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BRIEFING NOTE:

CENSUS 2021: FIRST RESULTS RELEASE

STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT

(Source: Office for National Statistics)

The population of Stratford-on-Avon District, as of March 2021, was estimated by the Census to be **134,700**.

(Note: The results from the Census are still approximations as the response is never 100%; the results are also rounded to the nearest 100.)

INTRODUCTION

The first results from the Census 2021 have been released today, 28th June 2022. This initial release includes total population estimates for local authorities, as well as estimates of population by sex and age group, and number of households.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has produced a number of easy-to-use tools to explore the results which may be of interest. One of these is a scrolly-telling article, accessible via the link below; this looks at the headline changes in population at local authority level in comparison with regional and national averages.

[How the population changed where you live, Census 2021 - ONS](#)

POPULATION CHANGE 2011-2021

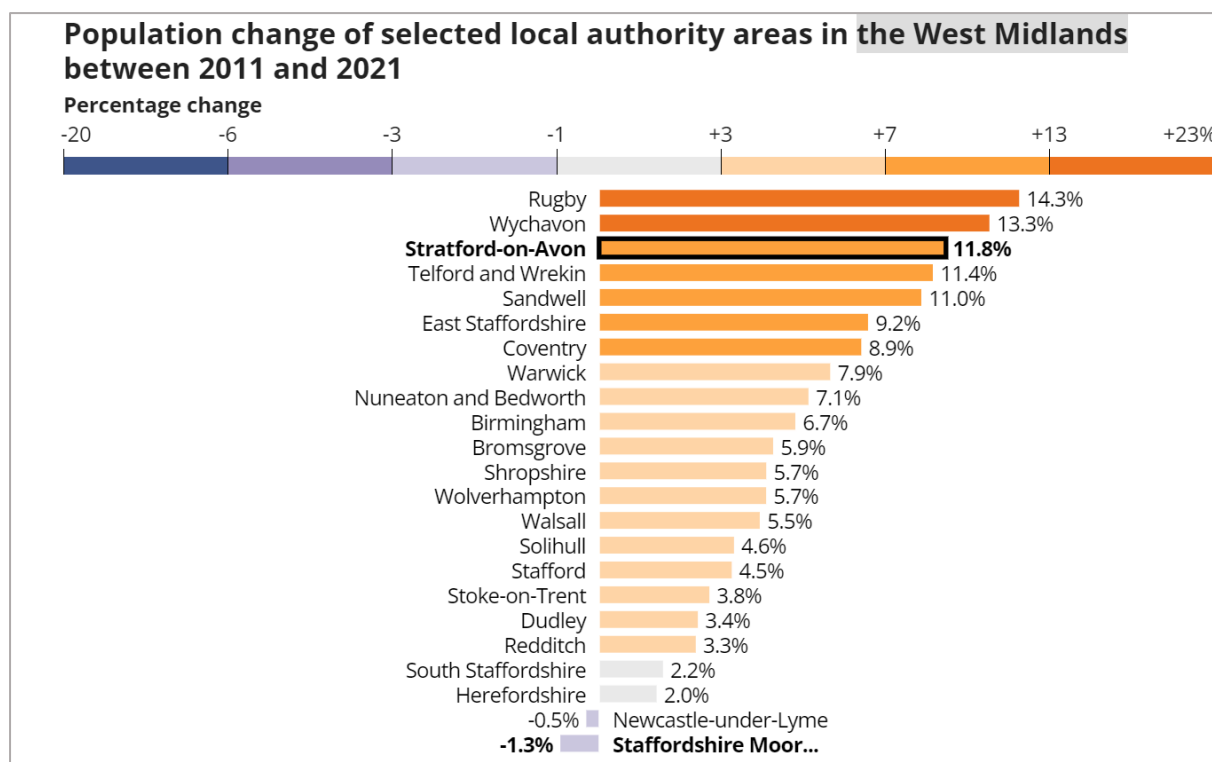
The population of the District is estimated to have grown by **11.80%** between 2011-2021. This is well above the average for both England and the West Midlands (see Table 1 below).

