

Sept 2018 **2016-based Sub-National Household Projections for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP)**

Main Points

- The Office of National Statistics (ONS) released the 2016-based sub-national household projections on the 20th September 2018
- This is the first set of sub-national household projections produced by ONS after taking over from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).
- Full details including reports and statistics can be found on the [ONS website](#).
- This set of projections supersede the 2014-based projections and represent a slower rate of growth than the 2014-based projections.
- The number of households in England is projected to increase by 4 million (17%) over the next 25 years from 22.9 million in 2016 to 26.9 million in 2041. This equates to 159,000 additional households each year compared with 210,000 each year in the 2014-based projections.
- Households headed by someone aged 65 and over accounted for 88% of the total growth over the 25-year period across England.
- In Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole household numbers are projected to increase by 29,800 between 2016 and 2041 (17.3%). In the first ten years of the projections 2016-26 households are projected to increase by 11,700, an increase of 6.8%.
- Please note that projections broken down by household type are currently scheduled to be released in early December 2018. The report will be updated with this information when the additional statistics are released.

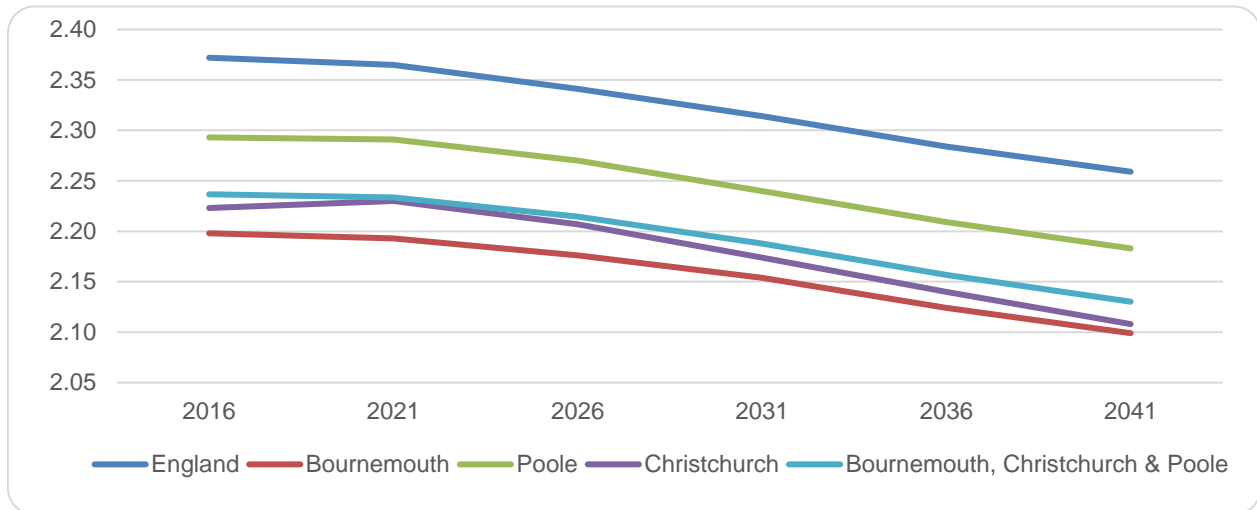
2016-based sub-national household projections

The table below summarises the latest projections by key years (**numbers in thousands**).

Name	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	Change 2016-26	% Change 2016-26	Change 2016-41	% Change 2016-41
England	22,885	23,684	24,537	25,354	26,131	26,855	1,652	7.2%	3,970	17.3%
South East	3,705	3,850	4,007	4,159	4,300	4,431	302	8.2%	726	19.6%
South West	2,357	2,448	2,543	2,636	2,721	2,799	186	7.9%	442	18.8%
Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole	173	178	185	191	197	203	12	6.8%	30	17.3%
Bournemouth	86	90	93	97	100	103	7	8.0%	17	19.3%
Christchurch	22	23	24	25	26	27	2	7.4%	5	20.9%
Poole	65	66	68	70	71	73	3	4.8%	9	13.3%

