STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2017
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1. SIZE AND DENSITY

Each year the Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces mid-year population estimates. These are calculated using the population count in the last available census as a base then adding the number of births and inward migrants and taking away the number of deaths and outward migrants. The ONS releases the district-level mid-year population estimates in June each year and ward-level population estimates in November each year.

a) District Level Mid-Year Population Estimates 2016

Key Facts	
Population	114,200
Mean Age (years)	43.3
Area (hectares)	31,484
Urban Population (% by Area)	20.7
Rural Population (% by Area)	79.3
Density (persons per hectare)	3.63

Source: ONS Mid-Year Estimates 2016

- The population of the Dover district is 114,200. This is an increase of 1,000 people (+0.9%) over the year. In comparison, the overall population of Kent grew by +1.1% between 2015 and 2016, with the Swale district experiencing the highest growth rate (+1.8%) and Gravesham the lowest (+0.5%).
- The Dover district has the fourth smallest local authority population in the Kent – equivalent to 7.4% of the Kent population. Dartford has the smallest local authority population with 105,500 people (6.8%) and Maidstone the highest with 166,400 people (10.8%).
- There are more female residents than male in the district, with 58,000 (50.8%) being female and 56,200 (49.2%) male. This is a pattern seen in all of the districts in Kent. The male / female ratio changes with age. In general, there are more males compared to females in the younger age groups, but as ages increase, there becomes more females to males.
- The proportion of working age people in the Dover district (aged 16 – 64 years) is falling and is currently 59.4% of the total population (or 67,800 people). This is lower than the average for Kent (61.0%), the South East (62.0%) and Great Britain (63.1%). Of this number, 33,700 are male and 34,100 are female.
- Between 2015 and 2016, the 65+ age group rose to 26,400 people (+700 people / +2.7%), which is equivalent to 23.1% of the total population. The 0-15 age group has increased to 20,000 people (+100 people / +0.5%), which is equivalent to 17.5% of total population.
- The population density in the Dover district is 3.63 persons per hectare, which is below the county average of 4.4. Dartford is Kent's most densely populated district with 14.5 persons per hectare and Ashford is the least densely populated district with 2.2 persons per hectare.

b) Ward Level Mid-Year Population Estimates 2016

Experimental Statistics

Mid-Year Population Estimates (MYPE) are derived from a census population count and each year are rolled forward (people aged by one year) allowing for changes recorded for births, deaths and migration. Additional allowances are made to model the transient population such as students and personnel from the armed forces. This modelling process provides fairly robust data for larger areas of geography but the margin for error is larger for small areas, which is why ***ward level MYPE are classed as 'experimental statistics'.***

- Residents living in the urban areas of the Dover district (75,920 people in 13 wards) make up 66.5% of the population but occupy only 20.7% of the total land area. The remaining 33.5%

of residents living in the rural areas of the district (38,300 people in 8 wards) occupy 79.3% of the land in the district.

- The urban population density in the Dover district is 11.66 people per hectare, which is up from 11.51 persons per hectare in 2015. This compares to a rural population density of 1.53 people per hectare.
- The most densely populated ward is Tower Hamlets, with 73.61 people per hectare, which is up from 72.53 persons per hectare in 2015. The second most densely populated ward is North Deal with 55.67 people per hectare.
- The least densely populated ward is Little Stour and Ashstone with 1.08 people per hectare. The second least densely populated ward is Eastry with 1.11 people per hectare.
- Fourteen wards in the Dover district have seen a growth on population in the past 12 months and six have seen a loss in population. The Castle ward saw the largest percentage increase in population with +5.2% (+120 people) and the St. Margarets-at-Cliffe ward experienced the greatest percentage decrease of population with a loss of -1.7% (-80 people).
- The following chart shows the number change in the mid-year ward level population estimates in the Dover district between 2015 and 2016:

Change in the ward-level mid-year population estimates in the Dover District, 2015 to 2016 (number)
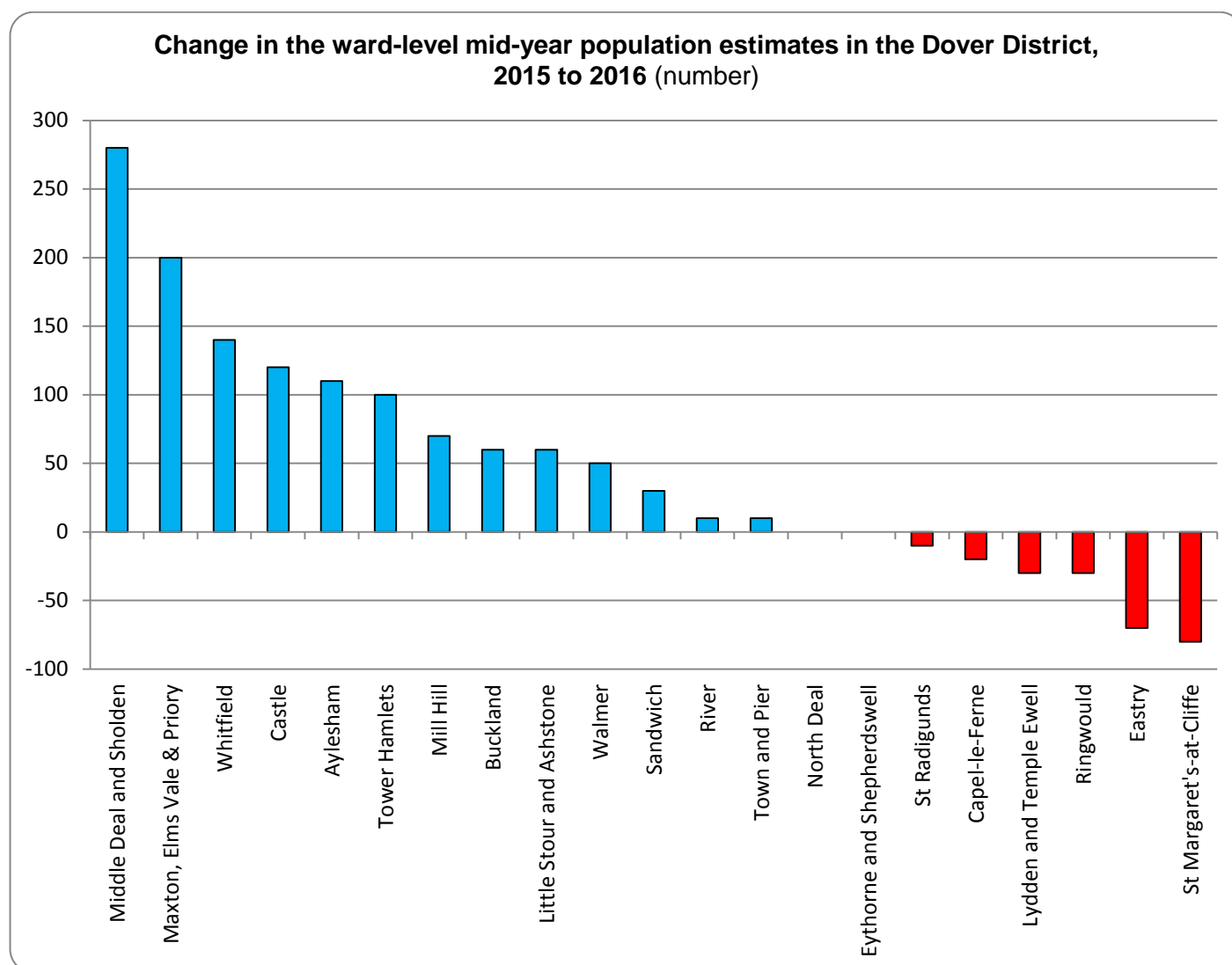
Source: ONS Mid-Year Estimates

The following table shows the estimated number of people living in each of the wards in the Dover district and percentage change from 2015 to 2016.

WARD LEVEL MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES 2016

Dover District Council		2015 MYPE	2016 MYPE	% Change	Area (Ha)	Density
Total 21 wards		**113,200**	**114,200**	**0.9**	**31,484**	**3.63**
Urban population		74,930	75,920	0.01	6,509	11.66
Rural population		38,290	38,300	0.00	24,975	1.53
Deal Urban Area		**2015 MYPE**	**2016 MYPE**	**% Change**	**Area (Ha)**	**Density**
Total 4 wards		**30,310**	**30,710**	**1.3**	**1,701**	**18.05**
C1	Middle Deal and Sholden	7,750	8,020	3.6	956	8.39
C1	Mill Hill	7,790	7,860	0.9	283	27.76
C1	North Deal	7,350	7,350	0.0	132	55.67
C1	Walmer	7,430	7,480	0.7	330	22.66
Dover Urban Area		**2015 MYPE**	**2016 MYPE**	**% Change**	**Area (Ha)**	**Density**
Total 9 wards		**44,620**	**45,220**	**1.3**	**4,808**	**9.40**
C1	Buckland	7,780	7,840	0.8	195	40.18
C1	Castle	2,310	2,430	5.2	171	14.22
C1	Lydden and Temple Ewell	1,510	2,480	-1.0	1,148	2.16
C1	Maxton, Elms Vale & Priory	7,810	8,010	2.6	342	23.41
C1	River	4,580	4,580	0.2	1,555	2.95
C1	St Radigunds	5,870	5,860	-0.2	244	24.02
C1	Tower Hamlets	6,380	6,480	1.5	88	73.61
C1	Town and Pier	2,190	2,200	0.6	367	6.00
C1	Whitfield	5,210	5,340	2.6	698	7.66
Aylesham Rural Settlement		**2015 MYPE**	**2016 MYPE**	**% Change**	**Area (Ha)**	**Density**
Total 1 ward		**4,970**	**5,080**	**2.2**	**1,552**	**3.27**
D1	Aylesham	4,970	5,080	2.2	1,552	3.27
Sandwich Rural Settlement		**2015 MYPE**	**2016 MYPE**	**% Change**	**Area (Ha)**	**Density**
Total 1 ward		**7,100**	**7,100**	**0.4**	**3,518**	**2.02**
D1	Sandwich	7,080	7,110	0.4	3,518	2.02
Dover Rural Area		**2015 MYPE**	**2016 MYPE**	**% Change**	**Area (Ha)**	**Density**
Total 6 wards		**26,240**	**26,120**	**-0.5**	**19,905**	**1.32**
D1	Capel-le-Ferne	2,430	2,410	-0.7	1,443	1.67
D1	Eastry	5,230	5,160	-1.2	4,637	1.11
D1	Eythorne and Shepherdswell	4,910	4,910	0.1	3,460	1.42
E1	Little Stour and Ashstone	7,040	7,100	0.9	6,572	1.08
D1	Ringwould	2,030	2,000	-1.4	638	3.13
E1	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	4,610	4,530	-1.7	3,155	1.44

Density is the number of persons per hectare which is calculated by dividing the population of the area.
All ward estimates have been individually rounded to the nearest 10 for presentation so may not sum when added.
All district estimates have been individually rounded to the nearest 100 for presentation so may not sum when added.

