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Release of 2019 to 2029 housing-led population forecasts for Oxfordshire, districts and MSOAs
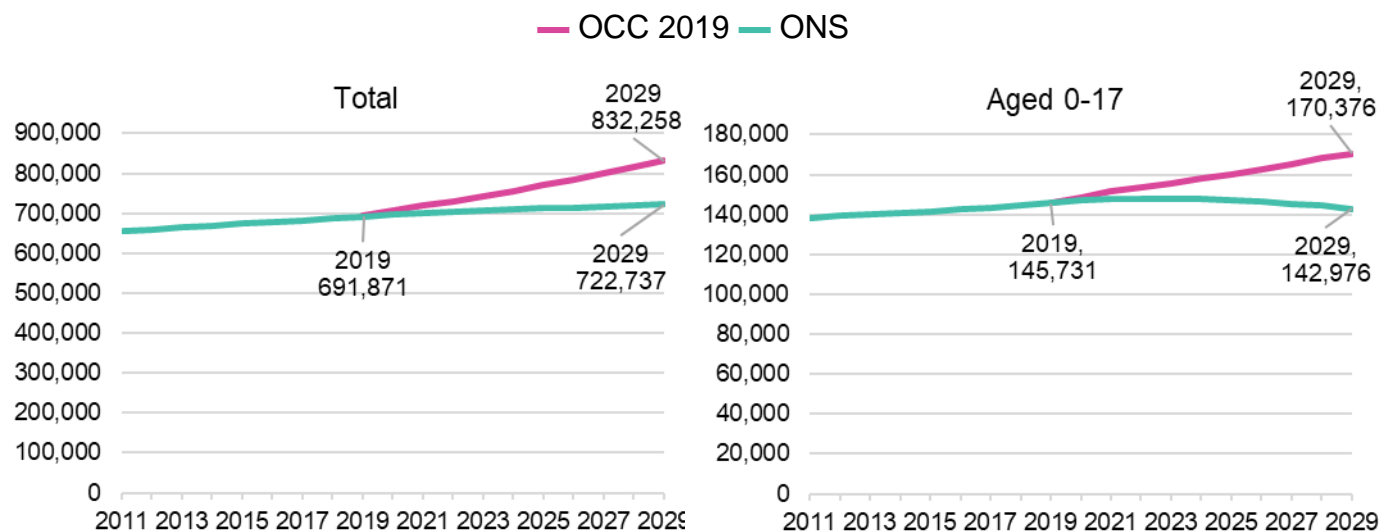
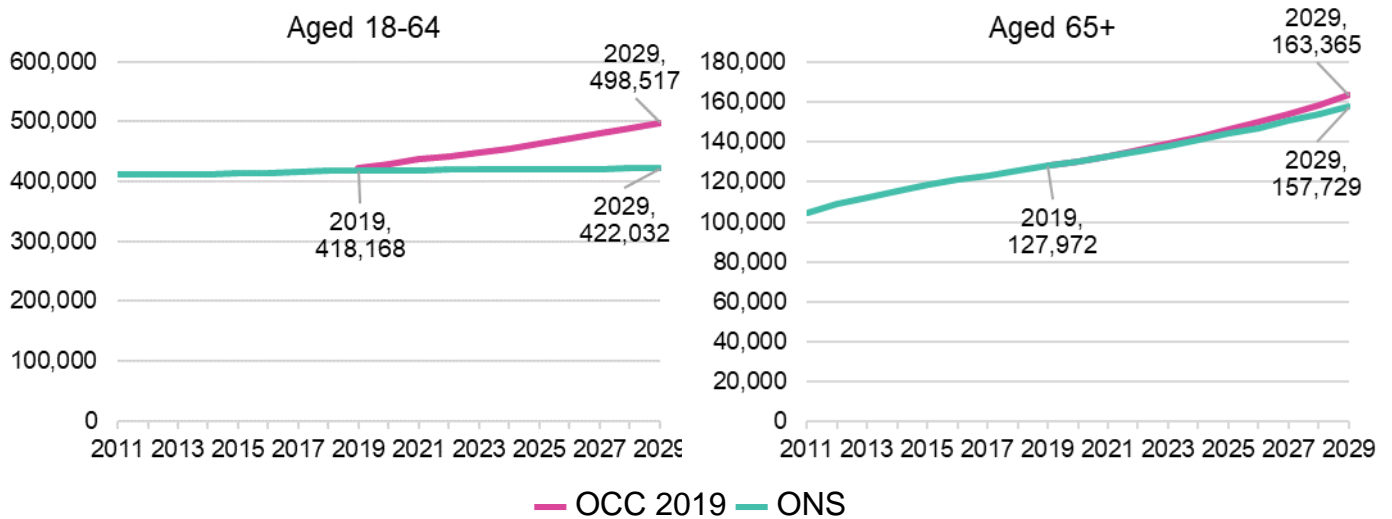This bitesize gives an overview of the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) population forecasts released June 2021.

