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1.0 Northern Ireland in numbers

Youth Population key changes in demographics

NI Population 0-25 years: 612,769 (32.2% of total NI population) (↓3.1%) from 2011 census

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NI Population 0-15 years: 388,430 (20.41% of total NI population) (↑2.4%) from 2011 census

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89,505 aged 0-3 years (↓10.7%) from 2011 census

123,278 aged 4-8 years (↑8.7%) from 2011 census

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116,612 aged 14-18 years (↓7.6%) from 2011 census

155,341 aged 19-25 years (↓11.9%) from 2011 census

Deprivation

154,418 children and young people aged 0-25 years living in an area of deprivation.

Rural Living

214,930 young people (34.5%) live in a rural community.

Mental Health

One in five young people have a mental health need. (124,597 young people).

LGBTQ

11,485 young people identify as LGBTQ. (14-25).

Young Carers

There are currently over 17,500 unpaid carers aged under 25 in Northern Ireland.

This figure makes up 8% of Northern Ireland's carer population and includes more than 2,500 carers aged under 15, and 550 carers under the age of 10 years old.[1]

[1] (Source: NI Statistics and Research Agency (2023). Census 2021: Provision of unpaid care by broad age band)

2.0 School Census Key Statistics 2024/2025

Enrolments

Total pupils in NI schools 354,839 pupils across 1,738 Settings

- Primary school pupils 177,543
- Post primary school pupils 156,889
- Nursery school pupils 5,741
- Pre-school pupils 7,204
- Special school pupils 7,462

Headline Figures

92,252 pupils are entitled to Free School Meal Entitlement (FSME) 26% ⬇ 2%

21,352 pupils are Newcomers – 6% ⬆ 1%

70,213 pupils with special educational needs SEN (Stage 1-3) - 20% ⬆ 1%

29,488 pupils with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) - 8% ⬆ 1%

40,725 pupils with special educational needs (SEN) but not a statement (Stage 1-2) - 12%

28,411 pupils in Integrated Education (8% of pupils)

7,598 pupils in Irish Medium Education across 86 Settings (2% of pupils)

Special Education Needs (SEN)

Total pupils in NI with a special education need is 70,213 pupils. This represents 20% of pupils in NI schools. (66,403 - 19% SEN in 22/23).

Total pupils in NI with a Statement of special education needs is 29,488 pupils. This represents 8.3% of pupils in NI schools. (7% and 24,283 DE data 22/23). 5,205 more statements from 22/23 to 24/25.

Total pupils in NI with special education needs but not a statement is 40,725 pupils. This represents 12% of pupils in NI schools. (12% and 42,121 DE data 22/23).

89% of special education needs pupils are in mainstream schools.

11% of special education needs pupils in special schools.

Most frequent Special Education Need Types

Cognition and Learning – language, literacy, mathematics, numeracy – 29,441

Social, Behavioural, Emotional and Wellbeing – 21,128

Communication and Social Interaction Difficulties – 13,986

Speech, language and Communication Needs – 12,031

Dyslexia or Specific Learning Difficulty, Language/Literacy – 7,763

Newcomers (6% NI average 24/25)

21,352 (6%) newcomer pupils in primary schools.

Primary (Nursery and Reception) = 858 – 9% of pupils

Primary and Prep (Years 1 -7) = 14,613 – 9% of pupils

Non-grammar = 4,353 - 5% of pupils

Grammar = 662 - 1% of pupils

5,015 (3.9%) newcomer pupils in post primary schools.

Special =209 - 3 % of pupils

Free school meals entitlement 24/25

90,935 (26.2%) pupils are entitled to free school meals in Northern Ireland.

Nursery school 2,390 (41.6%) pupils are entitled to free school meals.

Primary school 47,844 (27%) pupils are entitled to free school meals.

Post primary school 36,658 (23.4%) pupils are entitled to free school meals.

Special schools 4,043 (54.2%) pupils are entitled to free school meals.

Irish Medium Education

7,598 Enrolments

86 Settings

Irish Medium School – 5,942 (78%)

Irish Medium Unit – 1,656 (22%)

- 51 Nurseries – 46 Nurseries + 5 PEAG Nurseries (not DE)
- 35 Primaries – 28 primary schools & 7 IM Units
- 6 Post Primaries – 2 post primary schools & 4 IM Units?

In 2024/25, 7,598 pupils participated in funded Irish Medium education, with 5,986 pupils educated in dedicated Irish Medium schools and pre-school settings, and over 1,600 pupils educated in Irish medium units attached to English-medium schools.

3.0 District Electoral Areas Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland is made up of 80 District Electoral Areas (DEA'S) across the 11 Local Government Districts. Below shows the DEA's which fall within these Government Districts.

Antrim and Newtownabbey	Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	Ards and North Down
Airport	Armagh	Ards Peninsula
Antrim	Banbridge	Bangor Central
Ballyclare	Craigavon	Bangor East and Donaghadee
Dunsilly	Cusher	Bangor West
Glengormley Urban	Lagan River	Comber
Macedon	Lurgan	Holywood and Clandeboye
Three Mile Water	Portadown	Newtownards
Belfast	**Causeway Coast and Glens**	**Derry and Strabane**
Balmoral	Ballymoney	Ballyarnett
Black Mountain	Bann	Derg
Botanic	Benbradagh	Faughan
Castle	Causeway	Foyleside
Collin	Coleraine	Sperrin
Court	Limavady	The Moor
Lisnasharragh	The Glens	Waterside
Oldpark		
Ormiston		
Titanic		
Fermanagh and Omagh	**Lisburn and Castlereagh**	**Mid and East Antrim**
Erne West	Castlereagh East	Ballymena
Enniskillen	Castlereagh South	Bannside
Erne East	Downshire East	Braid
Erne North	Downshire West	Carrick Castle
Mid Tyrone	Killultagh	Coast Road
Omagh	Lisburn North	Knockagh
West Tyrone	Lisburn South	Larne Lough
Mid Ulster	**Newry, Mourne and Down**	
Carntogher	Crotlieve	
Clogher Valley	Downpatrick	
Cookstown	Newry	
Dungannon	Rowallane	
Magherafelt	Slieve Croob	
Moyola	Slieve Gullion	
Torrent	The Mournes	

4.0 Area Profiles, LGD and DEA Census 2021 Explorer Links

Area Profile PDF Links

Geography	PDF LINK
Antrim and Newtownabbey	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Ards and North Down	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Belfast	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Causeway Coast and Glens	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Derry City and Strabane	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Fermanagh and Omagh	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Lisburn and Castlereagh	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Mid and East Antrim	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Mid Ulster	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding
Newry, Mourne and Down	Area Statistical Profiles – EANI Funding

LGD Census Profile Links

Table 1: Census LGD Profile Links (press Ctrl + click on link)

Geography	Access census area explorer
Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland profile
Antrim and Newtownabbey	Antrim and Newtownabbey LGD profile
Ards and North Down	Ards and North Down LGD profile
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon LGD profile
Belfast	Belfast LGD profile
Causeway Coast and Glens	Causeway Coast and Glens LGD profile
Derry City and Strabane	Derry City and Strabane LGD profile
Fermanagh and Omagh	Fermanagh and Omagh LGD profile
Lisburn and Castlereagh	Lisburn and Castlereagh LGD profile
Mid and East Antrim	Mid and East Antrim LGD profile
Mid Ulster	Mid Ulster LGD profile
Newry, Mourne and Down	Newry, Mourne and Down LGD profile

(Please note that total populations by LGD in the area profiles are 2022 mid-year estimates which is marginally more than the census 2021 figures.)

DEA Census Profile Links

Table 2: Census 2021 DEA Profile Links (press Ctrl + click on link)

Antrim and Newtownabbey	
Airport	Airport DEA profile
Antrim	Antrim DEA profile
Ballyclare	Ballyclare DEA profile
Dunsilly	Dunsilly DEA profile
Glengormley Urban	Glengormley Urban DEA profile
Macedon	Macedon DEA profile
Three Mile Water	Three Mile Water DEA profile

Ards and North Down	
Ards Peninsula	Ards Peninsula DEA profile
Bangor Central	Bangor Central DEA profile
Bangor East and Donaghadee	Bangor East and Donaghadee DEA profile
Bangor West	Bangor West DEA profile
Comber	Comber DEA profile
Holywood and Clandeboye	Holywood and Clandeboye DEA profile
Newtownards	Newtownards DEA profile

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon	
Armagh	Armagh DEA profile
Banbridge	Banbridge DEA profile
Craigavon	Craigavon DEA profile
Cusher	Cusher DEA profile
Lagan River	Lagan River DEA profile
Lurgan	Lurgan DEA profile
Portadown	Portadown DEA profile

Belfast	
Balmoral	Balmoral DEA profile
Black Mountain	Black Mountain DEA profile
Botanic	Botanic DEA profile
Castle	Castle DEA profile
Collin	Collin DEA profile
Court	Court DEA profile
Lisnasharragh	Lisnasharragh DEA profile
Oldpark	Oldpark DEA profile
Ormiston	Ormiston DEA profile
Titanic	Titanic DEA profile

Causeway Coast and Glens	
Ballymoney	Ballymoney DEA profile
Bann	Bann DEA profile
Benbradagh	Benbradagh DEA profile
Causeway	Causeway DEA profile
Coleraine	Coleraine DEA profile
Limavady	Limavady DEA profile
The Glens	The Glens DEA profile

Derry and Strabane	
Ballyarnett	Ballyarnett DEA profile
Derg	Derg DEA profile
Faughan	Faughan DEA profile
Foyleside	Foyleside DEA profile
Sperrin	Sperrin DEA profile
The Moor	The Moor DEA profile
Waterside	Waterside DEA profile

Fermanagh and Omagh	
Erne West	Erne West DEA profile
Enniskillen	Enniskillen DEA profile
Erne East	Erne East DEA profile
Erne North	Erne North DEA profile
Mid Tyrone	Mid Tyrone DEA profile
Omagh	Omagh DEA profile
West Tyrone	West Tyrone DEA profile

Lisburn and Castlereagh	
Castlereagh East	Castlereagh East DEA profile
Castlereagh South	Castlereagh South DEA profile
Downshire East	Downshire East DEA profile
Downshire West	Downshire West DEA profile
Killultagh	Killultagh DEA profile
Lisburn North	Lisburn North DEA profile
Lisburn South	Lisburn South DEA profile

Mid and East Antrim	
Ballymena	Ballymena DEA profile
Bannside	Bannside DEA profile
Braid	Braid DEA profile
Carrick Castle	Carrick Castle DEA profile
Coast Road	Coast Road DEA profile
Knockagh	Knockagh DEA profile
Larne Lough	Larne Lough DEA profile

Mid Ulster	
Carntogher	Carntogher DEA profile
Clogher Valley	Clogher Valley DEA profile
Cookstown	Cookstown DEA profile
Dungannon	Dungannon DEA profile
Magherafelt	Magherafelt DEA profile
Moyola	Moyola DEA profile
Torrent	Torrent DEA profile

Newry, Mourne and Down	
Crotlieve	Crotlieve DEA profile
Downpatrick	Downpatrick DEA profile
Newry	Newry DEA profile
Rowallane	Rowallane DEA profile
Slieve Croob	Slieve Croob DEA profile
Slieve Gullion	Slieve Gullion DEA profile
The Mournes	The Mournes DEA profile

5.0 Demographics

Northern Ireland Demographics

Northern Ireland has 11 Local Government Districts which were established in April 2015. According to the latest census in 2021 the population of Northern Ireland was 1,903,175 people, of which 936,128 (49.2%) are male and 967,049 (50.8%) are female, making up around 3% of the UK's population and 27% of the population on the island of Ireland. This is a population increase of 5.1% from the last census in 2011.

