

ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates for London

Key features:

- The population of Greater London was estimated to be 7.52 million, an increase of 89.1 thousand from the previous year.
- Of all the regions in the England and Wales, London had the highest growth rate of 1.2% in the year preceding the mid-2005 estimates. This is nearly double the national average of 0.64%.
- This population growth has been driven mainly by natural change (the excess of births over deaths) and total net migration that contributed 60.4 thousand and 28.7 thousand respectively to the 89.1 thousand increase.
- The largest percentage increases in population within London were in the City of London, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. Three boroughs, Ealing, Newham and Barking & Dagenham saw declines in their population.
- Although the total population figure of 7.52 million for London is reasonable, the GLA along with other London data users have concerns regarding how this is distributed down to the borough level. ONS are aware of user concerns and are currently undergoing research into new migration methodologies.

On 24th August 2006, ONS published annual population estimates for mid-2005. These data are available for England and Wales and for constituent administrative areas (Government Office Regions, counties, local authority districts and strategic health authorities), by single years of age and sex. Components of population change are also available.

This *Update* analyses these resident population estimates for London and the London boroughs separately as well as within the national context.

The mid-2005 population of England and Wales was estimated to be 53.39 million, up 344.7 thousand since mid-2004 (growth of 0.64%). The main driver of this increase was net international migration, which rose from 167 thousand in the year mid 2003-04 to 235 thousand in 2004-2005. This current figure of 235 thousand is the highest level since estimates of Total International Migration were first produced in 1991. This increase is mainly associated with a rise in net migration among citizens from the Accession 8 (A8) countries. At the time of writing data specific to London on A8 migration was not available.

The mid-2005 population of Greater London was 7.52 million, an increase of 89 thousand (growth of 1.2 per cent) on the previous year. The increase in population in London accounted for over a quarter of the growth in England and Wales. The region with the largest population increase was Greater London. The increase in London's population in mid-2005 presents a marked contrast to the previous year, when London's growth was only slightly greater than the national average; now London's growth is nearly twice that of England and Wales.

In the mid 2005 estimates women made up 50.51 per cent of the population compared with 50.88 per cent in 2001. The 2004-5 increase in men was greater than the increase in women; 46,000 for men and 42,000 for women.

Between mid-2004 and mid-2005 there were 114.6 thousands births and 54.2 thousand deaths in Greater London resulting in a natural increase of 60.4 thousand. London had nearly 50 per cent share of the natural change of England and Wales.

Total net migration for Greater London between mid 2004-5 stood at 28.7 thousand. This figures is an aggregation of international in and outflows, internal in and outflows as well as other changes such as migration to and from the Republic of Ireland, asylum seekers and visitor switchers.

Total net international migration for London between mid-2004 and mid-2005 was 116 thousand, an increase of 15 thousand from the previous year. In the same period 89 thousand more people moved out to other parts of the UK than moved into London from elsewhere in the UK. However the equivalent figure for the previous year was 116 thousand. Total international inflows into London in the year preceding mid-2005 stood at 215 thousand. Total internal migration inflows into London in the same period stood at 158 thousand. However outflow from London to the rest of the UK stood at 247 thousand with total international outflows standing at 99 thousand.

The largest percentage increases in population in the year up to mid-2005 within London were in the City of London (7.0 per cent), Kensington and Chelsea (6.57 per cent), Westminster (6.26 per cent) and Camden (4.15 per cent). Three London boroughs decreased in population, Barking and Dagenham (0.06 per cent), Ealing (0.46 per cent) and Newham (0.61 per cent).

London's age structure continues to be younger than the average for England and Wales. At mid-2005 41.3 per cent of London's population was younger than 30 years of age. The equivalent figure for England and Wales is 37.2 per cent. 67 per cent of London's population is of working age compared with 62 per cent for England and Wales.

