightly from 25% to 26%, both much higher than the 19% growth of the 1996-based projections. The main regional effect of the new projections is the shift of some growth from the south of England to the north. In Eastern Region, growth has declined from 31% to 28%, and London and the South West region are now forecast to have higher rates of growth than the East of England region.

In Hertfordshire during the period of the East of England Plan from 2001 to 2021, projected growth in households has declined from 25% to 23.6%, with the largest reductions in growth in Broxbourne and Hertsmere (see Figure 3 and Table 5 below).

7.2 2001-based Chelmer model projections commissioned by EERA

The 2004-based and preceding 2003-based household projections are trend-based. EERA has commissioned policy-based projections using the Chelmer model to predict the likely effect of the dwellings proposals in the East of England Plan (or Regional Spatial Strategy – RSS). The latest of these projections are the Group 3 projections, intended to reflect the Secretary of State’s proposals for dwellings following the examination in public (EiP). The projections quoted here are those using EERA’s adjustments to nominal district targets to conform to administrative boundaries.

Comparing the DCLG projections with the EERA Group 3 projections shows reasonable accord in the region and county, but major discrepancies in some Hertfordshire districts:

- for East Herts, Stevenage and Welwyn Hatfield the EERA projections suggest much higher household growth than the DCLG;
- for St Albans and Three Rivers the EERA projections suggest much lower increases than the DCLG.

Figure 3 Comparison of percentage increase in households, 2001 to 2021 Eastern Region, Hertfordshire and districts

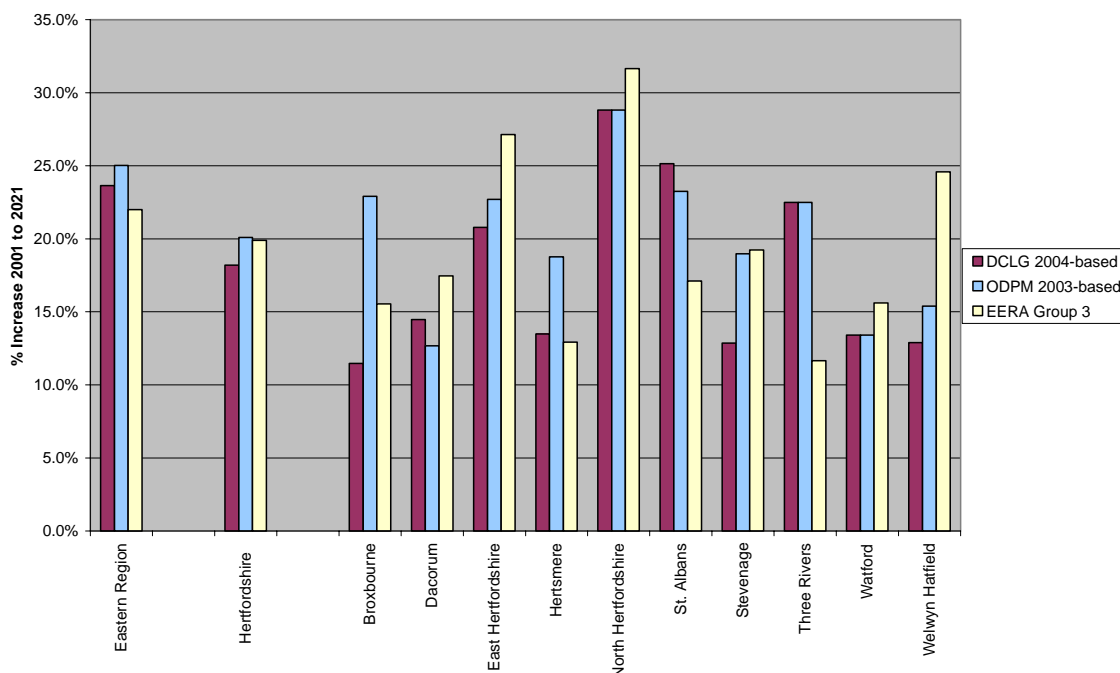


Table 5 2004 based projections and comparison of percentage increase in households, 2001 to 2021 Eastern Region, Hertfordshire and districts