- NI Population is 1,903,175 (2021 census) (↑ 5.1%) from 2011 census
- Females: 967,049
- Males: 936,128

Table 3: Northern Ireland Population

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 90+ years	936,128	967,049	1,903,175
Percentage %	49.20%	50.80%	100%

Source: census 2021

Local Government Districts (LGD) Northern Ireland

In 2008, the Northern Ireland Assembly approved the reform of Local Government Districts. The change moved Local Government Districts from 26 Districts to 11 new Districts, as well as making changes to the powers of Local Government. The new 11 Districts are made up of 80 District Electoral Areas, which form the basis for the electoral representation on councils.

Table 4: Northern Ireland Local Government Districts

District	Population 2021 Census	Density per km2	Area in km2
Antrim and Newtownabbey	145,661	256	571
Ards and North Down	163,659	358	458
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	218,656	165	1,332
Belfast	345,418	2,617	133
Causeway Coast and Glens	141,746	71	1,980
Derry and Strabane	150,756	122	1,237
Fermanagh and Omagh	116,812	41	2,836
Lisburn and Castlereagh	149,106	298	504
Mid and East Antrim	138,994	133	1,045
Mid Ulster	150,293	83	1,823
Newry, Mourne and Down	182,074	112	1,628

Source: census 2021

DEA Age bands for Youth Population 2021

District Electoral Area	Total 0-3yrs	Total 4-8yrs	Total 9-13yrs	Total 14-18yrs	Total 19-25yrs	Total 0-25yrs	Total Population
Airport	1,034	1,575	1,619	1,424	1,862	7,514	22,029
Antrim	1,183	1,573	1,636	1,376	1,858	7,626	23,950
Ballyclare	841	1,167	1,322	1,148	1,400	5,878	19,069
Dunsilly	823	1,152	1,288	1,183	1,375	5,821	17,997
Glengormley Urban	887	1,234	1,363	1,297	1,429	6,210	21,639
Macedon	941	1,271	1,378	1,200	1,501	6,291	20,323
Three Mile Water	828	1,193	1,358	1,309	1,587	6,275	20,653
Armagh	1,746	2,298	2,445	2,159	2,444	11,092	32,405
Banbridge	1,614	2,326	2,520	2,164	2,484	11,108	34,940
Craigavon	1,566	2,211	2,308	1,906	2,146	10,137	29,188
Cusher	1,365	1,918	1,861	1,743	1,921	8,808	26,195
Lagan River	1,169	1,733	1,758	1,616	1,746	8,022	24,804
Lurgan	2,032	2,595	2,643	2,314	2,986	12,570	38,198
Portadown	1,644	2,243	2,372	2,084	2,526	10,869	32,926
Balmoral	966	1,409	1,489	1,357	1,655	6,876	24,491
Black Mountain	1,794	2,479	2,501	2,210	3,123	12,107	35,880
Botanic	1,470	1,890	1,759	2,196	16,273	23,588	49,727
Castle	1,481	1,983	2,169	1,943	3,414	10,990	33,677
Collin	1,795	2,579	2,680	2,379	2,992	12,425	33,909
Court	1,708	2,419	2,361	2,076	2,750	11,314	33,475
Lisnasharragh	1,268	1,668	1,746	1,470	1,907	8,059	29,170
Oldpark	1,912	2,531	2,618	2,260	2,981	12,302	34,352
Ormiston	1,436	1,966	2,211	1,966	1,908	9,487	34,615
Titanic	1,722	2,195	2,103	1,772	3,126	10,918	36,122
Ballymoney	1,152	1,590	1,617	1,533	1,818	7,710	24,519
Bann	755	1,181	1,190	1,117	1,246	5,489	17,535
Benbradagh	968	1,315	1,310	1,130	1,386	6,109	17,818
Causeway	917	1,235	1,329	1,334	2,203	7,018	24,542
Coleraine	981	1,476	1,447	1,410	1,935	7,249	23,625
Limavady	669	948	1,037	982	1,145	4,781	16,230
The Glens	798	1,086	1,146	1,065	1,204	5,299	17,477
Ballyarnett	1,431	1,973	2,041	1,966	2,004	9,415	25,252
Derg	871	1,170	1,246	1,194	1,416	5,897	17,809
Faughan	892	1,318	1,407	1,319	1,368	6,304	19,234
Foyleside	677	1,012	969	940	2,014	5,612	17,568
Sperrin	1,240	1,560	1,711	1,594	1,988	8,093	24,720
The Moor	757	1,082	1,160	1,071	1,397	5,467	17,128
Waterside	1,437	1,973	2,027	1,656	2,041	9,134	29,045
Enniskillen	773	1,116	1,162	1,077	1,321	5,449	18,451
Erne East	834	1,155	1,169	1,043	1,050	5,251	15,944
Erne North	715	977	1,038	984	1,067	4,781	15,083

District Electoral Area	Total 0-3yrs	Total 4-8yrs	Total 9-13yrs	Total 14-18yrs	Total 19-25yrs	Total 0-25yrs	Total Population
Erne West	749	1,054	1,020	983	953	4,759	14,661
Mid Tyrone	948	1,287	1,384	1,271	1,476	6,366	17,590
Omagh	847	1,035	1,103	1,122	1,445	5,552	18,480
West Tyrone	895	1,176	1,216	1,125	1,214	5,626	16,603
Castlereagh E	1,116	1,276	1,302	1,138	1,487	6,319	21,899
Castlereagh South	1,128	1,437	1,520	1,291	1,491	6,867	23,488
Downshire East	755	1,096	1,168	1,004	1,017	5,040	16,746
Downshire West	767	961	1,075	896	972	4,671	17,190
Killultagh	1,115	1,627	1,619	1,379	1,584	7,324	22,013
Lisburn North	1,141	1,427	1,414	1,221	1,711	6,914	23,449
Lisburn South	1,140	1,714	1,812	1,499	1,759	7,924	24,321
Ballymena	1,086	1,538	1,466	1,397	1,878	7,365	24,295
Bannside	902	1,221	1,322	1,253	1,398	6,096	19,842
Braid	1,092	1,487	1,526	1,545	1,684	7,334	23,826
Carrick Castle	713	960	1,037	1,057	1,379	5,146	18,430
Coast Road	670	937	979	1,018	1,196	4,800	17,005
Knockagh	704	946	1,075	1,055	1,279	5,059	17,272
Larne Lough	716	1,042	1,079	992	1,203	5,032	18,324
Carntogher	951	1,292	1,307	1,157	1,401	6,108	17,167
Clogher Valley	1,333	1,658	1,507	1,404	1,616	7,518	21,997
Cookstown	1,331	1,791	1,777	1,569	1,934	8,402	24,617
Dungannon	1,447	1,925	1,842	1,691	1,982	8,887	25,640
Magherafelt	1,030	1,341	1,390	1,257	1,563	6,581	19,266
Moyola	998	1,372	1,482	1,323	1,411	6,586	18,586
Torrent	1,322	1,684	1,706	1,632	1,878	8,222	23,020
Crotlieve	1,433	2,011	2,251	2,014	2,203	9,912	28,668
Downpatrick	1,042	1,498	1,574	1,413	1,688	7,215	21,916
Newry	1,441	1,858	1,899	1,738	2,196	9,132	27,913
Rowallane	963	1,278	1,333	1,229	1,552	6,355	21,240
Slieve Croob	999	1,515	1,634	1,463	1,610	7,221	21,387
Slieve Gullion	1,787	2,489	2,498	2,277	2,400	11,451	30,744
The Mournes	1,562	2,180	2,037	1,848	2,238	9,865	30,203
Ards Peninsula	930	1,460	1,607	1,483	1,638	7,118	24,964
Bangor Central	1,114	1,580	1,784	1,462	1,738	7,678	26,637
Bangor East Donaghadee	758	1,233	1,336	1,267	1,361	5,955	22,850
Bangor West	782	1,120	1,218	1,043	1,204	5,367	19,517
Comber	786	1,066	1,082	1,054	1,271	5,259	19,487
Holywood and Clandeboye	730	1,193	1,315	1,272	1,178	5,688	20,809
Newtownards	1,179	1,730	1,813	1,789	2,153	8,664	29,395

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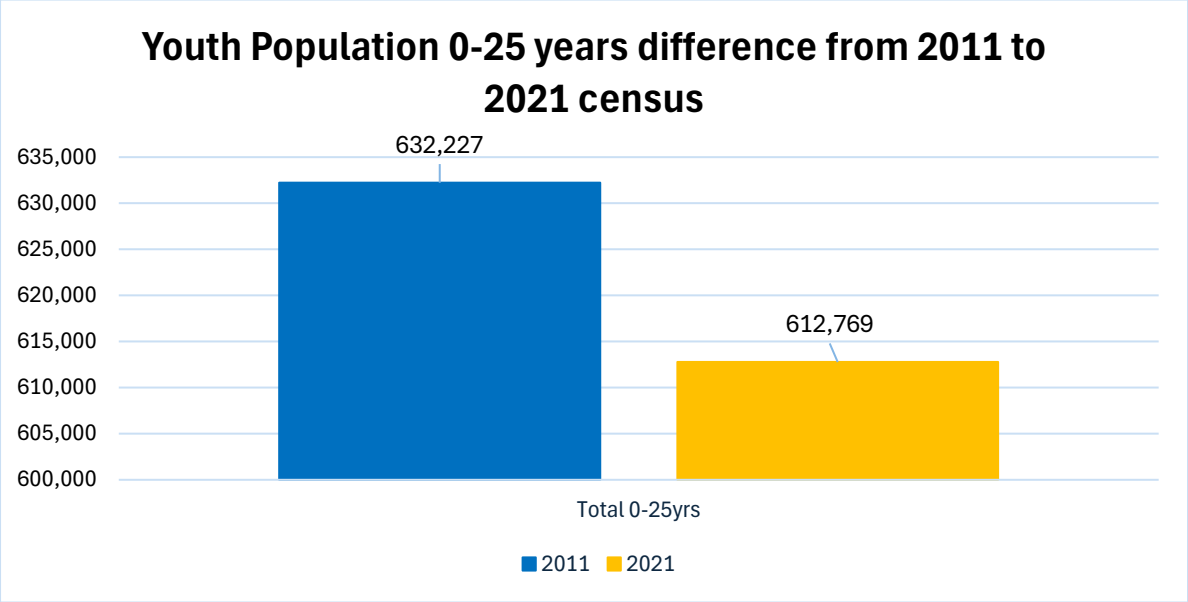
Youth Population

The current youth population aged 0-25 years in Northern Ireland is 612,760 children and young people, which equates to 32.2% of the total population.

The current youth population aged 4-25 years in Northern Ireland is 523,264 children and young people, which equates to 27.5% of the total population.