There are a number of concerns regarding the current ONS migration methodology that results in large population growth being distributed to central London boroughs such as Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. The GLA along with other London data users considers population growth of this order to be unrealistic given current levels of household occupancy as well as estimated negative population change in other boroughs ie Ealing, Newham and Barking & Dagenham. Data from sources such as National Insurance Number registrations of Overseas National (NINo) and NHS Flag 4 (GP registrations of overseas individuals previously unregistered) strongly suggest that these 3 boroughs have gained population in light of recent changes in patterns of travel and migration. However this is not being adequately reflected in these mid-2005 population estimates.

ONS has initiated the IMPS project (Improving Migration and Population Statistics) which will explore improving migration methodology. Resulting changes to migration methodology will not be implemented until mid-2006 estimates due for release in Autumn 2007.

Table 1: ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates, London Boroughs (thousands)

	All Ages	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90+
ENGLAND AND WALES	53,390.2	3,052.2	3,156.8	3,380.2	3,505.2	3,453.8	3,326.9	3,712.1	4,124.9	4,069.7	3,557.7	3,239.3	3,475.2	2,757.1	2,396.4	2,066.8	1,731.4	1,324.7	681.4	378.6
GREATER LONDON	7,517.7	497.3	440.1	424.5	457.7	556.3	726.4	740.8	689.4	591.3	471.2	386.6	371.0	278.3	247.9	212.0	177.3	136.6	71.6	41.4
Inner London	2,985.7	202.8	162.8	146.2	170.9	254.4	366.7	356.7	295.4	230.4	170.8	132.2	121.3	91.8	82.7	67.8	55.9	42.4	21.9	12.4
Camden	226.1	13.4	10.9	9.7	12.5	23.2	29.9	28.2	21.8	16.3	12.5	9.8	9.9	7.3	5.9	4.9	4.3	3.2	1.6	0.9
City of London	9.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	-
Hackney	207.7	17.8	13.9	12.3	13.4	15.9	21.2	22.4	20.2	16.8	12.2	9.4	7.9	6.0	5.5	4.4	3.7	2.7	1.3	0.9
Hammersmith and Fulham	179.9	10.7	8.9	7.5	8.6	15.1	25.2	23.9	18.3	13.1	10.0	7.9	7.5	5.6	5.2	4.1	3.5	2.7	1.4	0.8
Haringey	224.5	16.6	12.8	12.1	14.0	16.6	24.0	24.6	22.6	19.1	14.0	10.4	9.4	7.2	6.7	5.6	3.8	2.8	1.4	0.9
Islington	182.6	11.0	9.3	8.6	10.3	16.3	23.3	21.9	18.6	14.7	10.4	8.0	7.3	5.8	5.0	4.3	3.6	2.5	1.2	0.6
Kensington and Chelsea	196.2	10.4	9.6	7.2	9.7	19.1	23.9	22.3	19.2	15.1	11.2	9.4	10.1	7.9	6.2	4.7	4.1	3.1	2.0	1.2
Lambeth	269.1	18.9	14.5	13.2	14.2	19.0	36.0	35.3	28.8	21.4	15.4	11.8	9.7	7.5	7.0	5.7	4.7	3.4	1.8	1.0
Lewisham	247.5	17.4	15.1	14.5	15.2	16.8	22.4	25.3	26.0	22.1	16.2	12.1	10.7	8.0	7.3	6.1	5.1	3.9	2.1	1.2
