

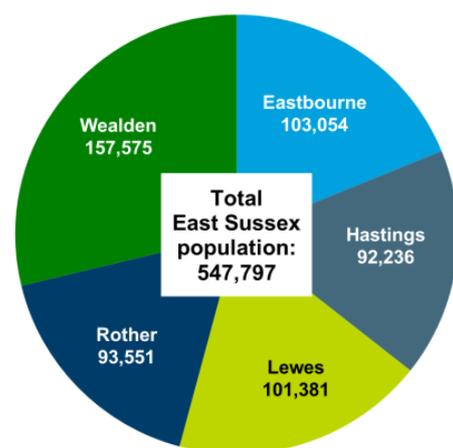
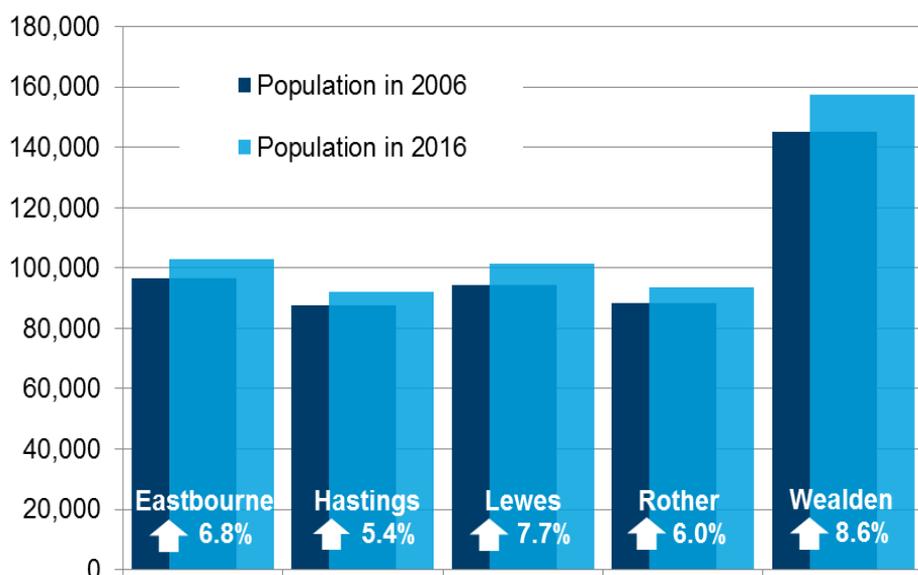
Population estimates . . . in brief

June 2017

The population of East Sussex was estimated to be 547,800 in mid-2016, 7% more people than in 2006. Internal migration from within the UK is the main driver for the rising population in the county – natural change (births minus deaths) continued to be negative in 2016. East Sussex has a much older population profile than the country as a whole.

- In June 2016 the population of East Sussex was 547,800, which is an increase of 3,700 people since mid-2015. Numbers rose by 0.7%, lower than the increase in the South East and in England (both up 0.9%). The population change included internal net migration of 4,300, international net migration of 800 and natural change (births minus deaths) of -1,300.
- Since 2006, the county has grown by 36,300 people, an increase of 7.1%. This is slightly slower than the national (8.4%) and regional (9.1%) rises.
- The median age of the East Sussex population was 47.3 years in 2016, compared to a national average of 40.0. Rother has among the highest median ages in the country at 52.3 years, and the second highest proportion of people aged 85 and over of all districts and unitaries in England.
- Between 2015 and 2016, the population grew fastest in Hastings (up 0.8%), and slowest in Eastbourne (up 0.6%). Wealden has seen the fastest growth in the county over the past 10 years, with an increase of 8.6%, while numbers in Hastings have risen by just 5.4%.
- International migration was the main driver of population growth in England as a whole in 2016. However in East Sussex, internal migration is the key contributor to population growth, with international migration playing a much smaller role. Natural change has been negative, meaning there has been more deaths than births, for at least the last 45 years.

