

# Joint Strategic Needs Assessment



## The Isle of Wight is a Better Place to Live – Demographics and Population

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### Introduction

The following pages give general information about the size of the Isle of Wight, how its communities are distributed, a range of population information and projected changes to numbers over time.

### Summary

- Over a quarter of residents (26.1%) are aged 65 and over
- Just under 15% are aged 0 to 14 years
- Around 1 in 6 households on the Isle of Wight are occupied by a single person over 65
- 94.8% of residents are 'White British' origin although this proportion has reduced since the 2001 Census
- Ryde, Newport and Cowes are the largest towns

### Isle of Wight Geography



The Isle of Wight lies off the south coast of mainland England and covers an area of 146.8 sq miles (38.016 hectares, or 380.16 km<sup>2</sup>)

The major towns of the Isle of Wight are:

Ryde	c. 18,700 persons
Newport (the County town)	c. 17,200 persons
Cowes	c. 14,400 persons
East Cowes	c. 7,800 persons
Sandown	c. 7,200 persons
Shanklin	c. 7,100 persons
Ventnor	c. 6,000 persons

Source: ONS, 2011 Census

Based on the 2011 Census, there is an average population of 3.6 persons per hectare. This compares with an average of 4.1 persons per hectare for England and a regional average of 4.5 persons per hectare for the South East.

The Isle of Wight has 39 Electoral Wards served by 40 Councillors (Brading, St Helens and Bembridge has two Councillors). At the last election of the Isle of Wight Council in May 2013 there was no overall majority, so the independent candidates joined together to form 'Island Independents' and are now the majority ruling group. In addition there are 25 Parish and 8 Town councils.

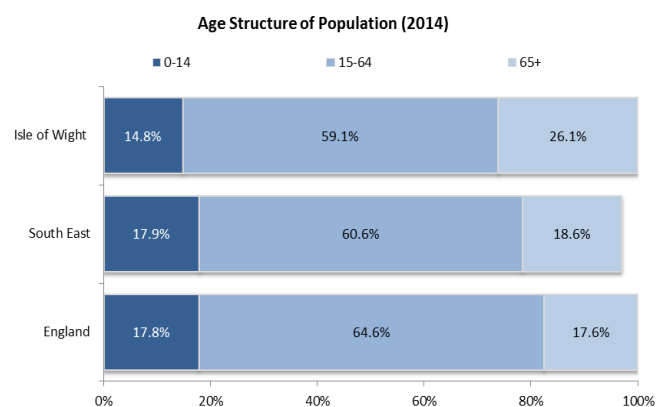
### Population

Based on the mid-2014 usually resident population estimate of 139,105 people, the Isle of Wight was the eleventh largest Unitary Authority in the South East region.

2014	Isle of Wight (000s)	South East Region (000s)	England & Wales (000s)
All people	139.1	8,873.8	54,316.6
Males	68.0	4,364.8	26,773.2
Females	71.2	4,509.0	27,543.4

Source: ONS Mid-2014 population estimates

The number of people aged over 65 is increasing across the whole of England, but locally the most significant change is the reducing numbers of younger people which means the Isle of Wight has a greater proportion of older residents (aged 65 plus).

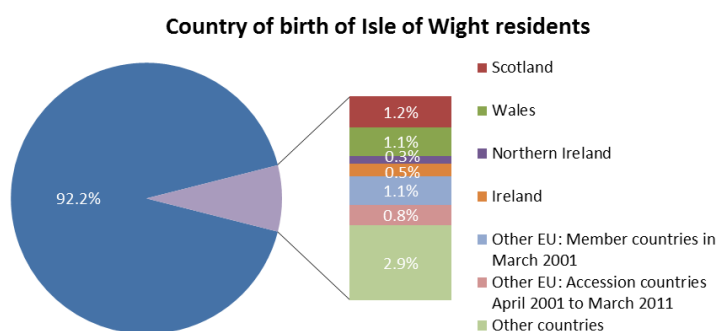


Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid-2014 Population Estimates

## Country of birth

The majority of Isle of Wight residents were born in England (92.2%). In comparison with other authorities in England and Wales, the Isle of Wight has the 78<sup>th</sup> highest level of residents born in England (Knowsley in Merseyside has the highest proportion at 96.4%).

