

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment



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

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Introduction

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

Island Summary

- 94.8% of residents are 'White British' origin although this proportion has reduced since the 2001 Census
- There are 69,216 residential households Source Isle of Wight Council Revenues and Benefits as at 4th October 2013
- Around 1 in 6 households on the Island are occupied by a single person over 65
- The Isle of Wight has the 6th highest divorce rate in the UK (9.1% of residents aged 16 or over)

Island 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 km²)
- Based on the 2011 Census, there is an average population per hectare of 38,016 persons, or 3.6 persons per hectare².

This compares with an average of 4.1 persons per hectare² for England and a regional average of 4.5 persons per hectare² for the South East.

Source 2011 Census, Office for National Statistics (ONS)

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

Source iwight.com

- The major towns of the Island are:

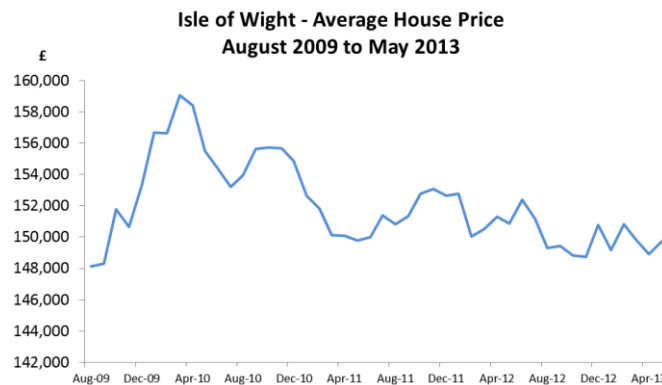
Newport	c.17,200 persons
Ryde	c.18,700 persons
West Cowes	c.14,400 persons
East Cowes	c. 7,800 persons
Sandown	c. 7,200 persons
Shanklin	c. 7,100 persons
Ventnor	c. 6,000 persons

Based on 2011 Census, ONS



- The average house price for the Island as at May 2013 was £149,755 Source Land Registry

The following chart demonstrates the changes in property prices for the Island over the past three years.



Source Land Registry

Population

Based on the mid-2011 usually resident population estimate of 138,392 people, the Isle of Wight was the eleventh largest Unitary Authority in the South East region.

(Source ONS)

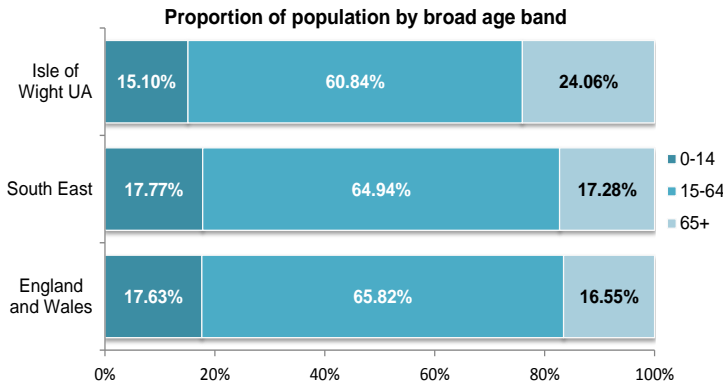
2011	Isle of Wight (000's)	South East Region (000's)	England & Wales (000's)
All people	138.4	8,652.8	56,170.9
Males	67.5	4,251.4	27,637.6
Females	70.9	4,401.4	28,533.3

(Source: ONS Mid-2011 population estimates, based on the results of the 2011 Census)

The Island has a greater proportion of older residents (aged 65 plus) and fewer younger people (those aged 0-14 years) than both the South East region, and England and Wales.

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(Source: ONS, Mid-2012 population estimates, based on the results of the 2011 Census)

Gender

The proportion of males/females on the Island is broadly similar to the South East region and England and Wales as a whole.

There are less girls than boys in the 0-14 age group,

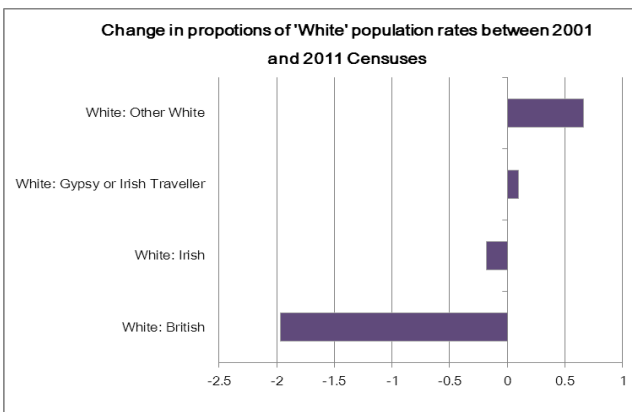
2011		% of 0-14 years	% of 15-64 years	% of 65+ years	% of total	No. All Ages
Isle of Wight	male	51.7%	49.7%	44.4%	48.8%	67.5
	female	48.3%	50.3%	55.6%	51.2%	70.9
South East	male	51.3%	49.8%	37.5%	49.1%	4,251.4
	female	48.7%	50.2%	62.5%	50.9%	4,401.4
England and Wales	male	51.2%	49.9%	44.5%	49.2%	27,637.6
	female	48.8%	50.1%	55.5%	50.8%	28,533.3

but more women than men over the age of 65.