Newham	246.2	21.7	17.3	16.8	19.4	22.6	22.9	22.7	22.0	17.9	15.0	11.1	9.1	6.7	6.6	5.1	3.8	2.9	1.7	0.8
Southwark	257.7	18.0	14.6	13.6	14.8	19.9	29.0	28.2	26.0	22.3	16.1	11.9	10.2	7.6	7.3	6.1	5.0	4.0	1.9	1.1
Tower Hamlets	213.2	16.7	13.4	12.0	14.1	20.5	29.2	27.6	19.0	13.6	10.2	7.9	6.4	5.1	5.2	4.4	3.7	2.6	1.1	0.5
Wandsworth	281.4	18.0	12.8	10.5	11.6	20.3	45.1	42.4	28.6	20.3	14.0	11.4	10.9	8.1	7.5	6.2	5.4	4.6	2.4	1.4
Westminster	244.4	12.1	9.5	8.0	12.9	28.2	33.5	30.8	23.3	17.1	13.0	10.5	11.6	8.5	7.1	6.0	5.1	3.9	2.0	1.1
Outer London	4,532.1	294.5	277.3	278.3	286.7	301.9	359.7	384.1	394.0	360.9	300.4	254.4	249.7	186.6	165.2	144.2	121.4	94.2	49.7	29.0
Barking and Dagenham	164.5	12.7	12.3	11.8	10.7	11.5	11.6	12.9	14.0	12.6	10.1	8.3	8.4	5.9	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.0	1.7	1.0
Barnet	329.7	21.2	20.3	20.0	19.6	21.4	29.0	28.6	28.0	25.2	21.3	18.3	18.1	13.4	11.7	10.5	9.1	7.1	4.0	2.9
Bexley	220.3	13.1	13.7	15.2	14.8	12.8	12.8	14.6	17.6	17.6	15.4	13.0	13.8	10.6	9.7	8.7	7.3	5.6	2.7	1.4
Brent	270.1	18.2	14.6	14.8	17.5	21.7	26.9	25.6	24.5	20.8	17.6	13.9	12.3	10.3	9.8	8.4	6.0	3.9	2.1	1.3
Bromley	301.9	17.9	18.6	18.8	17.9	15.1	18.2	21.6	25.0	25.2	20.5	18.0	19.8	14.8	13.0	12.0	10.5	8.2	4.4	2.5
Croydon	342.7	21.7	22.2	22.4	22.6	22.4	25.6	27.3	29.7	28.9	23.9	19.6	18.9	14.5	12.2	10.3	8.4	6.4	3.6	2.0
Ealing	301.8	20.3	17.0	17.0	18.6	21.1	29.3	30.0	28.2	23.9	19.4	16.8	14.7	11.1	10.3	8.2	6.5	5.4	2.6	1.5
Enfield	280.5	19.5	17.6	17.9	18.0	18.5	20.0	21.6	24.3	23.5	19.3	15.6	15.2	11.7	10.8	9.0	7.4	5.6	3.1	1.9
Greenwich	228.1	16.3	14.3	13.3	14.7	17.5	20.4	21.7	20.8	17.4	14.5	11.3	11.1	8.2	7.2	6.1	5.4	4.3	2.5	1.3
Harrow	214.0	13.2	12.3	13.3	15.2	13.4	16.6	17.0	17.3	16.5	14.5	12.9	12.2	9.3	8.4	7.3	5.9	4.6	2.4	1.6
Havering	226.2	12.2	13.3	15.2	14.6	13.0	12.6	13.9	16.5	17.5	16.1	14.1	15.6	11.6	10.5	9.8	8.8	6.5	2.9	1.4
Hillingdon	252.4	16.1	15.9	15.9	17.1	19.5	18.4	19.5	21.5	19.9	16.5	14.1	13.9	10.3	9.4	8.3	6.8	5.2	2.7	1.5
Hounslow	212.5	15.0	12.3	12.4	13.7	15.6	19.2	19.7	19.7	16.6	13.7	11.9	10.9	7.9	7.2	6.0	4.6	3.5	1.7	0.9
Kingston upon Thames	153.0	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.5	12.8	13.3	13.8	13.1	12.1	9.7	8.8	8.7	6.0	4.8	4.3	3.8	3.2	1.8	1.1
Merton	194.7	12.3	11.2	10.3	10.8	12.3	19.4	20.9	18.4	15.7	12.0	10.6	10.0	7.0	6.2	5.6	4.7	3.8	2.1	1.2
Redbridge	251.5	16.6	16.5	16.8	16.5	17.1	19.6	20.2	20.4	18.8	17.1	14.6	14.0	8.8	7.9	6.6	5.1	2.9	1.6	
Richmond upon Thames	186.3	12.1	11.2	9.5	9.5	11.2	15.2	17.9	18.2	16.1	12.5	11.1	11.2	7.8	5.9	5.1	4.5	4.0	2.2	1.3
Sutton	177.7	10.5	11.5	11.9	11.3	9.3	11.4	14.5	15.4	14.9	12.4	10.2	10.7	7.8	6.8	6.0	5.3	4.2	2.2	1.3
Waltham Forest	224.1	16.5	13.8	13.6	14.3	15.7	20.1	22.9	21.5	17.7	13.9	11.3	10.2	8.1	7.2	5.9	4.7	3.6	2.0	1.2