Rural and Urban Classification:
The 2011 Rural Urban Classification for Small Area Geographies was released in August 2013. There are eight separate classifications for wards: Urban - A1, B1, C1, C2; Rural - D1, D2, E1, E2. However, only three classifications are applicable to the Dover district:
C1 = Urban city and town   D1 = Rural town and fringe   E1 = Rural village and dispersed

2. AGE AND GENDER PROFILE

a) Average Age

- The average age of people living in the Dover district is 43.3 years, up from 43.1 years in 2015. This is higher than the national (39.8 years) and county (40.9 years) averages.
- The average age of a female in the district is 44.2 years, compared to the national average of 40.9 years. The average age of a male in the district is 42.4 years compared to the national average of 38.9 years.
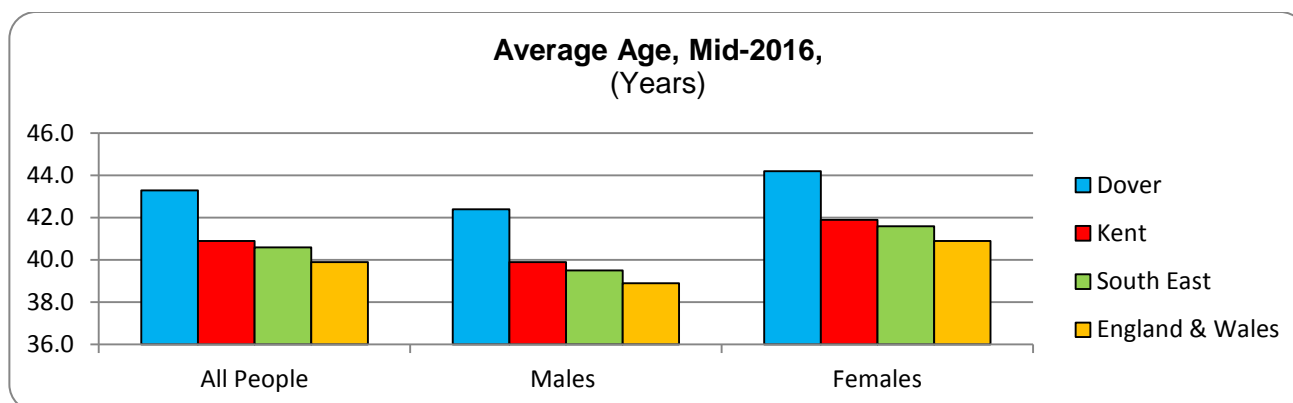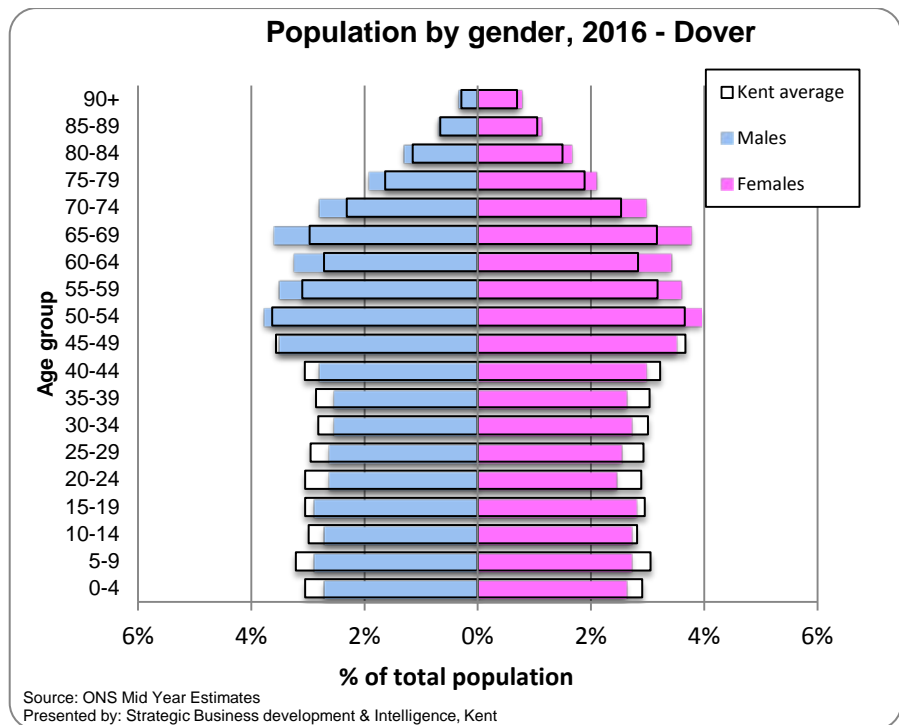

Source: 2016 ONS mid-year population estimates

b) Population by age group, 2016

	Dover District		Kent	South East	England & Wales
	No.	% of total population	% of total population	% of total population	% of total population
Under 1 year	1,200	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2
1-4	5,000	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.9
5-9	6,500	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.1
10-14	6,200	5.4	5.8	5.7	5.5
15-19	6,500	5.7	6.0	5.8	5.7
20-24	5,800	5.1	5.9	6.0	6.5
25-29	5,900	5.1	5.9	6.0	6.9
30-34	5,900	5.2	5.8	6.1	6.7
35-39	5,900	5.1	5.9	6.3	6.4
40-44	6,600	5.8	6.3	6.6	6.4
45-49	8,100	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.0
50-54	8,800	7.7	7.3	7.3	7.1
55-59	8,100	7.1	6.3	6.3	6.2
60-64	7,600	6.6	5.5	5.4	5.4
65-69	8,400	7.3	6.1	5.7	5.6
70-74	6,600	5.8	4.8	4.6	4.4
75-79	4,600	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
80-84	3,400	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.5
85+	3,400	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.4
All Ages	114,200	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

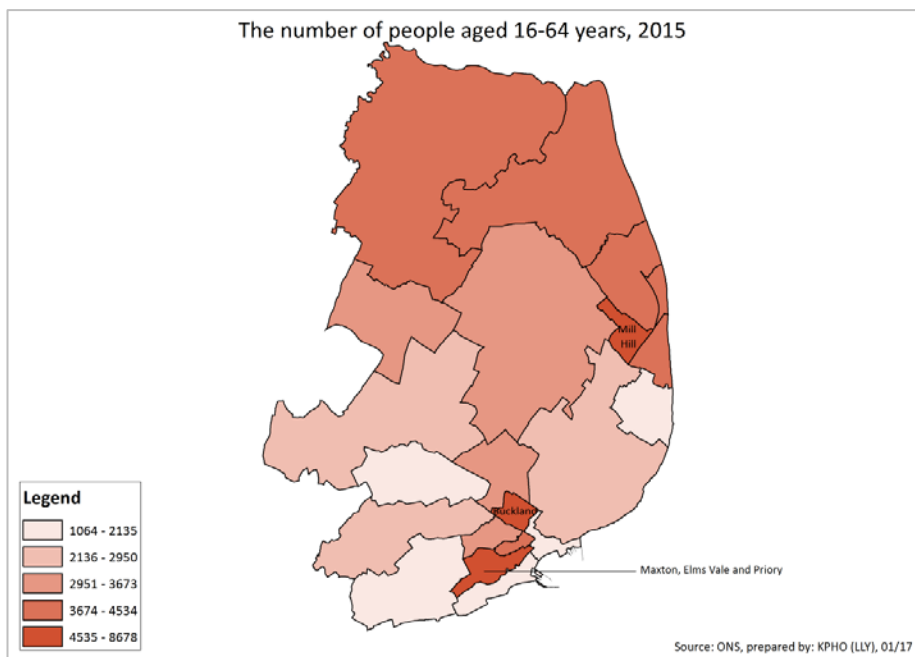Source: 2016 ONS mid-year population estimates

c) Population in the Dover District by Gender

- This chart shows the population of the district by gender broken down into 5-year age groups, compared to the Kent average.
- It shows the district has a lower proportion of people aged under 40 than Kent, and a greater proportion of people aged 55 and above.

Population by gender, 2016 - Dover

Source: ONS Mid Year Estimates
Presented by: Strategic Business development & Intelligence, Kent

- Similar charts by age and gender at ward level are available within the ward profiles on the KCC website[1].

d) Distribution of Working Age People in the Dover District (aged 16-64 years), 2015[2]

The number of people aged 16-64 years, 2015

Legend
- 1064 - 2135
- 2136 - 2950
- 2951 - 3673
- 3674 - 4534
- 4535 - 8678

Source: ONS, prepared by: KPHO (LLY), 01/17

- The wards with the highest numbers of working aged people (16 to 64 years) are: Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory (5,130), Mill Hill (4,840) and Buckland (4,960).
- The wards with the fewest number of working aged people are Ringwould (1,070), Capel-le-Ferne (1,300), Town and Pier (1,340), Castle (1,420) and Lydden and Temple Ewell (1,500).

Source: 2015 ONS mid-year population estimates, prepared by KPHO

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[1] kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/information-and-data/Facts-and-figures-about-Kent/area-profiles
[2] The latest ward-level map available is for 2015 at the time of drafting.
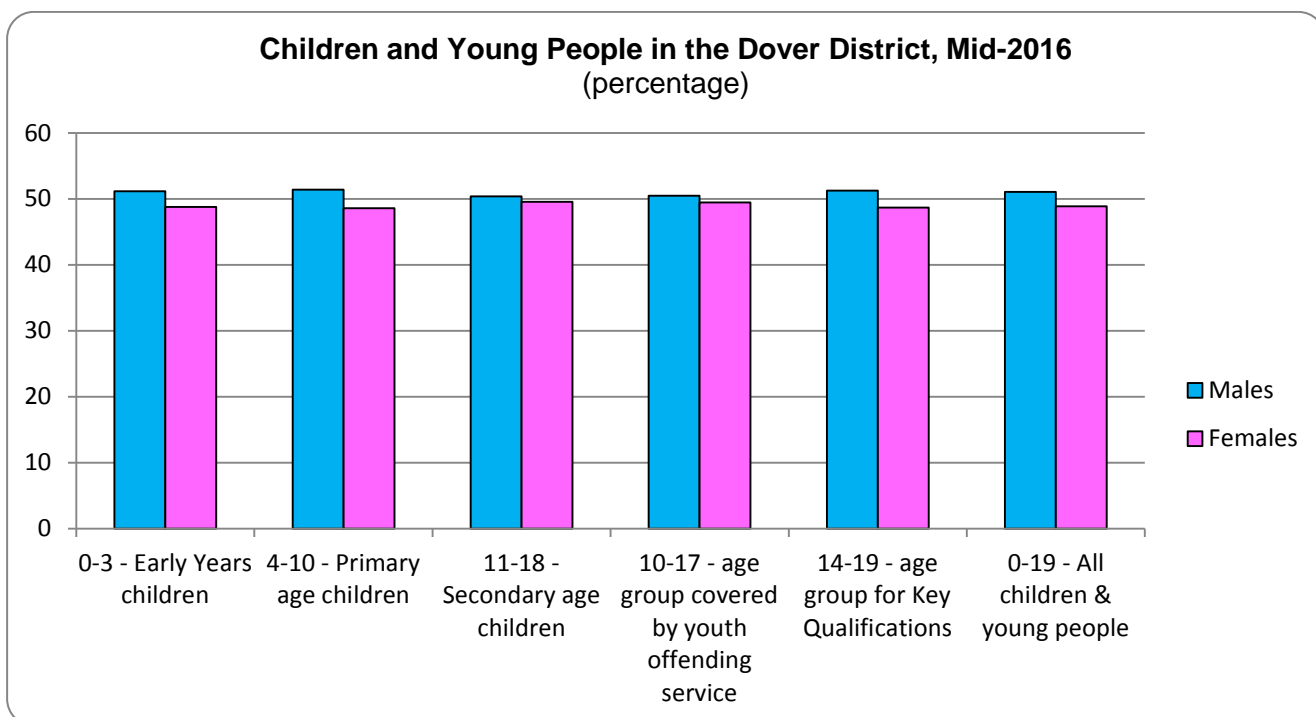
3.   CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

a)   Population aged under 20 in Dover district (Mid-2016)

