

## Time series of Mid-Year Population Estimates 1996 - 2016

### Related information

The [Population and Census](#) web page contains more information which you may find useful.

*Population data presents the latest population estimates and an analysis of annual change*

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*2011 Census provides information of the characteristics of the population*

**NOTE:** within this bulletin 'Kent' refers to the Kent County Council (KCC) area which excludes Medway

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This bulletin shows how the population of Kent's local authority districts has changed between 1996 and 2016 based on the Mid-Year Population Estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

### Summary of findings

- The population of Kent currently stands at 1,541,900 according to the mid-2016 population estimates.
- Kent's population has grown at a faster rate than the national average over the last 15-years, increasing by +15.8% compared to +11.8% for England.
- In the last year Kent's population grew by +1.1% whilst the national average was +0.9%.
- Kent's largest district authority in population terms is currently Maidstone with a mid-2016 population of 166,400 people.
- Kent's smallest district authority in population terms is currently Dartford with mid-2016 population of 105,500 people.
- Over the last 15-years, Dartford's population has grown the fastest of all Kent districts increasing by +22.8%. Sevenoaks' population has grown the slowest increasing by +9.1%.
- In the last year, Swale's population has grown the fastest of all Kent districts increasing by +1.8%. The population of Gravesham grew the slowest increasing by 0.5%.

## Note on the data

The figures presented in this bulletin for the years 2002-2010 are the revised Mid-Year Population Estimates which are based on the 2011 Census as published by ONS on 30 April 2013. The ONS revised all previously published estimates to take account of an improved methodology for counting migration. The 2013 Mid-year population estimates were revised and re-released on 25 June 2015 to correct errors in the distribution of the number of armed forces within a number of local authorities. Kent's population was not affected by this.

The 2016 Mid-year population estimates were released on 22 June 2017.

For more information on the amendments ONS have made to the population estimates please visit the ONS website - [www.statistics.gov.uk/popest](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/popest)

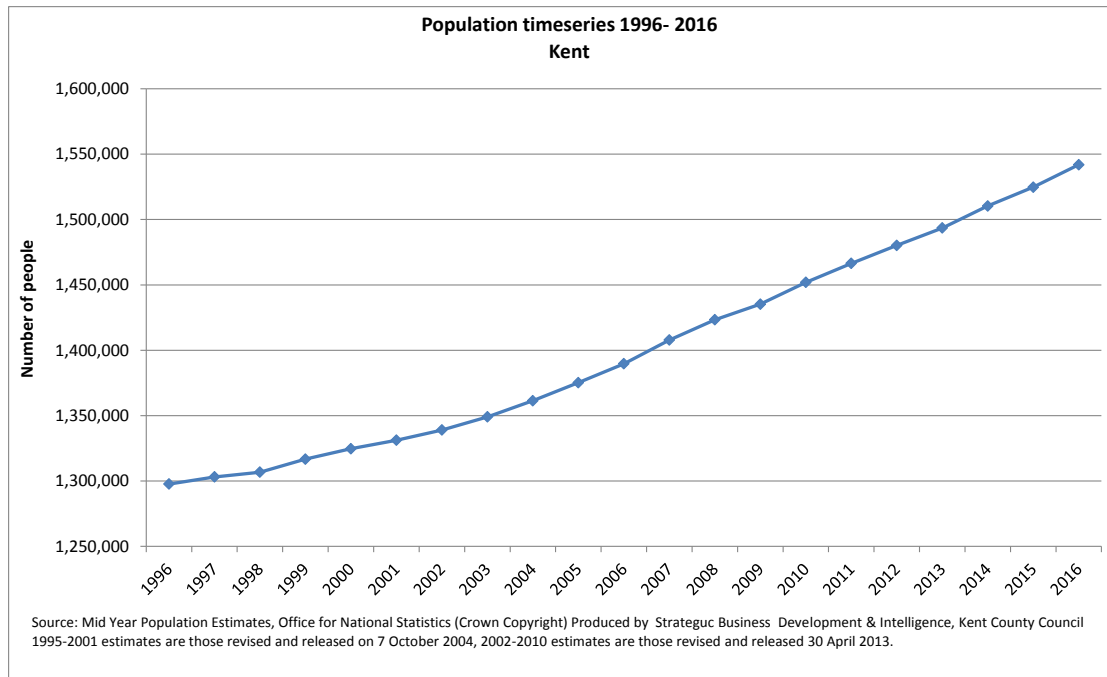
It is ONS policy to present all estimates rounded to the nearest hundred. Within this bulletin all numbers have been rounded separately and therefore may not sum.

