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## Briefing paper



### Mid-Year Estimates 2018 for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP)

June 2019

#### Summary

- The office for National Statistics (ONS) released Mid-Year Population Estimates 2018 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Full details of all the statistics can be found on the [ONS website](#).
- On the BCP website there is an [interactive population](#) builder.
- The population for BCP as at June 2018 is 395,800
- This is a growth of 0.0% (around 150 additional residents) since last year and represents a significant slowing in population growth compared with previous years.
- The slower population growth in BCP for Mid-2018 also represents a slower rate of growth than has been projected by the 2016-based sub-national population projections which projected a population of 399,000 for mid-2018. The latest Mid-Year Estimate is recognised to be the more reliable figure to use if available.
- Across the UK population growth has been at its lowest rate since 2004.
- Nationally net international migration was a bigger driver of population change than births and deaths and this is the case in BCP.
- In BCP the net international migration numbers were countered by deaths exceeding births and in addition more people left the BCP area to live elsewhere in the UK than moved to the area.

#### Population Estimates

Table 1 summarises the latest population estimates rounded to the nearest hundred. Population growth across BCP has slowed further with the population increasing by around 150 residents, representing a growth of 0.0%. Population change is not spread evenly across the three preceding authorities with Bournemouth experiencing a small decline in population, a very modest increase in Poole but a larger percentage growth in Christchurch. Overall for BCP the annual rate of growth is smaller than across the region or nationally.

**Table 1: Mid-2018 Population Estimates**

Name	Estimated Population Mid-2018	% Change 2017-18
BCP Council	395,800	0.0%
Bournemouth	194,400	-0.2%
Christchurch	50,000	0.8%
Poole	151,400	0.1%
South East	9,133,600	0.6%
South West	5,599,700	0.7%
England	55,977,200	0.6%

# Population Change 2011-18

	Mid-2011	Mid-2012	Mid-2013	Mid-2014	Mid-2015	Mid-2016	Mid-2017	Mid-2018
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	379.4	382.8	385.2	388.4	390.9	394.0	395.6	395.8

Figure 1: Population Change in BCP

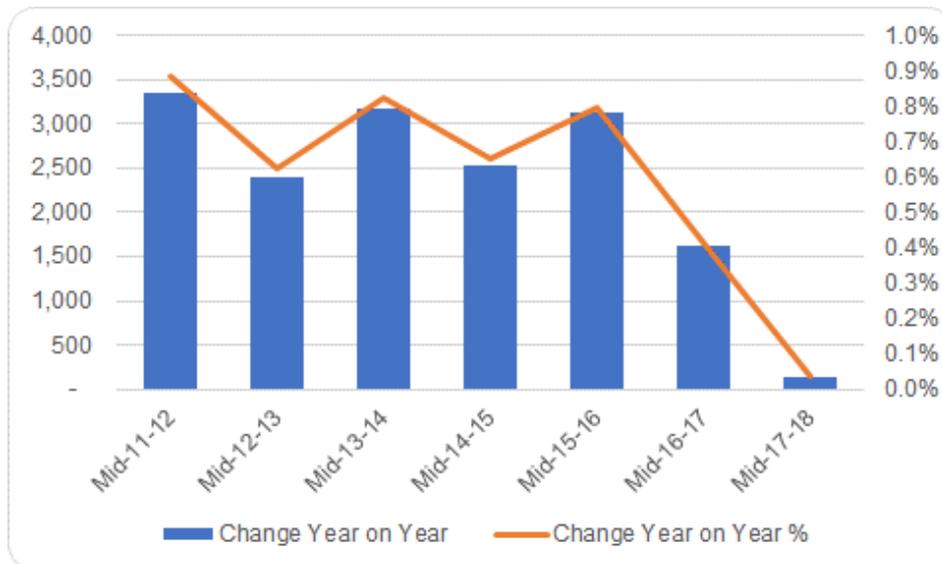
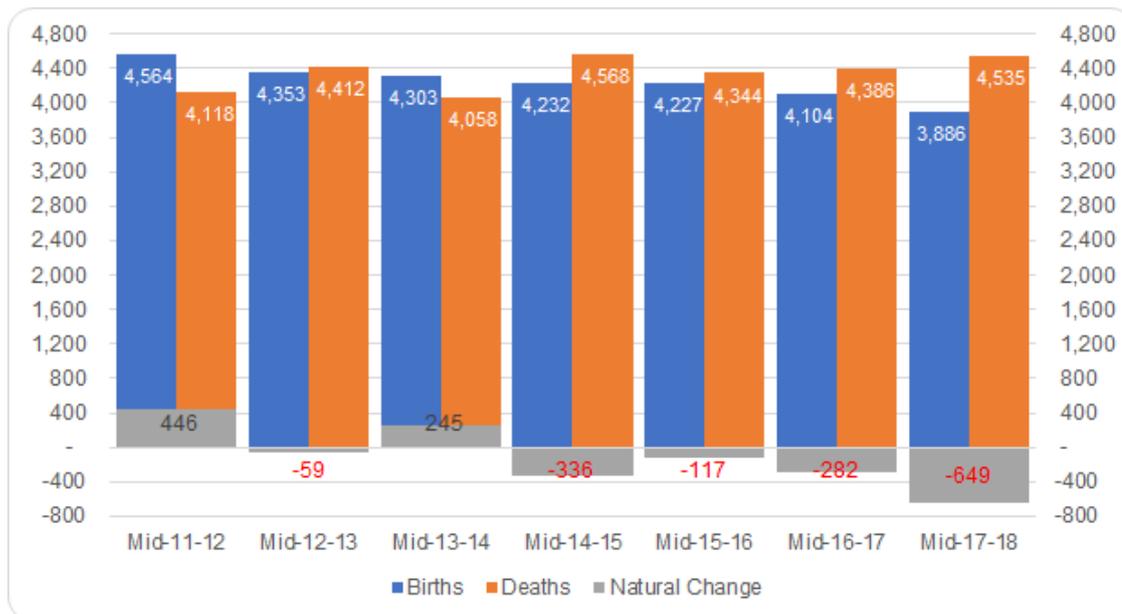


