



# Population Projections

Population Statistics User Group

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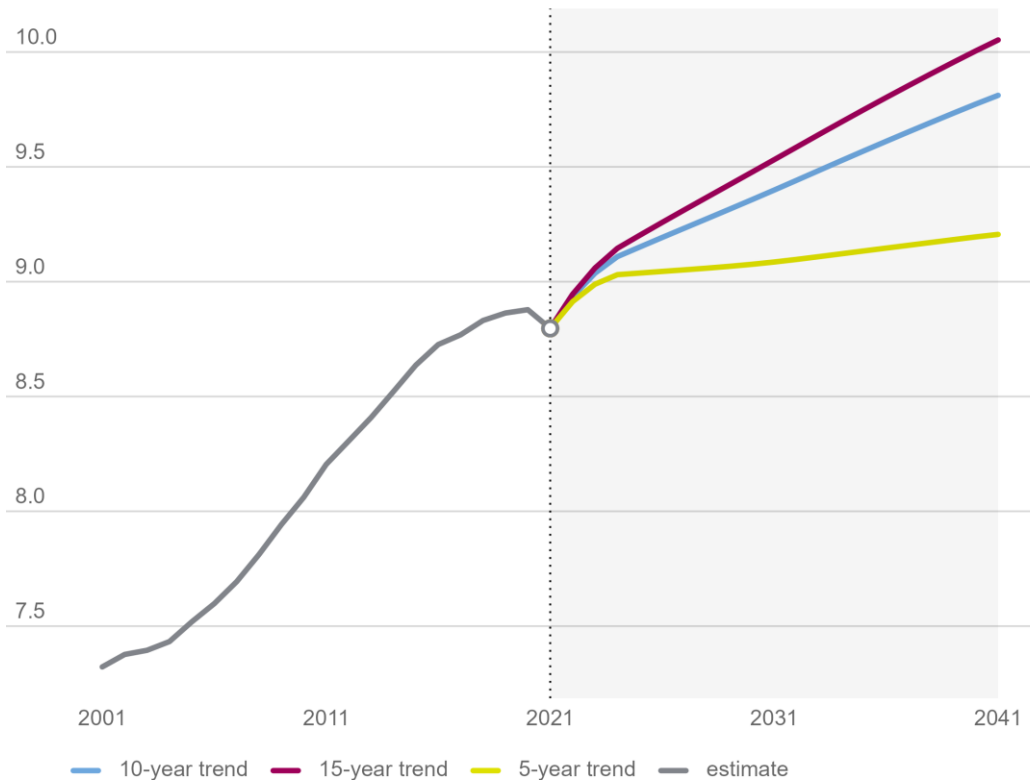


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# GLA 2021-based interim projections

Projected London population  
(millions)

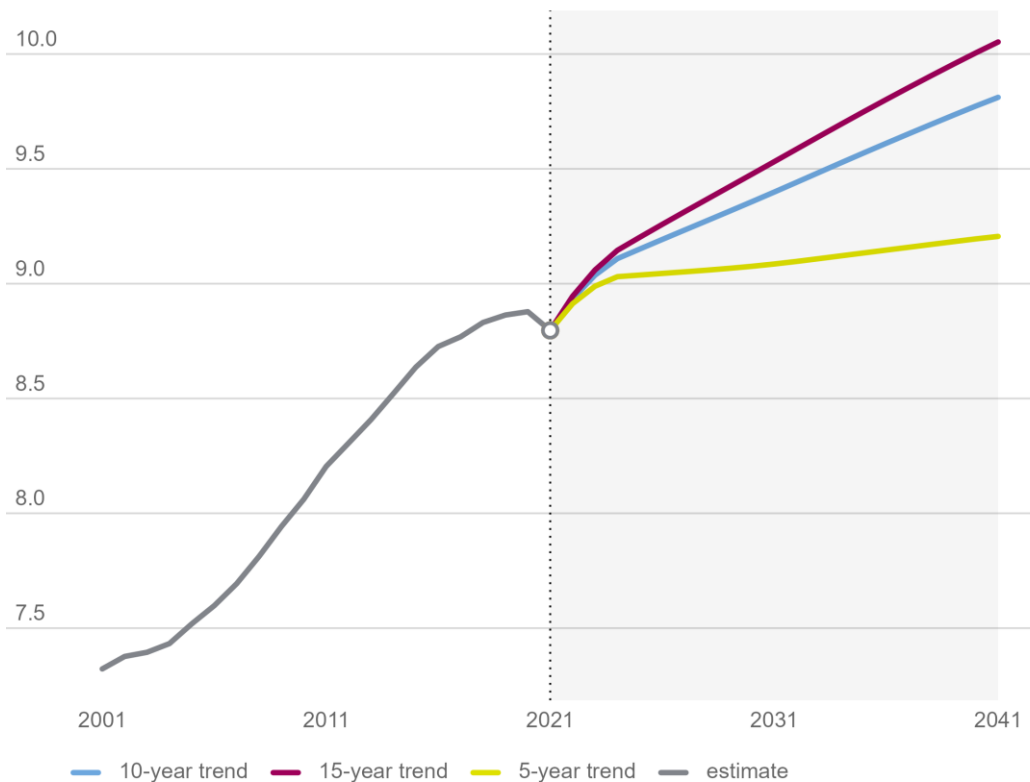


Source: GLA 2021-based interim projections

- GLA published 2021-based interim projections in January
- First to include 2021 Census results
- Trend variants based on 5/10/15 years of past migration patterns
- Housing-led variants based on three scenarios of housing delivery
  - All constrained to match 10-year trend results at subregional level

# GLA 2021-based interim projections

Projected London population  
(millions)



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Projected London population lower than previous rounds:

- **9.2 to 10.1 million** by 2041

Compared to:

- 10.5 to 10.9 million for 2016-based

# Projections are lower because

- Growth slowed after 2016
  - Brexit, falling births, recovery in domestic outflows since Financial Crisis
- Downward revision of official estimates following the census
  - Official estimates had become inflated over decade
  - Rebasing to the census resulted in 2021 estimate 133 thousand lower than otherwise
- Impacts of pandemic
  - Tens of thousands of extra deaths
  - Impacts on migration – estimated net outflow of ~130 thousand in year to mid-2021

**Projections start at a lower point and off the back of lower trends**

# Projections are badged interim because

- Not all required inputs available
  - e.g. updated small area population estimates, full 2021 components
  - had to be modelled on a best-fit basis
  - will be superseded as actual data released
- Uncertainty about anticipated 2022 'bounce-back'
  - highest net international inflow to UK (504 thousand)
  - data on distribution/characteristics of migrants not yet available



# BPO service

Initial tranche of projections run in January

- Two variants provided
  - consistent with the 5- and 10-year trend variants
- Produced only for 2022 wards



# BPO service

Expect to run remaining projections w/c 17 April

- Likely to include third variant based on 15-year trend
  - 5-year variant mostly useful as worst-case scenario
  - Will also be added to the projections run in January



# ONS projections

- 2020-based interim national projections incorporating 2022 international migration data – *January 2023*
- 2021-based national projections – *December 2023*
- 2021-based subnational projections – *Spring 2024 (?)*



# Links

- GLA 2021 projections
  - [Outputs](#)
  - [Blog post](#)
- [ONS 2020-based national projections](#)

# Recruitment

We are looking to hire a replacement for Wil

<https://www.london.gov.uk/data-scientist-0>



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