Only total population estimates are presented here but further details from the 2016 estimates are available on the Kent County Council website in the bulletins and excel toolkits listed below:

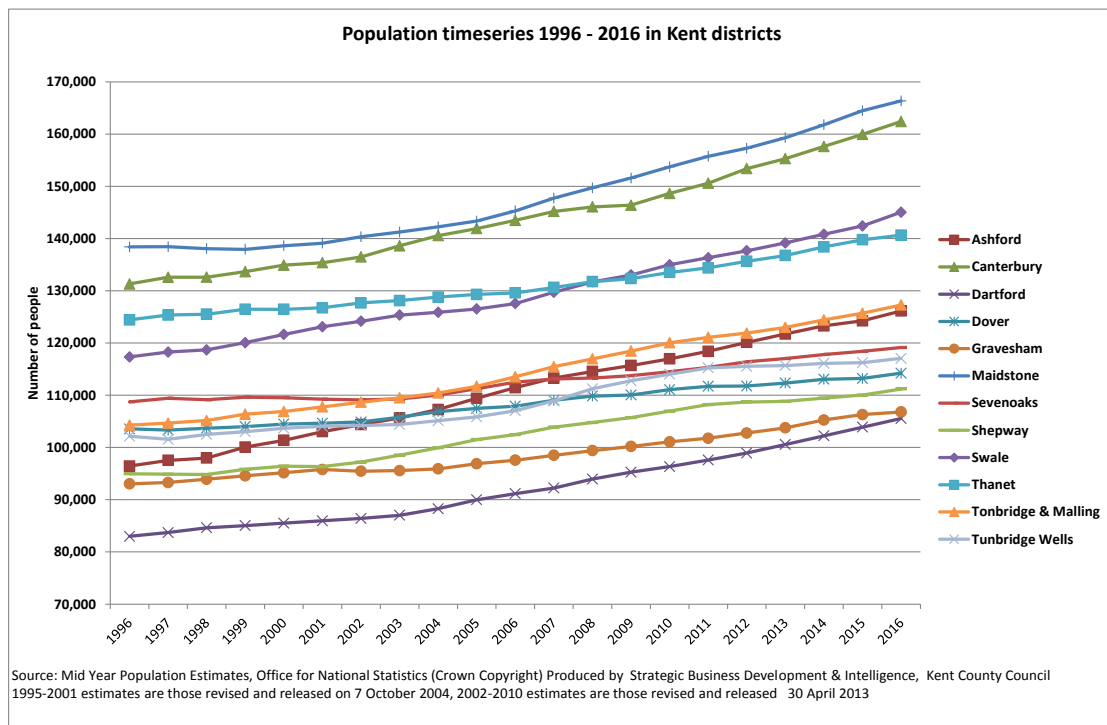
- '2016 Mid-Year Population Estimates: Total population of Kent authorities' looks at Kent's population in the context of national and regional change since the 2011 Census.
- '2016 Mid-Year Population Estimates: Age and gender profile' presents the age and gender profile of each local authority district in Kent in the form of tables and population pyramids.
- 'What's causing Kent's population growth?' examines the reasons behind the changes in population.
- 'Interactive population estimates Excel toolkit' allows access to population estimates for any chosen age group for all 12 Kent local authority districts and Kent County as a whole between 1992 and 2016.

The data in this bulletin will be updated in the summer of 2018 when the mid-2017 population estimates will be released.