Table 1

	% Change
Stratford-on-Avon District	+11.80%
West Midlands	+6.2%
England	+6.6%

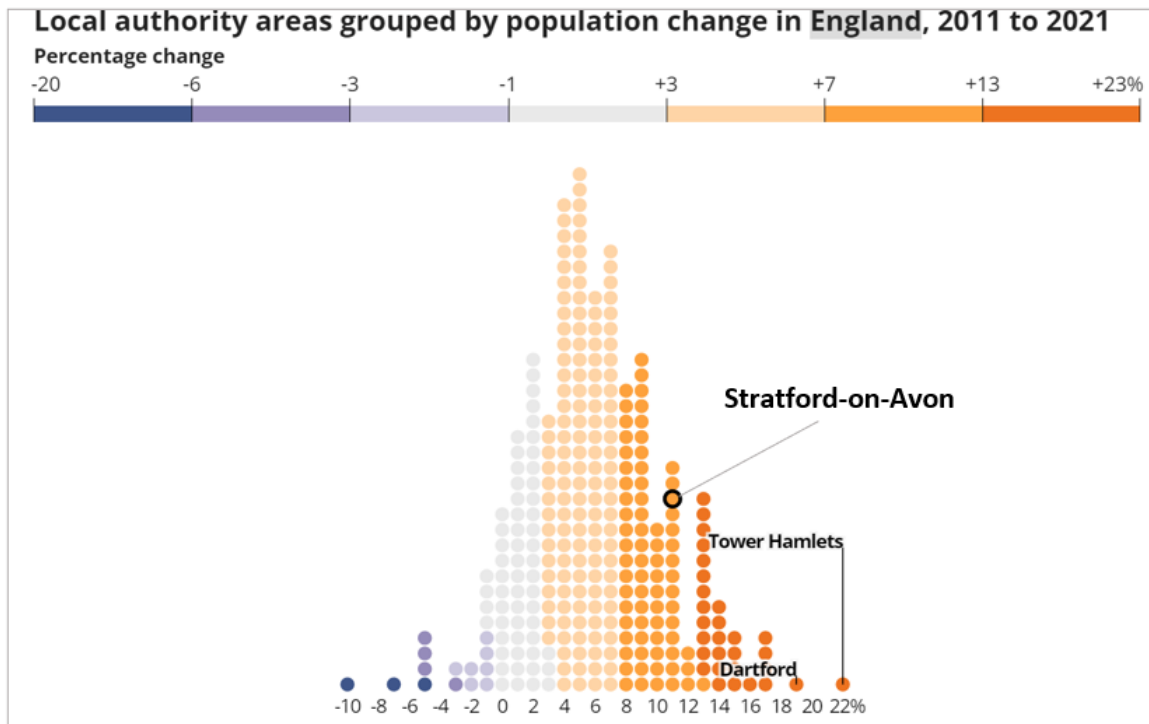
Stratford-on-Avon’s population saw the third highest % growth across the West Midlands, with only Rugby and Wychavon growing more, by 14.3% and 13.3% respectively (see Figure 1).

Figure 1



With a growth of 11.8%, Stratford-on-Avon sits in the upper half of all authorities for growth (see Figure 2). Tower Hamlets in London saw the largest growth over the last ten years at 22.1%, with Dartford second with a growth of 20%.

Figure 2



POPULATION GROWTH YEAR ON YEAR 2011-2021

The estimated population for each year from 2011-2021 can be seen in Figure 3 below. Figure 4 shows the estimated % growth in population year-on-year.

