

Time series of Mid-year population estimates 2012 to 2022

The 2022 Mid-year population estimates were released by the Office for National Statistics on 23 November 2023.

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 2012 and 2022 based on the Mid-Year Population Estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Summary of findings

- The mid-2022 population estimate of Kent is 1,593,200.
- Over the past 20 years, Kent's population has grown by 19% compared to 15.0% for England.
- In the last year Kent's population grew by 0.93%. This is lower than the national rate of 1.01%.
- Maidstone has the largest population of Kent's local authorities with 180,400 people.
- Gravesham has the smallest population of Kent's local authorities with 107,000 people.
- Over the last 20 years, Dartford's population has grown the fastest of all Kent local authorities increasing by 37.5%.
- Thanet's population has grown the slowest over the past 20 years, increasing by 10.2%.

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Note on the data

The 2012-2022 Mid-year population estimates in this bulletin are the revised figures which were released on 23 November 2023. These replace the previously published mid-year estimates and form the new official estimates for the population of England and Wales in 2012 to 2022

For more information on the amendments ONS have made to the population estimates please visit the [ONS website](#).

Only total population estimates are presented here but further details from the 2022 estimates are available on our [population and census webpages](#) in the bulletins and excel toolkits listed below:

- '2022 Mid-year population estimates: Total population in Kent' presents total population between 2021 and 2022.
- '2022 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 2002 and 2022.

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

The data in this bulletin will be updated in the summer of 2024 when the mid-2023 population estimates will be released.

Charts 1 & 2 present the population growth between 2012 and 2022. Charts 3 and 4 present the annual population change and percentage population change between 2001/2 and 2021/2. The figures behind the charts are presents in table 2 and table 3.