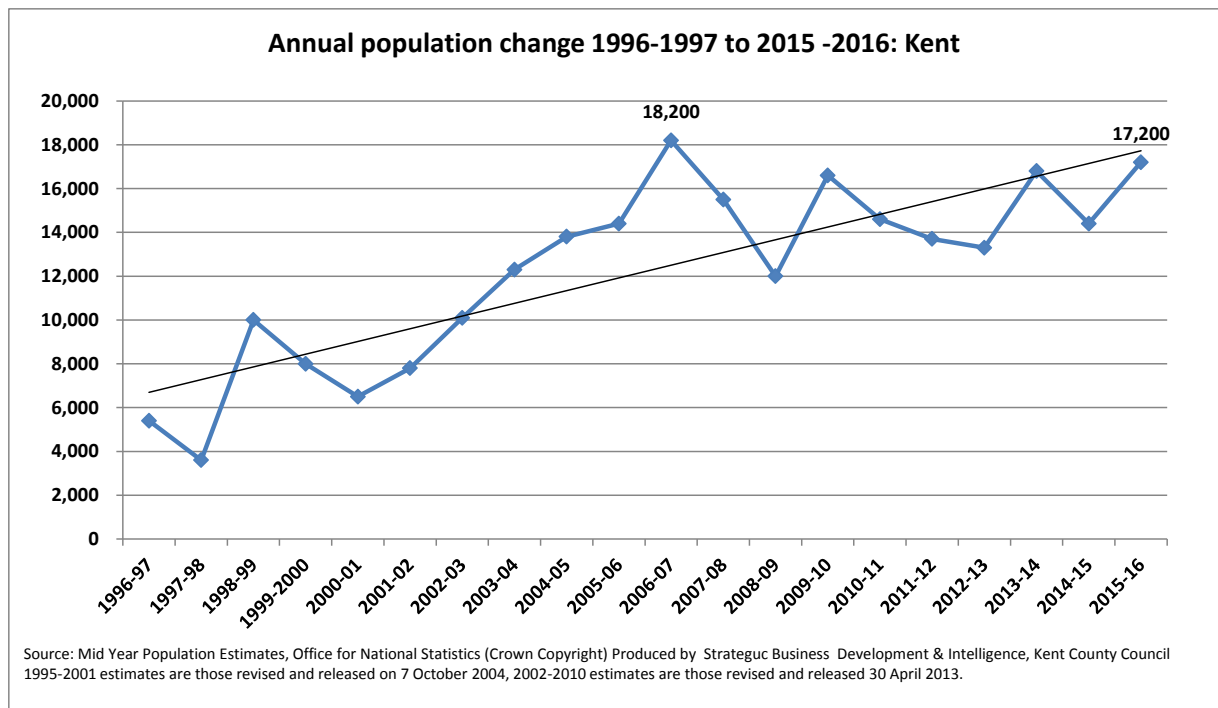
### Chart 1: Population time series 1996-2016 – Kent



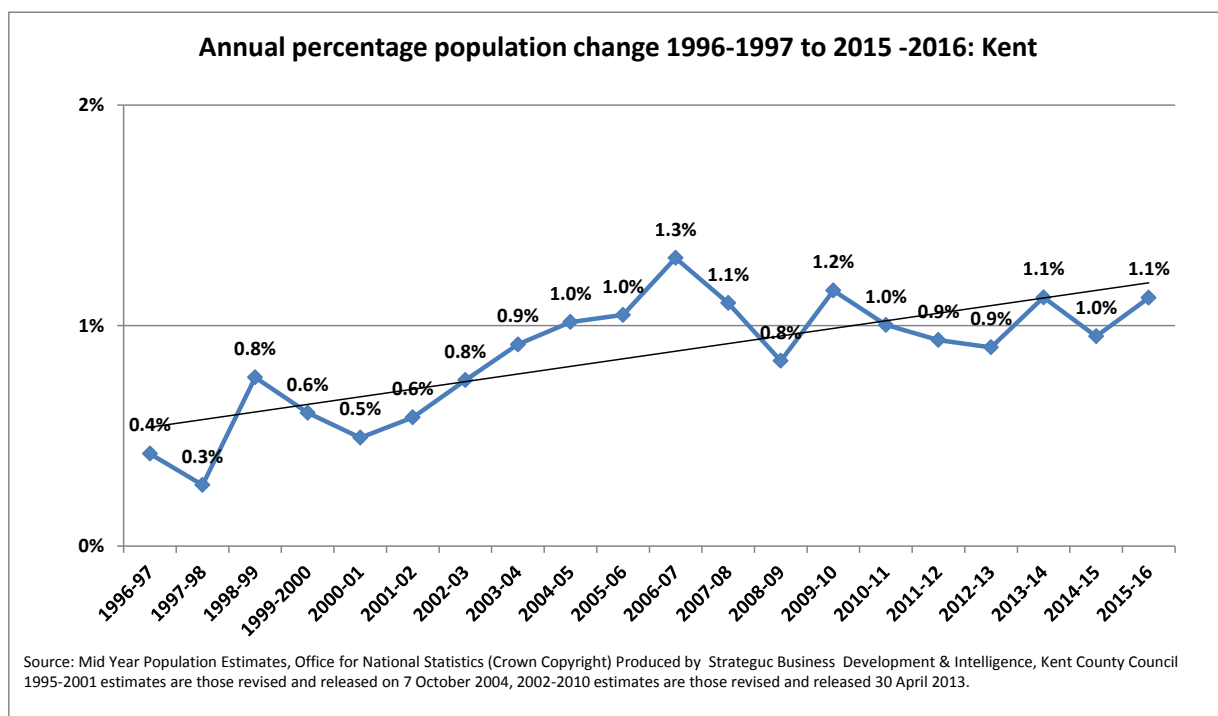
### Chart 2: Population time series 1996-2016 – Kent local authority districts