East Sussex population by districts and boroughs in 2006 and 2016

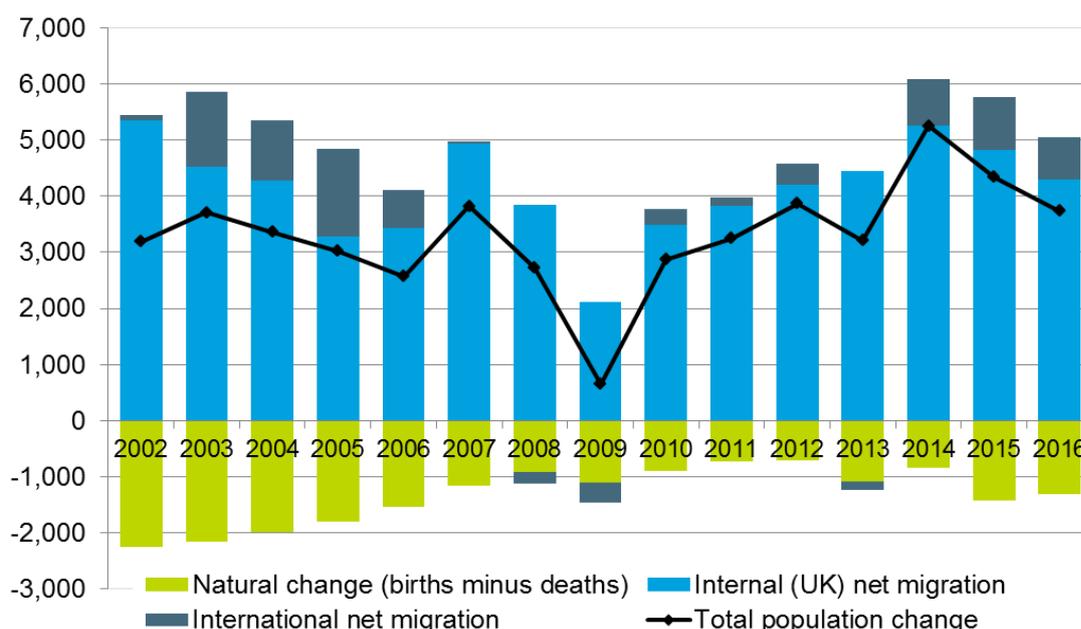


Population change, 2015-2016 and 2006-2016

	Population change 2015-16				Population change 2006-16		
	Mid-2016 population	Mid-2015 population	Absolute change 2015-2016	Percentage change 2015-2016	Mid-2006 population	Absolute change 2006-2016	Percentage change 2006-2016
Eastbourne	103,054	102,465	589	0.6	96,532	6,522	6.8
Hastings	92,236	91,497	739	0.8	87,516	4,720	5.4
Lewes	101,381	100,693	688	0.7	94,162	7,219	7.7
Rother	93,551	92,908	643	0.7	88,221	5,330	6.0
Wealden	157,575	156,501	1,074	0.7	145,094	12,481	8.6
East Sussex	547,797	544,064	3,733	0.7	511,525	36,272	7.1
South East	9,026,297	8,947,913	78,384	0.9	8,270,861	755,436	9.1
England	55,268,067	54,786,327	481,740	0.9	50,965,186	4,302,881	8.4

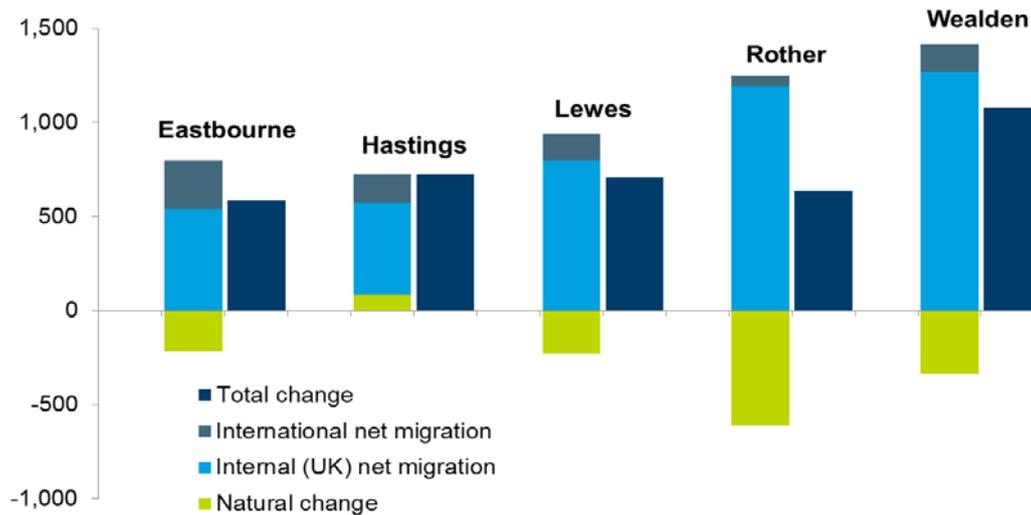
- If there was no inward migration, the population of the county would be falling, as there have been more deaths than births in every year for at least the past 45 years (see chart below).
- In the year to June 2016, there were 5,102 births and 6,411 deaths, giving 1,309 more deaths than births. Only Hastings has had a positive natural change figure in the past 10 years, and this rose from 33 last year to 82 in 2016 (see chart overleaf).
- The decline in natural change has been counteracted by levels of internal migration and, to a lesser extent, international migration (see chart below). In 2016, 21,122 people moved into the county from within the UK, and 16,830 moved out to other parts of the UK, giving net internal migration of 4,292. International migration into the county was considerably lower at 2,516, with 1,764 people moving abroad, giving net international migration of 752. Levels of international migration fell slightly from 931 in 2015 to 752 in 2016.
- Rother and Wealden have significant levels of net internal migration, with 1,193 net internal migrants in Rother and 1,270 in Wealden (see chart overleaf). Levels are somewhat lower in other districts, although there were 799 net internal migrants in Lewes.