Please note that this set of June 2021 forecasts have been created at a time of greater than usual uncertainty around the economy and housing. They contain a modelled county-wide adjustment relative to planned district housing trajectories as of March 2021, to account for the potential impact of COVID-19 on housebuilding and they exclude sites in draft plans at that date.

It is important to note that the rate of housebuilding is an input to the model and the outputs reflect the expected population if that level of housebuilding takes place. The forecasts, therefore, are not indicative of housing need, and should not be used or interpreted as such.

The June 2021 update of the Oxfordshire County Council housing-led forecasts predict a total population in Oxfordshire of 832,300 by 2029, a growth of 140,400 (+20%). Over the same period the ONS projections show an increase of +4%.

Differences are particularly apparent for the younger and working age groups. For older people aged 65 and over, the predicted growth is similar.

Aged 18-64

2029, 498,517
2019, 418,168
2029, 422,032

Aged 65+

2029, 163,365
2029, 157,729
2019, 127,972

— OCC 2019 — ONS

Cherwell

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Cherwell increasing from 150,500 in 2019 to 190,200 by 2029 (+39,700 +26%).

There are expected to be significant increases in the populations of the Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington areas with major developments south of Salt Way in Banbury; Graven Hill, South East and South West Bicester; East of A44 near Kidlington
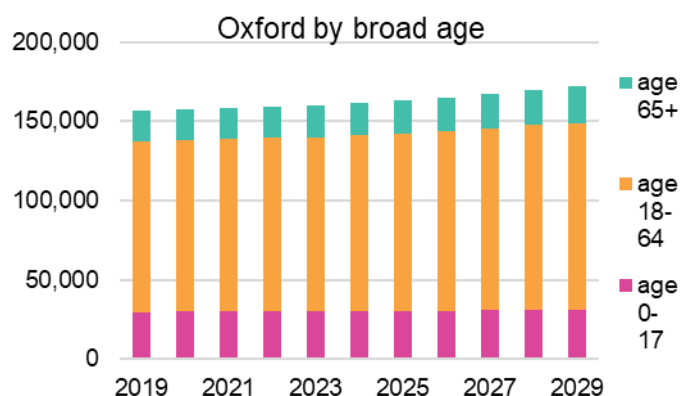
- The population of Banbury and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 63,400 to 77,000 (+21%).
- The population of Bicester and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 52,600 to 67,800 (+29%).
- The population of Kidlington and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 19,000 to 26,700 (+40%).