Figure 3

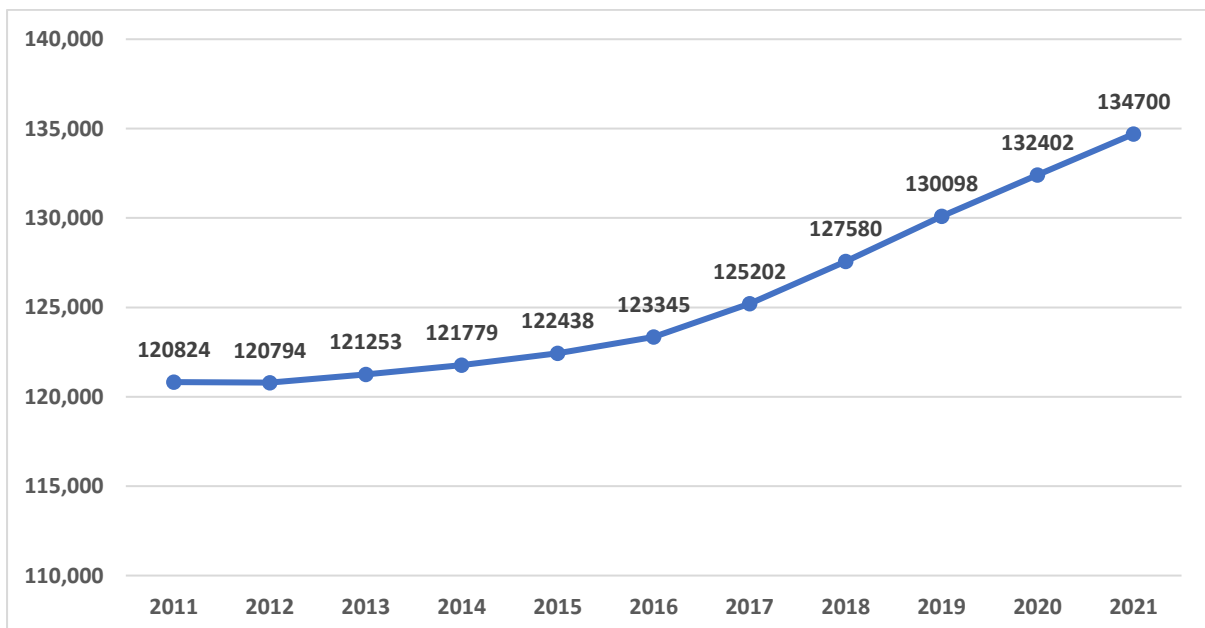
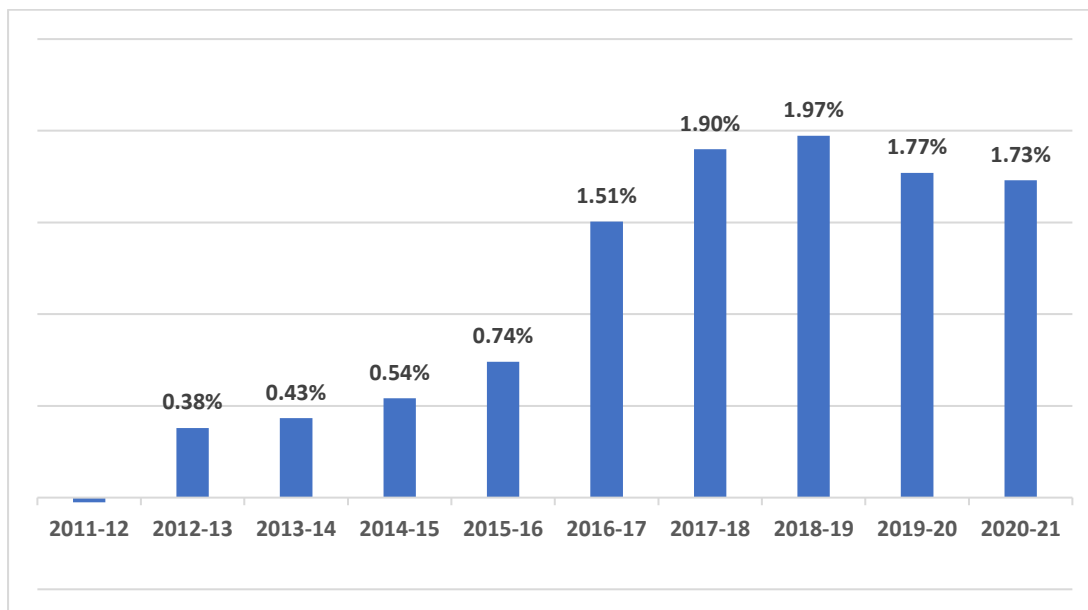


Figure 4



RANK OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES BY POPULATION

In 2011, Stratford-on-Avon District ranked 181st for total population out of 309 local authority areas; in 2021, it had risen 10 places to 171st.

