



## CLG 2006-based Household Projections

### Introduction

On 11 March 2009 Communities and Local Government (CLG) released household projections for England, Government Office regions and local authorities. Regional data shows households by type, but published local authority data only shows total households, although full details are available on request. The projections are built on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2006-based national and sub-national population projections and show results for every fifth year to 2031.

This report presents these projections as they relate to England, the South East and its constituent authorities.

CLG household projection data is available at:

[www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/householdestimates/](http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingresearch/housingstatistics/housingstatisticsby/householdestimates/)

It must be stressed that these projections are not based upon development information and plans. They are the result of linking the ONS population projections, which are based on national and local fertility, mortality and migration trends as determined between 2001-2006, to the CLG projection of future propensities of residents in private households to represent one of five types of household. The ONS projections were the first to fully account for the revisions made in 2007 by ONS to the internal distribution of international migrants moving to and from the UK. The CLG model is basically that which produced the revised 2004-based projections with the addition of Labour Force Survey aggregate household representative rates for England up to 2007 and some adjustments at older ages to allow for the relatively improved survivorship of males. CLG therefore describe the projections as being trend-based and not forecasts.

### Results

Between 2006 and 2031, the number of households in England is projected to grow by 6.3 million. This is equivalent to more than a 250,000 a year or 29.3%. The largest absolute growth is in one-person households; 4.08 million (59.8%). One-person households account for 64.7% of total growth. The fastest growing household type is projected to be cohabiting couple households; a 1.62 million increase that is equivalent to 73.9%. This increase is partly offset by the projected fall of 216,000 (2.3%) married couple households.

A similar pattern of change is seen for the South East. Between 2006 and 2031, the number of households is projected to increase by 980,000; an average of 39,000 a year or 28.4%. The largest percentage increase is projected for cohabiting couples (68.3%) and the largest absolute growth is in one-person households (685,000). One-person households account for 69.9% of the region's projected growth. In the South East the decline in married couples is projected to be slightly faster than in England as a whole. The one-person household is the only household type that is growing faster in the region than in England.

The average household size is projected to fall, both nationally and in the South East. In England the average household size is projected to be 2.13 by 2031, compared with 2.16 in the region. However, the fall in England is both deeper and faster than projected for the South East.

**Table 1: CLG 2006-based household projections, by type: England and the South East: 2001-31: thousands and percentages**

									Change 2006-31	
England	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	No.	%	
Married Couple	9,709	9,395	9,189	9,115	9,123	9,129	9,179	-216	-2.3	
Cohabiting Couple	1,788	2,188	2,652	3,031	3,323	3,574	3,804	1,617	73.9	
Lone Parent	1,476	1,663	1,767	1,852	1,919	1,976	2,021	358	21.5	
One Person	6,163	6,822	7,590	8,460	9,339	10,178	10,899	4,077	59.8	
Other	1,387	1,446	1,550	1,648	1,735	1,816	1,914	468	32.4	
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>20,522</b>	<b>21,514</b>	<b>22,747</b>	<b>24,106</b>	<b>25,439</b>	<b>26,673</b>	<b>27,818</b>	<b>6,303</b>	<b>29.3</b>	
Household Population	48,557	49,855	51,777	53,768	55,758	57,617	59,287	9,432	18.9	
Average Household Size	2.37	2.32	2.28	2.23	2.19	2.16	2.13	-0.19	-8.0	
									Change 2006-31	
South East	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	No.	%	
Married Couple	1,661	1,614	1,576	1,559	1,558	1,558	1,565	-50	-3.1	
Cohabiting Couple	299	360	428	487	533	571	606	246	68.3	
Lone Parent	191	216	228	237	243	249	255	39	18.1	
One Person	940	1,045	1,171	1,316	1,464	1,607	1,730	685	65.6	
Other	205	211	225	239	251	259	270	60	28.5	
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>4,049</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>4,426</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>28.4</b>	
Household Population	7,832	8,043	8,352	8,667	8,994	9,304	9,580	1,537	19.1	
Average Household Size	2.38	2.33	2.30	2.26	2.22	2.19	2.16	-0.17	-7.3	
									Change 2006-31	
South East as % of England	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	No.	%	
Married Couple	17.1	17.2	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.0	23.0	na	
Cohabiting Couple	16.7	16.5	16.2	16.1	16.0	16.0	15.9	15.2	na	
Lone Parent	12.9	13	12.9	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.6	10.9	na	
One Person	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.7	15.8	15.9	16.8	na	
Other	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.5	14.4	14.3	14.1	12.8	na	
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>15.6</b>	na	
Household Population	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.2	16.3	na	

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The proportion of England's households in the South East is projected to decline slightly from 16.0% to 15.9% as the region is only projected to have 15.6% of the national growth. Only one-person households are projected to have faster growth in the South East than in England as a whole, and so increase the share of those households in the region.