Cherwell by broad age

Cherwell - settlements
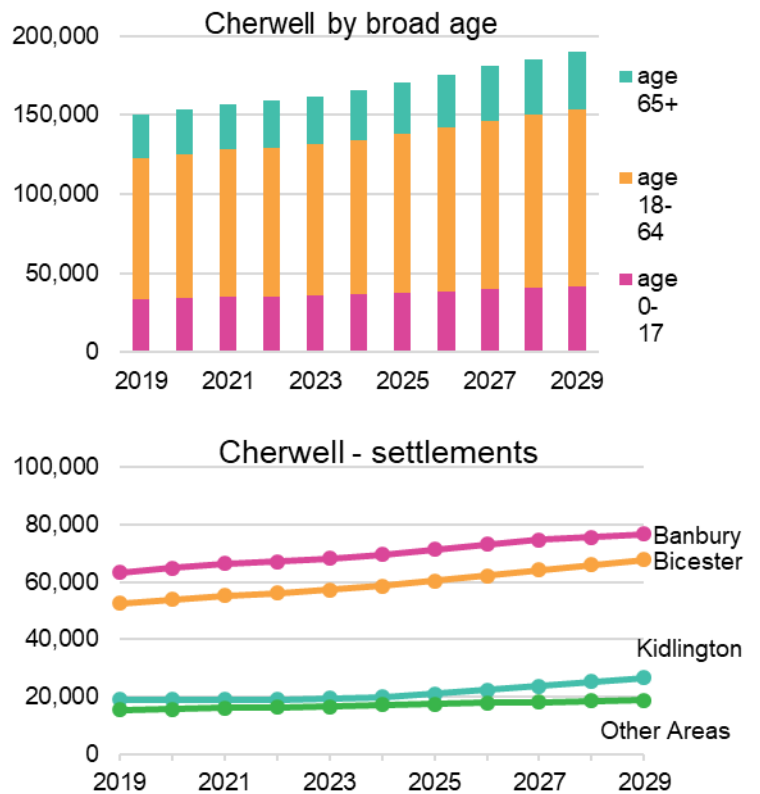
Oxford

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Oxford increasing from 156,400 in 2019 to 171,800 by 2029 (+15,400, +10%).

Major housing development sites are at Barton Park and the Northern Gateway (near Wolvercote).
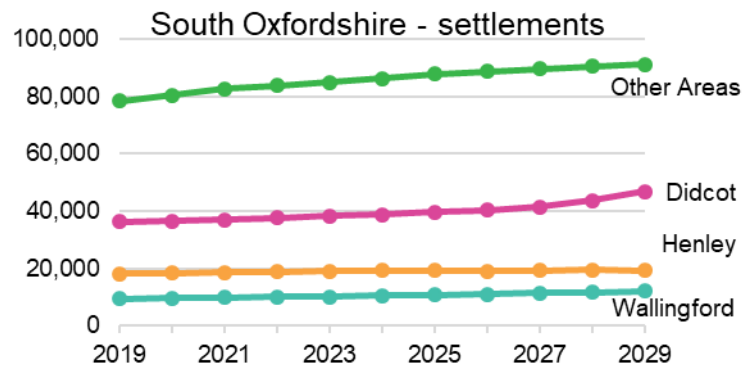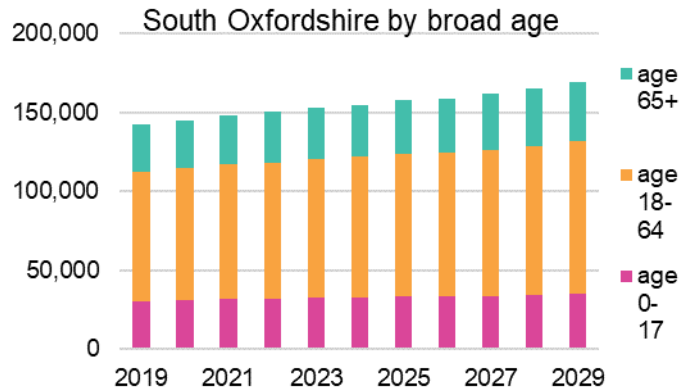

Oxford by broad age

South Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of South Oxfordshire increasing from 142,000 in 2019 to 169,200 by 2029 (+27,100, +19%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in Didcot due to Great Western Park. Near Culham, Chalgrove and bordering Oxford Science Park.

- The population of Didcot and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 36,200 to 46,900 (+30%).

Note that Didcot-related developments to the west of the town, based in Vale of White Horse district, are included in the forecasts for Vale of White Horse.


