

The Island's Demographics and Population

Introduction

The following pages offer an insight to the Island beginning with some general information about the size of the Island and how its communities are distributed; through to a range of information relating to its population, and projected changes to numbers over time.

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 a 2010 mid year population estimate, there is an average population density per square kilometre (km²) of 370 persons, or 3.70 persons per hectare².

This compares with a national average of 401 persons per km² and regional average of 447 persons per km² for the South East.

Source Office for National Statistics (ONS)

- Currently there are c. 61,553 Residential households.
Source Isle of Wight Council (IWC) Gazateer as at May 2011
- Following a review concluded in 2008 by The Electoral Commission, the Island now has a total of 39 Electoral Wards. The Isle of Wight Council has a Conservative majority.
Source iwight.com
- In addition there are a total of 25 Parish and 8 Town Councils.
Source iwight.com
- The major towns of the Island are:

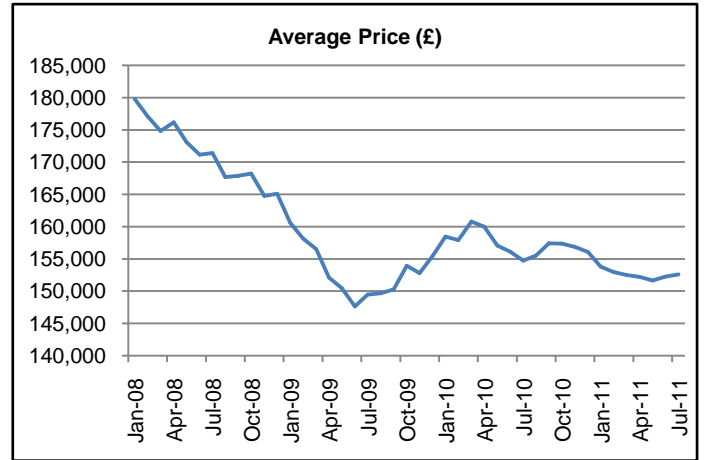
Newport	c.17,300 persons
Ryde	c.18,800 persons
West Cowes	c.14,800 persons
East Cowes	c.7,600 persons
Sandown	c.7,300 persons
Shanklin	c.7,300 persons
Ventnor	c.6,100 persons

Based on 2010 ward projections mid-2010, Source Office for National Statistics (ONS)

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- The average house price for the Island as at July 2011 was £152,609. Source Land Registry

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



Population

Based on the mid-2010 population figures of 140,500 people, the Isle of Wight was the tenth largest Unitary Authority in the South East region (Source ONS).

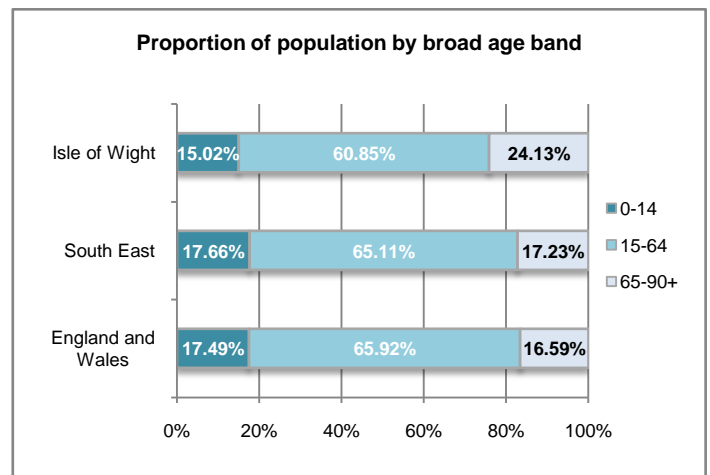
Resident Population

(ie, all those usually resident whatever their nationality):

2010	Isle of Wight (000's)	South East Region (000's)	Great Britain (000's)
All people	140.5	8,523.1	60,462.6
Males	68.3	4,183.2	29,758.9
Females	72.2	4,339.8	30,703.7

(Source: ONS mid-year estimates)

A comparison of the proportions of population by broad age bands for the Island with those for the South East region and England and Wales, shows the Island as having a greater proportion of older residents (aged 65 plus) and fewer younger people (those aged 0-14 years) than either of the other two areas.