POPULATION BY AGE

Stratford-on-Avon’s population remains weighted towards the older-end of the age spectrum compared to the regional and national averages. Over a quarter of the population are aged 65 years or over, compared to less than a fifth in the West Midlands or England & Wales (see Table 2 below).

Table 2

Age	Stratford-on-Avon	West Midlands	England & Wales
0 to 15	15.29%	18.12%	17.36%
65+	25.17%	18.77%	18.57%
85+	3.41%	2.46%	2.44%
Working Age 16-64	59.54%	63.11%	64.07%

In Stratford-on-Avon District, the largest group were those aged between 55-59 years. In England, those aged 30-34 years were the largest group (see Table 3 and Figure 5 below).

Table 3

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0-4	3,200	3,100	6,200
5-9	3,500	3,400	6,900
10-14	3,900	3,700	7,500
15-19	3,200	3,100	6,400
20-24	2,800	2,600	5,400
25-29	3,200	3,500	6,700
30-34	3,700	3,800	7,500
35-39	3,500	3,800	7,400
40-44	3,700	3,900	7,700
45-49	4,200	4,600	8,800
50-54	4,900	5,400	10,300
55-59	5,200	5,500	10,600
60-64	4,600	4,800	9,300
65-69	4,100	4,200	8,300
70-74	4,300	4,700	9,000
75-79	3,400	3,800	7,200
80-84	2,200	2,600	4,800
85-89	1,200	1,700	2,900
90+	600	1,100	1,700
TOTAL	65,300	69,400	134,700

Since the last Census in 2011, there has been a 27.5% increase in the number of residents aged 65 years and over in the District. This compares to an increase of 6.9% in the number of residents of working age (16-64 years) and an increase of 8.5% in those aged 15 years or younger.

The greatest growth from 2011-2021 was seen in the number of people aged between 70 and 79 years (see Figure 6), with the number of people aged 70-74 and 75-79 growing by 46% each.

There was a fall between 2011-2021 in three age groups of people: those aged 15-19, 40-44 and 45-49 years. The number of people in the District aged 15-19 years fell by 5%; those aged 40-44 years fell by 13% and 45-49 fell by 8%.