Vale of White Horse

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Vale of White Horse increasing from 136,000 in 2019 to 168,500 by 2029 (+32,500, +24%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in the population due to Valley park between Harwell and Didcot; Grove Airfield; Dalton Barracks and land north of Abingdon

- The population of Wantage and Grove is expected to grow from 17,800 to 26,400 (+49%).
- The area west of Didcot is expected to grow from 12,800 to 24,200 (+89%).
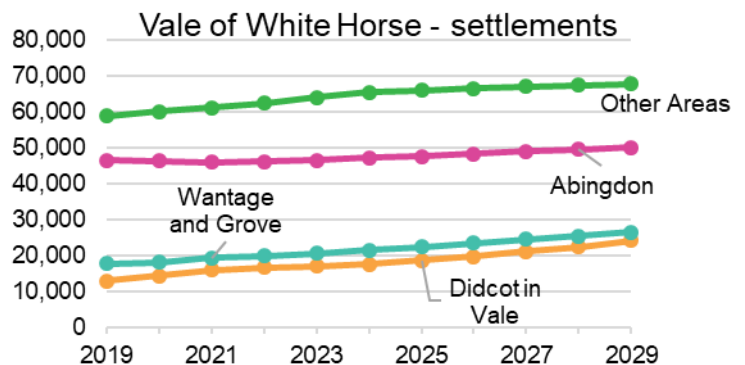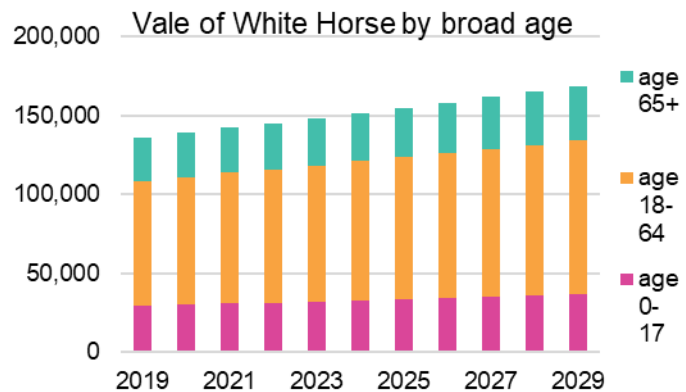
West Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of West Oxfordshire increasing from 110,600 in 2019 to 132,500 by 2029 (+21,800, +20%).

Growth is expected across all areas of West Oxfordshire with larger developments at North and West Witney, Eynsham, Chipping Norton and east of Carterton

- The population of Witney and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 35,300 to 42,300 (+20%).
- Carterton's population is expected to grow from 23,000 to 25,500 (+11%).
- Chipping Norton is expected to grow from 6,900 to 10,200 (+48%).

West Oxfordshire by broad age

West Oxfordshire- settlements
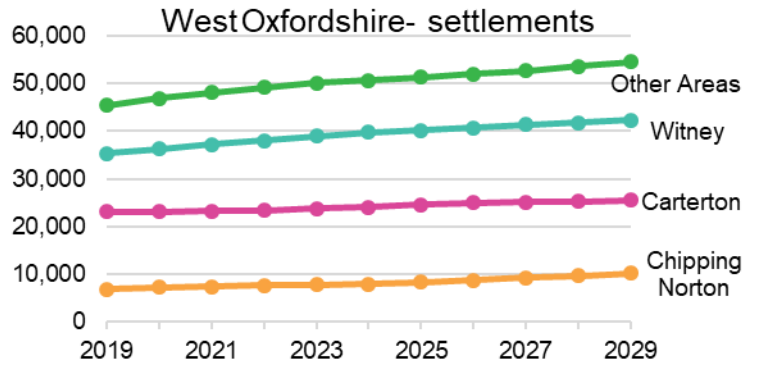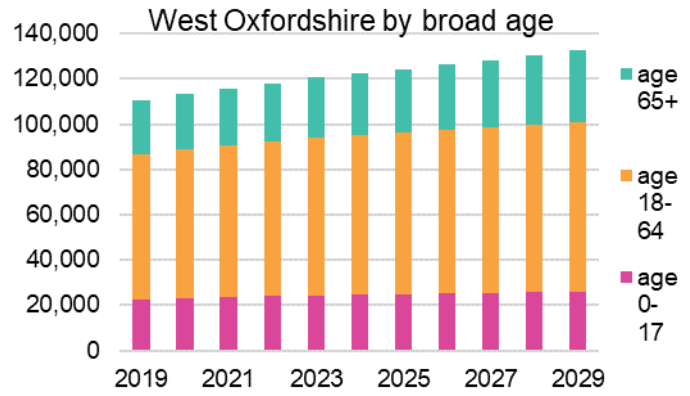
DATA TABLE: Count of residents 2019 and 2029, by settlement and broad age

