

Age profile data sheet

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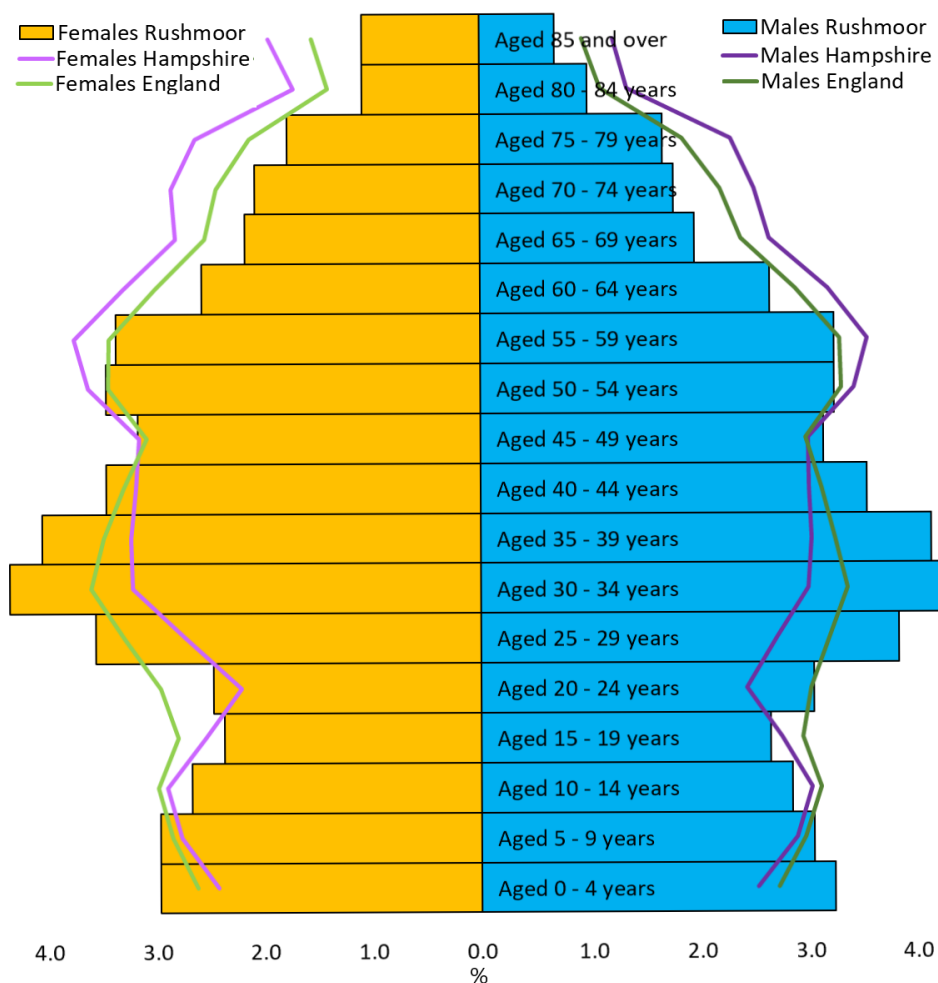
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Summary – According to the 2022 mid-year population estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics, Rushmoor has a younger age profile than the average for both Hampshire and England.

Age profile

The population pyramid below shows the age profile of Rushmoor in comparison with both the national and Hampshire averages, from the 2022 mid-year population estimates produced by the Office for National Statistics.

Age profile of Rushmoor compared to Hampshire and England



(Source: Office for National Statistics [Estimates of the population for England and Wales - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk))

The population pyramid shows that the Borough has a younger population than both Hampshire and England. 66.2% of Rushmoor’s population is under 50, compared to 57.0% in Hampshire and 61.9% in England. This may be due to the transient nature of the army population, where young people move in and out of the Borough.

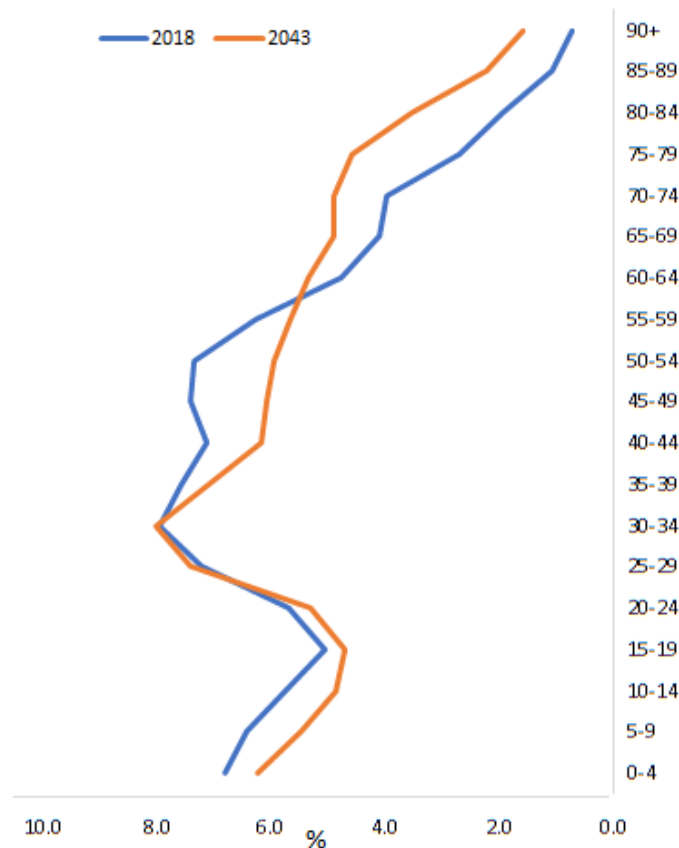
Median age

The 2022 mid-year population estimates show that Rushmoor has a median age of 38.3 years, this compares to 44.3 years for Hampshire and 40.5 years for England.

Ageing population

The Office for National Statistics produces Sub-National Population Projections. The current 2018 figures project the population to 2043. The projections are not forecasts and do not take any account of future government policies, changing economic circumstances or the capacity of an area to accommodate the change in population. The following chart shows the percentage of people in each age group of the population in 2018 compared with the projected population in 2043.

Change in Rushmoor’s population projection age profile between 2018 and 2043



(Source: ONS Sub-nation population projects

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandtable2>)

The projection shows that in 2018 14.5% of the population is over 65 (13,830 people), this is projected to rise to 21.7% by 2043 (20,050 people). This compares to 18.2% of England's and 21.5% of Hampshire's population being over 65 in 2018, this is projected to rise to 23.9% in England and 28.5% in Hampshire by 2043.

This data would suggest that although Rushmoor has a younger population at the moment it will age to be closer to the average for England by 2043, but Rushmoor will still be a younger population than Hampshire.