Projected Households in thousands	2,001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021		
										DCLG 2004	ODPM 2003	EERA Grp 3
EAST	2,237	2,304	2,357	2,489	2,630	2,766	2,889	2,954	529	23.6%	25.0%	22.0%
Hertfordshire	421	429	436	455	477	498	518	528	77	18.2%	20.1%	19.9%
Broxbourne	35	35	35	36	38	39	40	41	4	11.5%	22.9%	15.5%
Dacorum	56	57	58	60	62	64	67	68	8	14.5%	12.7%	17.5%
East Hertfordshire	52	54	55	57	60	63	65	66	11	20.8%	22.7%	27.1%
Hertsmere	38	38	38	40	42	43	45	46	5	13.5%	18.8%	12.9%
North Hertfordshire	49	51	52	56	59	63	66	68	14	28.8%	28.8%	31.6%
St. Albans	53	54	56	59	62	66	69	71	13	25.1%	23.2%	17.1%
Stevenage	33	33	33	35	36	37	38	39	4	12.9%	19.0%	19.2%
Three Rivers	33	34	35	37	39	41	42	43	8	22.5%	22.5%	11.7%
Watford	33	32	33	34	35	37	38	39	4	13.4%	13.4%	15.6%
Welwyn Hatfield	40	41	41	42	44	45	47	48	5	12.9%	15.4%	24.6%

Notes

The following note is attached to the household projections at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2374

1. A description of the household projections methodology can be downloaded (Household Projections Methodology) at: www.communities.gov.uk/embedded_object.asp?id=1164239
www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1156096
2. The 2004-based household projections for England and the regions update the 2003 based projections that were published in 2006. The new household projections reflect the latest Office for National Statistics population projections.
3. The household projections show the number of households that would form if past demographic trends continue.
4. The household projections are produced by projecting household formation rates and applying these to the Office for National Statistics population projections.....
5. The household projections are not an assessment of housing need. They do not take account of future policies. They are an indication of the likely increase in households given the continuation of recent demographic trends. They are one part of the evidence that Regional Planning Bodies and local authorities use in the assessment of future housing requirements.

Future projections

These projections are in the process of being revised to reflect changes in the Mid Year Estimates for 2002 to 2005, (published August 2007), which in turn required revisions to the 2004-based ONS subnational population projections (published September 2007). Publication of the revised 2004-based household projections is likely in late 2007.

The next full update of subnational household projections is likely to be 2006-based, linked to the 2006-based subnational population projections. They will probably be published in the first half of 2009. From then there is expected to be a set of subnational population and household projections based on the population estimates at successive 2-year intervals. These will be produced in the foreseeable future by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Table 6. Projected trend in households by type and household size Hertfordshire and districts, 2004-based to 2029

Hertfordshire	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	253,152	255,812	254,000	255,000	257,000	261,000	265,000	268,000	269,000	9,000	3.4%	15,000	5.9%
married couple	228,468	217,033	212,000	208,000	201,000	197,000	195,000	194,000	193,000	-22,000	-10.2%	-19,000	-9.0%
cohabiting couple	24,684	38,779	43,000	47,000	56,000	64,000	70,000	74,000	77,000	31,000	79.7%	34,000	80.0%
lone parent	14,915	24,387	26,000	27,000	28,000	29,000	29,000	30,000	30,000	5,000	19.8%	4,000	14.5%
other multi-person	24,552	25,095	25,000	26,000	27,000	28,000	30,000	31,000	32,000	5,000	18.7%	6,000	25.5%
one person	94,288	115,897	123,000	128,000	143,000	159,000	175,000	189,000	197,000	59,000	50.8%	74,000	60.0%
All households	386,907	421,190	429,000	436,000	455,000	477,000	498,000	518,000	528,000	77,000	18.3%	99,000	23.1%
Private household population	978,875	1,020,394	1,026,000	1,037,000	1,058,000	1,082,000	1,108,000	1,131,000	1,144,000	87,000	8.5%	118,000	11.5%
Average household size	2.530	2.423	2.39	2.38	2.32	2.27	2.22	2.19	2.17	1.130		1.190	

Broxbourne	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	21,916	22,002	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	-1,000	-3.1%	0	-0.2%
married couple	19,742	18,736	18,000	18,000	17,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	-3,000	-13.9%	-2,000	-13.0%
cohabiting couple	2,174	3,266	3,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	2,000	58.7%	2,000	66.6%
lone parent	1,023	2,133	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	18.9%	0	14.1%
other multi-person	1,932	1,935	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	17.5%	0	16.2%
one person	6,510	8,903	9,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	4,000	43.7%	5,000	53.3%
All households	31,381	34,973	35,000	35,000	36,000	38,000	39,000	40,000	41,000	4,000	11.3%	6,000	15.9%
Private household population	81,904	86,907	86,000	86,000	87,000	87,000	88,000	89,000	90,000	1,000	1.7%	4,000	4.7%
Average household size	2.610	2.485	2.45	2.43	2.38	2.32	2.27	2.23	2.21	0.37		0.72	