Figure 5

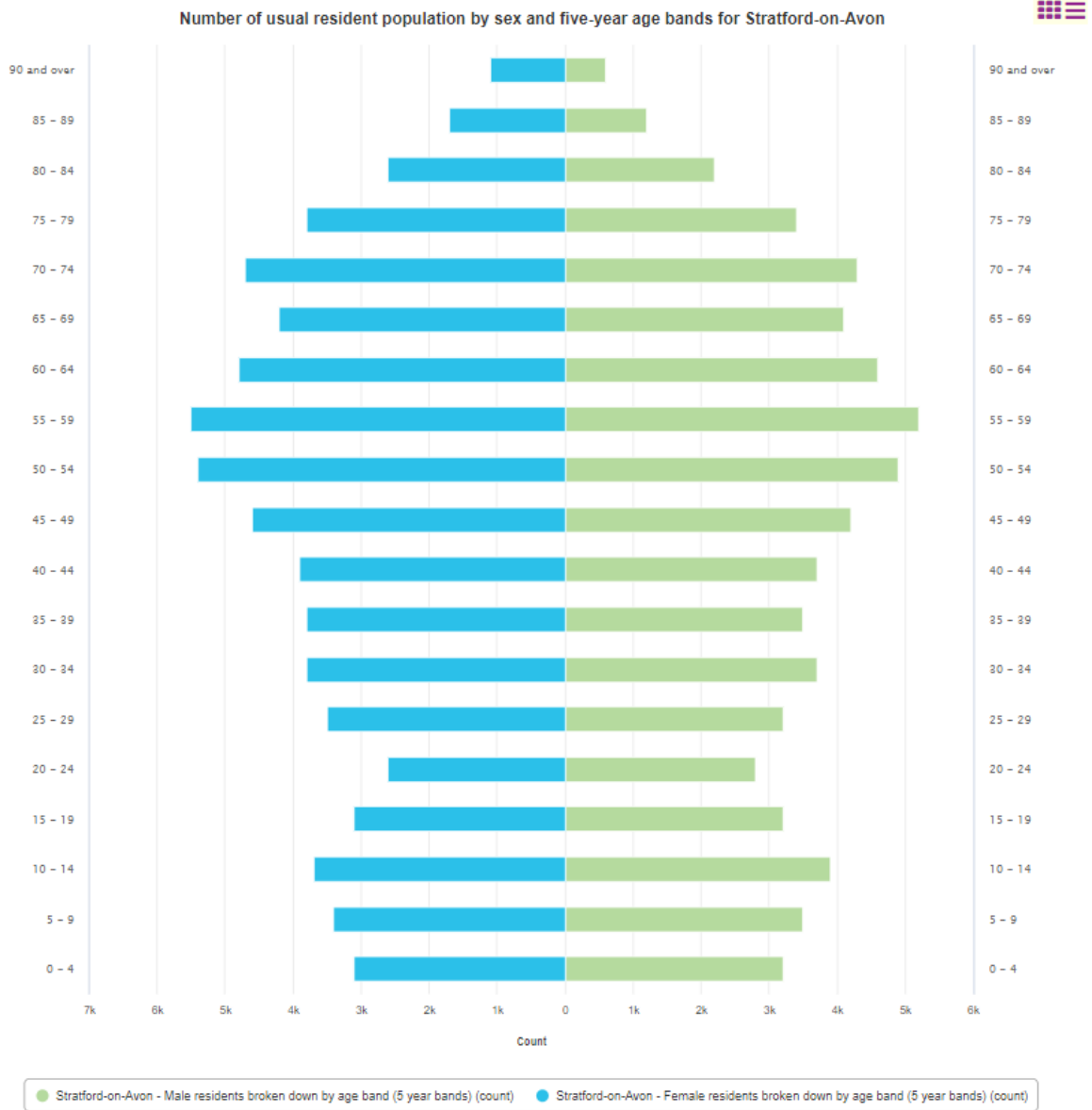
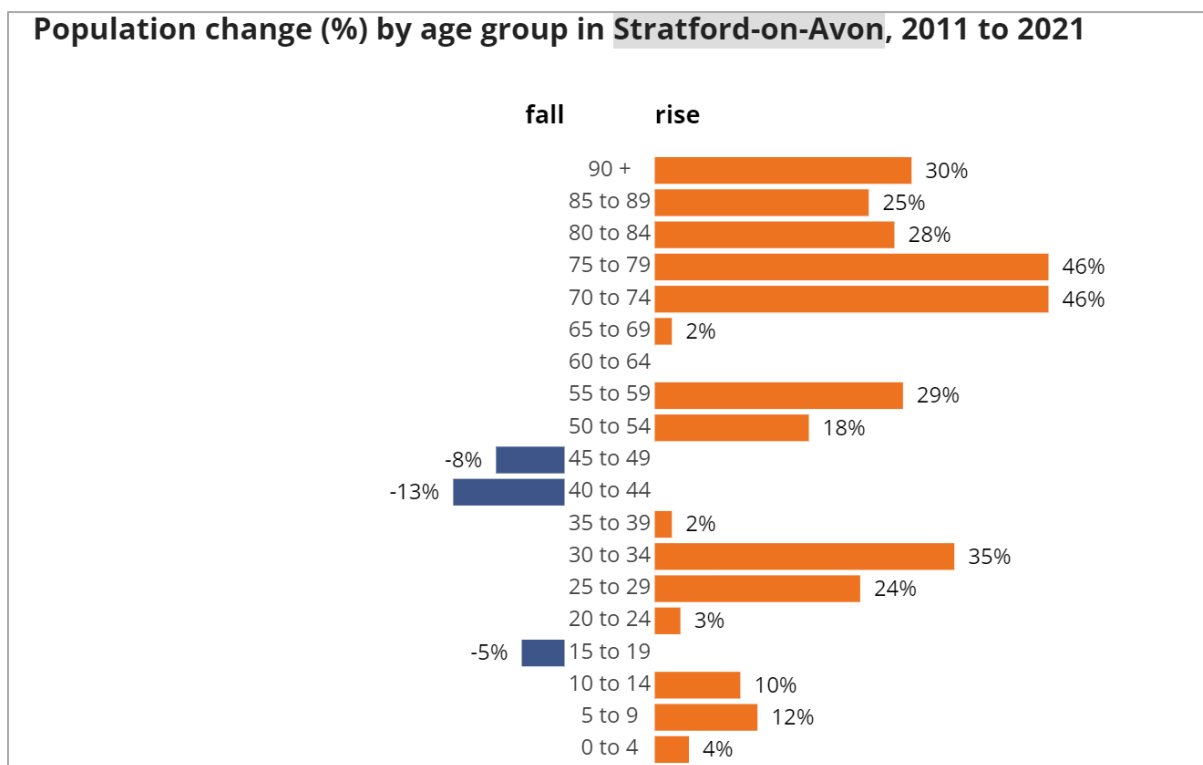