(Source ONS mid Year population estimates 2010)

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Gender split –

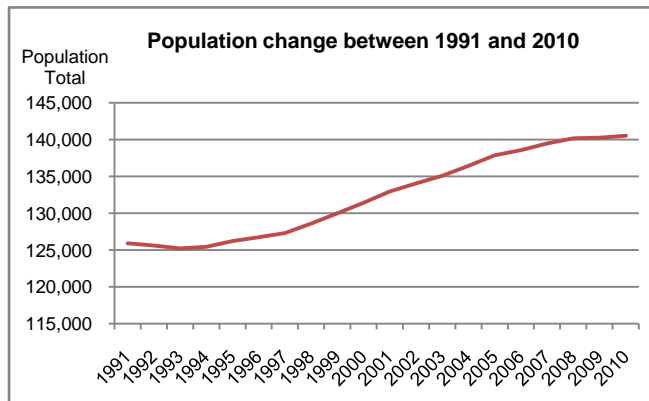
The overall proportions for the male/female population are broadly similar when comparing the Island with those rates seen at a regional level and for England as a whole. A similar level of variance to that seen in the previous chart begins to appear when the breakdown is viewed by age group bandings.

2010	No. All Ages	*% of total population	*0-14 years	*15-64 years	*65+ years	
Isle of Wight	68,300	48.71%	7.69%	30.11%	10.75%	Males
South East	4,183,200	49.59%	9.05%	32.45%	7.58%	
England and Wales	27,228,500	49.29%	8.95%	33.02%	7.32%	
Isle of Wight	72,200	51.49%	7.33%	30.46%	13.45%	Females
South East	4,339,800	51.45%	8.60%	32.66%	9.66%	
England and Wales	28,011,900	50.71%	8.54%	29.70%	9.27%	

(Source ONS mid Year population estimates 2010)

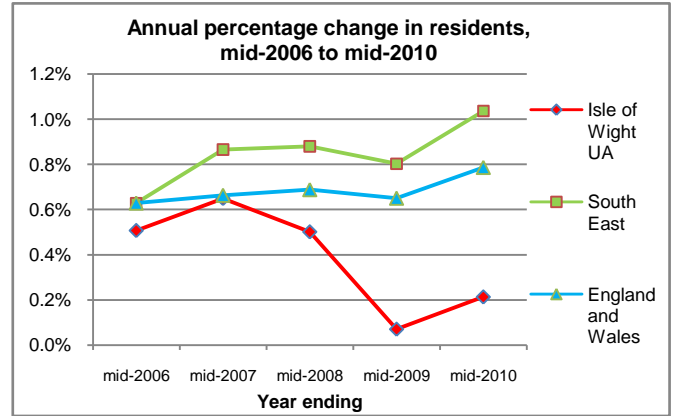
Reflecting on the Past:

1991	125,900
2010	140,500
Change in numbers between 1991-2010	14,600
% Change between 1991-2010	10.4%



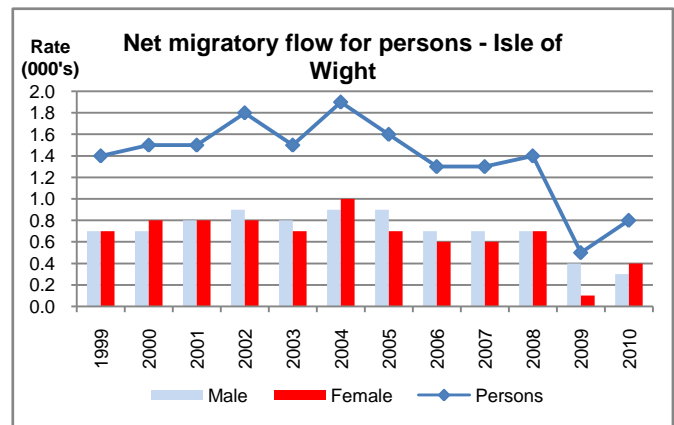
(Source ONS Mid Year population Estimates)

Between 2000 and 2010, the Isle of Wight experienced an overall rise in population, with nine out of the ten years seeing an increase. The rate of increase showed signs of slowing from 2006, when annual increases dropped to below 1,000+ persons. Between 2008 and 2009 the annual increase was less than 100 although it was projected to have returned to increasing by almost 300 persons between 2009 and 2010.



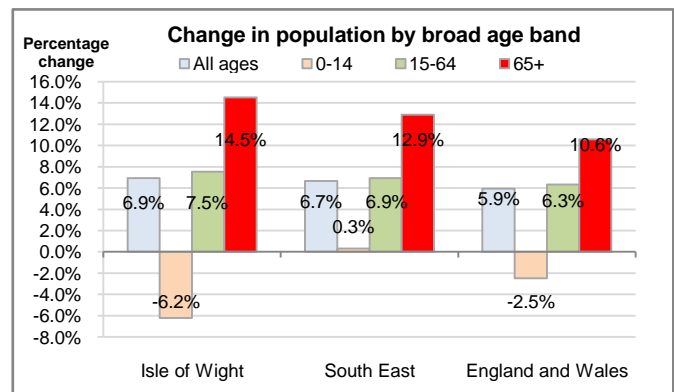
(Source ONS Mid-year population estimates: Components of population change)

Net migration



(Source ONS - Moves within the UK; Registered during the year end)

The net-migration rate, which takes into account the numbers moving to and away from the Island, offers a similar picture in terms of a slowing in population increase that occurred in 2009. During that year there was a higher outflow of females than males as represented by the bar chart.