The next largest group (2.9%) is made up from people originating from outside of the European Union.



Source: ONS, 2011 Census

## Length of residence in the United Kingdom

Most Isle of Wight residents (94.8%) were born in the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) and most of those who came from outside the UK have been resident in the country for ten years or more (3.2%).

Just 0.4% of the resident population that were not born in the UK, had been resident for less than two years.

Source: ONS, 2011 Census

## Household composition

There are 69,972 residential households on the Isle of Wight. Source: Isle of Wight Council Revenues and Benefits as at 2 August 2015

Around 1 in 6 (16.5%) of all households are occupied by a single person aged 65 or over. This

was the eighteenth highest rate for all of the authorities in England and Wales.

A similar rate (16.2%) was also given for other one person households. This is broadly in-line with England (17.9%) and the South East region (16.1%).

Source: ONS, 2011 Census

## Lone Parent households

Just over 4,000 households on the Isle of Wight consist of a lone parent with dependent children (where the lone parent was aged 16-74).

Almost 2 in 5 (38%) of these households the lone parent was not in full-time employment. The number of male lone parents not in employment (4.2%) was the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest of all authorities in England and Wales. 2.2% of male lone parents are in part-time employment (20<sup>th</sup> highest)

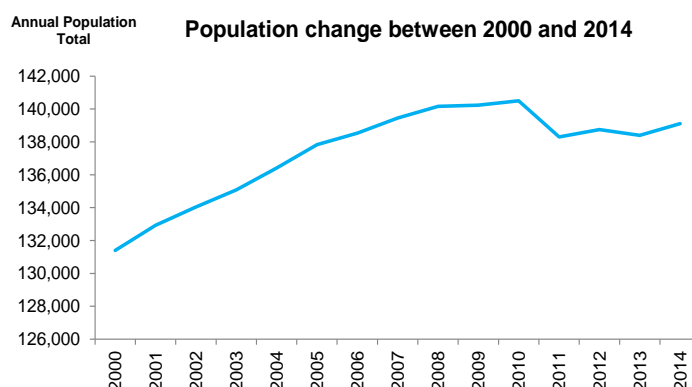
Source: ONS, 2011 Census

## Reflecting on the Past:

Number of Isle of Wight residents:

2001 Census	132,925
2011 Census	138,400
Number change between 2001-2011	5,475
% change between 2001-2011	4.1%

Between the census years of 2001 and 2011 the Isle of Wight population grew by just over 5,000 persons. Since then the population has remained fairly stable.



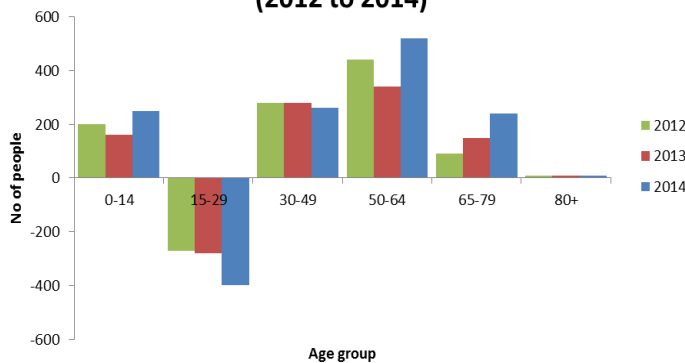
Source ONS, Census based population totals, with intervening mid-year population estimates

**NB:** The slight dip in numbers seen between 2010 and 2011 is the variance between the Census outcome and the previous year's estimated figure and not necessarily a drop in the real population numbers.