Dacorum	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	34,667	34,575	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	0	0.6%	1,000	2.6%
married couple	31,108	29,388	29,000	28,000	27,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	25,000	-3,000	-11.8%	-3,000	-11.3%
cohabiting couple	3,559	5,187	6,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	9,000	10,000	4,000	71.2%	4,000	73.0%
lone parent	2,240	3,208	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	12.3%	0	9.1%
other multi-person	2,880	2,985	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	20.6%	1,000	29.6%
one person	13,371	15,263	16,000	17,000	19,000	21,000	23,000	24,000	25,000	7,000	47.4%	9,000	53.1%
All households	53,158	56,031	57,000	58,000	60,000	62,000	64,000	67,000	68,000	8,000	15.1%	11,000	18.9%
Private household population	132,895	135,761	136,000	137,000	138,000	140,000	142,000	144,000	146,000	6,000	4.7%	10,000	7.2%
Average household size	2.500	2.423	2.39	2.36	2.31	2.25	2.20	2.17	2.15	0.75		0.91	

East Herts	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	31,260	33,526	34,000	34,000	34,000	35,000	35,000	36,000	36,000	2,000	5.8%	2,000	6.8%
married couple	28,273	28,408	28,000	28,000	27,000	27,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	-2,000	-7.5%	-2,000	-7.8%
cohabiting couple	2,987	5,118	6,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	9,000	10,000	10,000	4,000	79.5%	4,000	79.5%
lone parent	1,283	2,395	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	9.1%	0	3.3%
other multi-person	2,709	2,786	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	18.5%	1,000	23.0%
one person	10,076	13,419	14,000	15,000	17,000	19,000	21,000	23,000	24,000	8,000	59.6%	10,000	67.1%
All households	45,328	52,126	54,000	55,000	57,000	60,000	63,000	65,000	66,000	11,000	20.5%	13,000	23.8%
Private household population	117,400	126,764	129,000	130,000	133,000	136,000	139,000	141,000	143,000	12,000	9.4%	14,000	11.1%
Average household size	2.590	2.432	2.40	2.38	2.32	2.26	2.21	2.17	2.15	1.11		1.12	

Hertsmere	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	22,584	22,666	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	-0.4%	1,000	4.6%
married couple	20,368	19,581	19,000	18,000	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	-3,000	-13.9%	-2,000	-11.5%
cohabiting couple	2,216	3,085	3,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	85.5%	3,000	95.1%
lone parent	1,332	2,307	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	19.2%	0	13.4%
other multi-person	2,629	2,577	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	14.0%	1,000	26.1%
one person	8,101	10,336	11,000	11,000	12,000	14,000	15,000	16,000	17,000	5,000	46.9%	6,000	58.1%
All households	34,646	37,886	38,000	38,000	40,000	42,000	43,000	45,000	46,000	6,000	14.7%	8,000	21.9%
Private household population	88,001	92,442	91,000	92,000	93,000	95,000	98,000	100,000	101,000	5,000	5.7%	10,000	11.0%
Average household size	2.540	2.440	2.41	2.39	2.35	2.29	2.25	2.21	2.19	0.94		1.21	

North Herts	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	29,022	29,432	30,000	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	4,000	13.4%	5,000	15.2%
married couple	26,110	25,019	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	0	-0.2%	0	1.1%
cohabiting couple	2,912	4,413	5,000	6,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	9,000	9,000	4,000	90.6%	4,000	85.6%
lone parent	1,585	2,799	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	33.1%	1,000	24.2%
other multi-person	2,833	2,540	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	13.5%	0	18.2%
one person	11,492	14,101	15,000	16,000	18,000	21,000	23,000	25,000	27,000	9,000	63.7%	11,000	74.8%
All households	44,932	48,872	51,000	52,000	56,000	59,000	63,000	66,000	68,000	14,000	29.0%	17,000	33.7%
Private household population	111,881	115,528	118,000	121,000	125,000	130,000	135,000	140,000	142,000	20,000	17.0%	23,000	19.8%
Average household size	2.490	2.364	2.33	2.31	2.25	2.19	2.14	2.11	2.09	1.39		1.36	

St Albans	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	31,730	32,618	33,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	36,000	36,000	37,000	3,000	9.0%	4,000	11.6%
married couple	28,746	27,938	28,000	27,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	-2,000	-8.0%	-2,000	-7.2%
cohabiting couple	2,984	4,680	5,000	6,000	7,000	9,000	10,000	11,000	11,000	5,000	110.5%	6,000	108.3%
lone parent	1,685	2,590	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	35.1%	1,000	27.5%
other multi-person	3,455	3,118	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	27.4%	1,000	34.1%
one person	12,304	14,468	16,000	16,000	18,000	21,000	23,000	25,000	26,000	8,000	58.1%	11,000	67.9%
All households	49,174	52,794	54,000	56,000	59,000	62,000	66,000	69,000	71,000	13,000	24.8%	16,000	29.8%
Private household population	123,427	127,582	131,000	134,000	140,000	146,000	151,000	156,000	158,000	24,000	18.5%	28,000	21.3%
Average household size	2.510	2.417	2.40	2.40	2.37	2.33	2.29	2.26	2.25	1.80		1.72	