Chart 1: Population time series 2002-2022: Kent

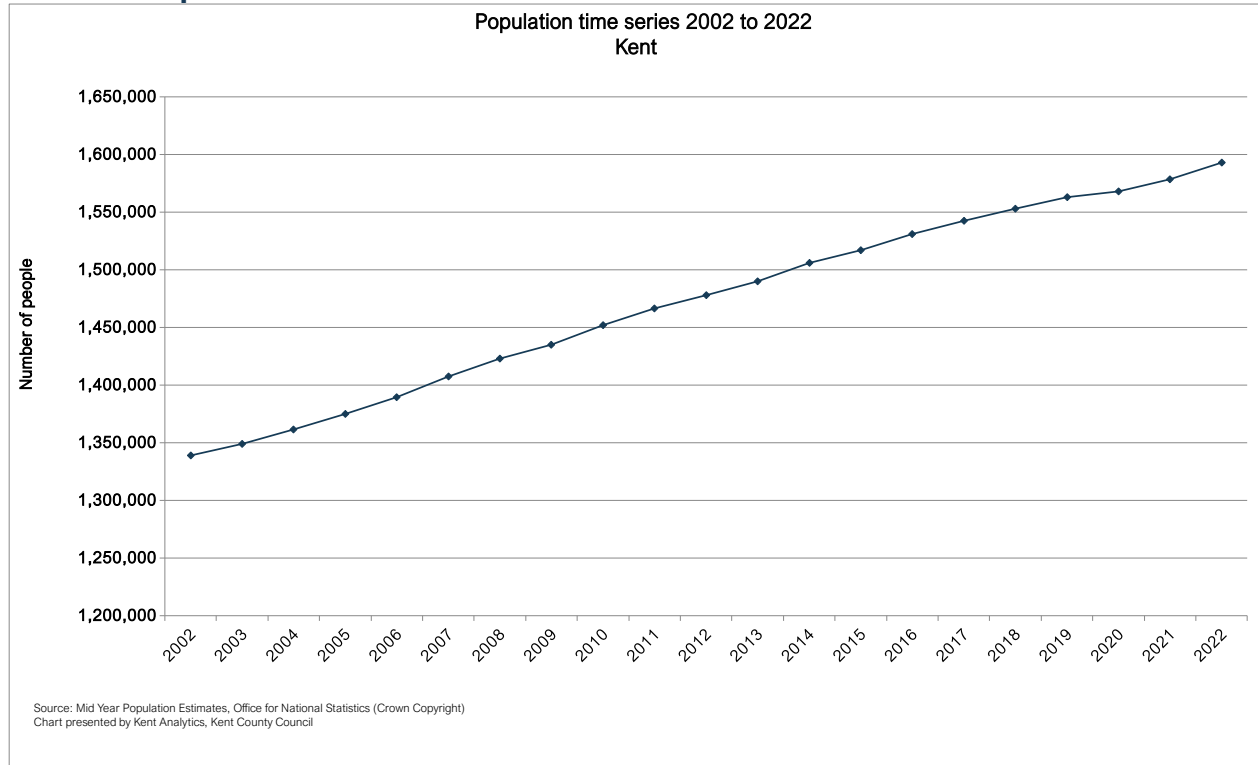


Chart 2: Population time series 2002-2022: Kent local authority districts

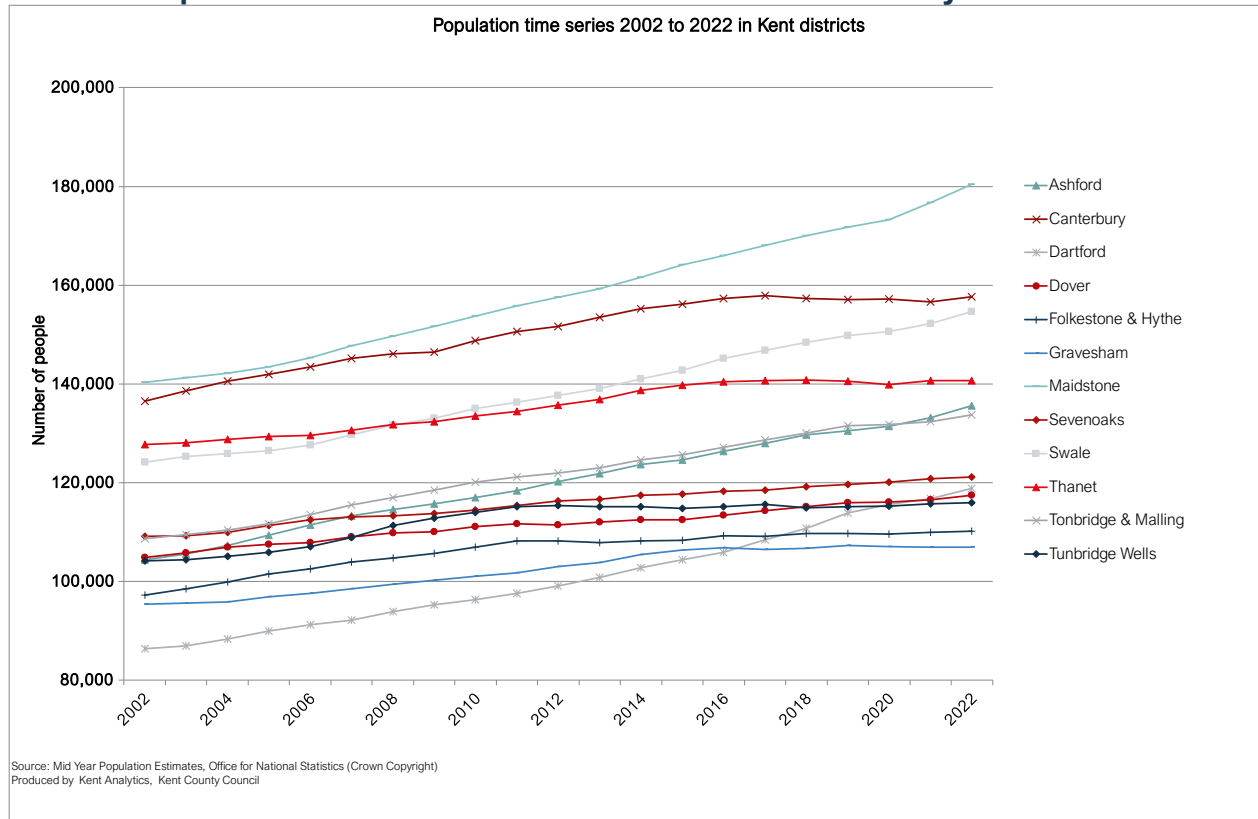
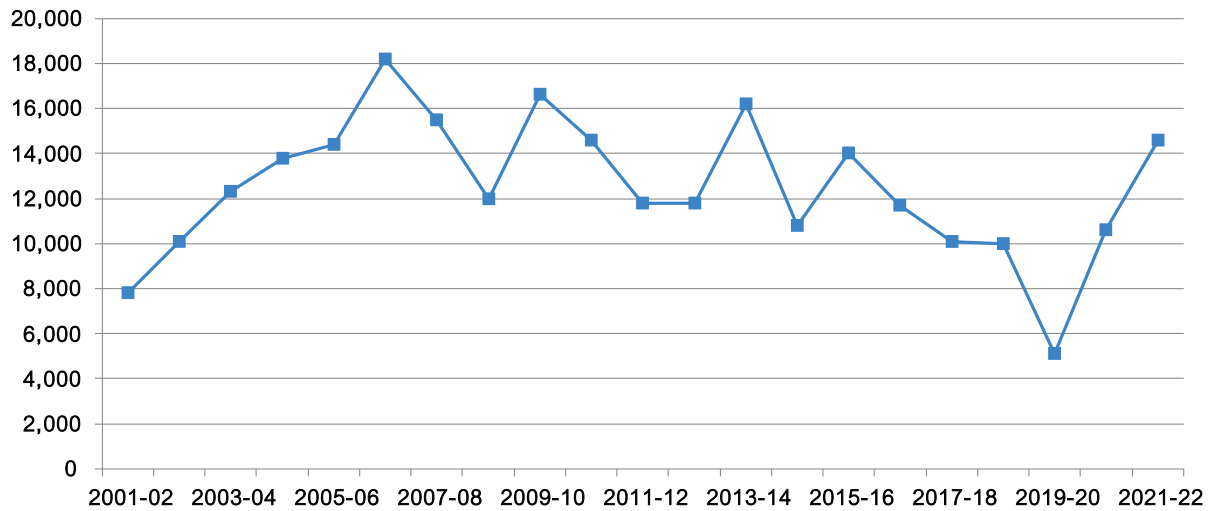