Average Household Size

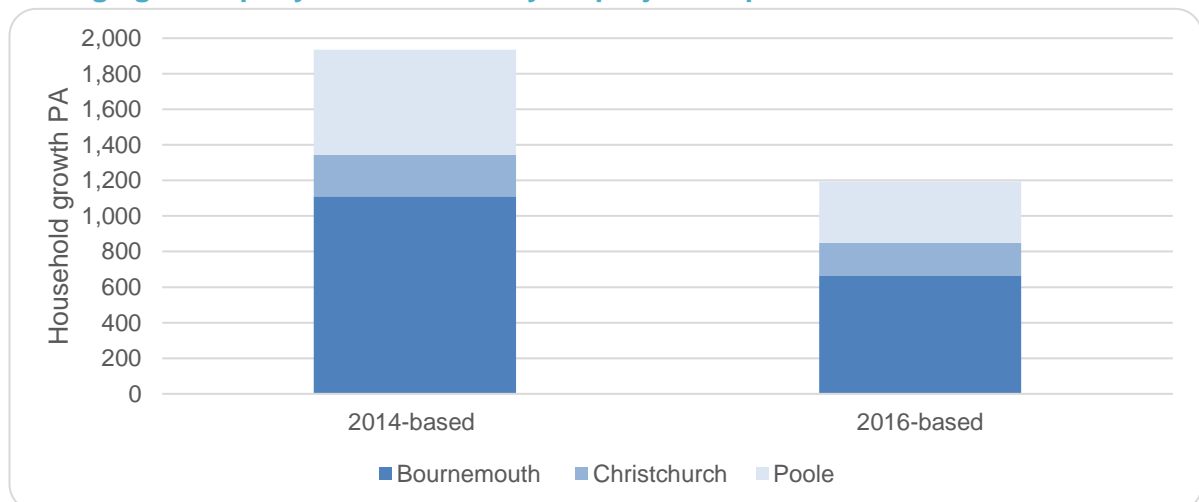
Across England the average household size is projected to decline from 2.37 in 2016 to 2.26 by 2041. Across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole average household size is smaller than England in 2016 and is projected to decline further to 2.13 by 2041



Comparison with 2014-based household projections

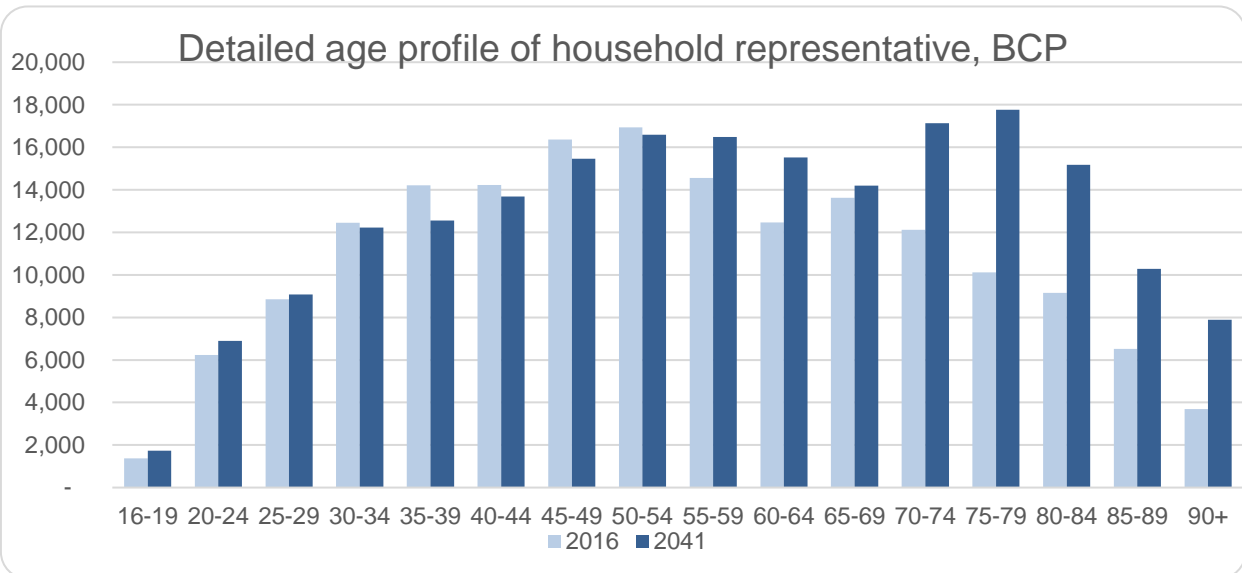
- The latest projections represent a substantially slower rate of growth than the 2014-based projections both nationally and locally. The local picture across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole is illustrated in the chart below.
- Across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole the latest projections represent a drop from over 1,900 to 1,200 additional household per annum over the 25-year period of the projection. Over the 25-year period the 2014-based figures projected a growth of 48,400 households between 2014 and 2039 whereas the 2016-based figures project a growth of 29,800 households between 2016 and 2041.