Table 2 illustrates the population change between 2011 and 2018 with the chart showing the change year on year in numbers and by percentage. The chart (figure 1) illustrates how population growth has dipped since between 2015-16. Between mid-2011 and mid-2018 the population in BCP increased by 16,300 a growth of 4.3%.

## The Components of Population Change

Population change is determined by the numbers of births and deaths and migration (internal and international).

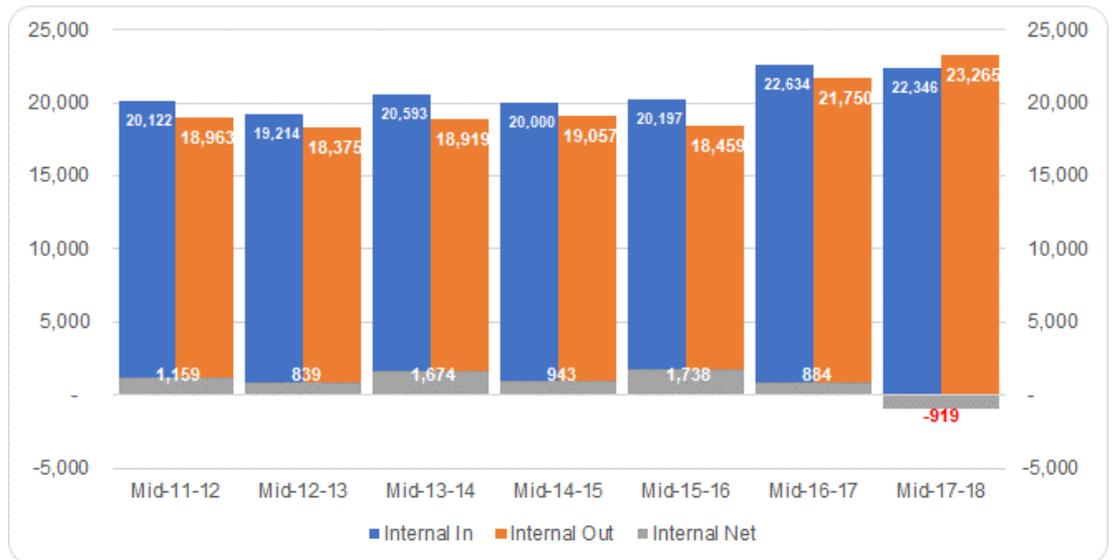
Figure 2: Natural Change



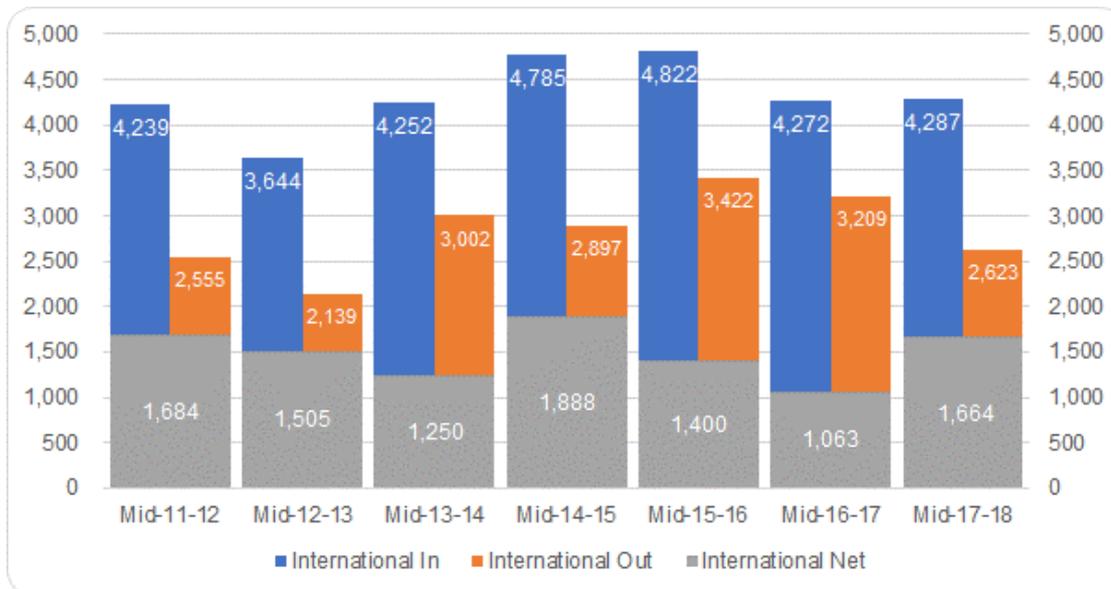
Across BCP between Mid-2017 and Mid-2018 deaths exceeded births (natural change) by over 600. Deaths have exceeded births since Mid-2014-15. Any population growth is therefore reliant on migration.

**Figure 3: Migration Trends – Internal migration**

Internal migration is those residents moving from elsewhere in the UK to and from BCP. Historically the numbers moving to the area have exceeded those leaving. However, between mid-2017 and mid-2018 more residents have moved away from BCP than have moved to the area.