	#	aged 0-17		aged 18-64		aged 65+		Total		
		2019	2029	2019	2029	2019	2029	2019	2029	2019 to 2029
Cherwell	19	33,479	41,613	89,531	111,898	27,493	36,683	150,503	190,195	39,692	26%
Banbury	8	14,559	17,314	37,391	45,008	11,446	14,419	63,396	76,742	13,346	21%
Bicester	6	11,919	15,297	32,571	40,920	8,136	11,620	52,626	67,837	15,211	29%
Kidlington	3	3,657	5,064	11,079	16,052	4,300	5,615	19,036	26,731	7,695	40%
Rest of Cherwell	2	3,344	3,938	8,490	9,918	3,611	5,028	15,445	18,885	3,440	22%
Oxford	18	29,589	30,953	107,754	117,797	19,042	23,080	156,385	171,830	15,445	10%
South Oxfordshire	20	30,467	34,924	81,604	96,956	29,986	37,322	142,057	169,202	27,145	19%
Didcot	5	8,184	10,458	22,603	29,125	5,396	7,279	36,183	46,863	10,680	30%
Henley	3	3,716	3,409	9,768	10,631	4,582	5,302	18,066	19,343	1,277	7%
Wallingford	1	2,040	2,559	5,305	7,035	2,087	2,398	9,432	11,992	2,560	27%
Rest of South Oxfordshire	11	16,527	18,498	43,928	50,164	17,921	22,342	78,376	91,004	12,628	16%
Vale of White Horse	14	29,270	36,985	79,283	97,015	27,454	34,547	136,007	168,547	32,540	24%
Abingdon	5	10,104	11,068	27,444	28,114	9,030	10,940	46,578	50,122	3,544	8%
Didcot in Vale	1	3,028	6,386	7,345	14,287	2,450	3,543	12,823	24,217	11,394	89%
Wantage and Grove	2	3,631	5,771	10,300	15,625	3,837	5,005	17,768	26,401	8,633	49%
Rest of Vale of White Horse	6	12,507	13,760	34,194	38,988	12,137	15,058	58,838	67,806	8,968	15%
West Oxfordshire	15	22,804	25,900	63,688	74,850	24,151	31,734	110,643	132,484	21,841	20%
Carterton	3	4,893	4,840	14,526	15,698	3,620	4,932	23,039	25,470	2,431	11%
Chipping Norton	1	1,356	2,325	3,899	6,053	1,663	1,833	6,918	10,211	3,293	48%
Witney	4	7,351	8,539	20,616	23,919	7,305	9,808	35,272	42,266	6,994	20%
Rest of West Oxfordshire	7	9,204	10,196	24,647	29,181	11,563	15,160	45,414	54,537	9,123	20%
Oxfordshire Total	86	145,609	170,376	421,860	498,517	128,126	163,365	695,595	832,258	136,662	20%

#= count of Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) included within settlement

For more information

Visit Oxfordshire Insight for interactive dashboards of the 2019 to 2029 population forecasts

Office for National Statistics population estimates, and 2018-based population projections are available to download from www.nomisweb.co.uk.

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