East Sussex population change, natural change and migration, 2002-2016



Notes: Overall population change includes 'Other changes' which comprise changes to the size of armed forces stationed in the UK and other special population adjustments.

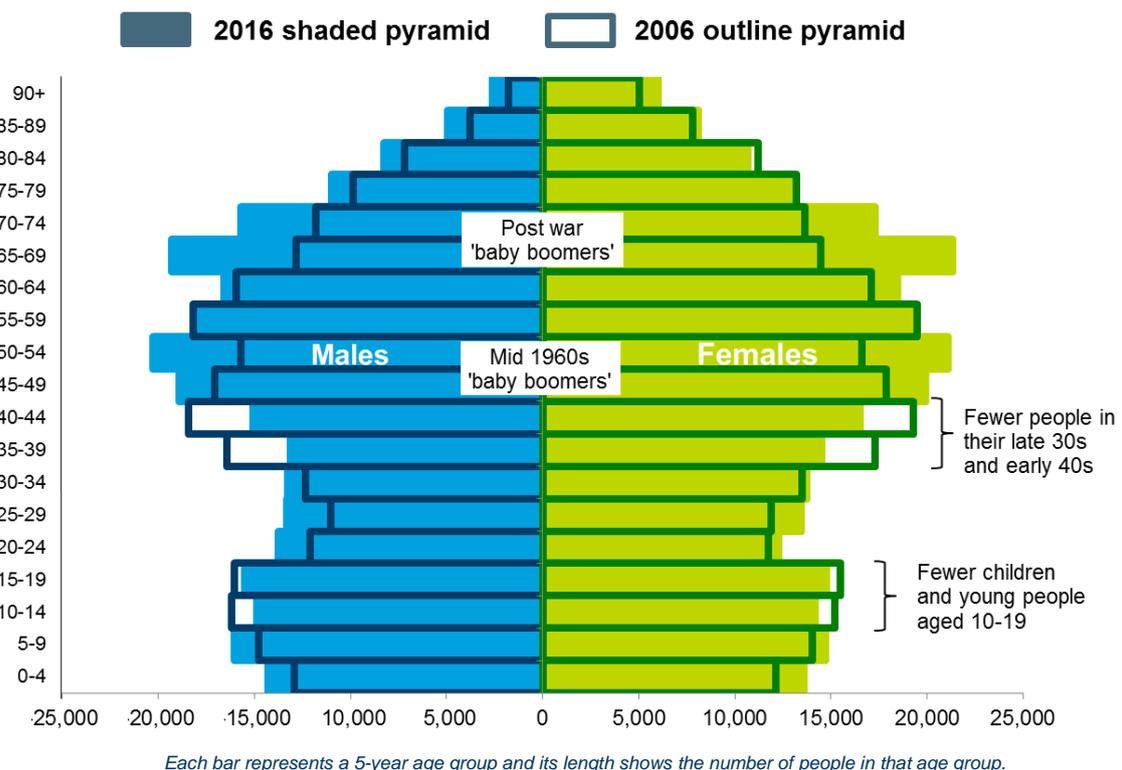
Population change, natural change and migration in East Sussex districts, 2015-2016



Age structure

- East Sussex has an older age profile compared to England and the South East. A quarter of the county's population is aged 65 or over, compared to 18% in England and 19% regionally. And the median age in the county is 47.3, compared to the national average of 40.0. On the other hand only 17% of the county is under 16, compared to 19% nationally and in the South East.
- Overall the East Sussex population has grown by 7% since 2006. While the population aged 65 and over has increased by 23%, the population of children aged 0-15 has grown by just 2%. The working age population has risen by 3%.
- There have been two 'baby booms', one just after World War II and another in the mid-1960s, which can be seen as 'bulges' in the population pyramid below. However population growth in those age groups has been augmented by migration, mainly by people moving to East Sussex from within the UK.
- Although the overall number of children under 18 has increased marginally (by 0.9%), there are considerably fewer children aged 11-15 in 2016 than there were in 2006 (down 10%). Other groups seeing significant falls in numbers include those in their late 30s (down 18% since 2006) and early 40s (down 16%).