(Source: ONS, Mid-2011 population estimates, based on the results of the 2011 Census)

Ethnicity

The Island's population is predominantly 'White British' (94.8% of residents). The next largest group is 'White other white' (not including, Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller) with 1.9%. The remaining 3.3% is made up of a wide range of ethnic origins. (Source; 2011 Census).



Source: ONS, 2011 Census

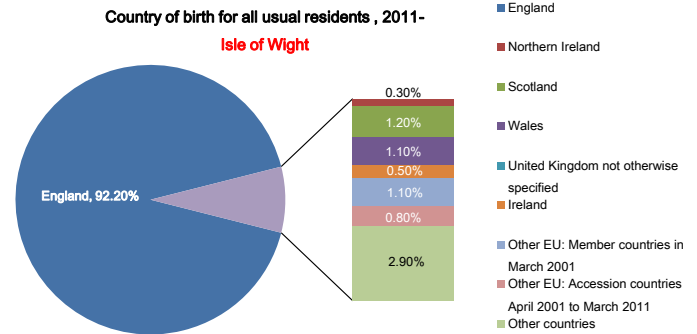
Over the last ten years (2001-2011) the number of White British has reduced marginally by just under two percentage points. In the same period, the number of 'Asian/ Asian British: Other Asian' has increased just under half of a percentage point.

Country of birth

The majority of Island residents were born in England and Wales (92.2%) (Source: 2011 Census).

In comparison with other authorities in England and Wales, the Island has the 78th 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, Crown Copyright applies (2012)

Length of residence in the UK

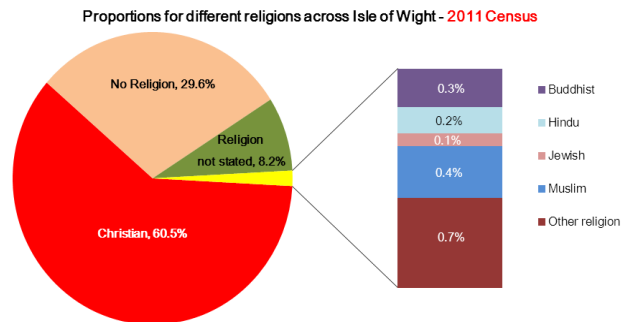
Most island residents (94.8%) were born in the United Kingdom (UK) and most of those who came from outside the UK have been resident in the country for ten years or more (3.2%). (2011 Census)

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

Religion

Over half of the Island's resident population (60.5%) are of Christian faith (2011 Census). This is a reduction of around twelve and a half percentage points on the number of Christians in the 2001 Census.

This reduction is offset by a roughly equivalent growth in the number of residents stating that they had no religion – which is now over a quarter of residents (29.6%) (2011 Census).



Source: ONS, 2011 Census

Household composition

With so many over 65s living on the Island it is no surprise that 16.5% of all households are occupied by one person aged 65 or over. This was the eighteenth highest rate for all of the authorities in England and Wales. (source 2011 Census)

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%).

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Marriage and Civil partnerships

Just under a half of all residents aged sixteen and over were married, while around 32% were single.

Around 180 people or 0.2% were in a registered same-sex civil partnership, a rate consistent with both the South East region and England.

With 9.1% of all residents aged sixteen and over stating that they were 'Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which had been legally dissolved' the Island has the sixth highest rate of all authorities in England and Wales.

Lone Parent households

Just over four thousand households on the Island are lone parent with dependent children where the lone parent was aged 16-74.

In 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 23rd highest of all authorities in England and Wales. 2.2% of male lone parents are in part-time employment (20th highest)

Mosaic -

Mosaic Public Sector data provides socio-demographic segmentation of all UK households, based on over 440 data elements, including Census data.

All UK citizens are classified into 69 types and 15 groups, helping local authorities gain a better understanding of the characteristics and needs of the local population. This table looks at the 15 groups and the make-up of households within them.