**Chart 3: Annual population change 1996-1997 to 2015-2016 – Kent**



**Chart 4: Annual percentage population change 1996-1997 to 2015-2016 – Kent**



### Mid Year Population Estimates - 1996 to 2016 (part 1)

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2016 estimates released 22 June 2017

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	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,297,700</b>	<b>1,303,100</b>	<b>1,306,700</b>	<b>1,316,700</b>	<b>1,324,700</b>	<b>1,331,200</b>	<b>1,339,000</b>	<b>1,349,000</b>	<b>1,361,400</b>	<b>1,375,200</b>	<b>1,389,600</b>	<b>1,407,800</b>	<b>1,423,300</b>	<b>1,435,300</b>
Ashford Borough	96,400	97,500	98,000	100,100	101,400	103,000	104,400	105,600	107,300	109,400	111,500	113,300	114,600	115,700
Canterbury City	131,300	132,600	132,600	133,700	134,900	135,400	136,500	138,600	140,600	141,900	143,500	145,200	146,100	146,400
Dartford Borough	83,000	83,700	84,600	85,000	85,500	86,000	86,400	87,000	88,300	90,000	91,200	92,200	93,900	95,300
Dover District	103,600	103,400	103,700	104,000	104,500	104,600	104,900	105,800	106,900	107,500	107,900	109,000	109,800	110,100
Gravesham Borough	93,000	93,300	93,900	94,600	95,200	95,800	95,400	95,600	95,900	96,900	97,600	98,500	99,400	100,200
Maidstone Borough	138,400	138,400	138,100	137,900	138,600	139,100	140,300	141,200	142,200	143,400	145,300	147,700	149,700	151,600
Sevenoaks District	108,700	109,400	109,100	109,600	109,500	109,200	109,100	109,300	110,000	111,300	112,500	113,100	113,300	113,800
Shepway District	95,000	94,900	94,800	95,800	96,400	96,300	97,200	98,500	99,900	101,500	102,500	103,900	104,800	105,700
Swale Borough	117,300	118,300	118,700	120,100	121,600	123,100	124,200	125,300	125,900	126,500	127,600	129,700	131,700	133,000
Thanet District	124,400	125,400	125,500	126,500	126,500	126,800	127,700	128,100	128,800	129,300	129,600	130,600	131,800	132,300
Tonbridge & Malling Borough	104,300	104,700	105,200	106,400	106,900	107,800	108,700	109,500	110,400	111,700	113,500	115,500	117,000	118,500
Tunbridge Wells Borough	102,200	101,600	102,500	103,000	103,700	104,000	104,200	104,400	105,100	105,900	107,100	108,900	111,300	112,800
<b>Medway Unitary Authority</b>	<b>241,300</b>	<b>242,300</b>	<b>245,300</b>	<b>246,400</b>	<b>248,500</b>	<b>249,700</b>	<b>250,300</b>	<b>251,200</b>	<b>251,500</b>	<b>252,100</b>	<b>253,500</b>	<b>255,800</b>	<b>258,200</b>	<b>260,200</b>
<b>Kent &amp; Medway combined</b>	<b>1,539,000</b>	<b>1,545,400</b>	<b>1,552,100</b>	<b>1,563,100</b>	<b>1,573,200</b>	<b>1,580,900</b>	<b>1,589,200</b>	<b>1,600,200</b>	<b>1,612,800</b>	<b>1,627,300</b>	<b>1,643,100</b>	<b>1,663,600</b>	<b>1,681,500</b>	<b>1,695,500</b>
<b>South East region</b>	<b>7,800,400</b>	<b>7,853,100</b>	<b>7,888,800</b>	<b>7,955,100</b>	<b>7,990,600</b>	<b>8,023,400</b>	<b>8,045,192</b>	<b>8,087,900</b>	<b>8,133,100</b>	<b>8,202,900</b>	<b>8,270,900</b>	<b>8,351,400</b>	<b>8,426,400</b>	<b>8,490,900</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>48,519,100</b>	<b>48,664,800</b>	<b>48,820,600</b>	<b>49,032,900</b>	<b>49,233,300</b>	<b>49,449,700</b>	<b>49,679,267</b>	<b>49,925,500</b>	<b>50,194,600</b>	<b>50,606,000</b>	<b>50,965,200</b>	<b>51,381,100</b>	<b>51,815,900</b>	<b>52,196,400</b>