East Sussex population by gender and age groups in 2006 and 2016



Children and young people (aged 0 to 17)

2006
105,025

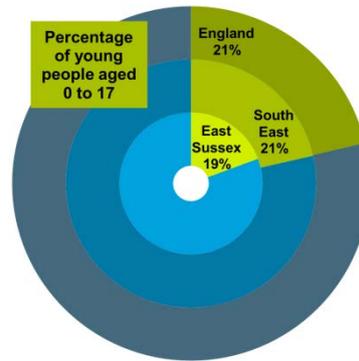
2006-2016
+ 898 (+0.9%)

2016
105,923

20.5%
of total
population
2006

Regional /national comparison

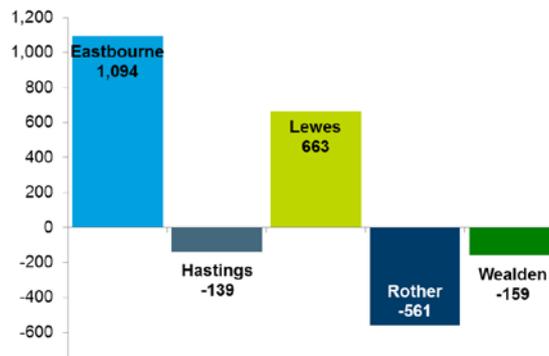
In 2016, children and young people (aged 0 to 17 years) formed 19% of the total population in East Sussex, which is lower than the regional and national averages (21%).



19.3%
of total
population
2016

Whilst total 0-17 year olds grew only marginally in East Sussex between 2006-2016, in England and the South East rates of growth were 6.1% and 7.1% respectively.

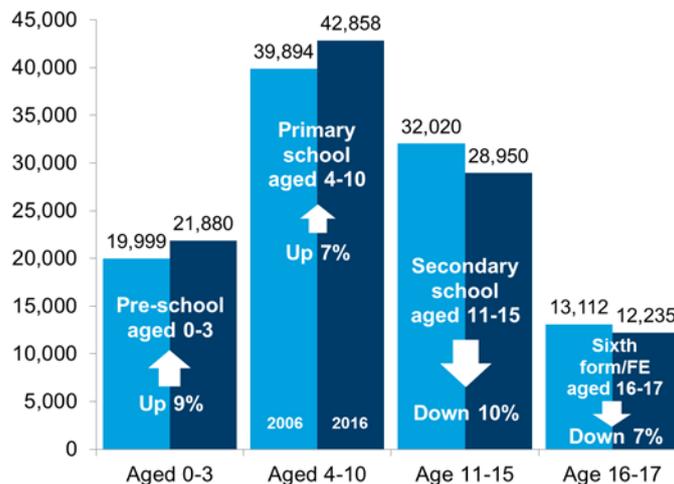
Change in numbers of people aged 0-17, 2006-2016



Eastbourne and Lewes are only districts in East Sussex seeing increases in the number of children and young people between 2006-2016.

Overall numbers of school-age children (aged 4-15) fell by 0.1% in the last decade.

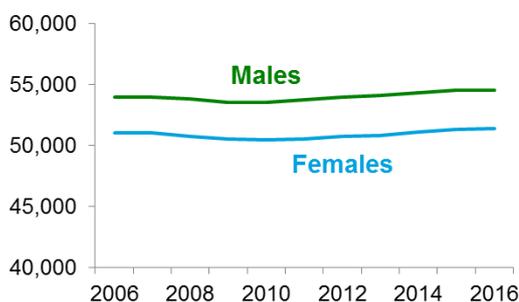
Population change among children, 2006-2016



Hastings has the highest percentage of primary school-aged children (age 4-10) in East Sussex with 8.5% of total population, but this is still slightly lower than the national average (8.7%).

The total number of pre-school children (aged 0-3) grew at a slower rate (9%) than in England as a whole (13%).