Average growth per year over the 25-year projection period



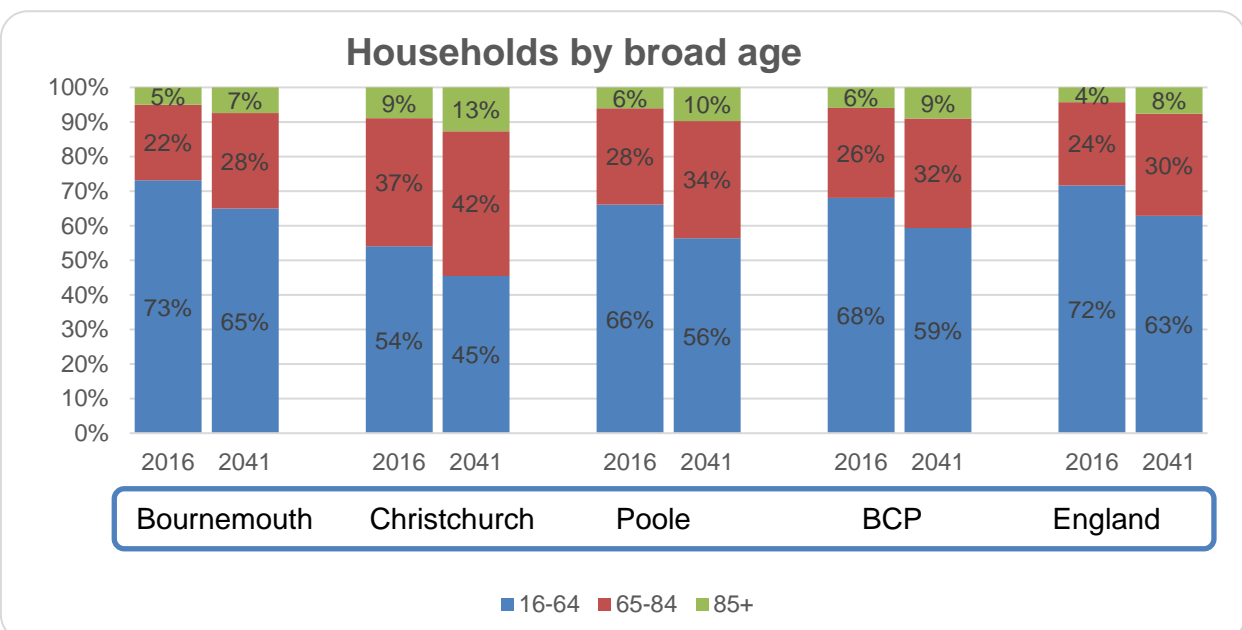
Changing age profile of households

The age profile of households is based on the age of the household reference person (previously referred to as head of household). The chart illustrates the growth in older person households and relatively modest growth in the working age households. Across BCP 16-64 year old households are projected to grow by 2.2%, 65-84 year old households by 42.8% and 85+ age households by 77.9%.

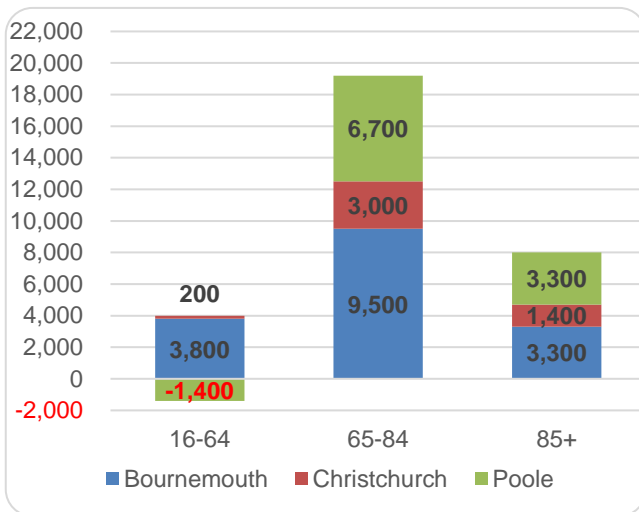


The chart below illustrates how the age profile changes across the three areas over time. The retirement aged households dominate the household growth. Across BCP Bournemouth has the largest proportion of working age households followed by Poole although the proportions fall over the projection period. In Christchurch between 2016-2041 the proportion of retirement aged households increases from 46% in 2016 to nearly 55% in 2041

Household growth 2016-2041 by broad age group



Changing age profile of households



The chart shows the growth between 2016 and 2041 in numbers. It reveals that Poole experiences a small drop in numbers of working age households, while both Bournemouth and Christchurch are projected to increase in number. The chart shows the significant growth in the older person households across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. Numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred.

Glossary and Explanation

Household projections show the number of households there would be in the future if a set of assumptions about the population and household formation were realised in practice. These are modelled data based on population estimates, population projections and census data and make an assumption to remove those living in communal establishments.

Household projections are designed to give a longer-term view of future household growth given the assumptions made and are not optimised to measure short-term changes between two points in time.

A **household** is defined as one person living alone or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. This includes sheltered accommodation units in an establishment where 50% or more have their own kitchens (irrespective of whether there are other communal facilities) and all people living in caravans on any type of site that is their usual residence; this will include anyone who has no other usual residence elsewhere in the UK.

The **age of household** is based on the household reference person. This is the individual that represents the household for statistical purposes and is defined as the eldest economically active person in the household.

Further information

For further information regarding this report please contact the [Research & Information Team](#), Bournemouth Council.