The youth population aged 0-25 years has decreased by 3.1%, which is almost 20,000 children and young people from 632,227 in 2011 to 612,769 in 2021. It must be considered that the total population has increased by 5.1% in this period.

Chart 1: Youth Population 0 – 25-year-olds decrease from 2011 – 2021 Census



Youth Population key changes in demographics

- NI Population 0-25 years: 612,769 (32.2% of total NI population) (↓3.1%) from 2011 census
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Youth Population key changes in demographics by age bands

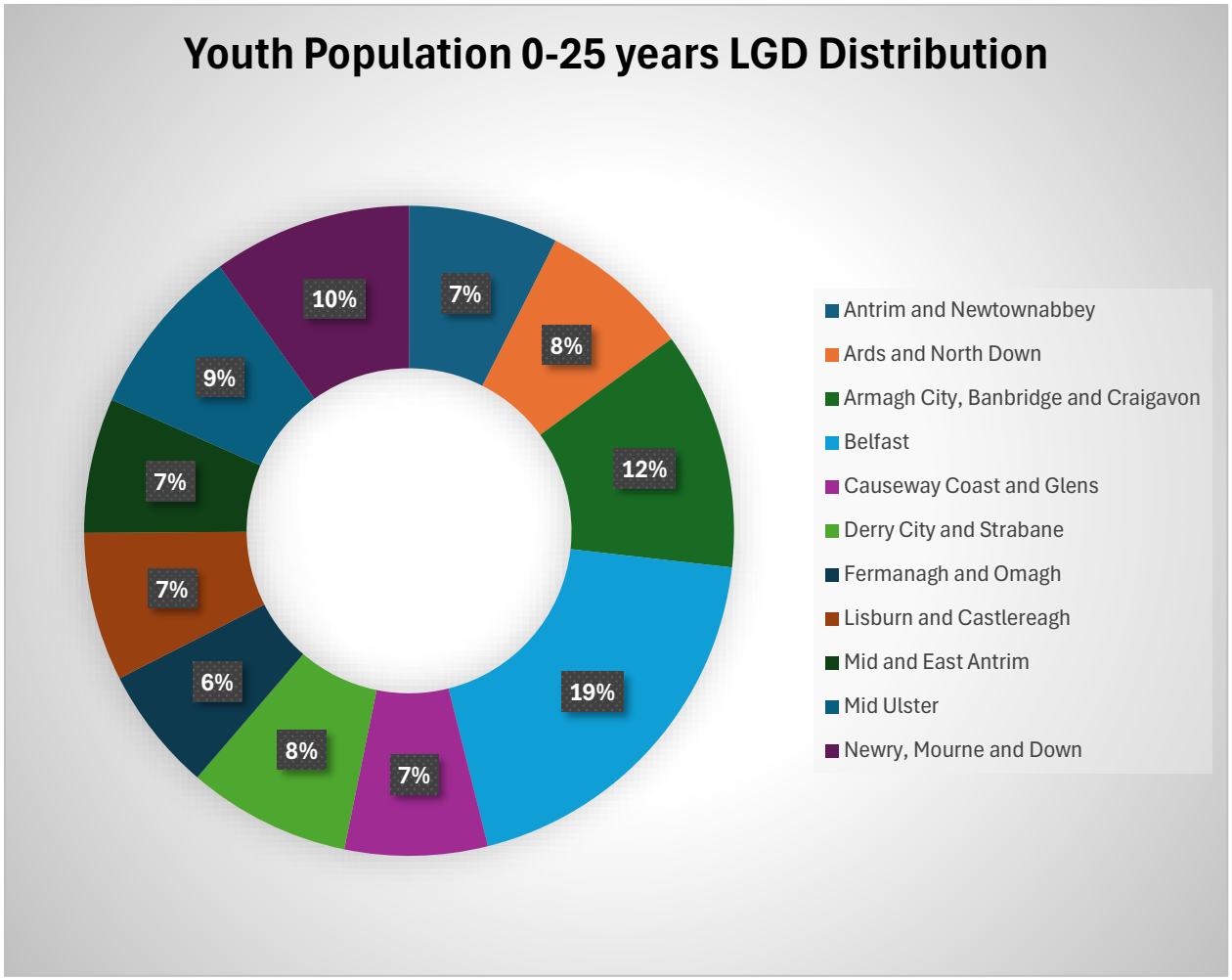
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Table 5: Youth Population 0-25 years by LGD

Total 0-25 years		
	Total	Percentage of NI
Antrim and Newtownabbey	45,615	7.45%
Ards and North Down	45,724	7.50%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	72,603	11.85%
Belfast	118,083	19.30%
Causeway Coast and Glens	43,660	7.10%
Derry City and Strabane	49,922	8.10%
Fermanagh and Omagh	37,791	6.20%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	45,064	7.40%
Mid and East Antrim	40,843	6.70%
Mid Ulster	52,307	8.50%
Newry, Mourne and Down	61,148	9.90%

Source: census 2021

Chart 2: Youth Population LGD Distribution

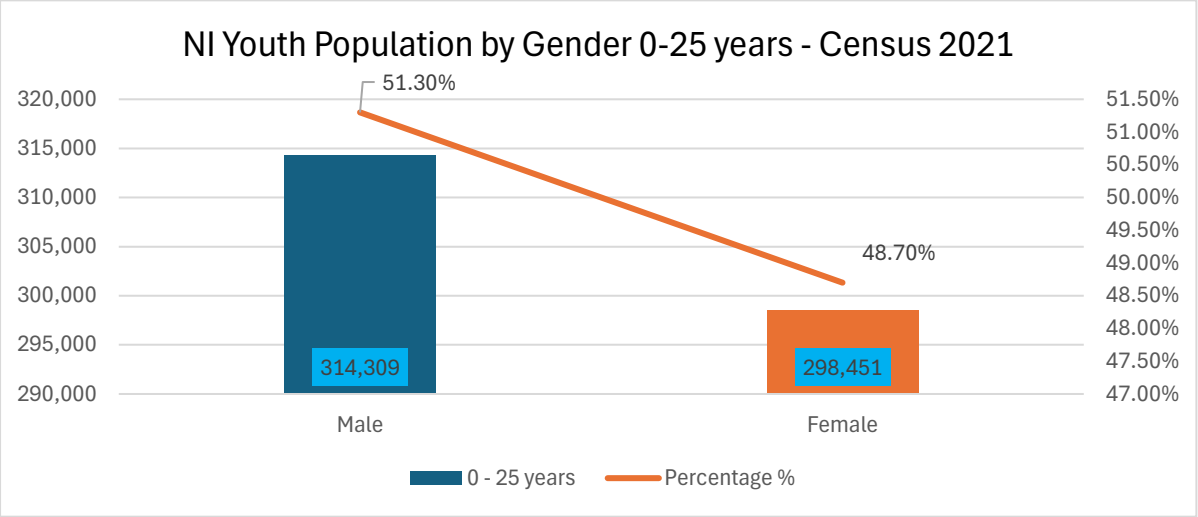


Youth Population Gender Breakdown

Table 6: Total Population Male and Female 0-25 years

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 25 years	314,309	298,451	612,760
Percentage %	51.30%	48.70%	100%

Chart 3: Total Northern Ireland Youth Population by Gender aged 0 – 25 years –2021



Source: census 2021

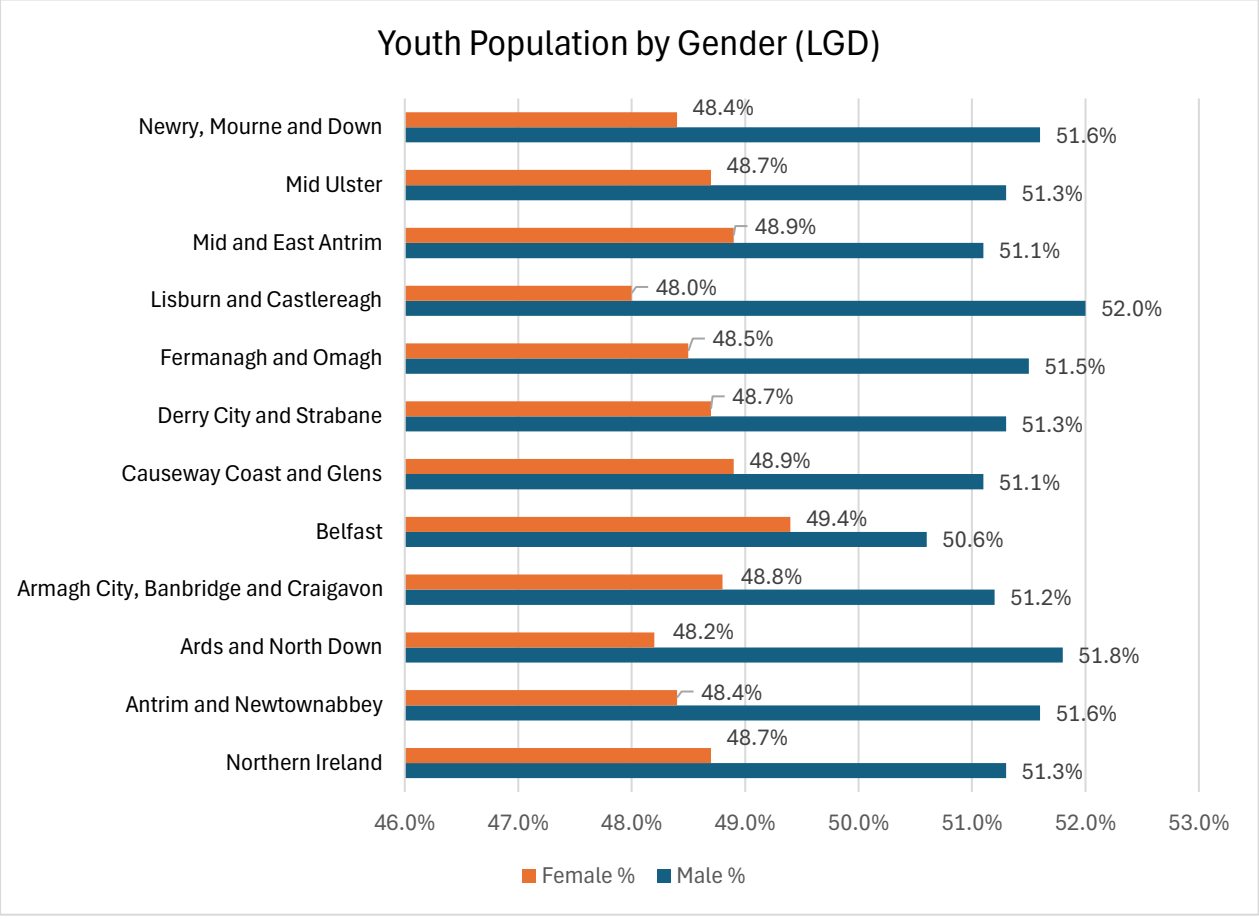
The breakdown of these figures shows that 314,309 (51.3%) of these children and young people aged 25 and under are male and 298,451 (48.7%) of the young people are female.