Figure 6



NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS

There were an estimated 59,500 households in the District in 2021. This compares to 51,900 estimated in 2011; this represents a rise of 14.6%.

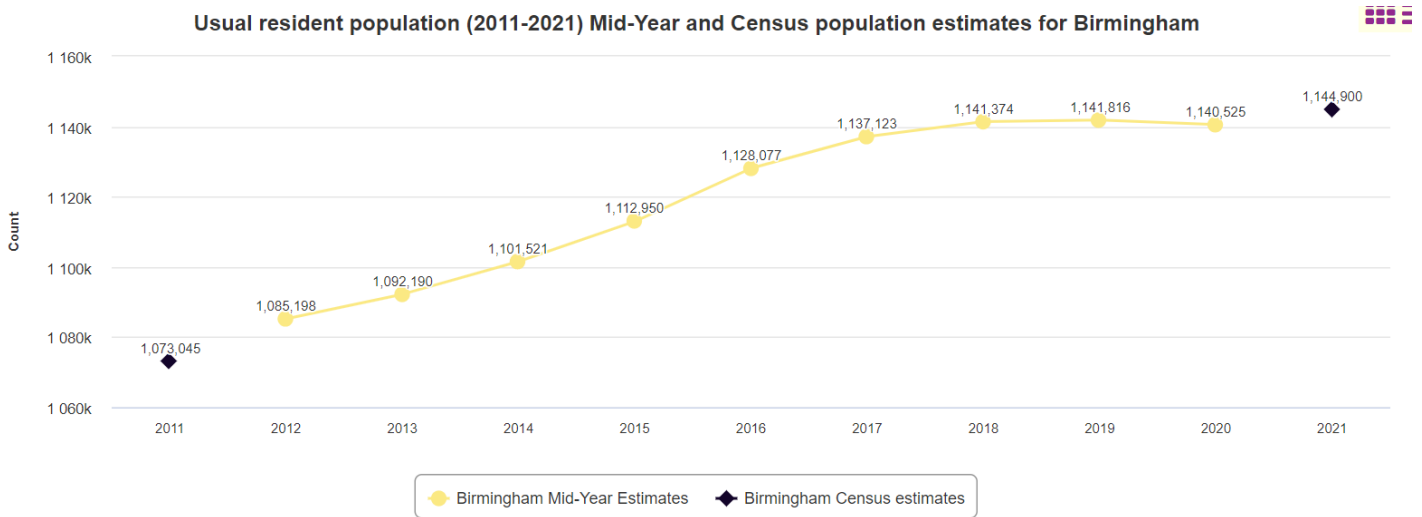
MID-YEAR ESTIMATES VERSUS CENSUS RESULTS: HOUSING MARKET AREA FELLOW AUTHORITIES

The mid-year estimates of population provided each year by ONS between the last census in 2011 and this one have proved pretty accurate for Stratford-on-Avon District. However, this has not been the case for other authorities, including neighbours such as Birmingham and Coventry. This is of interest as Stratford-on-Avon is part of both the Greater Birmingham and Black Country Housing Market Area and the Coventry and Warwickshire Housing Market area - whose assessment of housing needs is partly based on household projections. The following are the authorities within each Housing Market Area which have been over or under-estimated by over 3,000 head of population, potentially affecting the household projections significantly.

