

## Time series of Mid-year population estimates 1999-2019

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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 1999 and 2019 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 1,581,600 according to the mid-2019 population estimates.
- Kent's population has grown at a faster rate than the national average over the last 15 years increasing by +16.2% compared to +12.1% for England.
- In the last year Kent's population grew by +0.8% whilst the national average was +0.6%.
- Kent's largest local authority district in population terms is currently Maidstone with a mid-2019 population of 171,800 people.
- Kent's smallest local authority in population terms is currently Gravesham with mid-2019 population of 106,900 people.
- Over the last 15 years, Dartford's population has grown the fastest of all Kent local authorities increasing by +27.6%. Sevenoaks' population has grown the slowest increasing by +9.7%.

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## Note on the data

The 2012-2016 Mid-year population estimates in this bulletin are the revised figures which were released on 22 March 2018. These revised population estimates incorporate methodological improvements and previously unavailable data, only affecting the distribution of the population across England & Wales.

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

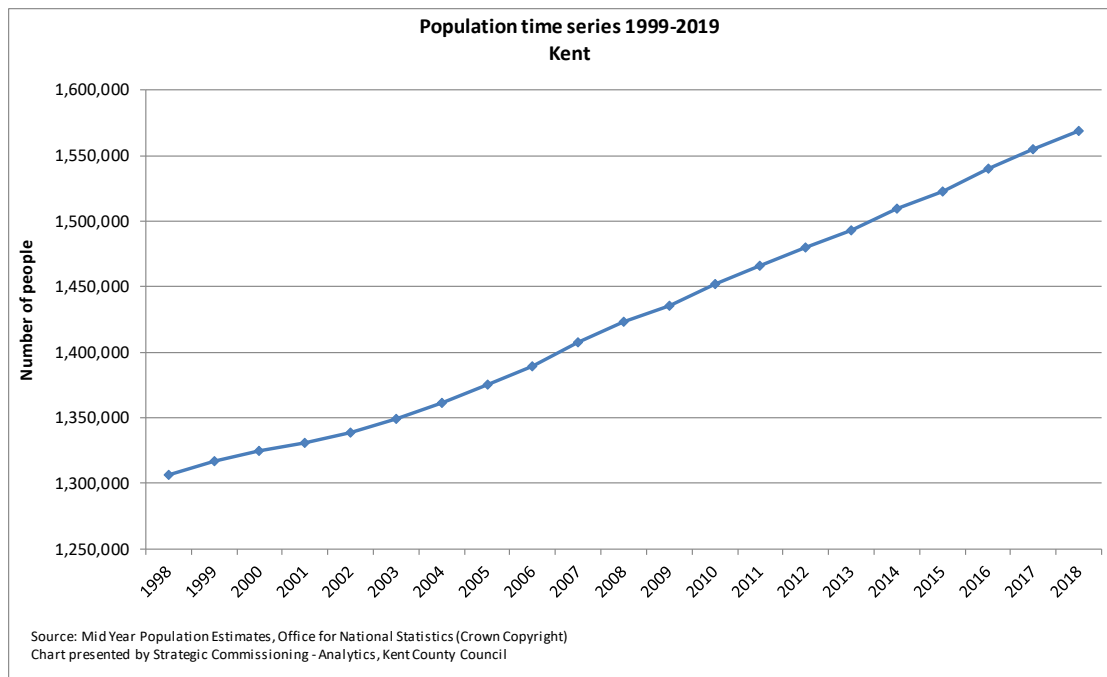
It is ONS policy to present all estimates rounded to the nearest hundred. Within this bulletin all numbers have been rounded separately and therefore may not sum.

Only total population estimates are presented here but further details from the 2018 estimates are available on the Kent County Council website in the bulletins and excel toolkits listed below:

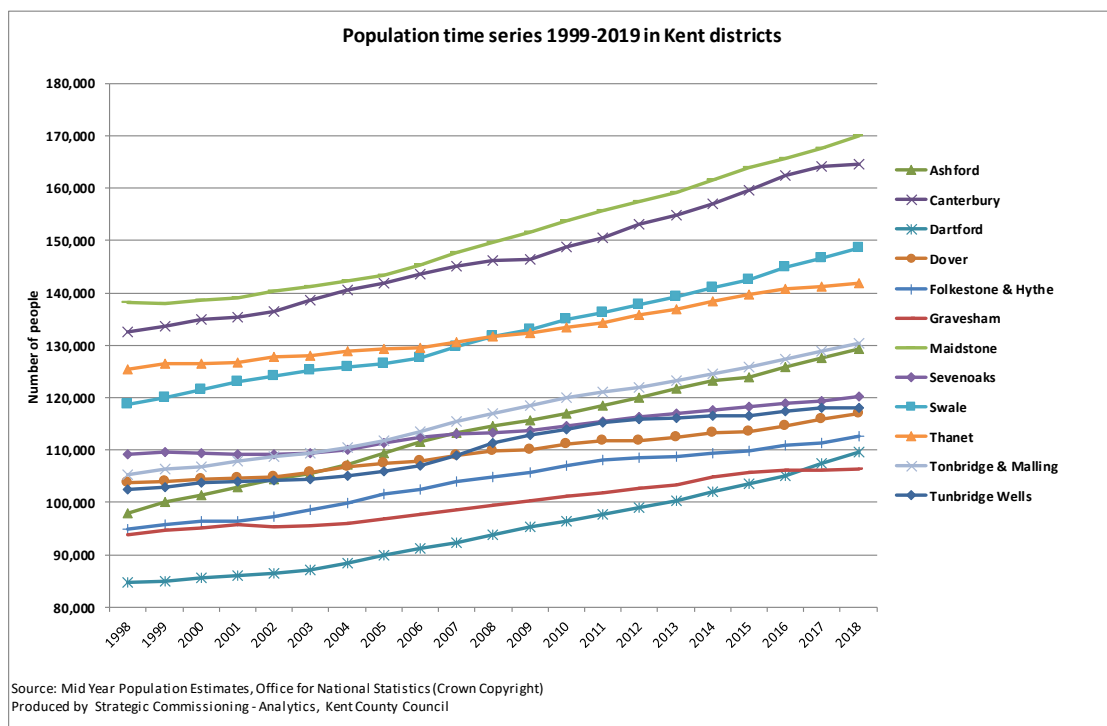
- '2019 Mid-Year Population Estimates: Total population of Kent authorities' looks at Kent's population in the context of national and regional change since the 2011 Census.
- '2019 Mid-Year Population Estimates: Age and gender profile' presents the age and gender profile of each local authority district 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. (due for release July 2020)
- '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 2019.

The data in this bulletin will be updated in the summer of 2021 when the mid-2020 population estimates will be released.

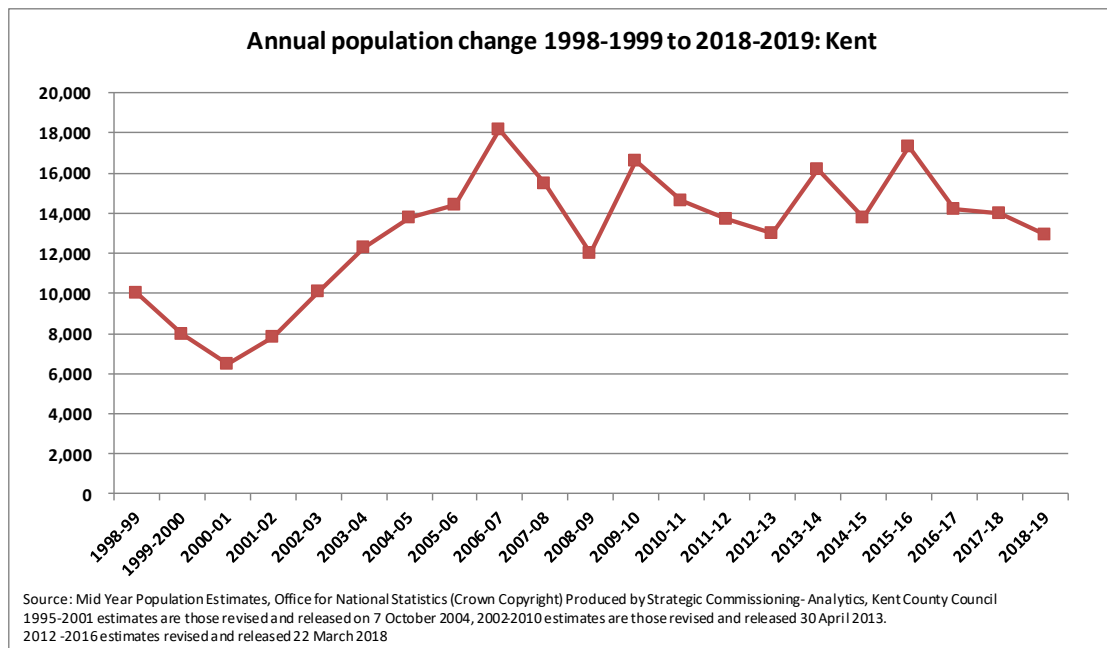
### Chart 1: Population time series 1999-2019 – Kent