Table 7: Youth Population Gender split Census 2021 by LGD

Total 0-25 years					
	Male	**Female**	**Total**	**Male %**	**Female %**
Northern Ireland	314,309	298,451	612,760	51.3%	48.7%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	23,526	22,089	45,615	51.6%	48.4%
Ards and North Down	23,686	22,038	45,724	51.8%	48.2%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	37,146	35,457	72,603	51.2%	48.8%
Belfast	59,775	58,308	118,083	50.6%	49.4%
Causeway Coast and Glens	22,323	21,337	43,660	51.1%	48.9%
Derry City and Strabane	25,632	24,290	49,922	51.3%	48.7%
Fermanagh and Omagh	19,468	18,323	37,791	51.5%	48.5%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	23,442	21,622	45,064	52.0%	48.0%
Mid and East Antrim	20,876	19,967	40,843	51.1%	48.9%
Mid Ulster	26,859	25,448	52,307	51.3%	48.7%
Newry, Mourne and Down	31,576	29,572	61,148	51.6%	48.4%

Source: census 2021

Chart 4: Youth Population by Gender (LGD)

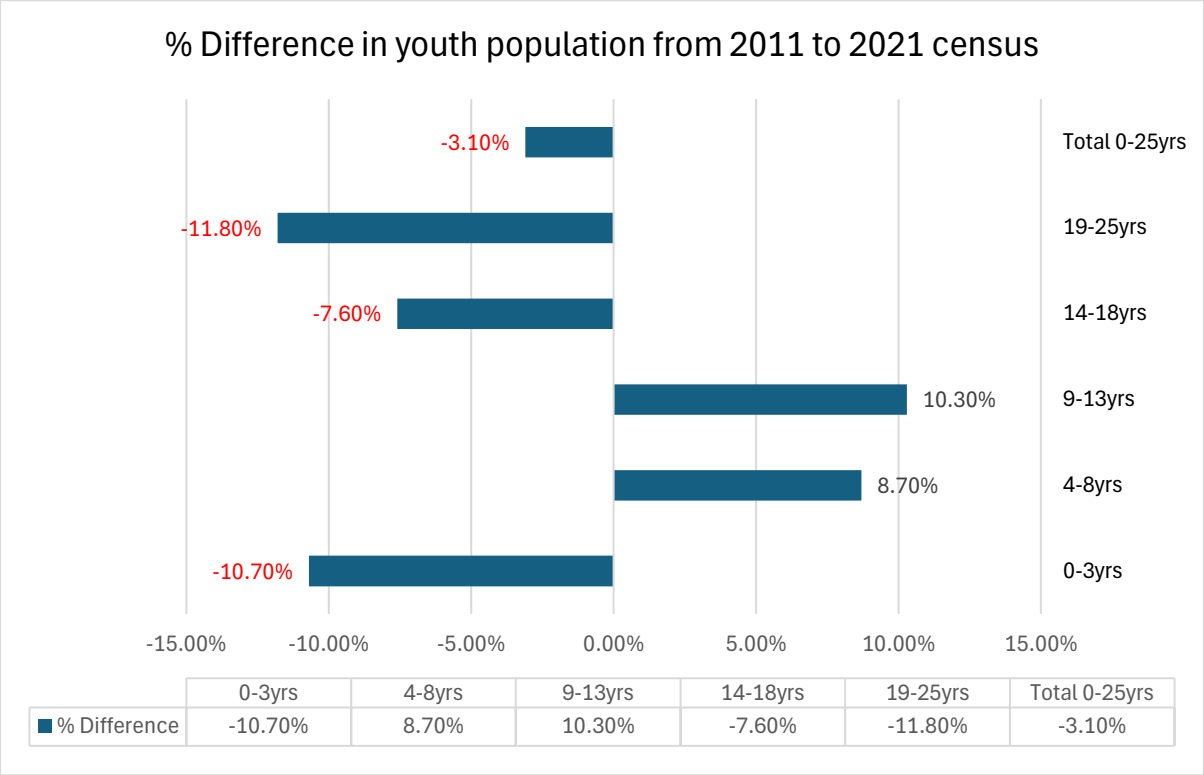


Source: census 2021

Variance in Youth Population by Age bands

The youth population has decreased by 3.1% from the 2011 and 2021 census. The table below show the percentage change in the youth service key age bands. The biggest increase came in the 9–13-year cohorts with the 19–25-year-old cohorts decreasing by 11.8%.

Chart 5: Percentage change in Youth Population between 2011 and 2021 Census



Source: census 2011 & 2021

Table 8: Percentage change in Youth Population

Change in Youth Population in 2011 & 2021 Census			
Age	2011	2021	% Difference
0-3yrs	100,298	89,505	-10.70%
4-8yrs	113,426	123,278	8.70%
9-13yrs	116,079	128,033	10.30%
14-18yrs	126,256	116,612	-7.60%
19-25yrs	176,168	155,341	-11.80%
Total 0-25yrs	632,227	612,769	-3.10%

Source: census 2011 & 2021

Variance in Youth Population by Local Government Districts

Chart 6: Percentage change in Youth Population by LGD from 2011 to 2021 Census

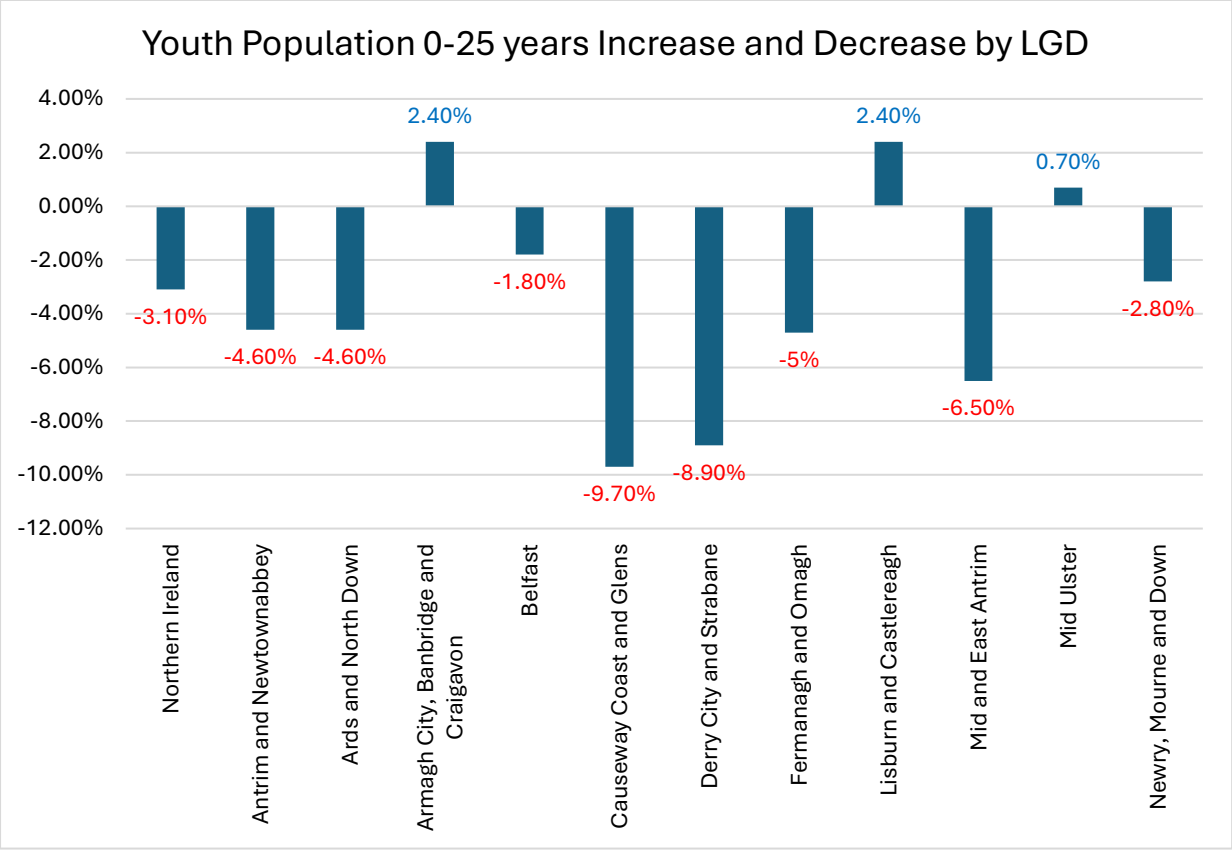


Table 9: Change in Youth Population aged 0-25years from 2011 to 2021 Census

LGD	Total 0-25 years (2021)	Total 0-25 years (2011)	Percentage increase or decrease
Northern Ireland	612,769	632,227	-3.10%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	45,612	47,831	-4.60%
Ards and North Down	45,725	47,932	-4.60%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	72,606	70,921	2.40%
Belfast	118,077	120,227	-1.80%
Causeway Coast and Glens	43,664	48,338	-9.70%
Derry City and Strabane	49,927	54,787	-8.90%
Fermanagh and Omagh	37,794	39,668	-5%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	45,063	43,996	2.40%
Mid and East Antrim	40,845	43,679	-6.50%
Mid Ulster	52,307	51,956	0.70%
Newry, Mourne and Down	61,149	62,892	-2.80%

Source: census 2011 & 2021

Youth Population Age Bands

Chart 7: Youth Population age bands – Census 2021

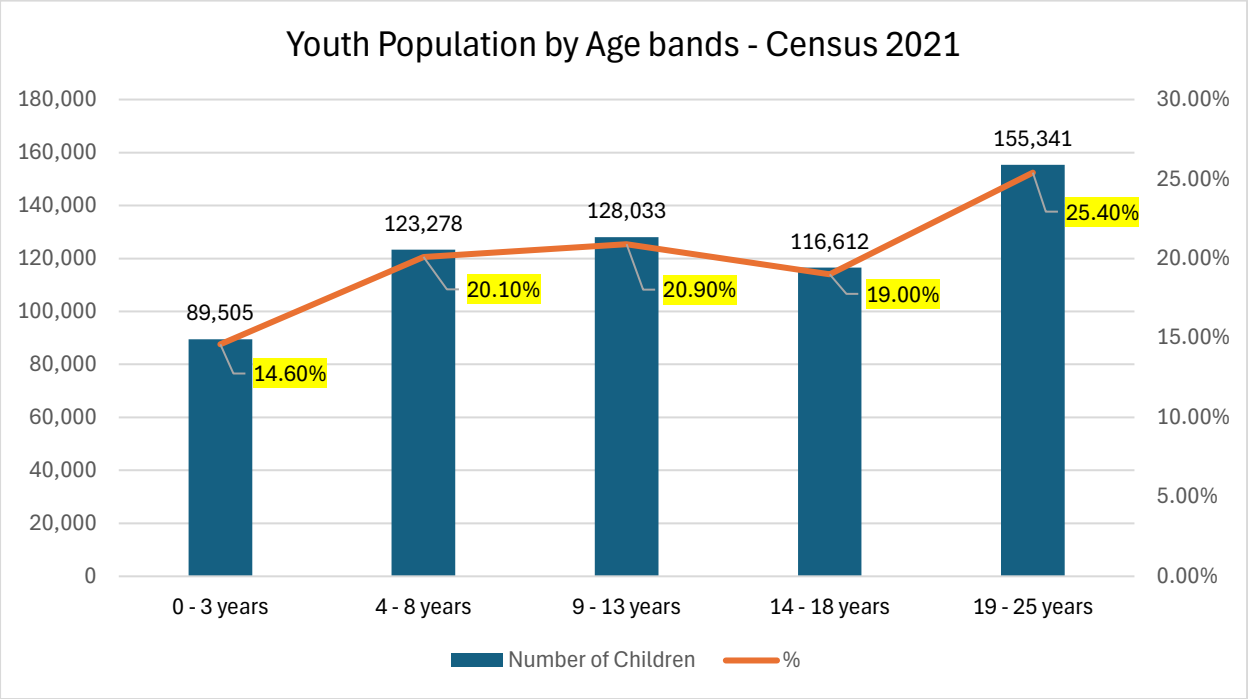


Table 10: Total population aged 0- 25 years by age bands

Age	0 - 3 years	4 - 8 years	9 - 13 years	14 - 18 years	19 - 25 years	Total 0-25yrs
Number of Children	89,505	123,278	128,033	116,612	155,341	612,769