## Migration

The Isle of Wight, like other seaside towns, is popular as a retirement destination. There is a net outflow of age 15 to 29 year olds as young people leave for higher education and career opportunities, and a net inflow at age 50 to 64 and 65 to 79 as older people retire here – the increase in migration in the older age groups (65 to 79 in particular) is becoming more marked over time, with more than twice as many in 2014 than in 2012.

**Net Migration to the Isle of Wight by age group (2012 to 2014)**



## Looking towards the Future:

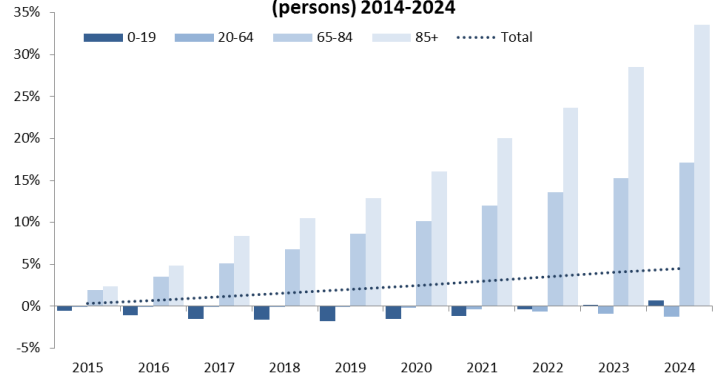
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has developed population projections into the future.

2014 population estimate	139,105
2024 population projection	145,805
Projected growth in numbers	6,700
Projected percentage growth	4.8%

Source: ONS, 2014 mid-year estimate and 2012-based subnational population projections

Over the next ten years, there is likely to be a broadly similar number of younger people (aged 0 to 19 and 20 to 64) on the Isle of Wight. Meanwhile over the same period, the number of over 65s will significantly increase, with the most significant increase in the over 85s. For both genders, the 65 to 84 age groups increase at a broadly similar rate. However, there is a noticeable difference in the over 85 age group as females will increase by just over 20%, while for males, the increase is nearer 60%. These trends are similar to the national picture.

**Isle of Wight projected population growth by broad age group (persons) 2014-2024**

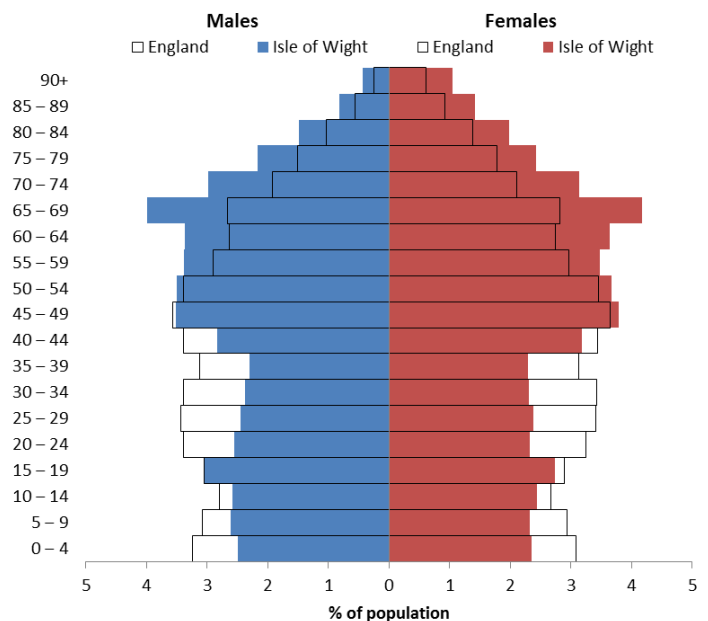


Source: ONS 2012-based population projections

The following two population pyramids show the predicted shifts in population by age band and gender, with an overlay of the same projections at a national level:

In 2014 –

**Population pyramid of the Isle of Wight and England (Mid-Year Estimates 2014)**



In 2024 –

## Population pyramid of the Isle of Wight and England (Population projections for 2024)



The Equality & Diversity factsheet has more information on the protected characteristics of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, transgender status, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation and pregnancy & maternity.

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