		Total	Males	Females
0-3 years	Early Years children	4,800	2,500	2,400
4-10 years	Primary age children	9,100	4,700	4,400
11-18 years	Secondary age children	10,200	5,100	5,100
10-17 years	Age group covered by youth offending service	10,200	5,100	5,000
14-19 Years	Age group for Key Qualifications	7,800	4,000	3,800
0-19 years	All children & young people	25,300	12,900	12,400
All ages	Total population	114,200	56,200	58,000

Source: 2016 Mid-year population estimates, ONS; KCC Area Profile. All numbers are separately rounded to the nearest 100.
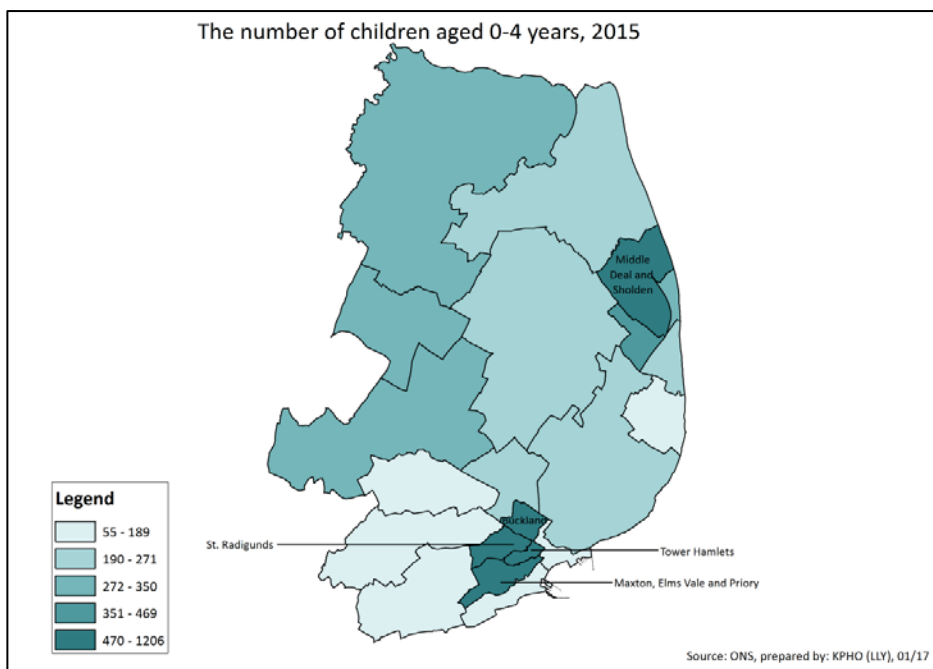
b)   Age profile by Gender

Source: 2016 Mid-year population estimates, ONS; KCC Area Profiles

- All children and young people under the age of 20 make up 22.1% (down from 22.8% in 2015) of the total population of the Dover district.

c) Distribution of Children in the Dover District Aged 0 - 4 Years[3]

The number of children aged 0-4 years, 2015

Legend
- 55 - 189
- 190 - 271
- 272 - 350
- 351 - 469
- 470 - 1206

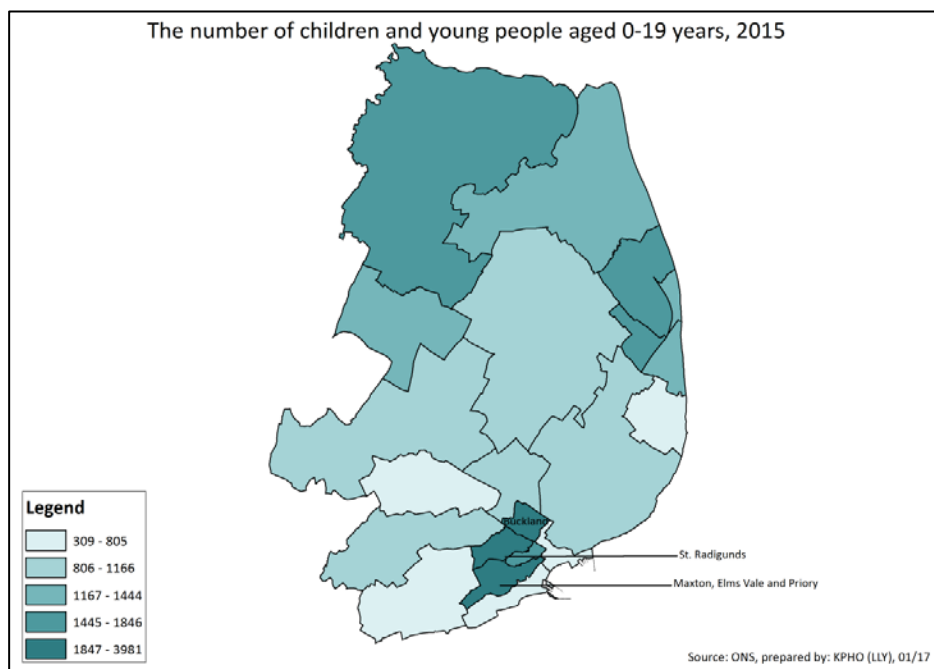Source: ONS, prepared by: KPHO (LLY), 01/17

Source: 2015 ONS mid-year population estimates, prepared by KPHO

- The wards of Buckland (620), St Radigunds (550), Tower Hamlets (510), Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory (500) and Middle Deal and Sholden (470) have the highest numbers of children aged 0 to 4 years.
- The wards with the fewest number of children aged 0 to 4 years are Capel-le-Ferne (60), Castle (60), Ringwould (80), Lydden and Temple Ewell (120), Town and Pier (160) and River (180).

d) Distribution of Children in the Dover District Aged 0 - 19 Years[4]

- The wards of Buckland (2,130), Maxton, Elms Vale and Priory (1,980) and St Radigunds (1,900) have the highest numbers of young people aged 0 to 19 years.
- The wards with the fewest number of young people aged 0 to 19 years are Ringwould (310), Castle

The number of children and young people aged 0-19 years, 2015

Legend
- 309 - 805
- 806 - 1166
- 1167 - 1444
- 1445 - 1846
- 1847 - 3981

Source: ONS, prepared by: KPHO (LLY), 01/17

Source: 2015 ONS mid-year population estimates, prepared by KPHO

(320), Capel-le-Ferne (340),Lydden and Temple Ewell (490) and Town and Pier (520).

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[3] The latest ward-level map available is for 2015 at time of drafting.
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4. OLDER PEOPLE

a) Population aged 60+ years

- The number of older people (aged 60+ years) in the Dover district is increasing.
- There are now 33,900 people (29.7% of the total population) aged 60+ years in the Dover District, which is up from 33,200 (29.3%) in 2015.

Population aged 60+ in the Dover District, Mid-2016
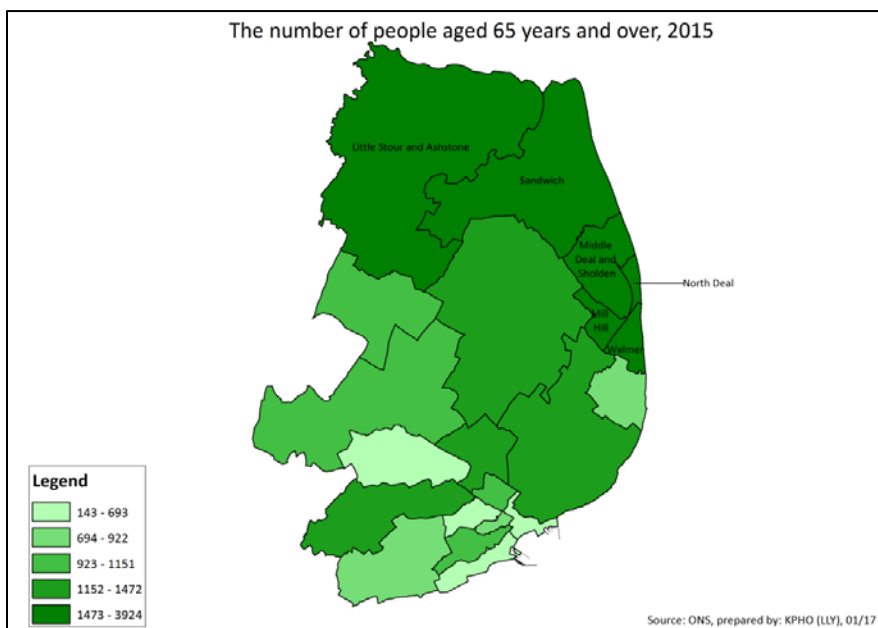(percentage of the total population)
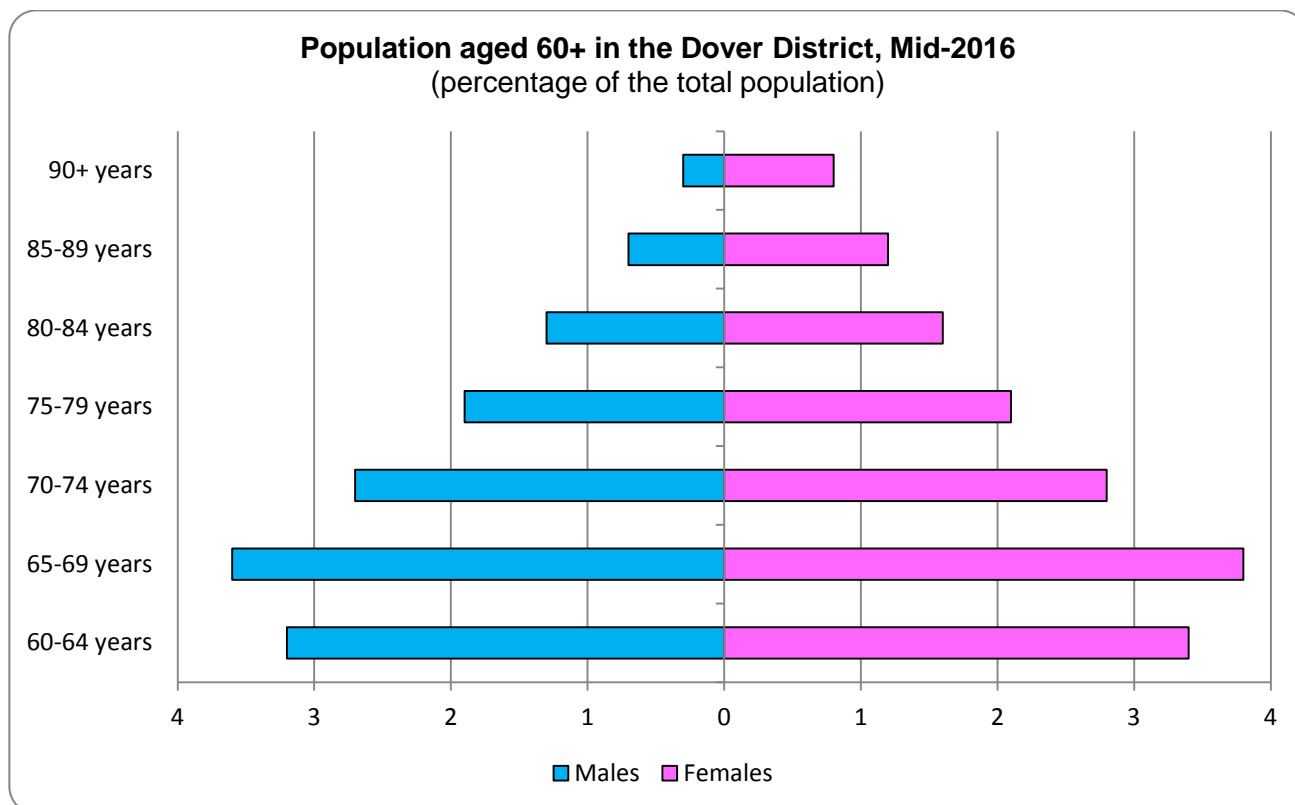
Source: 2016 ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates

The number of people in the Dover district within each of the following age bands:

- 60-64 years: 7,600 (6.6%)
- 70-74 years: 6,600 (5.8%)
- 80-84 years: 3,400 (3.0%)
- 90+ years: 1,200 (1.1%)

- 65-69 years: 8,400 (7.3%)
- 75-79 years: 4,600 (4.0%)
- 85-89 years: 2,200 (1.9%)

b)   Distribution of people in Dover District aged 65+ years[5]

The number of people aged 65 years and over, 2015

Legend
143 - 693
694 - 922
923 - 1151
1152 - 1472
1473 - 3924

Source: ONS, prepared by: KPHO (LLY), 01/17

Source: 2015 ONS mid-year population estimates, prepared by KPHO

- The wards of Walmer (2,470 people), Sandwich (2,030), Middle Deal and Sholden (1,920), North Deal (1,910), Little Stour and Ashstone (1,710) and Mill Hill (1,560) have the highest numbers of people aged 65 plus years.
- The wards with the fewest number of people aged 65 plus years are Town and Pier (430 people), Lydden and Temple Ewell (630), Castle (680) and St Radigunds (690).

c)   Distribution of people in Dover District aged 85+ years[6]

The number of people aged 85 years and over, 2015

Legend
8 - 77
78 - 119
120 - 155
156 - 207
208 - 809

Source: ONS, prepared by: KPHO (LLY), 01/17
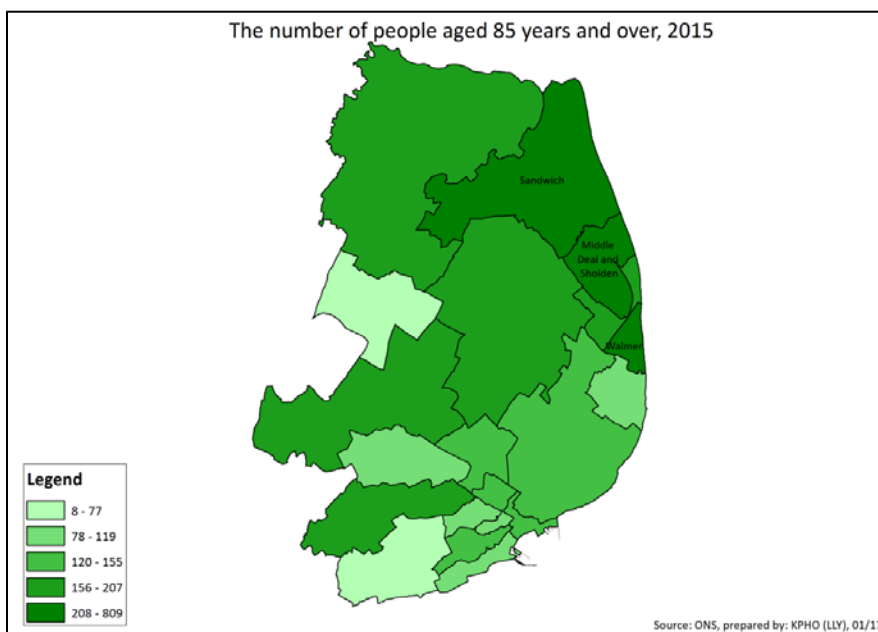
Source: 2015 ONS mid-year population estimates, prepared by KPHO

- The wards of Walmer, Middle Deal and Sholden and Sandwich have the highest numbers of people aged 85 plus in the district.

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[5] The latest ward-level map available is for 2015 at the time of drafting.
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5. CHANGE IN POPULATION

a) Population Time Series 1995 to 2016

Population Time Series for the Dover District, 1995 to 2016
(number)
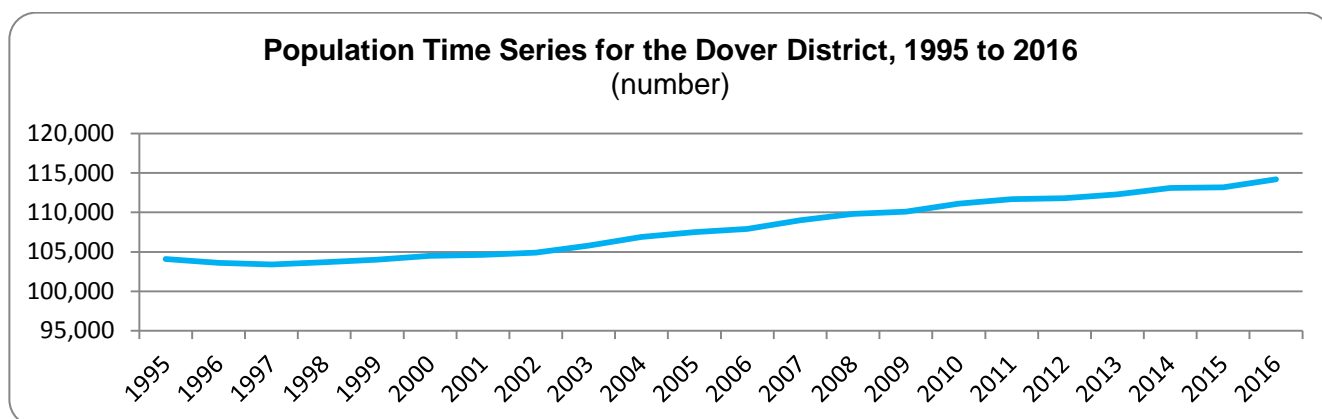
Source: ONS

- Since 1995, the population of the district has grown from 104,100 to 114,200 – an increase of +9.7%.
- The district's population growth has been at a slower rate than the average for Kent (+18.8%) and nationally (+13.9%).

b) Components of Population Change[7]

- Between mid-2015 and mid-2016, the population in the Dover district grew by an estimated +1,000 people. This increase is contributable to migration with 1,100 more people entering the district than leaving. There were also more deaths than births in the district, with natural change of -100 people.
- Natural change in the coastal districts (Dover, Shepway and Thanet) has historically been negative, which is attributable to the older age profile of these areas and will naturally experience higher numbers of deaths than births.
- Although there has been positive natural change in the remaining Kent districts, net inward migration is greater and has been the key component of population change in Kent over the last 20-years.

Components of Population Change in the Dover District, 1995/96 to 2015/16 (number)
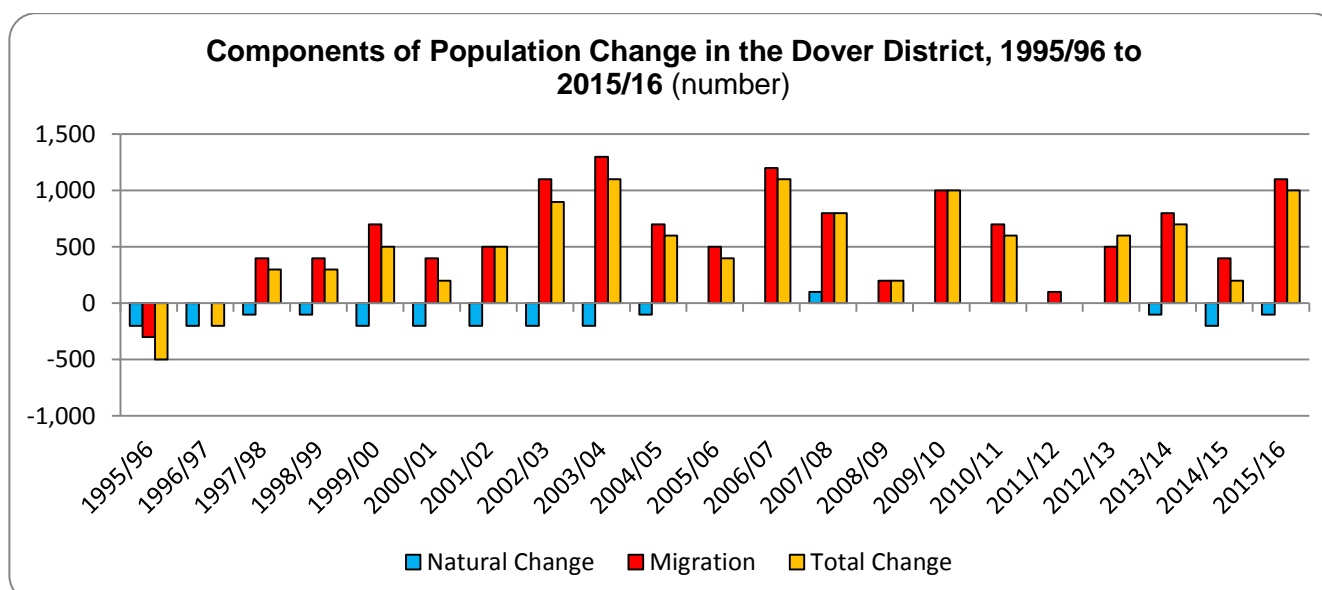
Source: ONS, KCC Business Intelligence Statistical Bulletin

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[7] 2014/15 is the latest data currently available

6.   POPULATION FORECASTS

a)   ONS Projected Population Change

• Office for National Statistics (ONS) population projections provide an indication of the future size and age structure of the population based on mid-year population estimates and a set of assumptions on future fertility, mortality and migration.