Chart 3: Annual population change in Kent 2001-2002 to 2021-2022

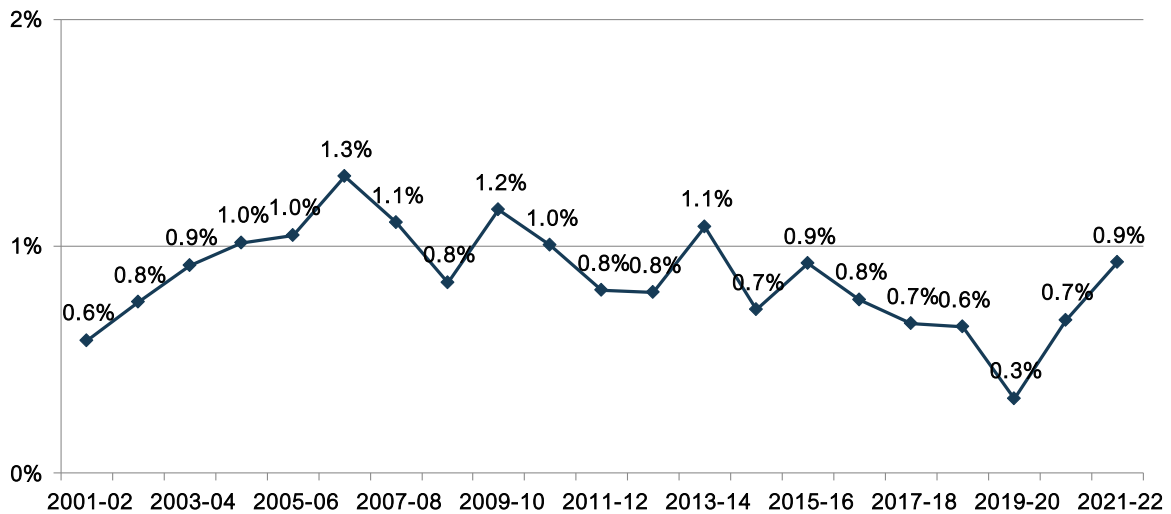
Annual population change 2001/02 to 2021/22: Kent