A break down by Ward is included in the Ward Packs section on www.iwight.com/Ward Area Data

	Isle of Wight	
	Number	%
A - Residents of isolated rural communities	6,281	9.26
B - Residents of small and mid-sized towns with strong local roots	16,433	24.22
C - Wealthy people living in the most sought after neighbourhoods	103	0.15
D - Successful professionals living in suburban or semi-rural homes	2,973	4.38
E - Middle income families living in moderate suburban semis	2,608	3.84
F - Couples with young children in comfortable modern housing	515	0.76
G - Young, well-educated city dwellers	1,607	2.37
H - Couples and young singles in small modern starter homes	2,739	4.04
I - Lower income workers in urban terraces in often diverse areas	2,052	3.02
J - Owner occupiers in older-style housing in ex-industrial areas	6,036	8.90
K - Residents with sufficient incomes in right-to-buy social housing	5,102	7.52
L - Active elderly people living in pleasant retirement locations	14,158	20.87
M - Elderly people reliant on state support	4,418	6.51
N - Young people renting flats in high density social housing	1,259	1.86
O - Families in low-rise social housing with high levels of benefit need	1,566	2.31
Total	67,850	100.00

Source: Experian – 2012 Mosaic Public Sector

[For Group definitions: Mosaic Public Sector Interactive Guide](#)

Reflecting on the Past:

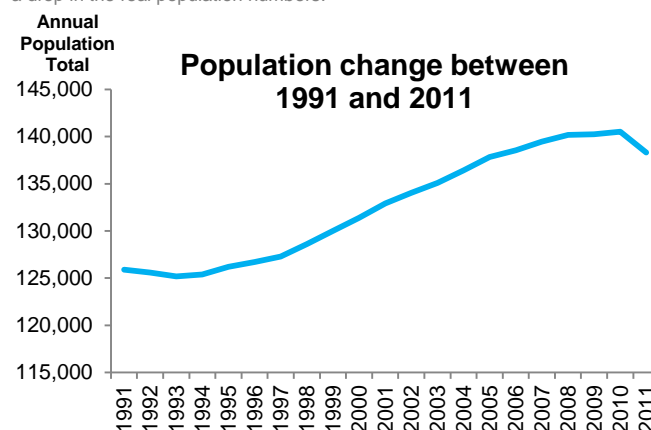
Number of Island residents.

1991	125,900
2011	138,400
Change in numbers between 1991-2011	12,500
% Change between 1991-2011	9.0%

Between the census years of 1991 and 2001 the Island population grew by just over 7,000 persons. While the Island's population has continued to grow, the most recent census result suggests that the rate had slowed marginally, with actual growth being slightly less at around five and a half thousand.

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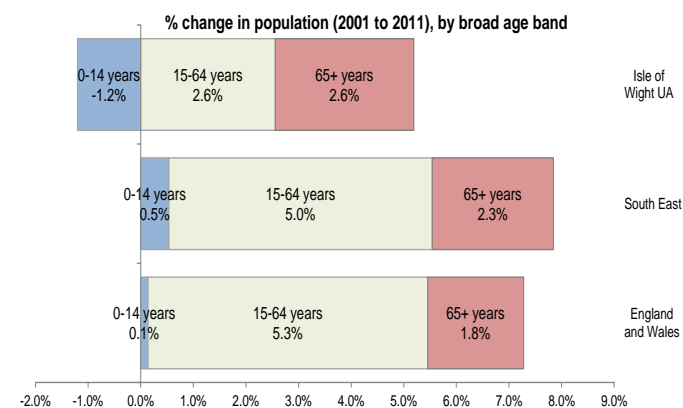
The slight dip in numbers seen between 2010 and 2011 is the variance between the Census outcome and the previous year's estimated figure and not necessarily a drop in the real population numbers.



Source: ONS, Census based population totals, with intervening Mid-Year population estimates.

Changes since the 2001 Census:

The most significant change for the Island's population since the 2001 Census is the drop in numbers of 0 to 14 year olds. The total overall population has risen less rapidly than both the regional and national totals.



(Source ONS Mid-2001 Population estimates and Mid-2011 Population estimates, based on the 2011 Census)

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The following table shows the percentage changes for the individual age groups on the Island.

The largest declines are 5 to 9 year olds, and 30 to 39 year olds. The highest growth is in the 60 to 69 age group and the 90 and over group.

Age Group	% change	Age Group	% change
0	8.33%	45-49	20.24%
1-4	-1.92%	50-54	-7.00%
5-9	-13.16%	55-59	-6.12%
10-14	-7.06%	60-64	36.25%
15-19	10.67%	65-69	35.14%
20-24	21.43%	70-74	2.82%
25-29	9.84%	75-79	-4.69%
30-34	-22.22%	80-84	4.35%
35-39	-18.18%	85-89	14.29%
40-44	10.59%	90+	26.67%
All Ages		All Ages	4.14%

Looking towards the Future:

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has developed population projections for the next ten year period, through to 2021.