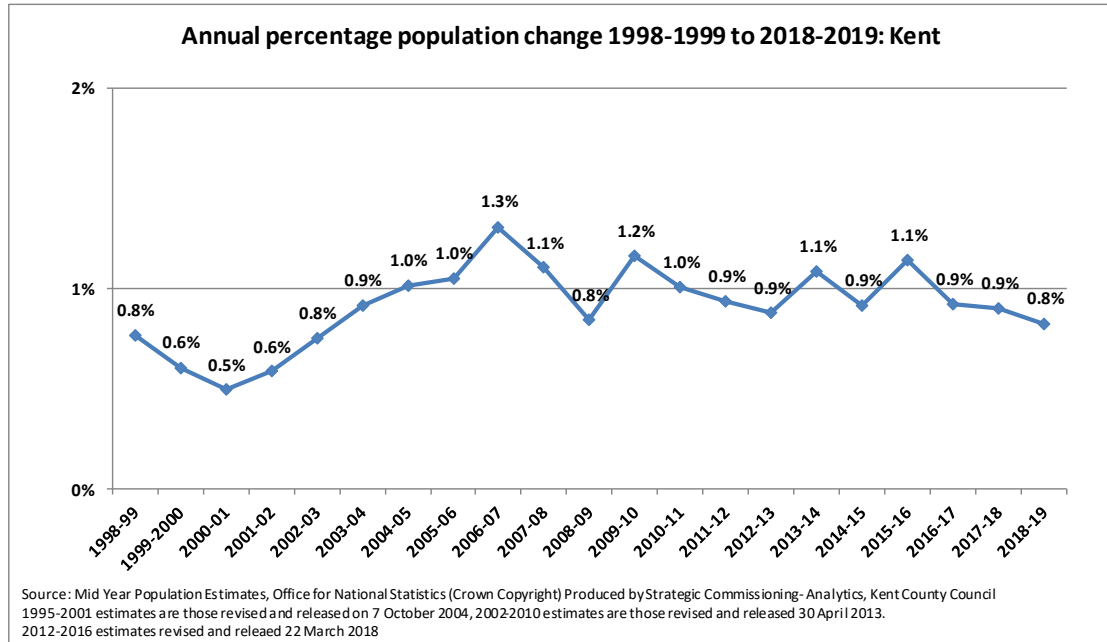
### Chart 2: Population time series 1999-2019– Kent local authority districts



**Chart 3: Annual population change 1998-1999 to 2018-2019 – Kent**



**Chart 4: Annual percentage population change 1998-1999 to 2018-2019 – Kent**



### Mid Year Population Estimates - 1999 to 2019 (part 1)

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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Kent</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>	<b>1,451,900</b>	<b>1,466,500</b>	<b>1,480,200</b>
Ashford Borough	100,100	101,400	103,000	104,400	105,600	107,300	109,400	111,500	113,300	114,600	115,700	117,000	118,400	120,100
Canterbury City	133,700	134,900	135,400	136,500	138,600	140,600	141,900	143,500	145,200	146,100	146,400	148,700	150,600	153,200
Dartford Borough	85,000	85,500	86,000	86,400	87,000	88,300	90,000	91,200	92,200	93,900	95,300	96,300	97,600	98,900
Dover District	104,000	104,500	104,600	104,900	105,800	106,900	107,500	107,900	109,000	109,800	110,100	111,100	111,700	111,800
Folkestone & Hythe District	95,800	96,400	96,300	97,200	98,500	99,900	101,500	102,500	103,900	104,800	105,700	107,000	108,200	108,600
Gravesham Borough	94,600	95,200	95,800	95,400	95,600	95,900	96,900	97,600	98,500	99,400	100,200	101,100	101,800	102,600
Maidstone Borough	137,900	138,600	139,100	140,300	141,200	142,200	143,400	145,300	147,700	149,700	151,600	153,700	155,800	157,400
Sevenoaks District	109,600	109,500	109,200	109,100	109,300	110,000	111,300	112,500	113,100	113,300	113,800	114,500	115,400	116,300
Swale Borough	120,100	121,600	123,100	124,200	125,300	125,900	126,500	127,600	129,700	131,700	133,000	135,000	136,300	137,800
Thanet District	126,500	126,500	126,800	127,700	128,100	128,800	129,300	129,600	130,600	131,800	132,300	133,500	134,400	135,700
Tonbridge & Malling Borough	106,400	106,900	107,800	108,700	109,500	110,400	111,700	113,500	115,500	117,000	118,500	120,100	121,100	122,000
Tunbridge Wells Borough	103,000	103,700	104,000	104,200	104,400	105,100	105,900	107,100	108,900	111,300	112,800	114,000	115,200	115,800
<b>Medway Unitary Authority</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>262,700</b>	<b>264,900</b>	<b>268,100</b>
<b>Kent &amp; Medway combined</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>1,714,600</b>	<b>1,731,400</b>	<b>1,748,300</b>
<b>South East region</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>8,577,800</b>	<b>8,652,800</b>	<b>8,724,900</b>
<b>England</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>	<b>52,642,500</b>	<b>53,107,200</b>	<b>53,493,700</b>