Birmingham

Mid-year estimates in 2020 slightly under-estimated Birmingham's population, with the 2021 Census results showing the population of Birmingham at 4,400 more than the rounded 2020 mid-year estimate (see Figure 7).

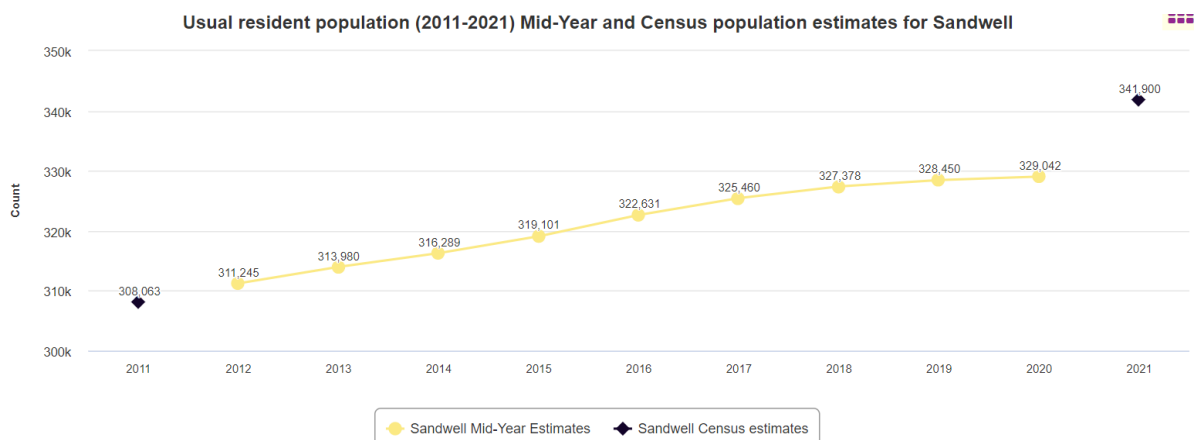
Figure 7



Sandwell

Mid-year estimates have underestimated Sandwell's population by some margin, with the 2021 Census results showing the population at 12,900 more than the rounded 2020 mid-year estimate (see Figure 8).