Stevenage	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	19,326	18,935	19,000	18,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000	0	-1.2%	0	1.9%
married couple	17,253	15,623	15,000	15,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	13,000	-2,000	-13.1%	-2,000	-10.0%
cohabiting couple	2,073	3,312	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	55.3%	2,000	52.3%
lone parent	1,765	2,706	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	10.8%	0	6.9%
other multi-person	1,812	1,794	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	19.7%	0	23.6%
one person	6,650	9,353	10,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	14,000	4,000	40.6%	5,000	47.9%
All households	29,553	32,787	33,000	33,000	35,000	36,000	37,000	38,000	39,000	4,000	12.9%	6,000	17.1%
Private household population	75,656	79,058	78,000	78,000	79,000	80,000	81,000	82,000	82,000	2,000	2.0%	4,000	5.1%
Average household size	2.560	2.411	2.37	2.35	2.29	2.22	2.18	2.15	2.13	0.37		0.70	

Three Rivers	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	20,368	20,762	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	1,000	4.8%	2,000	7.4%
married couple	18,924	17,966	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	-2,000	-8.4%	-1,000	-6.9%
cohabiting couple	1,444	2,796	3,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	3,000	89.8%	3,000	87.8%
lone parent	989	1,797	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	18.3%	0	9.6%
other multi-person	1,795	1,968	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	4.4%	0	9.6%
one person	7,314	8,973	10,000	10,000	12,000	13,000	15,000	16,000	17,000	6,000	62.5%	7,000	73.7%
All households	30,466	33,501	34,000	35,000	37,000	39,000	41,000	42,000	43,000	7,000	20.9%	9,000	26.3%
Private household population	77,688	81,919	83,000	84,000	87,000	89,000	91,000	93,000	95,000	9,000	11.5%	12,000	14.1%
Average household size	2.550	2.445	2.42	2.41	2.36	2.31	2.25	2.21	2.19	1.34		1.30	

Watford	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	17,695	18,211	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	-1.3%	0	1.3%
married couple	15,603	14,692	14,000	14,000	13,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	-2,000	-16.9%	-2,000	-15.5%
cohabiting couple	2,092	3,519	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	2,000	63.9%	2,000	63.4%
lone parent	1,467	1,974	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	17.5%	0	16.3%
other multi-person	2,352	2,584	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	11.5%	1,000	21.8%
one person	8,480	9,594	10,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	14,000	15,000	15,000	4,000	41.9%	5,000	53.9%
All households	29,994	32,363	32,000	33,000	34,000	35,000	37,000	38,000	39,000	4,000	13.7%	6,000	20.0%
Private household population	74,685	79,189	78,000	78,000	79,000	80,000	81,000	82,000	83,000	2,000	2.3%	5,000	6.1%
Average household size	2.490	2.447	2.41	2.39	2.33	2.26	2.20	2.16	2.13	0.41		0.73	

Welwyn Hatfield	1991	2001	2004	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2029	Increase 2001 to 2021	% Increase 2001 to 2021	Increase 2004 to 2029	% Increase 2004 to 2029
Household types:										20 yrs	20 yrs	25 yrs	25 yrs
<i>married + cohabiting</i>	24,585	23,077	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	0.1%	0	2.1%
married couple	22,341	19,681	19,000	19,000	18,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000	-3,000	-14.3%	-3,000	-13.4%
cohabiting couple	2,244	3,396	4,000	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	3,000	83.5%	3,000	79.4%
lone parent	1,547	2,476	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	23.4%	0	18.0%
other multi-person	2,154	2,808	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	1,000	33.5%	1,000	41.5%
one person	9,990	11,487	12,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	16,000	17,000	17,000	4,000	35.3%	5,000	42.3%
All households	38,276	39,848	41,000	41,000	42,000	44,000	45,000	47,000	48,000	6,000	14.0%	7,000	17.9%
Private household population	94,159	95,234	96,000	97,000	98,000	100,000	101,000	103,000	104,000	6,000	6.5%	8,000	8.5%
Average household size	2.460	2.390	2.37	2.36	2.32	2.27	2.23	2.20	2.19	1.11		1.13	

Notes

1. The 2004-based household projections update the 2003-based projections that were published in 2006. They show the number of households that would form if recent demographic trends continue. They are linked to the Office for National Statistics 2004 based Population Projections.
2. These are unrevised 2004-based projections, that were first published in March 2007. They are linked to the original 2004-based population projections, which are now superseded by the revised 2004-based population projections published on 27th Sep 2007. Revised household projections may be published, but there is no scheduled date for publication at present.
3. Numbers may not sum exactly because of rounding.