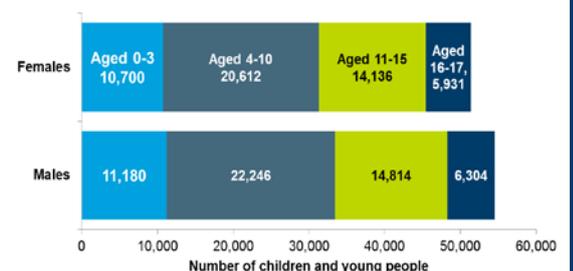
However, numbers have fallen by 1.6% in the county between 2015 and 2016.



More males than females

Aged 0 to 17 years
Male 51:49 Female

Total population
Male 48:52 Female



Working age population (aged 18 to 64)

2006
293,800

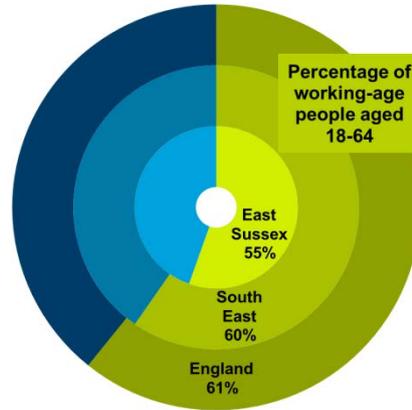
2006-2016
+ 9,800 (+3.3%)

2016
303,600

57.4%
of total
population
2006

Regional/national comparison

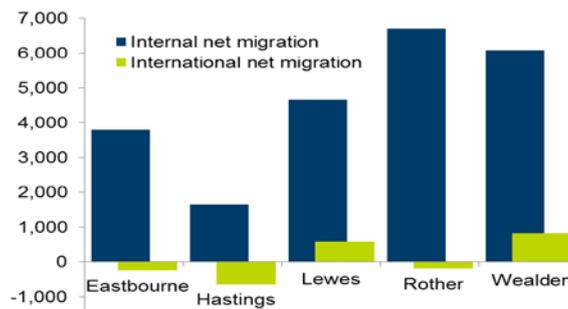
In 2016, working age people made up 55% of the total population in East Sussex, which is lower than the regional (60%) and national (61%) averages.



55.4%
of total
population
2016

Internal migration (from within the UK) is the main driver of population change among the 18-64 age group, with nearly 23,000 working age people moving to the county in the decade to 2016, 54% of whom were female.

Total net migration to East Sussex districts, 2006-2016



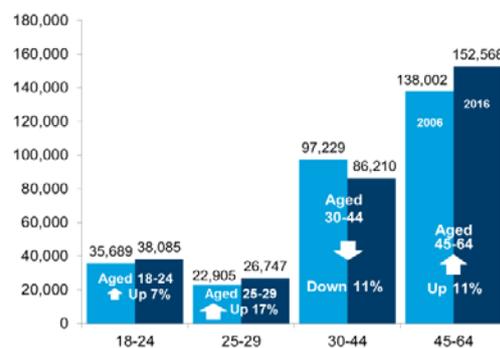
Lewes and Wealden are the only districts in East Sussex which have seen positive net migration from overseas among this group between 2006-2016. There was a net international outflow of males in that period, but the number of females was positive.

Overall numbers of young working age adults (aged 18-29) rose by 6,200 in the last decade, despite total net outflows to migration of 12,100 among this age group.

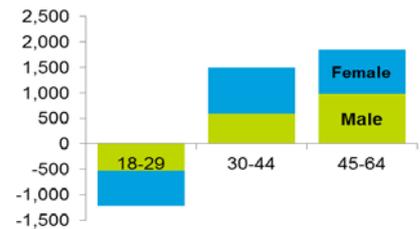
The oldest age group 45-64 have also risen by 14,600.

However, numbers of those aged 30-44 have fallen by 11,000 since 2006.

Population change among working age people 2006-2016

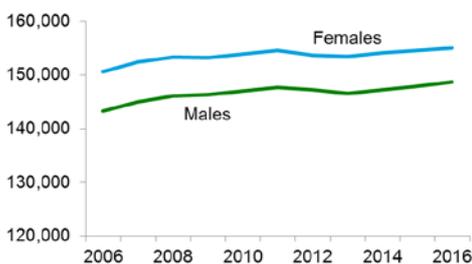


Internal migration by age group, 2015-2016



Among working age people internal migration is fairly even between the genders.

There was a net outflow of younger females to international migration, compared to a marginal net inflow of males.