### Mid Year Population Estimates - 1999 to 2019 (part 2)

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								Previous Year Change		5yr Change		10yr Change		15yr Change	
								(2018-2019)		(2014-2019)		(2009-2019)		(2004-2019)	
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	number	%	number	%	number	%	number	%
<b>Kent</b>	<b>1,493,100</b>	<b>1,509,300</b>	<b>1,523,100</b>	<b>1,540,400</b>	<b>1,554,600</b>	<b>1,568,600</b>	<b>1,581,600</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>72,300</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>146,300</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>220,200</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
Ashford Borough	121,700	123,200	124,000	125,900	127,500	129,300	130,000	800	0.6%	6,900	5.6%	14,300	12.4%	22,800	21.2%
Canterbury City	154,900	157,000	159,700	162,500	164,100	164,600	165,400	800	0.5%	8,400	5.3%	19,000	13.0%	24,800	17.7%
Dartford Borough	100,400	102,000	103,500	105,100	107,500	109,700	112,600	2,900	2.6%	10,600	10.4%	17,300	18.2%	24,300	27.6%
Dover District	112,500	113,300	113,400	114,600	115,800	117,000	118,100	1,200	1.0%	4,800	4.3%	8,100	7.3%	11,300	10.5%
Folkestone & Hythe District	108,800	109,300	109,800	111,000	111,400	112,600	113,000	400	0.4%	3,700	3.4%	7,300	6.9%	13,000	13.1%
Gravesham Borough	103,400	104,800	105,700	106,200	106,100	106,400	106,900	600	0.5%	2,100	2.0%	6,800	6.7%	11,000	11.5%
Maidstone Borough	159,200	161,500	164,000	165,700	167,700	170,000	171,800	1,900	1.1%	10,300	6.4%	20,200	13.3%	29,600	20.8%
Sevenoaks District	116,900	117,600	118,200	119,000	119,400	120,300	120,800	500	0.4%	3,100	2.7%	7,000	6.2%	10,700	9.7%
Swale Borough	139,300	140,900	142,500	144,900	146,700	148,500	150,100	1,600	1.1%	9,200	6.5%	17,100	12.8%	24,200	19.2%
Thanet District	136,800	138,500	139,800	140,800	141,300	141,800	141,900	100	0.1%	3,400	2.5%	9,600	7.2%	13,100	10.2%
Tonbridge & Malling Borough	123,200	124,600	125,800	127,300	128,900	130,500	132,200	1,600	1.3%	7,600	6.1%	13,700	11.6%	21,700	19.7%
Tunbridge Wells Borough	116,100	116,500	116,600	117,400	118,100	118,100	118,700	700	0.6%	2,200	1.9%	6,000	5.3%	13,600	12.9%
<b>Medway Unitary Authority</b>	<b>270,700</b>	<b>273,200</b>	<b>275,200</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>277,600</b>	<b>277,900</b>	<b>278,600</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>18,300</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>27,100</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>Kent &amp; Medway combined</b>	<b>1,763,800</b>	<b>1,782,500</b>	<b>1,798,300</b>	<b>1,817,400</b>	<b>1,832,300</b>	<b>1,846,500</b>	<b>1,860,100</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>77,600</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>164,600</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>247,300</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>South East region</b>	<b>8,793,200</b>	<b>8,874,000</b>	<b>8,949,400</b>	<b>9,030,300</b>	<b>9,080,800</b>	<b>9,133,600</b>	<b>9,180,100</b>	<b>46,500</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>306,100</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>689,200</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>1,047,000</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>53,865,800</b>	<b>54,316,600</b>	<b>54,786,300</b>	<b>55,268,100</b>	<b>55,619,400</b>	<b>55,977,200</b>	<b>56,287,000</b>	<b>309,800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>1,970,300</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>4,090,600</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>6,092,400</b>	<b>12.1%</b>