Source: census 2021

Chart 8: Percentage of Youth Population in each LGD and NI

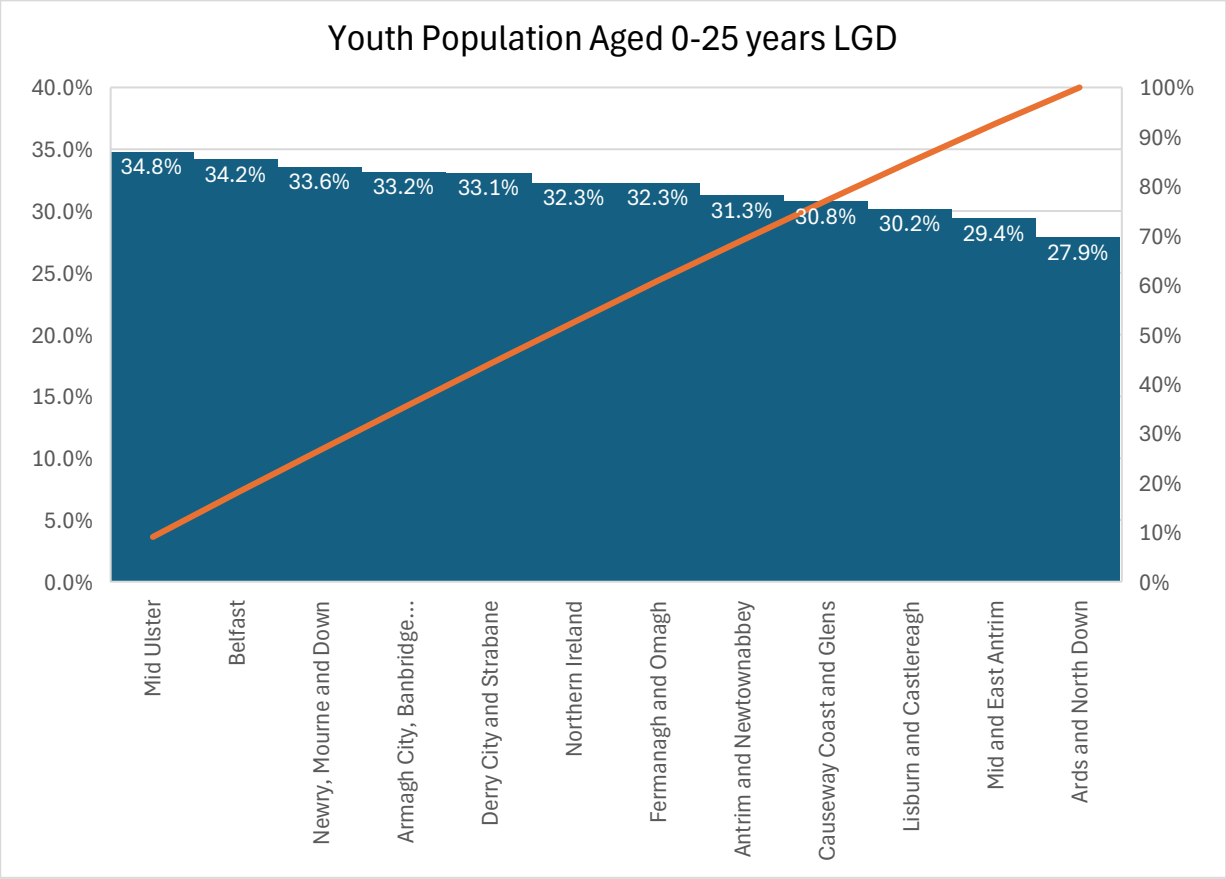


Table 11: Total number and % of Youth Population (aged 0-25 years) living in NI 2021 Census

LGD	All usual residents	Total 0-25 years	Percentage Cut of LGD population
Northern Ireland	1,903,175	612,769	32.30%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	145,661	45,612	31.30%
Ards and North Down	163,659	45,725	27.90%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	218,656	72,606	33.20%
Belfast	345,418	118,077	34.20%
Causeway Coast and Glens	141,746	43,664	30.80%
Derry City and Strabane	150,756	49,927	33.10%
Fermanagh and Omagh	116,812	37,794	32.30%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	149,106	45,063	30.20%
Mid and East Antrim	138,994	40,845	29.40%
Mid Ulster	150,293	52,307	34.80%
Newry, Mourne and Down	182,074	61,149	33.60%

Source: census 2021

Table 12: Total number and % of Youth Population by age bands living in NI 2021 Census

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years	Aged 4 - 8 years	Aged 9 - 13 years	Aged 14 - 18 years	Aged 19 - 25 years	Total 0-25 years	Percentage Cut of LGD 0-25yrs %	Percentage Cut NI 0-25yrs %
Northern Ireland	89,505	123,278	128,033	116,612	155,341	612,769	32.3%	32.3%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	6,539	9,165	9,962	8,938	11,008	45,612	31.3%	7.5%
Ards and North Down	6,279	9,380	10,153	9,369	10,544	45,725	27.9%	7.5%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	11,139	15,323	15,904	13,989	16,251	72,606	33.2%	11.8%
Belfast	15,553	21,120	21,645	19,632	40,127	118,077	34.2%	19.3%
Causeway Coast and Glens	6,241	8,828	9,082	8,575	10,938	43,664	30.8%	7.1%
Derry City and Strabane	7,306	10,090	10,559	9,742	12,230	49,927	33.1%	8.1%
Fermanagh and Omagh	5,765	7,801	8,090	7,606	8,532	37,794	32.3%	6.2%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	7,160	9,538	9,913	8,431	10,021	45,063	30.2%	7.4%
Mid and East Antrim	5,883	8,136	8,487	8,320	10,019	40,845	29.4%	6.7%
Mid Ulster	8,411	11,067	11,013	10,029	11,787	52,307	34.8%	8.5%
Newry, Mourne and Down	9,229	12,830	13,225	11,981	13,884	61,149	33.6%	10.0%

Source: census 2021

Table 13: Total number and % of young people (aged 4-25 years) living in NI 2021 Census

Geography	All usual residents	4 -25 years	4-25 years % LGD
Northern Ireland	1,903,175	523,264	27.50%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	145,661	39,073	26.80%
Ards and North Down	163,659	39,446	24.10%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	218,656	61,467	28.10%
Belfast	345,418	102,524	29.70%
Causeway Coast and Glens	141,746	37,423	26.40%
Derry City and Strabane	150,756	42,621	28.30%
Fermanagh and Omagh	116,812	32,029	27.40%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	149,106	37,903	25.40%
Mid and East Antrim	138,994	34,962	25.10%
Mid Ulster	150,293	43,896	29.20%
Newry, Mourne and Down	182,074	51,920	28.50%

Source: census 2021

Table 14: Youth Population by age bands 4-25years by LGD

LGD	Aged 4 - 8 years	Aged 9 - 13 years	Aged 14 - 18 years	Aged 19 - 25 years	Total 4-25 years
Northern Ireland	123,278	128,033	116,612	155,341	523,264
Antrim and Newtownabbey	9,165	9,962	8,938	11,008	39,073
Ards and North Down	9,380	10,153	9,369	10,544	39,446
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	15,323	15,904	13,989	16,251	61,467
Belfast	21,120	21,645	19,632	40,127	102,524
Causeway Coast and Glens	8,828	9,082	8,575	10,938	37,423
Derry City and Strabane	10,090	10,559	9,742	12,230	42,621
Fermanagh and Omagh	7,801	8,090	7,606	8,532	32,029
Lisburn and Castlereagh	9,538	9,913	8,431	10,021	37,903
Mid and East Antrim	8,136	8,487	8,320	10,019	34,962
Mid Ulster	11,067	11,013	10,029	11,787	43,896
Newry, Mourne and Down	12,830	13,225	11,981	13,884	51,920

Source: census 2021

Table 15: Percentage change in number of young people aged 4-25 years between Census 2011 and 2021 (NI and LGDs)

LGD	Total 4-25 years (2021)	Total 4-25 years (2011)	Percentage increase or decrease
Northern Ireland	523,264	531,929	-1.60%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	39,073	39,828	-1.90%
Ards and North Down	39,446	40,307	-2.10%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	61,467	58,666	4.80%
Belfast	102,524	102,400	-0.10%
Causeway Coast and Glens	37,423	41,173	-9.10%
Derry City and Strabane	42,621	46,541	-8.40%
Fermanagh and Omagh	32,029	33,354	-4%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	37,903	36,647	3.40%
Mid and East Antrim	34,962	37,046	-5.60%
Mid Ulster	43,896	43,274	1.40%
Newry, Mourne and Down	51,920	52,693	-1.50%
Source: NISRA 2021 Census	523,264	531,929	