Source: Mid Year Population Estimates, Office for National Statistics (Crown Copyright) Produced by Kent Analytics, Kent County Council
2012-2020 estimates are those revised in light of the 2021 Census and were released 23 November 2023.

Chart 4: Annual percentage population change in Kent 2001-2002 to 2021-2022

Annual percentage population change 2001/02 to 2021/22: Kent



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Table 1: Mid-Year Population Estimates - 2002 to 2020 (part 1)

Area	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Kent	1,339,000	1,349,000	1,361,400	1,375,200	1,389,600	1,407,800	1,423,300	1,435,300	1,451,900	1,466,500	1,478,300
Ashford	104,400	105,600	107,300	109,400	111,500	113,300	114,600	115,700	117,000	118,400	120,200
Canterbury	136,500	138,600	140,600	141,900	143,500	145,200	146,100	146,400	148,700	150,600	151,700
Dartford	86,400	87,000	88,300	90,000	91,200	92,200	93,900	95,300	96,300	97,600	99,100
Dover	104,900	105,800	106,900	107,500	107,900	109,000	109,800	110,100	111,100	111,700	111,500
Folkestone & Hythe	97,200	98,500	99,900	101,500	102,500	103,900	104,800	105,700	107,000	108,200	108,200
Gravesham	95,400	95,600	95,900	96,900	97,600	98,500	99,400	100,200	101,100	101,800	103,000
Maidstone	140,300	141,200	142,200	143,400	145,300	147,700	149,700	151,600	153,700	155,800	157,500
Sevenoaks	109,100	109,300	110,000	111,300	112,500	113,100	113,300	113,800	114,500	115,400	116,300
Swale	124,200	125,300	125,900	126,500	127,600	129,700	131,700	133,000	135,000	136,300	137,700
Thanet	127,700	128,100	128,800	129,300	129,600	130,600	131,800	132,300	133,500	134,400	135,700
Tonbridge & Malling	108,700	109,500	110,400	111,700	113,500	115,500	117,000	118,500	120,100	121,100	122,000
Tunbridge Wells	104,200	104,400	105,100	105,900	107,100	108,900	111,300	112,800	114,000	115,200	115,400
Medway U.A.	250,300	251,200	251,500	252,100	253,500	255,800	258,200	260,200	262,700	264,900	268,100
Kent & Medway	1,589,200	1,600,200	1,612,800	1,627,300	1,643,100	1,663,600	1,681,500	1,695,500	1,714,600	1,731,400	1,746,400
South East	8,045,192	8,087,900	8,133,100	8,202,900	8,270,900	8,351,400	8,426,400	8,490,900	8,577,800	8,652,800	8,731,800
England	49,679,267	49,925,500	50,194,600	50,606,000	50,965,200	51,381,100	51,815,900	52,196,400	52,642,500	53,107,200	53,506,800

Table 1 continued: Mid-Year Population Estimates - 2002 to 2020 (part 2)