**Figure 4: Migration Trends- International Migration**



In the last year any population growth is determined by the numbers of international migrants. As the chart (figure 4) illustrates net international migration has increased in the period mid-2017-18 compared with the previous year. When comparing the two years the

number of international migrants moving to BCP has remained similar the numbers emigrating has declined.

## Age profile

BCP has a smaller proportion of 0-15 year olds (17%) compared with the South West or England and a larger proportion of residents aged 65 or over compared with England. The working age population aged 16-64 is marginally larger than the percentage in the South West but smaller than England.

Figure 5: Age Profile

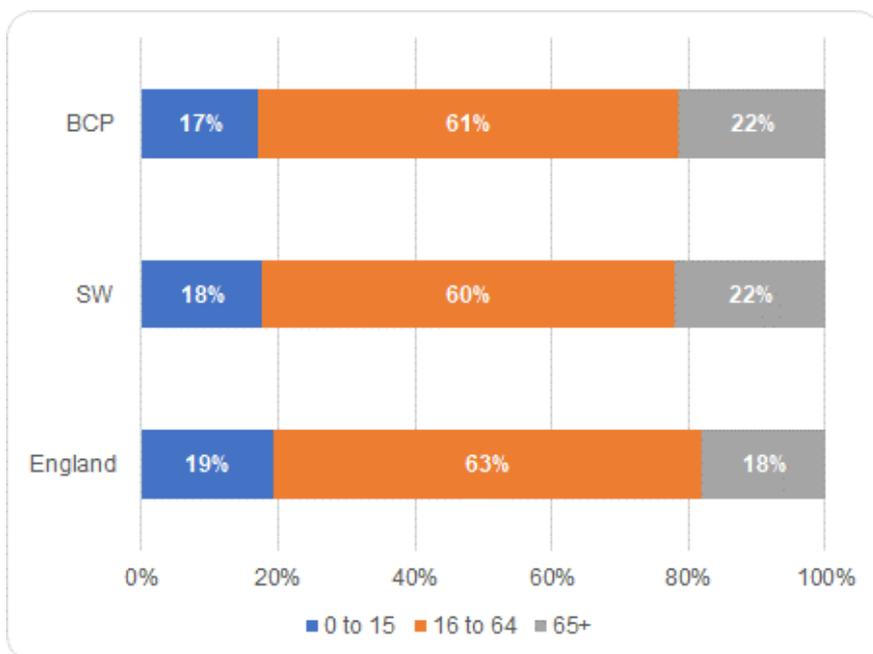
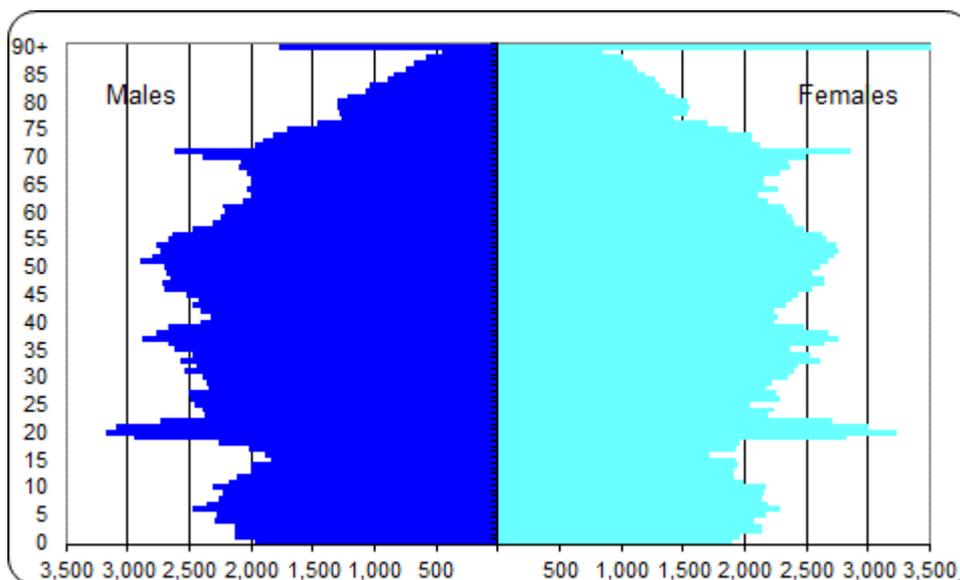