Projected Population Change by Broad Age Group in the Dover District, from 2015, for 2016 to 2020
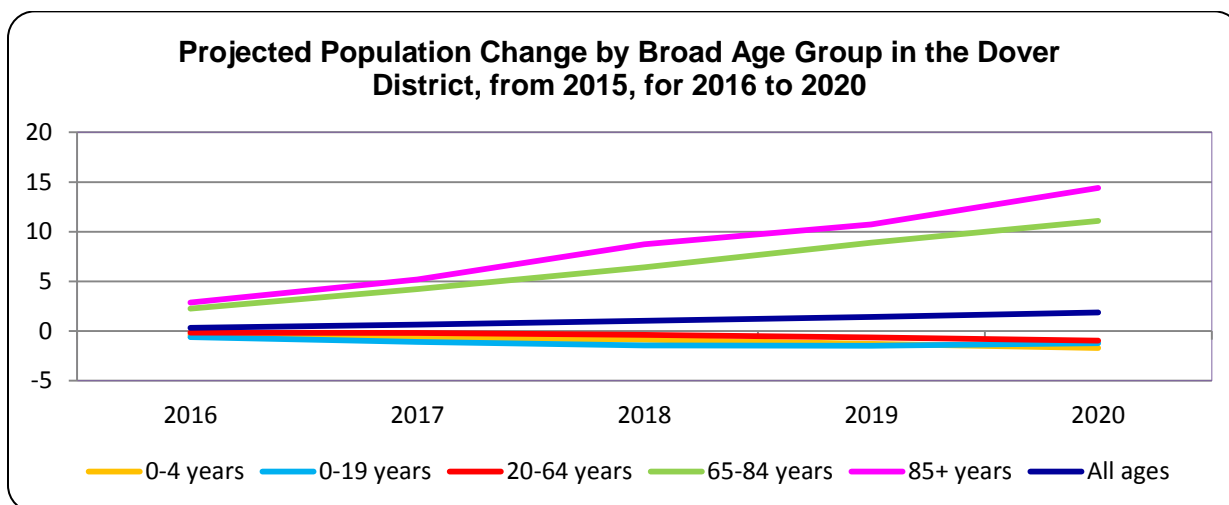
Source: ONS

• Population projections from the ONS show an increase in population of +1.9% is expected between 2015 and 2020. This would result in the size of the population increasing to approx.114,628 (based on projections).
• Substantial increases are expected in the older age bands, totalling to an additional 2,990 people aged 65 years and above between 2015 and 2020.
• The 85+ years' age group is projected to rise by +14.4% and the 65-84 years age group by +11.1%.
• However decreases are anticipated in the 0 to 4 years (-1.7%), 0 to 19 years (-1.2%) and 20 to 64 years (-1.0%) age bands.

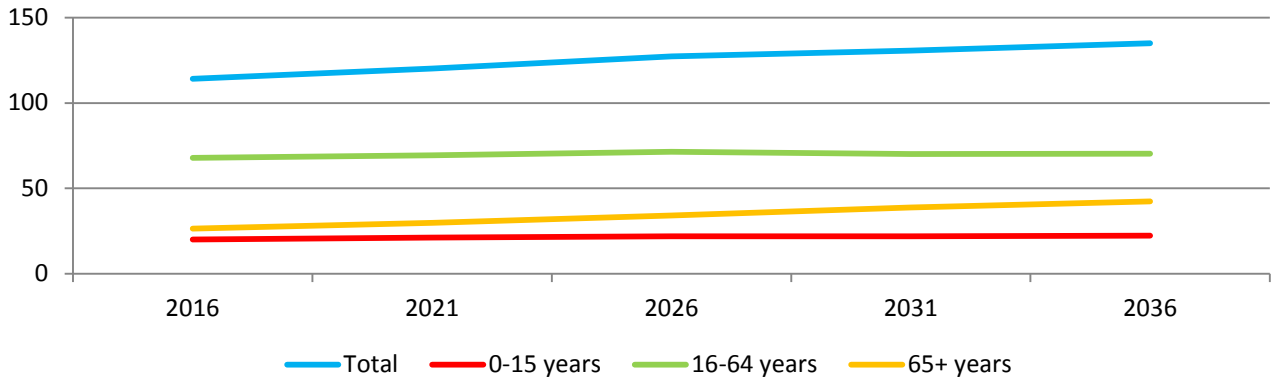### b)   KCC Population Forecasts for the Dover District 2016-2036

• Unlike the ONS population projections, KCC Population Forecasts show how the population of Kent and individual Kent districts might look in the future based on a housing-led strategy forecast, which takes future house building programmes into account.

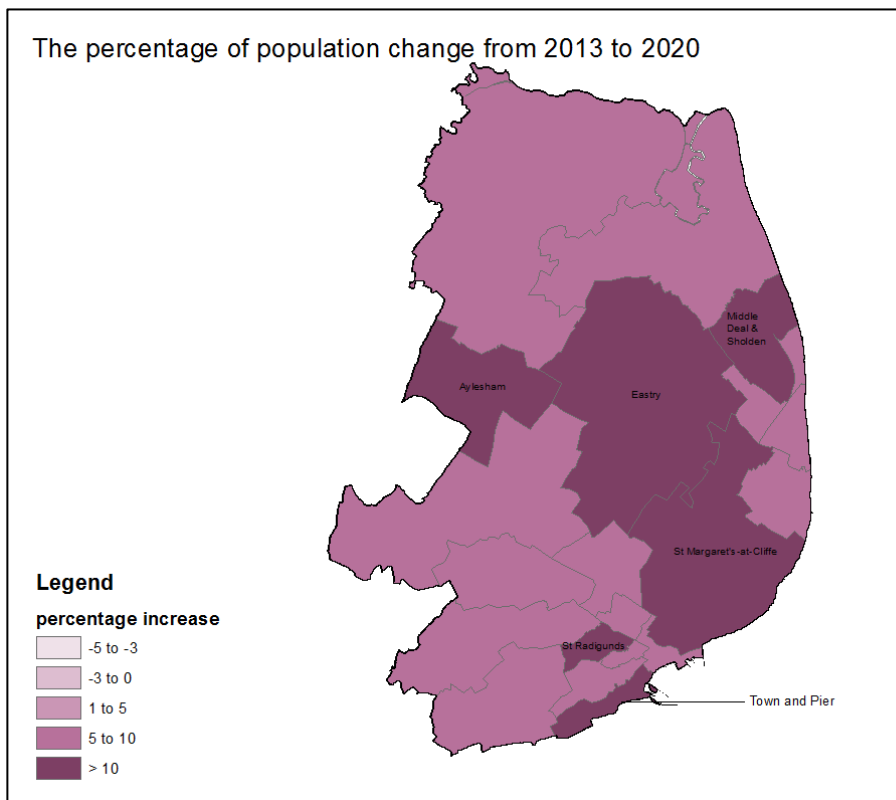|	Total	0-15 years	16-64 years	65+ years
2016	114,200	20,000	67,800	26,400
2021	120,200	21,100	69,300	29,800
2026	127,400	21,800	71,500	34,100
2031	130,800	21,900	70,200	38,700
2036	135,000	22,200	70,300	42,400

KCC Housing-Led Forecasts – September 2017

• The Dover district faces demographic changes over the next 15 years that, unchecked, will see the population age dramatically.
• This has the potential for increased public spending in areas of health and social care and impact on the ability to provide appropriate services.

Forecast Population Growth in the Dover District, 2016 to 2036
(number, thousands)

Legend: Total · 0-15 years · 16-64 years · 65+ years

- Revised population forecasts show that, by 2036, the overall population in the Dover district is expected to increase to 135,000 (+18.2% from the 2016 figure).
- The figures also show that the 65+ age group will rise by +60.6% from 2016-2036, which is a significantly faster rate of increase than the 0-15 and 16-64 year olds age groups, which are predicted to rise by 11% and 3.7% respectively.

c) Population change between wards

The percentage of population change from 2013 to 2020

Legend
percentage increase
- -5 to -3
- -3 to 0
- 1 to 5
- 5 to 10
- > 10

- Overall population increase is expected to be at least 5% across the Dover district, and over 10% in six of the wards.
  o Aylesham
  o Eastry
  o Middle Deal & Sholden
  o St. Margarets-at-Cliffe
  o St. Radigund's
  o Town & Pier

Source: ONS, prepared by KPHO

7.   EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

The information is based on the Census 2011 and has therefore not changed since the previous report.

a)   Ethnicity

**Population by Broad Ethnic Group (%), Census 2011**
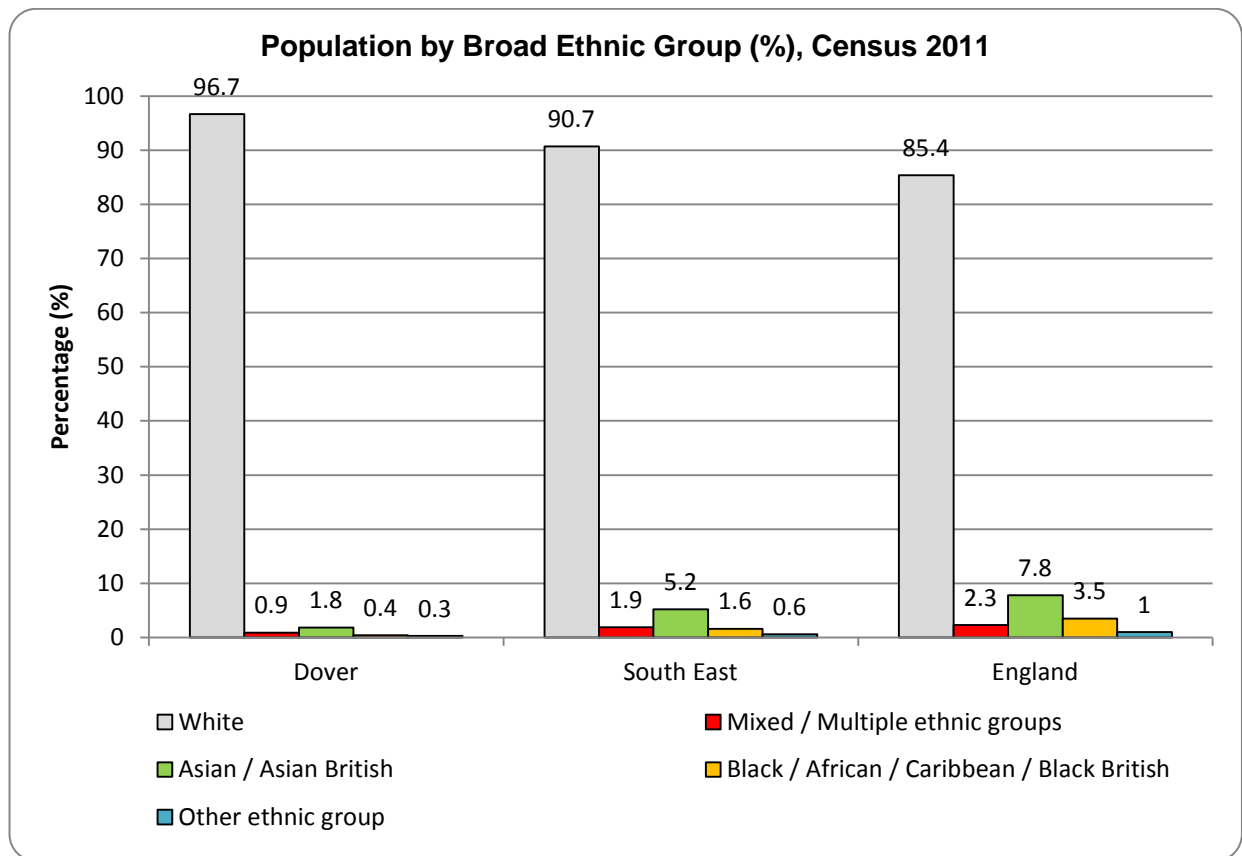
Source: 2011 Census, ONS (Local Profiles)

Broad Ethnic Group

- The 2011 Census provides details on 18 separate ethnic categories, aggregated into five broad ethnic groups.
- The population of the Dover district is predominantly White, with 107,966 people (96.7%) of White ethnic origin and 3,708 people of Non-White ethnic origin (3.3%).
- The Dover district has the lowest number and proportion of residents from a Black Minority Ethnic (BME) group in Kent. The rate of 3.3% is considerably lower than the averages for Kent (6.3%), South East (9.3%) and nationally (14.6%).
- Out of the twelve local authority districts within Kent, Gravesham has the highest number and proportion of residents from a BME group with 17,494 people (17.2%). Please see following map of Kent:

Black Minority Ethnic (BME) population as a % of total resident population across Kent
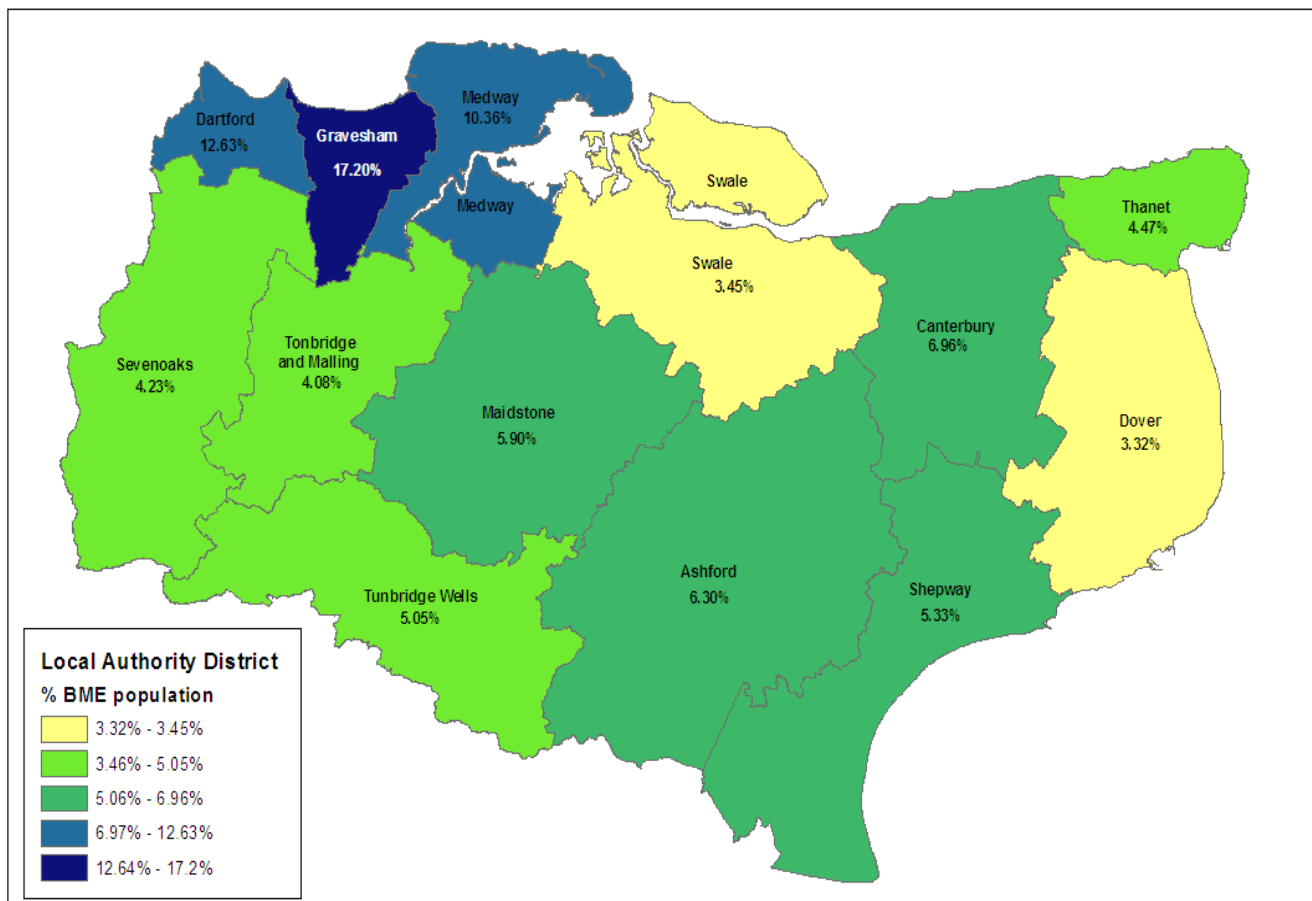
Source: ONS Census 2011; Produced by Business Intelligence, KCC;
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- The Asian/Asian British is the second largest ethnic group in the Dover district after the 'White' ethnic group, with 1.8% (2,031 people) of the total population. This compares with 5.2% of the total population in South East and 7.8% in England.
- The third largest ethnic group in the district is the mixed-multiple ethnic group with a population of 1,029 people. This equates to 0.9% of the total population.
- The Black/ African/ Caribbean/ Black British groups accounts for 0.3% of the total population in the district. This is equivalent to 0.3% of the total population.
- The smallest ethnic group is the 'Other' ethnic group, with 262 people or 0.2% of the total population in the district.

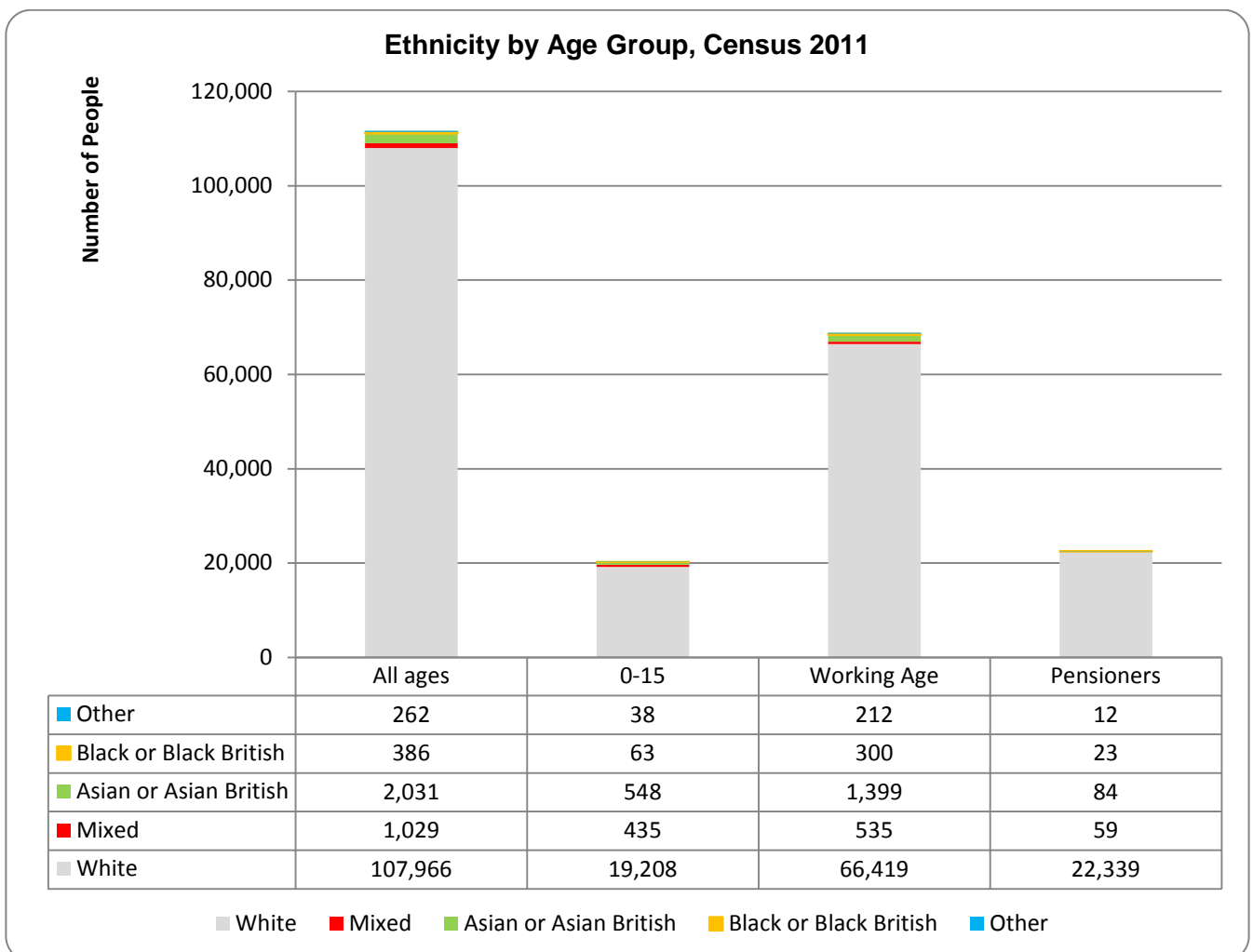**Ethnicity: Population Change, Census 1991, 2001, 2011**

1991-2001-2011 White Population change in the Dover District								
			1991 to 2001 change		2001 to 2011 change		1991 to 2011 change	
1991	2001	2011	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
102,331	103,023	107,966	692	0.7	4,943	4.8	5,635	5.5

1991-2001-2011 BME Population change in the Dover District								
			1991 to 2001 change		2001 to 2011 change		1991 to 2011 change	
1991	2001	2011	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
885	1,543	3,708	658	74.4	2,165	140.3	2,823	319

- In the Dover district, from 2001 to 2011, the population increased by over 7,100 people (+6.8%). People of White ethnic origin contributed the largest number change increasing by nearly 5,000 people (+4.8%).
- The BME population in the Dover district has increased by +140.3% over the past ten years, which is an extra 2,165 people. This increase is higher than the county rate of +123%, regional rate of +106% and national rate of +73.4%.
- The Dover district's White population has increased by +5.5% over the past twenty years (1991-2011). This is equal to an extra 5,635 people, and is lower than the county and regional rates (+10.2% and +11.2% respectively) but higher the national rate of +2.6%.
- Between 1991 and 2011, the BME population in the Dover district increased by an additional 2,823 people or +319%. This compares to +275.4% in Kent, +268.9% across the south east and +165.6% nationally. Within Kent, Shepway saw the largest increase in the twenty year period, with an extra 4,720 people, which equates to +456.5%.
- *The percentage increases in the district appear large because the BME population was very small in 1991.*
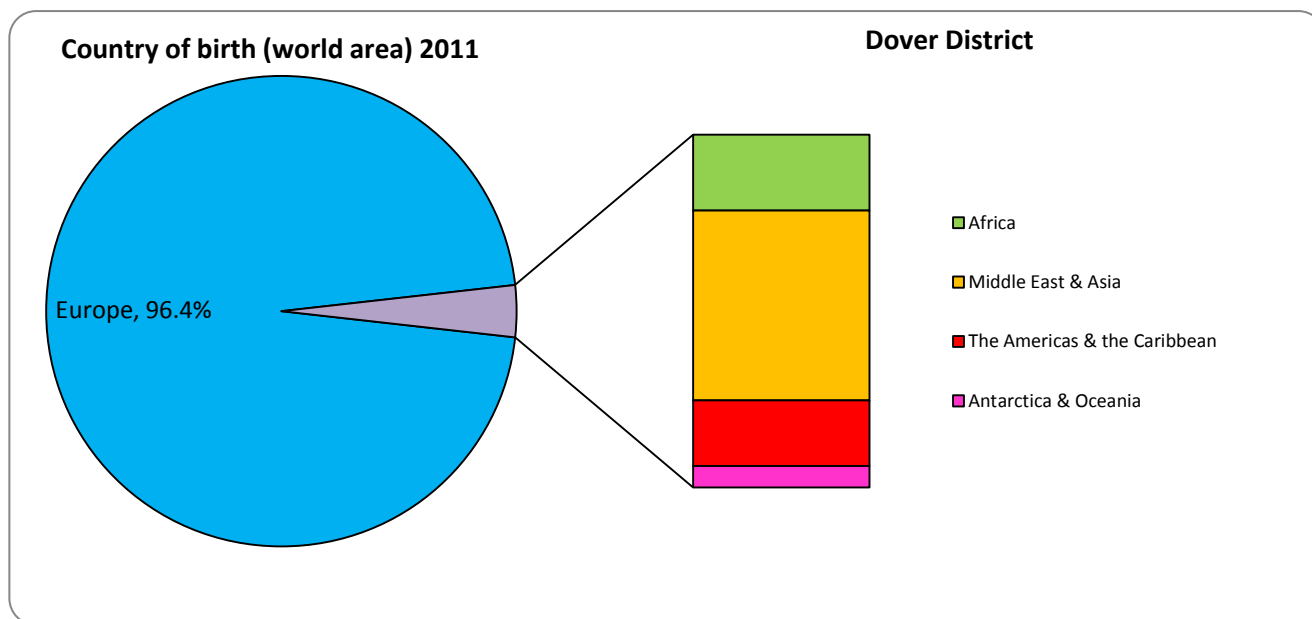
Ethnicity by Age Group