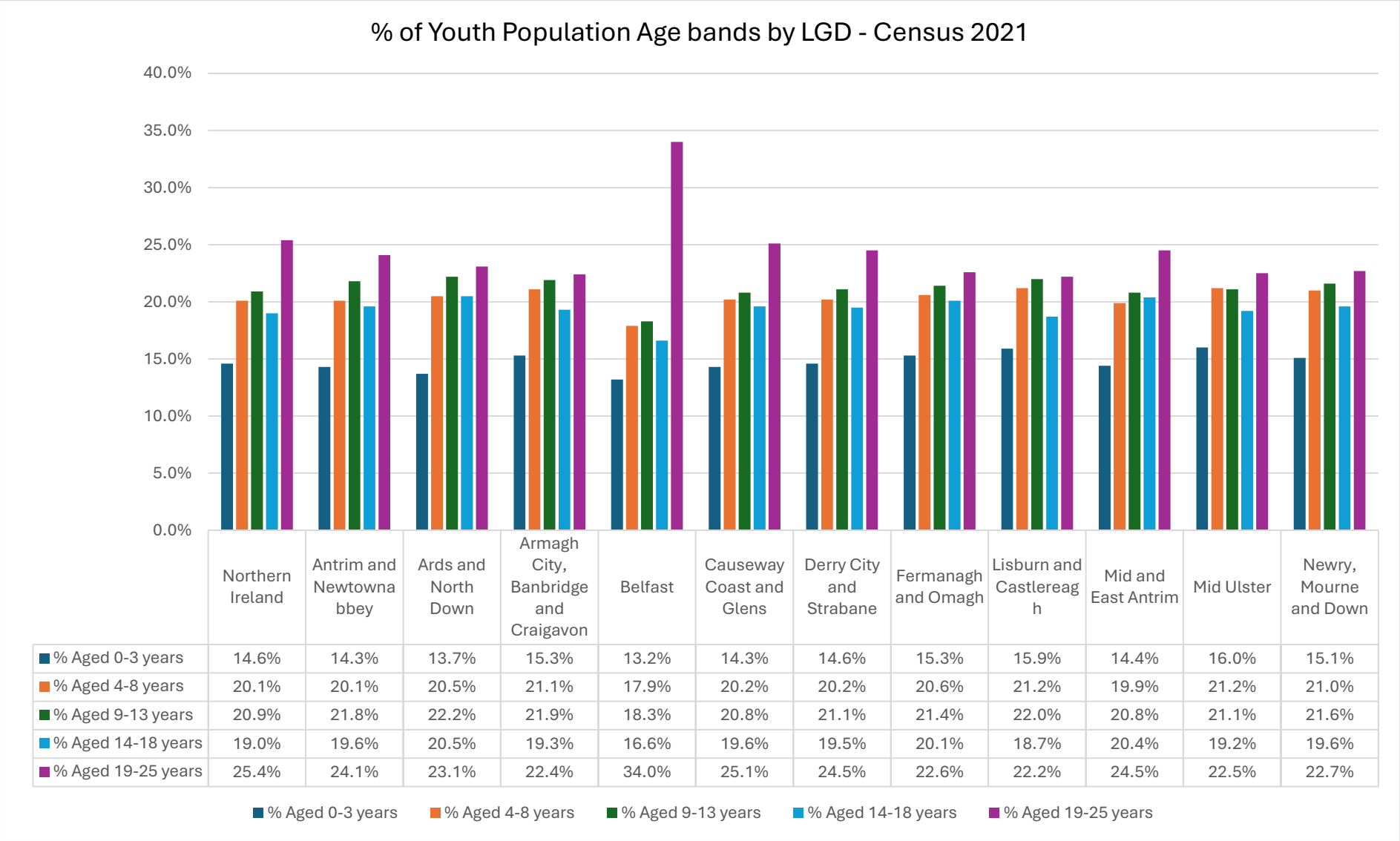
Source: census 2021 & 2011

Table 16: Total number of young people age cohorts 0-15- and 16-25-years old living in NI 2021

Geography	All usual residents	0-15 years	0-15 years % of population	16-25 years	16-25 years % of population	0-25 years	0-25 years % of population
Northern Ireland	1,903,175	388,430	20.41%	224,329	11.79%	612,769	32.20%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	145,661	29,265	20.09%	16,347	11.22%	45,612	31.31%
Ards and North Down	163,659	29,671	18.13%	16,054	9.81%	45,725	27.94%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	218,656	48,246	22.06%	24,360	11.14%	72,606	33.20%
Belfast	345,418	66,111	19.14%	51,966	15.04%	118,077	34.18%
Causeway Coast and Glens	141,746	27,585	19.46%	16,079	11.34%	43,664	30.80%
Derry City and Strabane	150,756	31,944	21.19%	17,983	11.93%	49,927	33.12%
Fermanagh and Omagh	116,812	24,801	21.23%	12,993	11.12%	37,794	32.35%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	149,106	30,184	20.24%	14,879	9.98%	45,063	30.22%
Mid and East Antrim	138,994	25,920	18.65%	14,925	10.74%	40,845	29.39%
Mid Ulster	150,293	34,634	23.05%	17,673	11.76%	52,307	34.81%
Newry, Mourne and Down	182,074	40,079	22.01%	21,070	11.57%	61,149	33.59%

Source: census 2021

Chart 9: Percentage of Youth Population Age bands by LGD Census 2021



	Northern Ireland	Antrim and Newtownabbey	Ards and North Down	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	Belfast	Causeway Coast and Glens	Derry City and Strabane	Fermanagh and Omagh	Lisburn and Castlereagh	Mid and East Antrim	Mid Ulster	Newry, Mourne and Down
% Aged 0-3 years	14.6%	14.3%	13.7%	15.3%	13.2%	14.3%	14.6%	15.3%	15.9%	14.4%	16.0%	15.1%
% Aged 4-8 years	20.1%	20.1%	20.5%	21.1%	17.9%	20.2%	20.2%	20.6%	21.2%	19.9%	21.2%	21.0%
% Aged 9-13 years	20.9%	21.8%	22.2%	21.9%	18.3%	20.8%	21.1%	21.4%	22.0%	20.8%	21.1%	21.6%
% Aged 14-18 years	19.0%	19.6%	20.5%	19.3%	16.6%	19.6%	19.5%	20.1%	18.7%	20.4%	19.2%	19.6%
% Aged 19-25 years	25.4%	24.1%	23.1%	22.4%	34.0%	25.1%	24.5%	22.6%	22.2%	24.5%	22.5%	22.7%

Table 17: Youth Population Age bands by Gender and LGD

LGD	Aged 0 - 3 years			Aged 4 - 8 years			Aged 9 - 13 years			Aged 14 - 18 years			Aged 19 - 25 years			Total 0-25 years		
	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL	Male	Female	TOTAL
Northern Ireland	45,865	43,634	89,499	63,244	60,029	123,273	65,395	62,645	128,040	59,718	56,893	116,611	80,087	75,250	155,337	314,309	298,451	612,760
Antrim and Newtownabbey	3,336	3,203	6,539	4,695	4,470	9,165	5,070	4,892	9,962	4,611	4,328	8,939	5,814	5,196	11,010	23,526	22,089	45,615
Ards and North Down	3,262	3,015	6,277	4,856	4,524	9,380	5,172	4,981	10,153	4,810	4,559	9,369	5,586	4,959	10,545	23,686	22,038	45,724
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5,765	5,373	11,138	7,823	7,500	15,323	8,072	7,832	15,904	7,022	6,968	13,990	8,464	7,784	16,248	37,146	35,457	72,603
Belfast	7,836	7,719	15,555	10,872	10,248	21,120	11,180	10,465	21,645	10,050	9,582	19,632	19,837	20,294	40,131	59,775	58,308	118,083
Causeway Coast and Glens	3,161	3,077	6,238	4,553	4,274	8,827	4,650	4,434	9,084	4,397	4,178	8,575	5,562	5,374	10,936	22,323	21,337	43,660
Derry City and Strabane	3,731	3,573	7,304	5,148	4,942	10,090	5,365	5,193	10,558	4,997	4,744	9,741	6,391	5,838	12,229	25,632	24,290	49,922
Fermanagh and Omagh	2,930	2,836	5,766	3,923	3,877	7,800	4,171	3,919	8,090	3,941	3,667	7,608	4,503	4,024	8,527	19,468	18,323	37,791
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3,710	3,448	7,158	4,970	4,568	9,538	5,077	4,840	9,917	4,402	4,028	8,430	5,283	4,738	10,021	23,442	21,622	45,064
Mid and East Antrim	3,022	2,861	5,883	4,164	3,970	8,134	4,351	4,136	8,487	4,229	4,091	8,320	5,110	4,909	10,019	20,876	19,967	40,843
Mid Ulster	4,307	4,104	8,411	5,721	5,346	11,067	5,535	5,478	11,013	5,089	4,940	10,029	6,207	5,580	11,787	26,859	25,448	52,307
Newry, Mourne and Down	4,805	4,425	9,230	6,519	6,310	12,829	6,752	6,475	13,227	6,170	5,808	11,978	7,330	6,554	13,884	31,576	29,572	61,148