Figure 6: Population Pyramid



The population pyramid in figure 6 shows the age profile by single year of age with particular population spikes illustrating the university aged population and those aged in their early 70s (post-war baby boomers).

The median age for BCP is 42.4. This is a slight increase on the Mid-2017 figure and older than the median age in England of 39.9

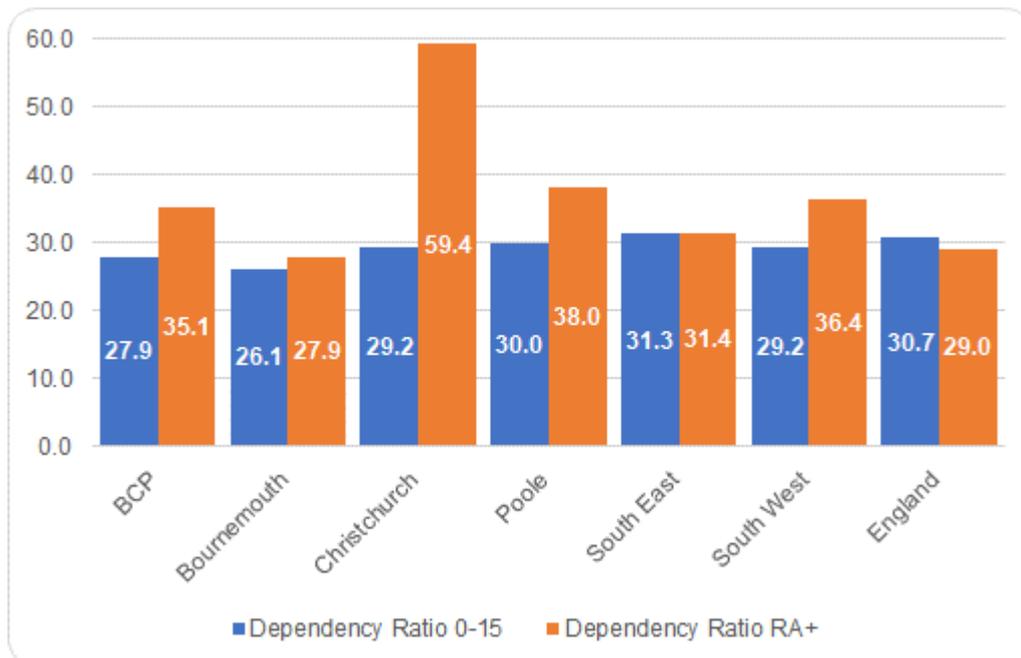
Table 2: Median Age

Area	Mid-2018	Mid-2017	Mid-2016	Mid-2015	Mid-2014
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	42.4	42.1	42.0	42.1	42.0
South East	41.6	41.5	41.3	41.3	41.2
South West	43.9	43.8	43.6	43.5	43.3
England	39.9	39.8	39.8	39.8	39.7

## Dependency ratio and Ageing Index

When examining population trends, it is also useful to examine “dependency ratios”. A dependency ratio can be used as a simple measure of the numbers of children, elderly or both per 100 economically active aged persons. The higher the ratio the fewer resources there are likely to be to support those who cannot support themselves. It is usually defined as the ratio of those aged under-16 or over State Pension Age, to those aged 16 to State Pension Age. In the BCP area the elderly dependency ratio is 35.1 per 100 people of working age and the youth dependency ratio is 27.9 per 100 people of working age. The ageing index compares the ratio of young people to numbers of the retirement aged population. In BCP there are nearly 126 residents aged 65 and over for every 100 children aged 0-15.

**Figure 7: Dependency Ratio**



### Further information

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