### Mid Year Population Estimates - 1996 to 2016 (part 2)

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Previous Year Change		5yr Change		10yr Change		15yr Change	
								(2015-2016)		(2011-2016)		(2006-2016)		(2001-2016)	
								number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,451,900</b>	<b>1,466,500</b>	<b>1,480,200</b>	<b>1,493,500</b>	<b>1,510,400</b>	<b>1,524,700</b>	<b>1,541,900</b>	<b>17,200</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>75,400</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>152,300</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>210,700</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
Ashford Borough	117,000	118,400	120,100	121,700	123,300	124,300	126,200	1,900	1.5%	7,700	6.7%	14,700	13.2%	23,100	22.4%
Canterbury City	148,700	150,600	153,400	155,300	157,600	160,000	162,400	2,500	1.5%	11,800	8.1%	18,900	13.2%	27,000	20.0%
Dartford Borough	96,300	97,600	98,900	100,600	102,200	103,900	105,500	1,700	1.6%	7,900	8.3%	14,400	15.8%	19,600	22.8%
Dover District	111,100	111,700	111,800	112,300	113,100	113,200	114,200	1,000	0.9%	2,500	2.3%	6,300	5.9%	9,600	9.2%
Gravesham Borough	101,100	101,800	102,800	103,800	105,300	106,300	106,800	500	0.5%	5,000	5.0%	9,200	9.5%	11,000	11.5%
Maidstone Borough	153,700	155,800	157,300	159,300	161,800	164,500	166,400	1,900	1.1%	10,600	7.0%	21,100	14.5%	27,200	19.6%
Sevenoaks District	114,500	115,400	116,400	117,000	117,800	118,400	119,100	700	0.6%	3,800	3.3%	6,600	5.9%	9,900	9.1%
Shepway District	107,000	108,200	108,700	108,800	109,500	110,000	111,200	1,200	1.1%	3,000	2.8%	8,700	8.5%	14,800	15.4%
Swale Borough	135,000	136,300	137,700	139,200	140,800	142,400	145,000	2,600	1.8%	8,700	6.6%	17,500	13.7%	21,900	17.8%
Thanet District	133,500	134,400	135,700	136,800	138,400	139,800	140,700	900	0.6%	6,300	4.7%	11,100	8.5%	13,900	11.0%
Tonbridge & Malling Borough	120,100	121,100	121,900	123,000	124,400	125,700	127,300	1,600	1.3%	6,200	5.2%	13,800	12.1%	19,500	18.1%
Tunbridge Wells Borough	114,000	115,200	115,500	115,700	116,100	116,200	117,100	800	0.7%	1,800	1.6%	10,000	9.4%	13,000	12.5%
<b>Medway Unitary Authority</b>	<b>262,700</b>	<b>264,900</b>	<b>268,200</b>	<b>271,100</b>	<b>274,000</b>	<b>276,500</b>	<b>278,500</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>13,700</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>25,100</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>28,800</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
<b>Kent &amp; Medway combined</b>	<b>1,714,600</b>	<b>1,731,400</b>	<b>1,748,400</b>	<b>1,764,600</b>	<b>1,784,400</b>	<b>1,801,200</b>	<b>1,820,400</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>89,100</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>177,300</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>239,500</b>	<b>15.2%</b>
<b>South East region</b>	<b>8,577,800</b>	<b>8,652,800</b>	<b>8,724,700</b>	<b>8,792,600</b>	<b>8,873,800</b>	<b>8,947,900</b>	<b>9,026,300</b>	<b>78,400</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>373,500</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>755,400</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>1,002,900</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>52,642,500</b>	<b>53,107,200</b>	<b>53,493,700</b>	<b>53,865,800</b>	<b>54,316,600</b>	<b>54,786,300</b>	<b>55,268,100</b>	<b>481,700</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2,160,900</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>4,302,900</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>5,818,400</b>	<b>11.8%</b>