6.0 Youth Population Projections 2025 – 2036

Chart 10: Projected Youth Population by Age bands 2025 -2036

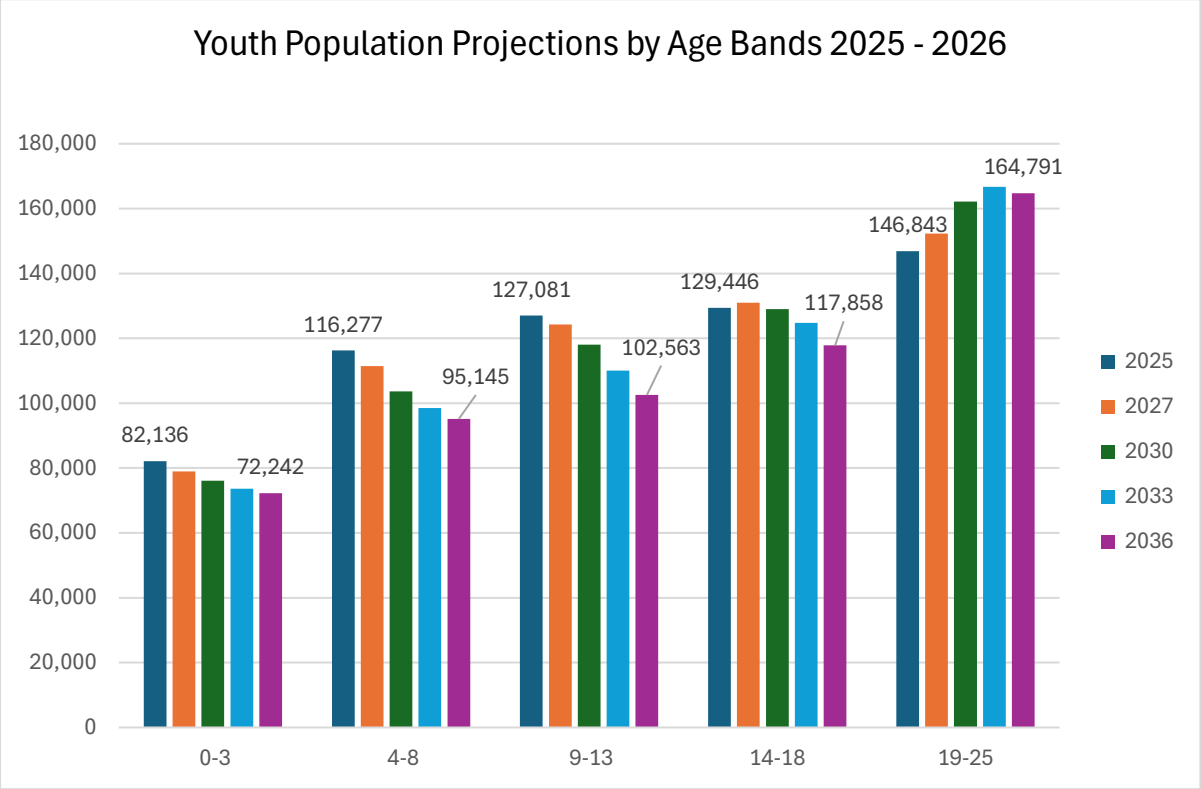


Chart 11: Priority Age-Bands Projected Youth Population 2022 -2036

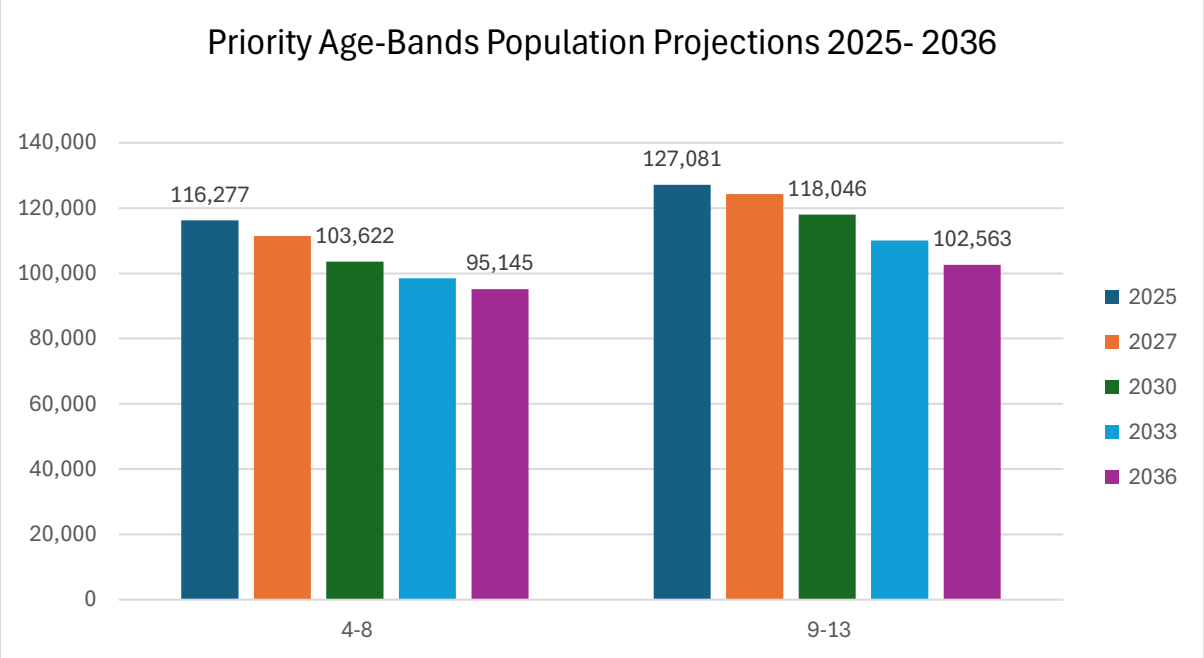
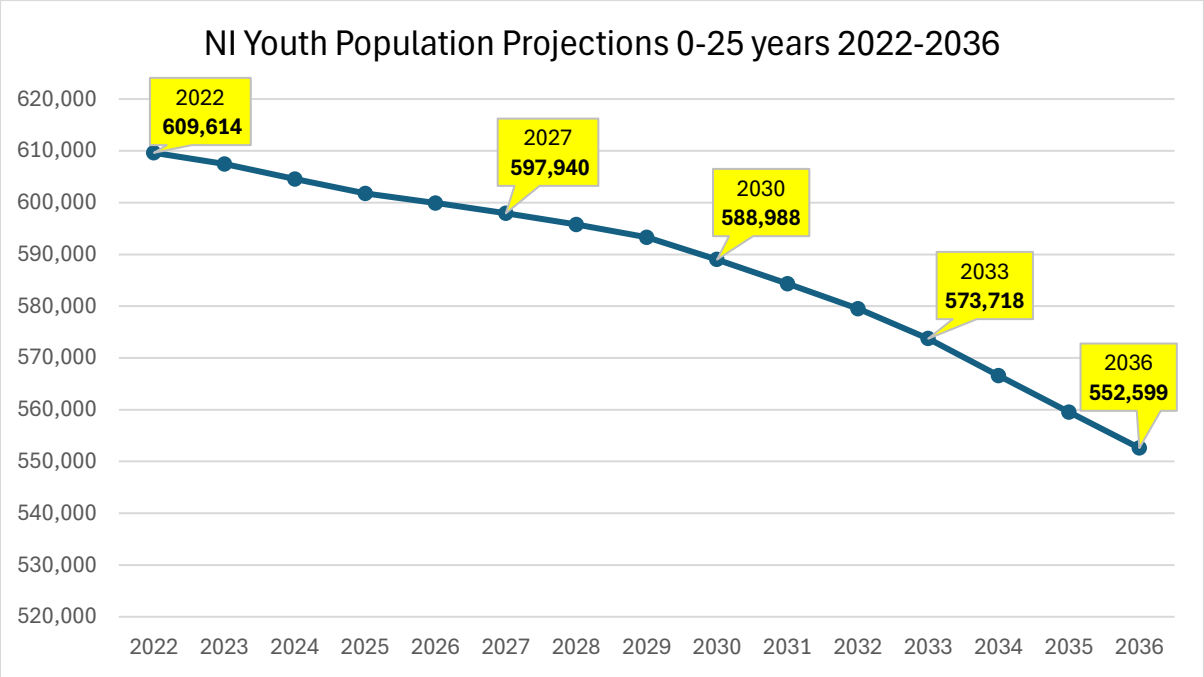


Table 18: Youth Population Projections for Northern Ireland 2024 -2036

Age	2025	2027	2030	2033	2036
Total 0-25	601,783	597,940	588,988	573,718	552,599

Chart 12: Projected Youth Population by Age bands 2024 -2036



https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/2022-based-population-projections-northern-ireland

Please note these figures are estimates and not factual

This is the latest data set provided by ONS and NISRA for NI population projections and derives from 2022 mid-year estimates. Census data is based on 2021 figures. The population projections for based in the Area Profiles are based on the 2020 data from ONS and NISRA, which shows a slight variation.[2]

Table 19: Projected Youth Population by Age bands 2025 – 2036

Age	2025	2027	2030	2033	2036
0-3	82,136	78,951	76,080	73,650	72,242
4-8	116,277	111,461	103,622	98,526	95,145
9-13	127,081	124,264	118,046	110,075	102,563
14-18	129,446	130,958	129,010	124,762	117,858
19-25	146,843	152,306	162,230	166,705	164,791
Total 0-25	601,783	597,940	588,988	573,718	552,599

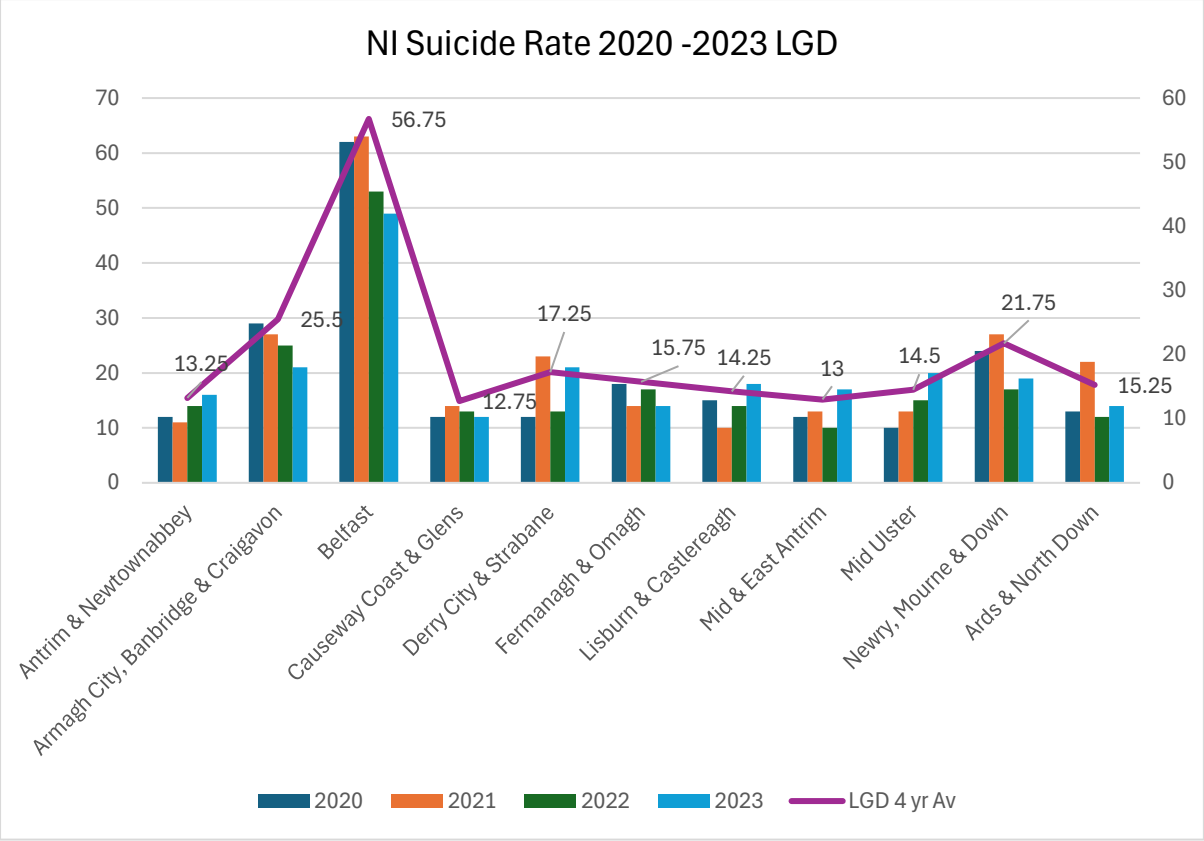
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7.0 Suicide Statistics Northern Ireland

Table 20: Suicide statistics 2020 -2024

LGD	2020	2021	2022	2023	LGD 4 yr Av
Antrim & Newtownabbey	12	11	14	16	13.25
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon	29	27	25	21	25.5
Belfast	62	63	53	49	56.75
Causeway Coast & Glens	12	14	13	12	12.75
Derry City & Strabane	12	23	13	21	17.25
Fermanagh & Omagh	18	14	17	14	15.75
Lisburn & Castlereagh	15	10	14	18	14.25
Mid & East Antrim	12	13	10	17	13
Mid Ulster	10	13	15	20	14.5
Newry, Mourne & Down	24	27	17	19	21.75
Ards & North Down	13	22	12	14	15.25

Chart 13: Suicide statistics 2020 -2024



8.0 Deprivation

Table 21: Total number of young people aged 0-25 years living in deprivation by LGD

LGD	Total 0-25 years	Total % Living in Deprivation, 4-25 years	0–25-year-olds living in Deprivation
Northern Ireland	612,769	25.20%	154,418
Antrim and Newtownabbey	45,612	28.70%	13,091
Ards and North Down	45,725	7.20%	3,293
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	72,606	9.00%	6,535
Belfast	118,077	53.00%	62,581
Causeway Coast and Glens	43,664	18.40%	8,035
Derry City and Strabane	49,927	54.70%	27,311
Fermanagh and Omagh	37,794	11.50%	4,347
Lisburn and Castlereagh	45,063	4.30%	1,938
Mid and East Antrim	40,845	16.30%	6,658
Mid Ulster	52,307	13.90%	7,271
Newry, Mourne and Down	61,149	18.10%	11,068

Source: NISRA 2021, Source deprivation: Regional Assessment of Needs (RAON)

Table 22: Total number of young people aged 4-25 years living in deprivation by LGD

Geography	4 -25 years	Total % Living in Deprivation, 4-25 years	4–25-year-olds living in Deprivation
Northern Ireland	523,264	25.20%	131,863
Antrim and Newtownabbey	39,073	28.70%	11,241
Ards and North Down	39,446	7.20%	2,841
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	61,467	9.00%	5,533
Belfast	102,524	53.00%	54,338
Causeway Coast and Glens	37,423	18.40%	6,886
Derry City and Strabane	42,621	54.70%	23,314
Fermanagh and Omagh	32,029	11.50%	3,684
Lisburn and Castlereagh	37,903	4.30%	1,630
Mid and East Antrim	34,962	16.30%	5,699
Mid Ulster	43,896	13.90%	6,102
Newry, Mourne and Down	51,920	18.10%	9,398

Source: NISRA 2021, Source deprivation: Regional Assessment of Needs (RAON)*https://visual.nisra.gov.uk/?body=entity/census*

9.0 Education

GCSE Education Attainment

The table below shows the proportion of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs in schools within all Northern Ireland's Local Government District's in 2022/23. This includes % of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C and % of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths.