Area	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Kent	1,490,000	1,506,200	1,517,000	1,531,000	1,542,700	1,552,900	1,562,800	1,568,000	1,578,600	1,593,200
Ashford	121,900	123,700	124,600	126,300	128,000	129,700	130,500	131,400	133,200	135,600
Canterbury	153,500	155,200	156,100	157,300	157,900	157,300	157,100	157,200	156,600	157,600
Dartford	100,800	102,800	104,400	105,900	108,400	110,800	113,900	115,600	116,800	118,800
Dover	112,000	112,500	112,500	113,400	114,300	115,100	115,900	116,100	116,500	117,500
Folkestone & Hythe	107,900	108,200	108,300	109,200	109,100	109,700	109,700	109,600	110,000	110,200
Gravesham	103,800	105,400	106,400	106,800	106,500	106,700	107,300	107,100	106,900	107,000
Maidstone	159,300	161,600	164,100	166,000	168,100	170,000	171,800	173,300	176,700	180,400
Sevenoaks	116,700	117,400	117,700	118,300	118,500	119,200	119,600	120,100	120,800	121,100
Swale	139,100	141,000	142,700	145,200	146,800	148,400	149,800	150,600	152,200	154,600
Thanet	136,900	138,700	139,700	140,400	140,700	140,800	140,600	139,900	140,700	140,700
Tonbridge & Malling	123,000	124,600	125,700	127,100	128,700	130,100	131,500	131,800	132,400	133,700
Tunbridge Wells	115,200	115,200	114,800	115,200	115,600	114,900	115,200	115,300	115,700	116,000
Medway U.A.	271,100	274,000	276,000	277,500	278,700	278,800	279,900	280,400	279,900	282,700
Kent & Medway	1,761,100	1,780,200	1,793,100	1,808,500	1,821,400	1,831,700	1,842,700	1,848,300	1,858,500	1,875,900
South East	8,809,400	8,893,900	8,969,600	9,053,000	9,105,100	9,150,200	9,193,800	9,225,300	9,295,800	9,379,800
England	53,918,700	54,370,300	54,808,700	55,289,000	55,619,500	55,924,500	56,230,100	56,326,000	56,554,900	57,106,400

Table 2: Mid-Year Population Estimates - change

Area	1 year change 2021/22	% change 2021/22	5-year change 2017/22	% change 2017/22	10-year change 2012/22	% change 2012/22	20-year change 2002/22	% change 2002/22
Kent	14,600	0.9%	50,500	3.3%	114,900	7.8%	254,200	19.0%
Ashford	2,400	1.8%	7,600	5.9%	15,400	12.8%	31,200	29.9%
Canterbury	900	0.6%	-400	-0.2%	5,800	3.8%	21,100	15.4%
Dartford	2,000	1.7%	10,400	9.6%	19,800	19.9%	32,400	37.5%
Dover	900	0.8%	3,100	2.7%	5,900	5.3%	12,600	12.0%
Folkestone & Hythe	200	0.2%	1,100	1.0%	2,100	1.9%	13,000	13.4%
Gravesham	100	0.1%	400	0.4%	4,000	3.9%	11,500	12.1%
Maidstone	3,700	2.1%	12,300	7.3%	23,000	14.6%	40,100	28.6%
Sevenoaks	300	0.2%	2,600	2.2%	4,900	4.2%	12,000	11.0%
Swale	2,400	1.6%	7,800	5.3%	16,900	12.3%	30,400	24.5%
Thanet	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5,000	3.7%	13,000	10.2%
Tonbridge & Malling	1,300	1.0%	5,000	3.9%	11,600	9.5%	25,000	23.0%
Tunbridge Wells	400	0.3%	500	0.4%	600	0.5%	11,800	11.3%
Medway U.A.	2,800	1.0%	4,100	1.5%	14,600	5.4%	32,400	13.0%
Kent & Medway	17,400	0.9%	54,500	3.0%	129,500	7.4%	286,700	18.0%
South East	84,000	0.9%	274,800	3.0%	648,000	7.4%	1,334,600	16.6%
England	551,500	1.0%	1,486,900	2.7%	3,599,600	6.7%	7,427,100	15.0%

Related documents

Information about the population and the 2021 Census can be found on our [Population & Census](#) webpages.