Source: ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates, figures may not add due to rounding

Table 2: ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates, Components of Change London and London Boroughs (thousands)

	Mid-2004 population	Births	Deaths	Natural Change	Net Migration and other Changes	Total Change	Mid-2005 population	% Growth
GREATER LONDON	7,428.6	114.6	54.2	60.4	28.7	89.1	7,517.7	1.20
Inner London	2,931.1	48.7	18.1	30.5	24.1	54.6	2,985.7	1.86
Camden	217.1	3.0	1.4	1.6	7.4	9.0	226.1	4.15
City of London	8.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	9.2	6.98
Hackney	207.0	4.4	1.2	3.2	-2.5	0.7	207.7	0.34
Hammersmith and Fulham	176.8	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.4	3.1	179.9	1.75
Haringey	224.3	4.0	1.3	2.7	-2.5	0.2	224.5	0.09
Islington	179.9	2.7	1.2	1.5	1.3	2.8	182.6	1.50
Kensington and Chelsea	184.1	2.2	0.9	1.2	10.9	12.2	196.2	6.57
Lambeth	268.1	4.6	1.7	3.0	-2.0	1.0	269.1	0.37
Lewisham	247.0	4.1	1.9	2.2	-1.8	0.4	247.5	0.20
Newham	247.7	5.2	1.6	3.7	-5.2	-1.5	246.2	-0.61
Southwark	254.7	4.6	1.6	3.0	0.1	3.0	257.7	1.18
Tower Hamlets	209.3	3.9	1.2	2.8	1.1	3.9	213.2	1.86
Wandsworth	276.5	4.4	1.9	2.5	2.4	4.9	281.4	1.77
Westminster	230.0	2.8	1.3	1.5	12.9	14.3	244.4	6.26
Outer London	4,497.5	66.0	36.1	29.9	4.7	34.5	4,532.1	0.77
Barking and Dagenham	164.6	2.9	1.6	1.3	-1.4	-0.1	164.5	-0.06
Barnet	326.7	4.6	2.6	2.0	0.9	2.9	329.7	0.92
Bexley	219.5	2.8	1.9	0.8	0.0	0.8	220.3	0.36
Brent	267.7	4.4	1.6	2.8	-0.5	2.3	270.1	0.90
Bromley	299.1	3.6	2.7	0.9	1.9	2.8	301.9	0.94
Croydon	340.2	4.8	2.6	2.3	0.3	2.5	342.7	0.73
Ealing	303.2	4.8	2.1	2.7	-4.1	-1.4	301.8	-0.46
Enfield	280.0	4.4	2.2	2.1	-1.6	0.6	280.5	0.18
Greenwich	225.7	3.9	2.0	2.0	0.5	2.5	228.1	1.06
Harrow	211.2	2.9	1.7	1.2	1.6	2.7	214.0	1.33
Havering	225.0	2.5	2.4	0.1	1.1	1.2	226.2	0.53
Hillingdon	248.7	3.4	2.0	1.4	2.3	3.7	252.4	1.49
Hounslow	212.3	3.7	1.6	2.1	-1.9	0.2	212.5	0.09
Kingston upon Thames	151.8	2.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.2	153.0	0.79
Merton	192.3	2.9	1.3	1.6	0.9	2.5	194.7	1.25
Redbridge	247.3	3.5	2.0	1.4	2.7	4.2	251.5	1.70
Richmond upon Thames	182.7	2.6	1.3	1.3	2.3	3.5	186.3	1.97
Sutton	177.6	2.3	1.5	0.8	-0.7	0.1	177.7	0.06
Waltham Forest	221.8	3.9	1.8	2.2	0.1	2.2	224.1	1.04