- The graph below shows that the percentage of the BME population is higher in those of working age compared to 0 to 15 years and those who have retired:

Ethnicity by Age Group, Census 2011

	All ages	0-15	Working Age	Pensioners
▬ Other	262	38	212	12
▬ Black or Black British	386	63	300	23
▬ Asian or Asian British	2,031	548	1,399	84
▬ Mixed	1,029	435	535	59
▬ White	107,966	19,208	66,419	22,339

Legend: ▬ White ▬ Mixed ▬ Asian or Asian British ▬ Black or Black British ▬ Other

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Country of Birth

Country of birth (world area) 2011   **Dover District**

Legend:
- Africa
- Middle East & Asia
- The Americas & the Caribbean
- Antarctica & Oceania

Europe, 96.4%

Source: ONS, Census 2011 and KCC District Profile

- In 2011, over 103,500 residents of the Dover district were born within the UK. This equates to 92.7% of the total population and is a higher proportion than that seen nationally (86.2%), regionally (87.9%) and at county level (90.9%).
- Of the 8,167 (7.3%) Dover district residents not born in the UK, 3,871 people (3.4%) were born in Europe and 4,296 people (3.8%) were born in countries outside Europe.

Length of residency in the UK

- At the time of the Census 2011, 92.7% of residents in the Dover district had been born in the UK.
- 7.3% (or 8,167 people) were born outside of the UK. Just over 53% of this total (4,340 people) has been resident in the UK for more than 10 years.
- Those who have been resident in the UK for less than 2 years make up the smallest proportion of the district's migrant population:
  o Less than 2 years: 12.9% (1,052 people)
  o 2 to 5 years: 15.7% (1,279 people)
  o 5 to 10 years (1,496 people)

Year of Arrival in UK

- The largest number of migrants to the Dover district arrived during 2007-09 (1,500 people or 1.3% of the total population); 2004-06 (1,342 people or 1.2%) and 1991-2000 (1,200 people or 1.1%).
- The majority of the Dover district's migrant population were aged 44 years and younger when they arrived in the UK. 3,591 residents were aged 0-17 years when they arrived in the UK, which is equivalent to 44.0% of the total migrant population. This is higher than the proportion for Kent (38.1%), South East (36.2%) and England (33.3%).
- The second largest proportion of migrants arrived here between the ages of 25 to 44 years. 2,352 people were within this age group when they arrived in the UK, which is equivalent to 28.8% of the total migrant population. It is possible that people from these two age groups arrived together as families.

Household language

- The 2011 Census shows us for the first time the proportion of households that have at least one resident who has English as their main language.
- In the Dover district, there are 46,557 households (96.4%) in which all people aged 16 and over had English as their main language. This proportion is higher than the Kent figure of 94.8%, South East figure of 93.2% and national figure of 90.9%.
- Of the 3.6% households in the Dover district in which not all occupants had English as their main language, 1.8% of households had no residents with English as a main language.
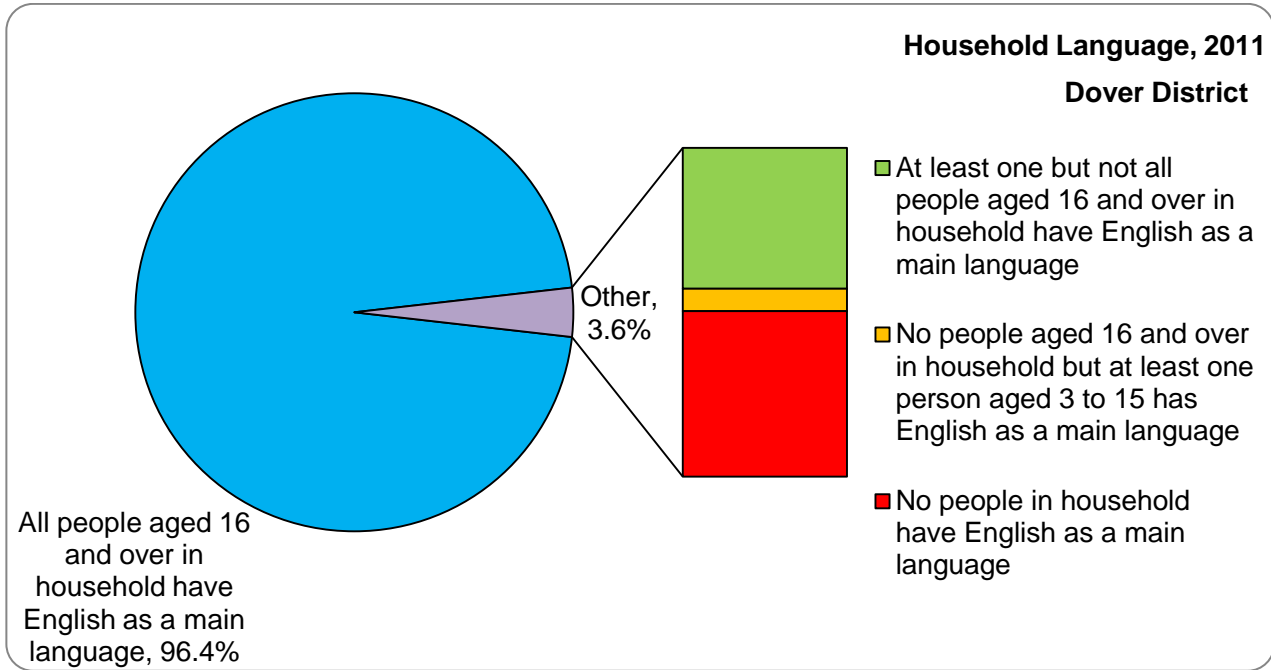
Source: ONS 2011 Census, KCC District Profile

## Proficiency in English
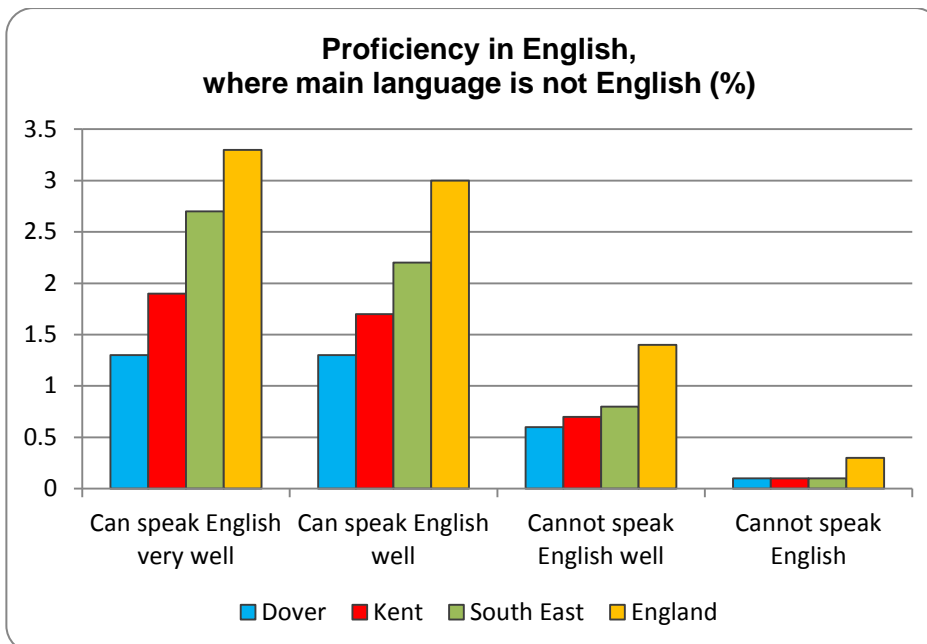
Source: ONS, Census 2011

- Of those residents in the Dover district who do not have English as their main language:
- 1.3% said they can speak English very well and a further 1.3% well.
- 0.6% cannot speak English well and 0.1% cannot speak English.

b) Religion and Belief

- The religion question was the only voluntary question on the 2011 Census and 7.8% of residents (8,688 people) in the Dover district chose not to answer it.
- Christianity remains the largest religion in the Dover district. A total of 71,541 residents said that they were Christians, which is equivalent to 64.1% of the total population. This is a higher proportion than the figures for Kent (62.5%), South East (59.7%) and England (59.4%).
- 29,047 people, or 26% of the district population, stated they do not have a religion. The largest non-Christian religious groups in the district are Hindu 0.6% (682 people); Buddhist 0.5% (523 people); Muslim 0.5% (521 people) and Jewish 0.1% (97 people).