2011 population estimate (census based)	138,392
2021 population projection	146,749
Projected growth in numbers (10 years)	8,357
Projected percentage growth (10 years)	6%

Comparisons with neighbouring counties:

	% growth 2011-2021
Surrey	10.9%
Kent	10.5%
West Sussex	10.3%
East Sussex	7.8%
Hampshire	7.5%
Wiltshire	6.6%
Dorset	6.3%
Isle of Wight	6.0%
Oxfordshire	6.0%

This compares with a projected increase for the South East region as a whole of 9.3% and for England 8.6%.

Population projections by broad age groups 2011-2021

	2011		2021		Difference 2011 to 2021		
	000's	% of total population	000's	% of total population	000's	% change since 2011	
Isle of Wight	Under 20's	29.1	21.0%	29.1	19.8%	0	0.0%
	20-64	76.0	54.9%	75.9	51.7%	-0.1	-0.1%
	65 plus	33.3	24.1%	41.7	28.4%	8.4	25.2%
	Total	138.4		146.7		8.3	6.0%
South East	Under 20's	2,079.0	24.0%	2,255.6	23.9%	176.6	8.5%
	20-64	5,078.3	58.7%	5,306.6	56.1%	228.3	4.5%
	65 plus	1,495.5	17.3%	1,891.3	20.0%	395.8	26.5%
	Total	8,652.8		9,453.5		800.7	9.3%
England	Under 20's	12,710.6	23.9%	13,713.2	23.8%	1,002.6	7.9%
	20-64	31,666.9	59.6%	33,187.5	57.5%	1,520.6	4.8%
	65 plus	8,729.7	16.4%	10,787.1	18.7%	2,057.4	23.6%
	Total	53,107.2		57,687.8		4,580.6	8.6%

Source: ONS, Interim 2011-based subnational population projections

Reading is the only Unitary Authorities in the South East with a lower increase, just 4.2%. Our two closest

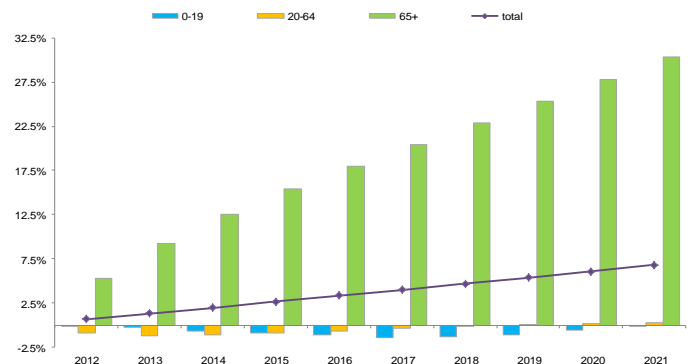
neighbours Southampton and Portsmouth are each expected to see greater increases in population of 7.1% and 6.3% respectively.

The projections suggest the Island will experience an average annual growth of 836 persons per annum between 2011 and 2021, although the actual rate of increase is predicted to increase year on year i.e. to start slowly and increase in numbers as the years pass.

What might the future demographic look like?

Over the next ten years, there is likely to be a significant increase in the number of people aged 65 years and older as a proportion of the island's population, while over the same period, the number of younger age groups will reduce, although the level of reduction is predicted to slow towards the end of the ten years.

Isle of Wight: Projected population growth by age group (persons) 2011-21 - Males (Based on ONS Interim 2011-based population projections)



Source: ONS, Interim 2011-based subnational population projections

The ratio for working age persons compared to those aged 65+ would drop from 2.3 in 2011, to only 1.8 by 2021.

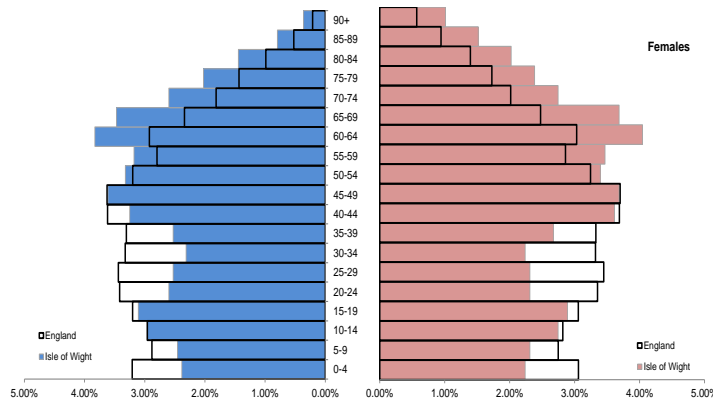
- Population projections suggest that the greatest level of rise will be in the age groups 70-74; 75-79 and 90 plus years, while the highest levels of reduction would be in the 15-19; 40-44 and 45-49 year age groups.
- By 2021 the rate by which numbers of men aged 70 years and older have increased, is predicted to be higher than the equivalent for women, this is similar to the national picture.

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

In 2011 –



In 2021 –