The South East is projected to be one of the slower growing regions, at just below the national average. The slowest growing region is projected to be the North East (18.7%) but four regions (East Midlands, South West, West Midlands and Yorkshire & Humber) are projected to see the fastest growth, each at significantly more than 30% over 25 years.

**Table 2: CLG 2006-based household projections: Government Office Regions: 2001-31: thousands and percentages**

									Change 2006-31	
	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	No.	%	
North East	1,075	1,109	1,153	1,201	1,243	1,281	1,317	207	18.7	
North West	2,827	2,931	3,067	3,221	3,367	3,496	3,616	685	23.4	
Yorkshire and Humber	2,070	2,180	2,331	2,493	2,648	2,792	2,931	750	34.4	
East Midlands	1,736	1,849	1,989	2,138	2,280	2,413	2,538	689	37.3	
West Midlands	2,153	2,237	2,340	2,454	2,564	2,668	2,761	524	23.4	
East of England	2,235	2,371	2,536	2,714	2,892	3,055	3,210	839	35.4	
London	3,036	3,177	3,337	3,516	3,695	3,866	4,016	838	26.4	
South East	3,294	3,445	3,628	3,837	4,048	4,244	4,426	980	28.4	
South West	2,092	2,211	2,361	2,528	2,697	2,853	2,999	788	35.6	
<b>England</b>	<b>20,522</b>	<b>21,514</b>	<b>22,747</b>	<b>24,106</b>	<b>25,439</b>	<b>26,673</b>	<b>27,818</b>	<b>6,303</b>	<b>29.3</b>	

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Table 3 shows the CLG results for the unitary authorities and counties in the South East. The most rapid growth is projected for Milton Keynes (43.9%). Growth is projected to be at least 30% in the Isle of Wight, Kent, Portsmouth, East Sussex and Southampton, in descending order. On the other hand the lowest rate of growth is expected in Slough (just 7,000 households or 15.0%) and Reading. In the case of Slough this reflects the limited growth estimated by ONS in the period 2001-06 which has been the subject of much debate between the authority and Government.

At district level – not shown – the highest growth is projected in Ashford (46.4%) with Canterbury, Eastbourne and Elmbridge also over 40%. The lowest projected growth is in Chiltern (13.4%) with Crawley, East Hampshire, Fareham, Rushmoor, South Oxfordshire, Spelthorne, Waverley and Wycombe also below 20%.

**Table 3: CLG 2006-based projections: South East unitary authorities and counties: 2001-31: thousands and percentages**

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	No.	Change 2006>31
									%
Bracknell Forest	44	46	48	52	54	57	59	14	29.9
Brighton and Hove	114	117	121	126	131	136	141	24	20.9
Isle of Wight	58	61	65	70	75	80	84	23	38.3
Medway	100	104	109	114	119	123	127	23	22.1
Milton Keynes	85	93	102	110	119	126	133	40	43.9
Portsmouth	79	84	90	96	101	106	110	27	32.2
Reading	58	59	60	62	64	67	69	10	17.0
Slough	45	46	47	48	50	51	53	6	14.0
Southampton	91	98	105	112	118	124	129	31	31.7
West Berkshire	58	60	63	67	71	74	77	16	26.9
Windsor and Maidenhead	54	57	60	63	67	70	73	16	28.7
Wokingham	58	60	62	65	68	70	73	13	21.8
Buckinghamshire	188	195	204	213	223	232	240	45	22.0
East Sussex	215	225	237	253	268	283	297	72	31.9
Hampshire	504	525	550	580	610	638	664	140	26.6
Kent	548	579	617	659	702	741	776	197	34.0
Oxfordshire	241	255	267	283	297	311	324	69	27.1
Surrey	433	451	473	499	526	551	574	123	27.3
West Sussex	322	333	348	367	387	406	423	90	26.9
South East	3,295	3,446	3,628	3,838	4,049	4,245	4,426	980	28.4

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