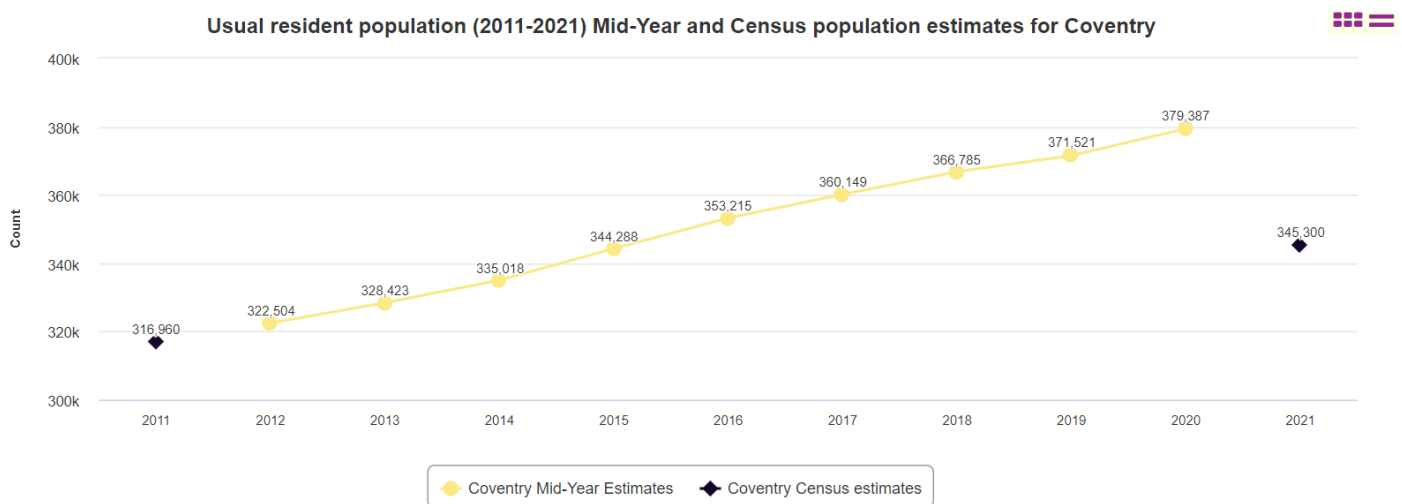
Figure 8



Coventry

Mid-year estimates look to have over-estimated the population of Coventry by some margin, with 2021 Census results at 34,100 lower than the rounded 2020 mid-year estimate (see Figure 9).

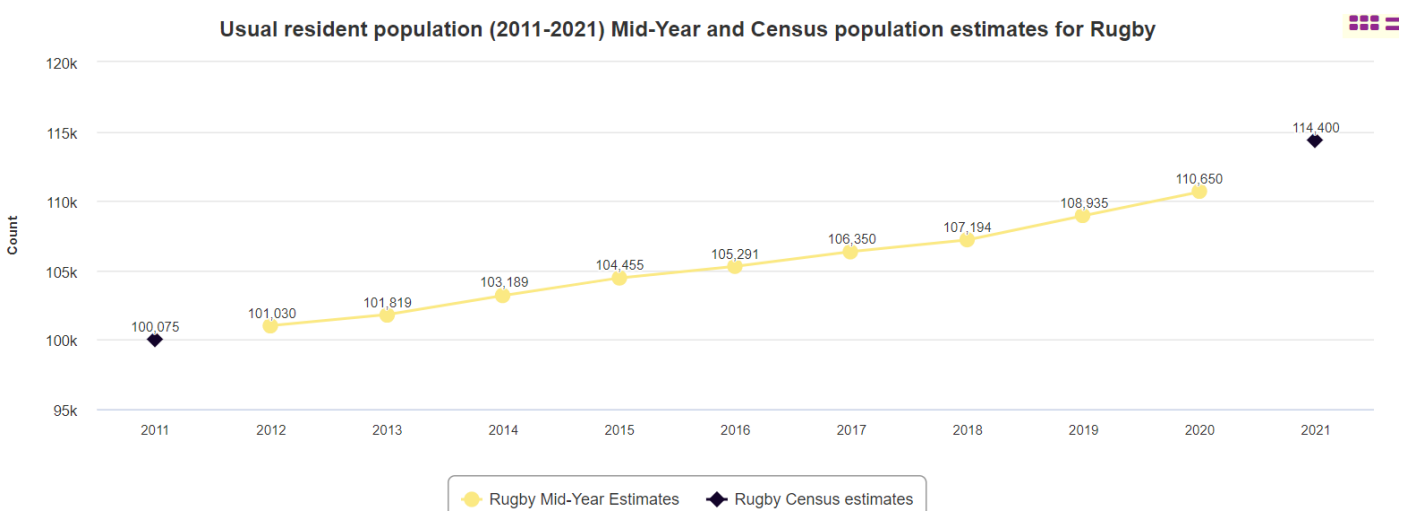
Figure 9



Rugby

Mid-year estimates look to have under-estimated the population of Rugby, with 2021 Census results at 3,700 higher than the rounded 2020 mid-year estimate (see Figure 9).

Figure 10



Nuneaton & Bedworth

Mid-year estimates look to have under-estimated the population of Nuneaton and Bedworth, with 2021 Census results at 3,800 higher than the rounded 2020 mid-year estimate (see Figure 10).

Figure 11