Source: ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates, figures may not add due to rounding

Chart 1: Annual Percentage Change, Greater London, 1961 to 2005

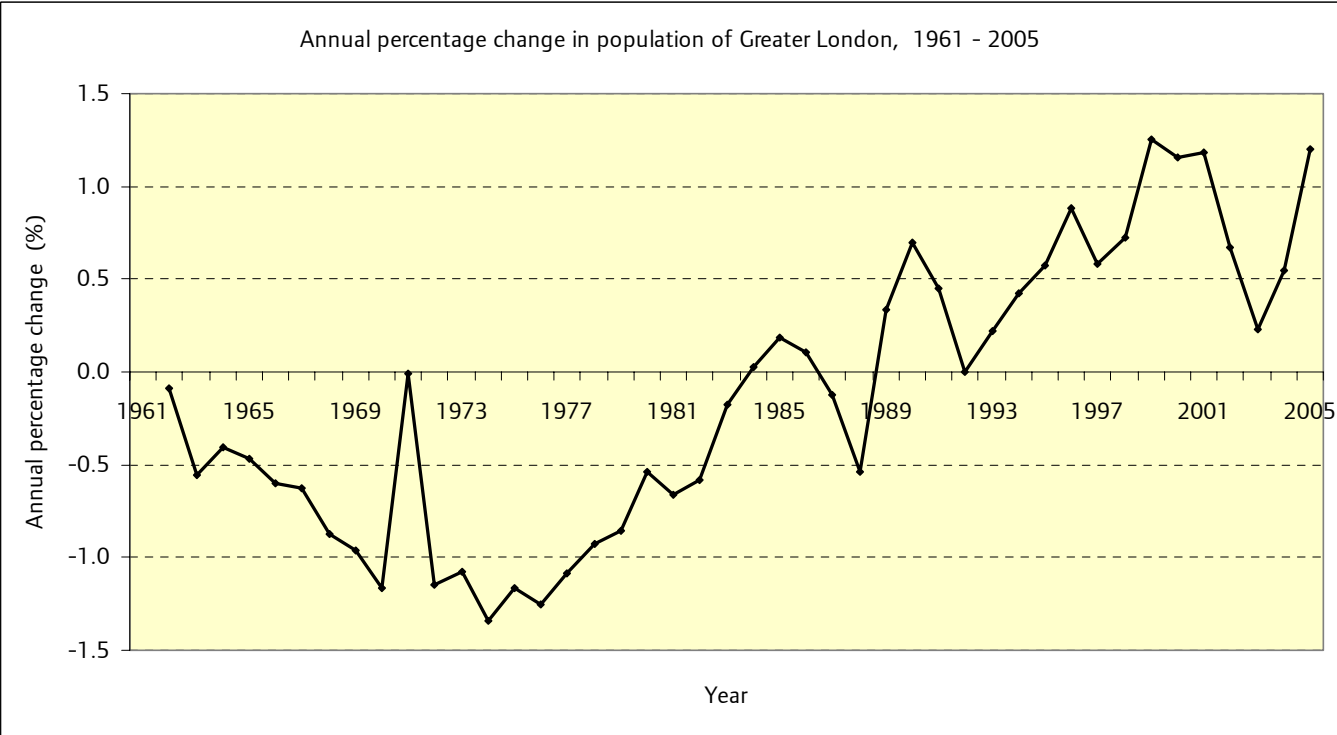


Chart 2: Net Migration and other changes, Greater London, 1991 to 2005

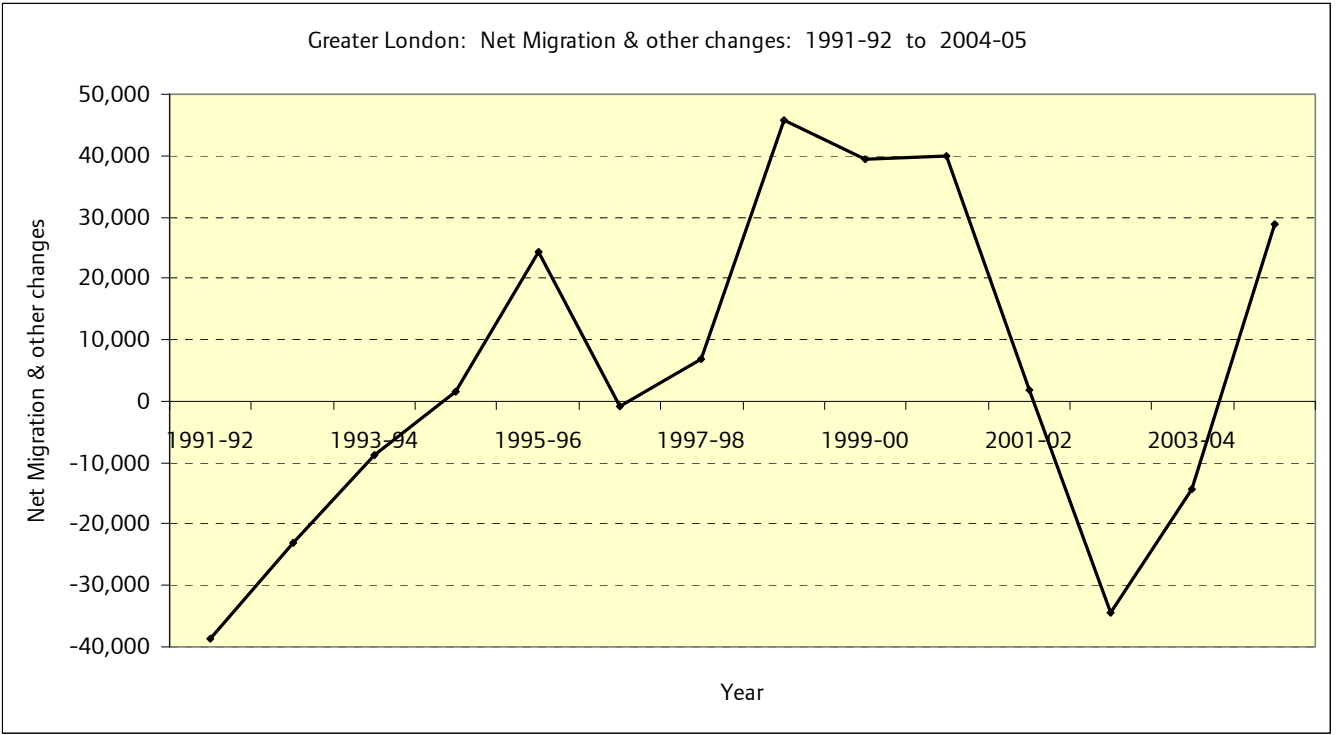


Table 3: ONS Mid-2005 Population Estimates, Detailed Components of Change, Greater London (rounded to nearest ten)

GREATER LONDON

Mid-2004 Population		7,428,590
Births 2004-2005		114,650
Deaths 2004-2005		54,220
Natural Change		<u><u>60,420</u></u>
Internal Migration 2004-2005	In	157,630
	Out	<u>246,880</u>
	Net	<u>-89,250</u>
International Migration (International Passenger Survey)	In	180,070
	Out	84,480
	Net	95,590
Republic of Ireland (Eire) Migration	In	1,020
	Out	3,670
	Net	-2,650
Asylum Seekers	In	12,480
	Out	5,900
	Net	6,580
Visitor Switchers	In	21,290
	Out	4,820
	Net	16,470
Total International Migration 2004-2005	In	214,860
	Out	<u>98,870</u>
	Net	<u>115,990</u>
Change in Armed Forces and Foreign Armed Forces (including foreign armed forces dependants)		80
Change in boarding school pupils		110
Change in prisoners		-90
Boundary change adjustment		0
Reconciliation adjustment		1,870
Other Changes		<u><u>1,970</u></u>
Migration and other changes		<u><u>28,710</u></u>
Mid-2005 Population		7,517,730

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