(Source ONS Mid Year population Estimates)

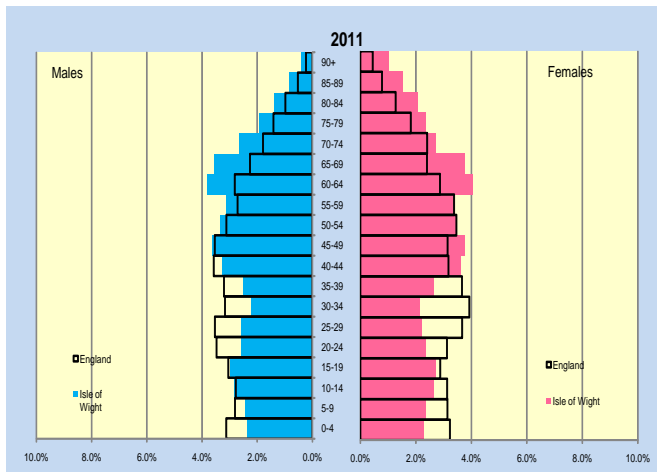
During the past ten years (between 2000 and 2010) the overall increase in population was broadly similar to that experienced within the South East Region although marginally higher than in England and Wales.

The greatest increase was seen in the group aged 65+, which was higher for the Island than the increase seen at both regional and national levels. In the same period the Island saw the numbers of young people aged between 0-14 years drop by over 6%. This result contrasts strongly with the outcomes shown for the same age group at both a regional and national level.

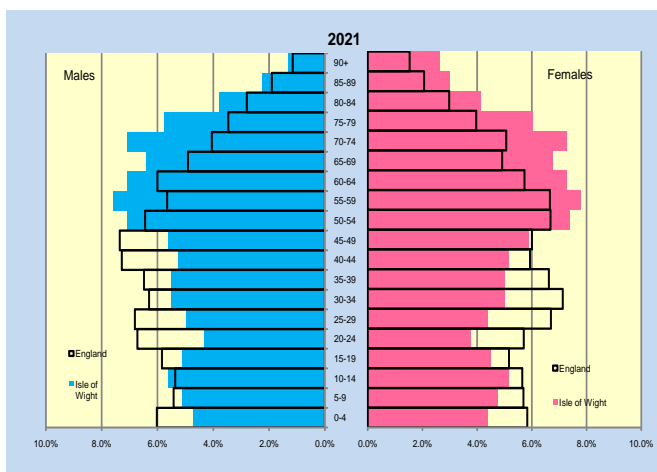
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Looking towards the Future:



Ten Years ahead -



Population projections suggest that the numbers of people aged 50+ years will increase over the next ten years with the margin for each age group growing wider when compared with the national average, although there is some suggested narrowing of the gap between Island and national levels for men in the age bands 85 years plus.

Twenty-Five Years ahead –

2008 population estimate	140,158
2033 population projection	171,200
Projected growth in numbers (25 years)	31,042
Projected percentage growth (25 years)	22%

Comparisons with neighbouring counties:

	% growth 2008-2033 (25 yr growth)
Kent	22.1%
West Sussex	20.9%
East Sussex	20.1%
Surrey	19.5%
Isle of Wight	18.2%
Hampshire	18.1%
Wiltshire	17.4%
Dorset	12.7%

Projections predict that the Island will experience an average annual growth of 1,250 persons over the next 22 years (2033) and the overall rate of growth will be among the very highest seen across the South East region.

	2011		2021		2033		% Growth 2011 to 2033
	000's	% of total	000's	% of total	000's	% of total	
Isle of Wight							
Under 20's	29.8	21%	30.6	20%	32.1	19%	8%
20 to 64	78.8	55%	81.3	52%	82.4	48%	5%
65 plus	35.1	24%	44.0	28%	56.7	33%	62%
Total	143.7		155.9		171.2		19%
South East							
Under 20's	2,031.4	24%	2,129.0	23%	2,243.2	22%	10%
20 to 64	5,031.9	59%	5,238.2	57%	5,361.8	53%	7%
65 plus	1,500.6	18%	1,881.2	20%	2,441.8	24%	63%
Total	8,563.9		9,248.4		10,046.8		17%

(Source: ONS 2008- based sub national population projections)

These same projections imply that the numbers of people aged 65+ will continue to grow and the proportion of the overall population they represent will increase significantly. At the same time the proportion of the overall population that will be made up from those aged 64 years and below, is anticipated to gradually get smaller.

Note: Some additional information is included in the information factsheet covering [Equality and Diversity](#)