Religion in the Dover district (percentage %)								
Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	All other religions	No religion	Religion not stated
64.1	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	26.0	7.8

### Religion in the Dover District, Census 2011
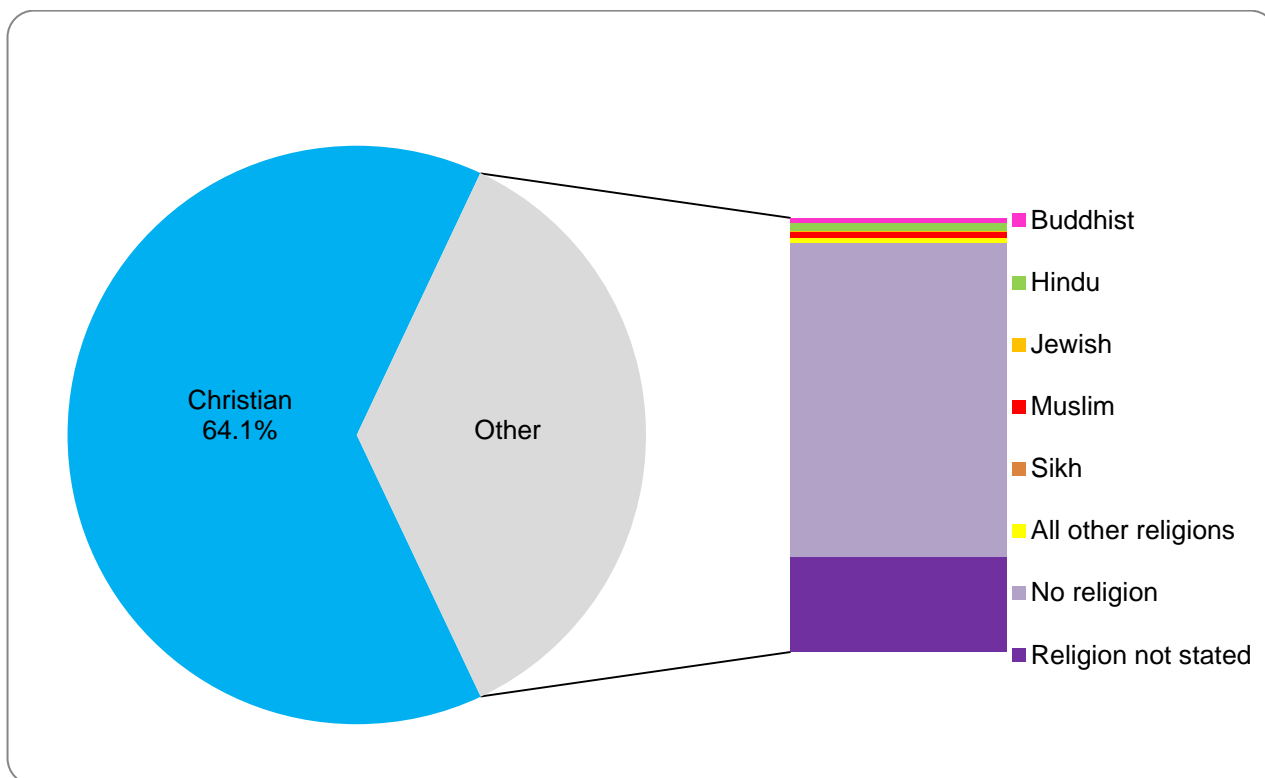
Source: ONS Census 2011

- Between 2001 and 2011 there has been a decline in the number of people in the Dover district who identify themselves as being Christian. The Christian population has fallen by -8,552 people (-10.7%).
- In the Dover district, the Hindu (+328.9%) and Buddhist (+193.8%) religions have seen the greatest increases in percentage terms. The reason for such a large percentage increase is that the initial numbers in the district were very low in 2001.

c)   Marital and Civil Partnership Status

- There is no information on sexual orientation currently available at local level. However, the Census does provide information on Marital and Civil Partnership Status.
- At the time of the 2011 Census, 44,096 people (48.3%) were married in the Dover district. This is below the average for Kent (48.8%) and South East (49.3%) but higher than the average for England (46.6%).
- The proportion of single people in the district (29.5% or 26,924 people) was lower than the averages for Kent (31.3%), South East (31.9%) and England (34.6%).
- The proportion of people in a registered same-sex civil partnership in the district (0.3% or 242 people) is slightly above the averages for Kent, South East and England (all 0.2%).
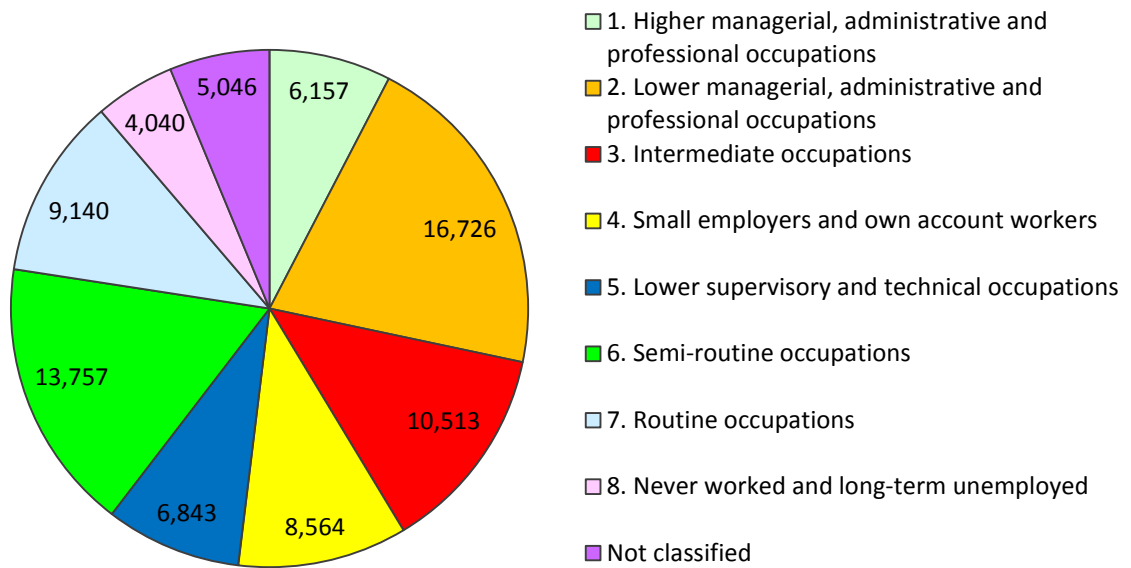
Marital and Civil Partnership Status, Census 2011
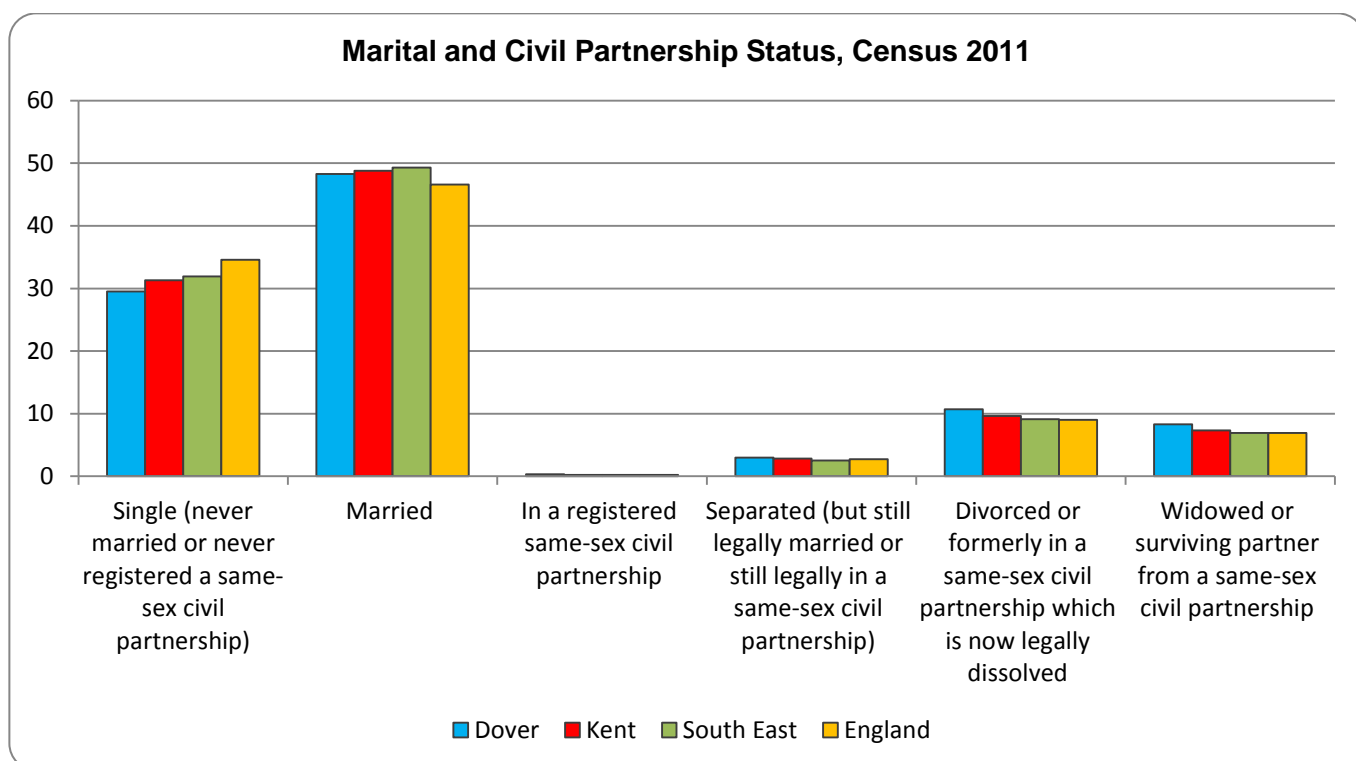
Source: ONS Census 2011

d)   Socio Economic Position

- The National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC) provides an indication of socio-economic position based on occupation and is coded to Standard Occupational Classification.
- To assign a person (aged 16 to 74) to an NS-SeC category, their occupation title is combined with information about their employment status, whether they are employed or self-employed and whether or not they supervise other employees.
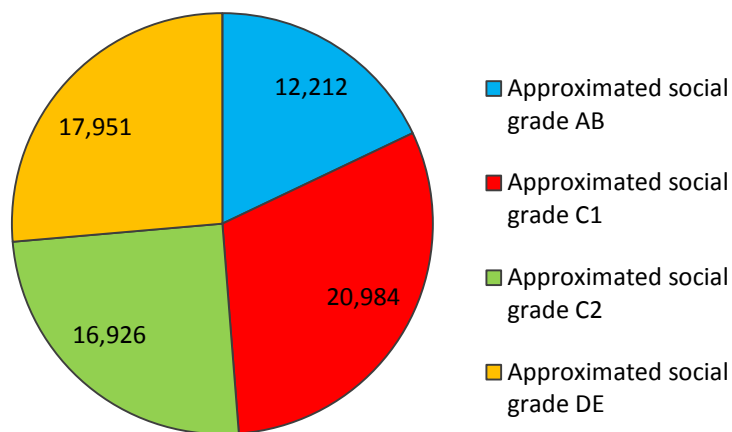
National Statistics Socio-economic Classification of the Dover District

Legend:
- ☐ 1. Higher managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- ☐ 2. Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations
- ■ 3. Intermediate occupations
- ☐ 4. Small employers and own account workers
- ■ 5. Lower supervisory and technical occupations
- ■ 6. Semi-routine occupations
- ☐ 7. Routine occupations
- ☐ 8. Never worked and long-term unemployed
- ■ Not classified

Values shown: 6,157; 16,726; 10,513; 8,564; 6,843; 13,757; 9,140; 4,040; 5,046

Source: ONS Census 2011 QS607EW

- The majority of usual residents aged 16-74 years old in the district at the time of the Census 2011 fell within the "2: Lower managerial, administrative and professional occupations" category (20.7% or 16,726 people).

Approximated Social Grade in the Dover District

Values shown: 12,212; 20,984; 16,926; 17,951

Legend:
- ■ Approximated social grade AB
- ■ Approximated social grade C1
- ■ Approximated social grade C2
- ■ Approximated social grade DE

- AB: Higher and intermediate managerial/administrative /professional occupations
- C1: Supervisory, clerical and junior managerial/administrative /professional occupations
- C2: Skilled manual occupations
- DE: Semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations; unemployed and lowest grade occupations

Source: ONS Census 2011 QS613EW

- Social grade is the socio-economic classification used by the Market Research and Marketing Industries, most often in the analysis of spending habits and consumer attitudes.
- Although it is not possible to allocate Social Grade precisely from information collected by the 2011 Census, the Market Research Society has developed a method for using census information to provide a good approximation of social grade.
- The majority of usual residents aged 16-64 years old in the district at the time of the Census fell within the C1 social grade (30.8% or 20,984 people).