It must be noted that some schools did not submit GCSE and/or A – Level exam results due to ongoing strikes. (ongoing Action Short of Strike (ASOS) in schools)

Table 23: Examination Performance by Local Government District in 2022/23

Local Government District	Number of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents)	% of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents)	Number of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths	% of Year 12 pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs at grades A*-C (incl. equivalents) incl. GCSE English and maths
Northern Ireland average	1,738	91.5%	1,485	77.7%
Fermanagh and Omagh	1,301	93.0%	1,165	83.3%
Belfast	4,093	93.6%	3,585	82.0%
Mid Ulster	2,050	94.0%	1,778	81.6%
Newry, Mourne and Down	2,127	92.1%	1,847	80.0%
Ards and North Down	1,207	91.6%	1,042	79.1%
Causeway Coast and Glens	1,247	91.4%	1,057	77.4%
Derry City and Strabane	1,584	89.8%	1,342	76.1%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	2,033	90.1%	1,693	75.0%
Mid and East Antrim	1,347	89.2%	1,129	74.8%
Antrim and Newtownabbey	1,095	93.0%	867	73.6%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	1,034	88.8%	833	71.6%

Source: DE

School Leavers Destinations 2022/2023

Table 24: School leaver destinations 2022/23 LGD (%)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT	Institutions of Higher Education[4] %	Institutions of Further Education %	Employment %	Training[5] %	Unemployment and Unknown %
Antrim and Newtownabbey	45.5%	25.3%	12.6%	10.3%	6.2%
Ards and North Down	40.8%	36.2%	11.2%	6.8%	5.0%
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	35.5%	39.4%	7.7%	12.2%	5.1%
Belfast	38.0%	25.3%	15.8%	14.8%	6.1%
Causeway Coast and Glens	38.6%	35.0%	12.4%	9.2%	4.8%
Derry City and Strabane	39.5%	31.6%	11.1%	14.2%	3.5%
Fermanagh and Omagh	45.8%	33.2%	8.0%	11.1%	1.9%
Lisburn and Castlereagh	46.0%	30.0%	10.8%	10.4%	2.9%
Mid and East Antrim	42.5%	26.1%	13.2%	11.1%	7.1%
Mid Ulster	45.0%	26.6%	9.7%	15.1%	3.5%
Newry, Mourne and Down	45.0%	26.2%	9.6%	15.4%	3.9%
Invalid/Missing/Unknown Postcodes	49.2%	23.7%	9.3%	9.3%	8.5%
Total Leavers	41.5%	30.3%	11.3%	12.3%	4.7%

SEN Statemented Pupils by LGD & DEA 2022/23

Table 25: Statemented pupils by LGD & DEA – Descending order

DEA	**LGD**	**% of pupils statemented**	NI Average Statemented pupils
Macedon	Antrim and Newtownabbey	9.1	7%
Three Mile Water	Antrim and Newtownabbey	7.4	7%
Antrim	Antrim and Newtownabbey	7.4	7%
Glengormley Urban	Antrim and Newtownabbey	7.0	7%
Ballyclare	Antrim and Newtownabbey	6.4	7%
Airport	Antrim and Newtownabbey	5.8	7%
Dunsilly	Antrim and Newtownabbey	5.2	7%
Ards Peninsula	Ards and North Down	8.7	7%
Newtownards	Ards and North Down	8.5	7%
Comber	Ards and North Down	7.5	7%
Bangor West	Ards and North Down	7.3	7%
Bangor Central	Ards and North Down	6.8	7%
Bangor East And Donaghadee	Ards and North Down	6.2	7%
Holywood And Clandeboye	Ards and North Down	5.3	7%
Banbridge	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	6.0	7%
Craigavon	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.9	7%
Portadown	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.8	7%
Lurgan	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.7	7%
Lagan River	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.1	7%
Armagh	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.1	7%
Cusher	Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	5.0	7%
Oldpark	Belfast	11.0	7%
Court	Belfast	9.7	7%
Collin	Belfast	9.6	7%
Black Mountain	Belfast	9.0	7%
Castle	Belfast	8.7	7%
Titanic	Belfast	8.5	7%
Botanic	Belfast	7.3	7%
Lisnasharragh	Belfast	6.7	7%
Ormiston	Belfast	6.3	7%
Balmoral	Belfast	6.1	7%

Coleraine	Causeway Coast and Glens	8.1	7%
Benbradagh	Causeway Coast and Glens	6.5	7%
Causeway	Causeway Coast and Glens	6.3	7%
Bann	Causeway Coast and Glens	6.2	7%
Ballymoney	Causeway Coast and Glens	5.9	7%
The Glens	Causeway Coast and Glens	5.5	7%
Limavady	Causeway Coast and Glens	5.5	7%
The Moor	Derry City and Strabane	9.1	7%
Ballyarnett	Derry City and Strabane	8.4	7%
Foyleside	Derry City and Strabane	7.6	7%
Sperrin	Derry City and Strabane	7.1	7%
Waterside	Derry City and Strabane	6.9	7%
Faughan	Derry City and Strabane	6.5	7%
Derg	Derry City and Strabane	6.3	7%
Erne North	Fermanagh and Omagh	9.3	7%
Erne East	Fermanagh and Omagh	8.4	7%
Enniskillen	Fermanagh and Omagh	8.2	7%
Omagh	Fermanagh and Omagh	7.6	7%
Erne West	Fermanagh and Omagh	7.4	7%
West Tyrone	Fermanagh and Omagh	6.0	7%
Mid Tyrone	Fermanagh and Omagh	5.7	7%
Lisburn South	Lisburn and Castlereagh	9.7	7%
Lisburn North	Lisburn and Castlereagh	7.8	7%
Castlereagh East	Lisburn and Castlereagh	7.2	7%
Downshire East	Lisburn and Castlereagh	6.3	7%
Killultagh	Lisburn and Castlereagh	5.8	7%
Castlereagh South	Lisburn and Castlereagh	5.8	7%
Downshire West	Lisburn and Castlereagh	5.2	7%
Coast Road	Mid and East Antrim	8.6	7%
Carrick Castle	Mid and East Antrim	8.1	7%
Ballymena	Mid and East Antrim	7.1	7%
Knockagh	Mid and East Antrim	6.8	7%
Braid	Mid and East Antrim	5.9	7%
Larne Lough	Mid and East Antrim	5.6	7%
Bannside	Mid and East Antrim	5.4	7%
Cookstown	Mid Ulster	6.5	7%
Moyola	Mid Ulster	6.5	7%
Magherafelt	Mid Ulster	6.1	7%
Carntogher	Mid Ulster	5.6	7%
Torrent	Mid Ulster	5.6	7%
Dungannon	Mid Ulster	5.3	7%
Clogher Valley	Mid Ulster	5.3	7%
Downpatrick	Newry, Mourne and Down	11.6	7%
Newry	Newry, Mourne and Down	8.2	7%
Rowallane	Newry, Mourne and Down	7.4	7%
The Mournes	Newry, Mourne and Down	7.4	7%

Slieve Croob	Newry, Mourne and Down	7.1	7%
Slieve Gullion	Newry, Mourne and Down	5.8	7%
Crotlieve	Newry, Mourne and Down	5.3	7%
UNKNOWN	**UNKNOWN**	4.8	7%

10.0 Child Protection and Children Looked After

Children Looked After

Table 26: Children Looked After by Age and Gender (31 March 2024)

HSC Trust	Under 1	1 to 4 years	5 to 11 years	12 to 15 years	16 years and older	Males Total	Females Total	All	Per 10,000 Population Under 18
Belfast HSC Trust	40	216	420	256	163	590	505	1,095	143.7
Northern HSC Trust	28	154	292	207	134	441	374	815	75.9
South Eastern HSC Trust	23	136	240	176	113	379	309	688	83.7
Southern HSC Trust	24	126	240	160	126	355	321	676	68.2
Western HSC Trust	19	108	257	180	161	385	340	725	100.9
Northern Ireland	134	740	1,449	979	697	2,150	1,849	3,999	91.6

Table 27: Children Looked After by Placement Type (31 March 2024)

HSC Trust	Residential Care	Non-kinship Foster Care	Kinship Foster Care	Independent foster care provider	Placed with Parent	Other	Total
Belfast	60	205	566	148	61	55	1,095
Northern	34	200	474	51	28	28	815
South Eastern	55	124	314	112	45	38	688
Southern	24	278	278	4	46	46	676
Western	47	171	386	47	43	31	725
Northern Ireland	220	978	2,018	362	223	198	3,999

Table 28: Number of Children Looked After 31 March (2020 to 2024)

HSC Trust	31 March 2020	31 March 2021	31 March 2022	31 March 2023	31 March 2024
Belfast HSC Trust	866	875	945	1,029	1,095
Northern HSC Trust	674	737	750	774	815
South Eastern HSC Trust	630	639	641	674	688
Southern HSC Trust	562	591	589	623	676
Western HSC Trust	651	688	699	701	725
Northern Ireland	3,383	3,530	3,624	3,801	3,999

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Table 29: Children on the Child Protection Register by Age and Gender (31 March 2024)

HSC Trust	Males Total	Females Total	All	Per 10,000 Population Under 18
Belfast	216	194	410	53.8
Northern	255	247	502	46.8
South Eastern	191	180	371	45.1
Southern	260	248	508	51.3
Western	264	279	543	75.6
Northern Ireland	1,186	1,148	2,334	53.5

Table 30: Children on the Child Protection Register by Category of Abuse (31 March 2024)

HSC Trust	Neglect, Physical Abuse and Sexual Abuse	Neglect and Physical Abuse	Neglect and Sexual Abuse	Physical and Sexual Abuse	Neglect Only	Physical Abuse Only	Sexual Abuse Only	Emotional Abuse Only	Total
Belfast HSC Trust	[S]	152	7	[S]	122	99	6	18	410
Northern HSC Trust	7	123	5	18	139	146	33	31	502
South Eastern HSC Trust	[S]	103	14	[S]	97	103	15	32	371
Southern HSC Trust	[S]	137	7	[S]	118	177	34	20	508
Western HSC Trust	[S]	25	38	[S]	327	11	33	102	543
Northern Ireland	17	540	71	43	803	536	121	203	2,334

Source: Children's Social Care Statistics for Northern Ireland 2023/24

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