

2018-Based Subnational Population Projections

The 2018-based subnational population projections suggest that the Black Country ambition of a 1.2m population is forecasted to be reached in 2019¹, reaching a grand total of 1,201,347.

The 2018-based subnational population projections which take into account such factors as births, deaths and migration shows that overall, between 2018 and the furthest available year of 2043 the Black Country population is expected to increase by 151,788 people to reach 1.35m. This equates to a 12.7% increase over this period which is above the national average increase of 10.3%.

Between 2018 and 2030 the population in the Black Country is projected to increase by 75,247. The Black Country population growth equates to an increase of 6.3% which is above the national average growth of 5.7%.

The individual components show for the Black Country between the forecasted 2019 and 2030 figures, that there will be more deaths than births (+503) and all net migration will decrease by 1,897.

Black Country Population Change by Components Over Selected Time Periods:

Component	2018	2019	2030	2019 – 2030 Change	2043
Population	1,193,390	1,201,347	1,268,637	67,290	1,345,178
Natural Change		3,638	3,135	-503	4,202
Births		14,679	15,167	487	16,996
Deaths		11,041	12,032	990	12,794
All Migration Net		4,233	2,336	-1,897	1,904
Internal Migration In		50,970	52,313	1,344	54,541
Internal Migration Out		51,233	53,461	2,228	56,133
International Migration In		7,711	6,502	-1,210	6,502
International Migration Out		2,992	2,787	-205	2,787
Cross-border Migration In		1,269	1,248	-21	1,210
Cross-border Migration Out		1,493	1,480	-13	1,429
Other		88	0	-88	0

Population Projections by Age

Between 2018 and 2030 in the Black Country, there are 5 age brackets that are to projected to decrease. The highest decrease is expected to be seen in those aged 50-54 years old by 9,579 down to 72,145 people.

Also, between 2018 to 2030 in the Black Country, those aged between 40-44 years old is projected to have the highest increase by 16,387 to reach 85,893 people. This increase is followed closely by those aged 60-64 years old by 16,366 (to reach 77,043) and those aged 15-19 years old by 16,099 (to reach 84,079). The age bracket with the highest number of people in 2030 is predicted to be those aged 35-39 years old at 86,904 people.

¹ Please note, mid-2019 population estimates are released at a later date in 2020

Black Country Population Projections by Age Bracket

Age	2018	2030	Change 2018 - 2030	2043
0-4	80,550	76,444	-4,106	85,486
5-9	82,443	78,150	-4,294	84,240
10-14	76,000	82,784	6,784	81,698
15-19	67,980	84,079	16,099	78,181
20-24	70,147	74,522	4,375	73,355
25-29	81,245	74,400	-6,845	86,075
30-34	82,823	81,468	-1,355	90,840
35-39	78,798	86,904	8,106	85,392
40-44	69,506	85,893	16,387	80,004
45-49	81,608	81,609	1	84,552
50-54	81,724	72,145	-9,579	86,113
55-59	72,144	74,537	2,393	81,180
60-64	60,677	77,043	16,366	74,481
65-69	55,826	69,360	13,534	62,442
70-74	52,577	54,166	1,589	65,932
75-79	40,813	44,102	3,289	59,134
80-84	30,691	36,834	6,143	43,704
85-89	18,373	22,335	3,962	26,055
90+	9,465	11,863	2,398	16,316
All ages	1,193,390	1,268,637	75,247	1,345,178

Source:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/bulletins/subnationalpopulationprojectionsforengland/2018based>