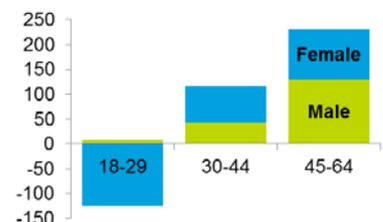


More females than males

Aged 18 to 64 years
Male 49:51 Female

Total population
Male 48:52 Female

International migration by age group 2015-2016



Older population (aged 65 and over)

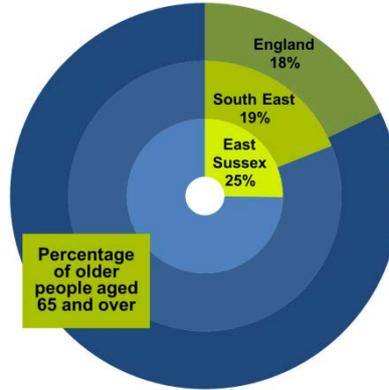
2006
112,700

2006-2016
+ 25,600 (+22.7%)

2016
138,300

Regional/national comparison

One quarter of all people are aged 65+ in 2016, compared to 18% in England and 19% in the South East. 12% of the population is aged 75+, compared to 9% regionally and 8% nationally.



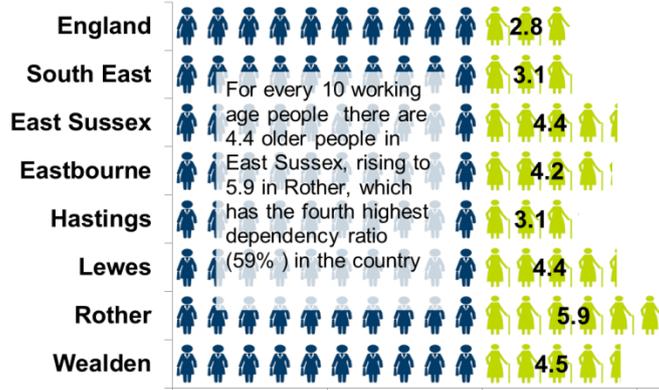
22.0%
of total population
2006

25.2%
of total population
2016

At 23% the increase in older people since 2006 is the same as the national rise but lower than the regional (26%) rise.

4% of the total population is aged 85+; the second highest of all counties and unitaries in the country, behind Dorset.

Dependency ratios

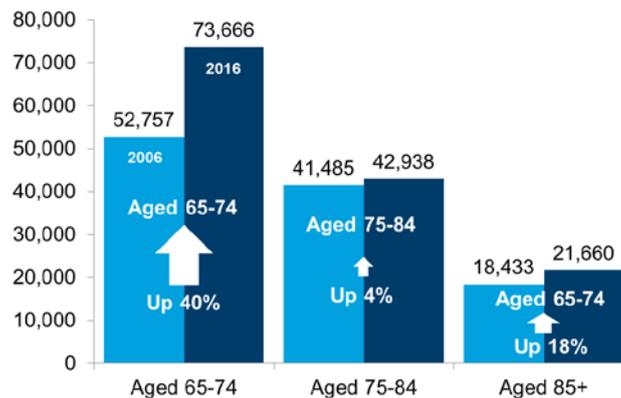


Almost 1/3 of Rother's population (31%) are aged 65+, ranking third highest in of all districts/UAs. 5% in Rother are over 85, and it ranks second behind Christchurch in Dorset. Only 19% of Hastings population is aged 65+.

Numbers of younger pensioners (aged 65-74) rose fastest, by 40%, mainly due to the postwar baby boomers reaching their late-60s.

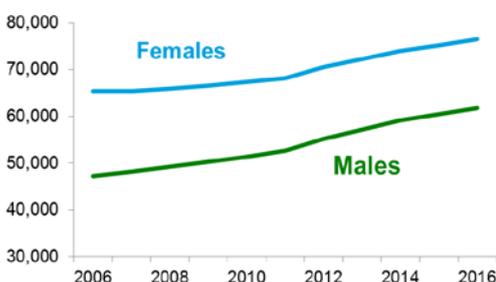
At 18%, the increase in the elderly (aged 85+) was lower than the national (28%) and regional (29%) rises.

Population change among older people 2006-2016



The county's very elderly population (aged 90+) rose by 26%, slower than national trend.

4,800 older people moved into the county in 2016, only 3% of whom came from abroad, but net migration was only 1,200 because there were also 3,600 older people who moved away.



More females than males

Aged 65+ years
Male 45:55 Female

Total population
Male 48:52 Female

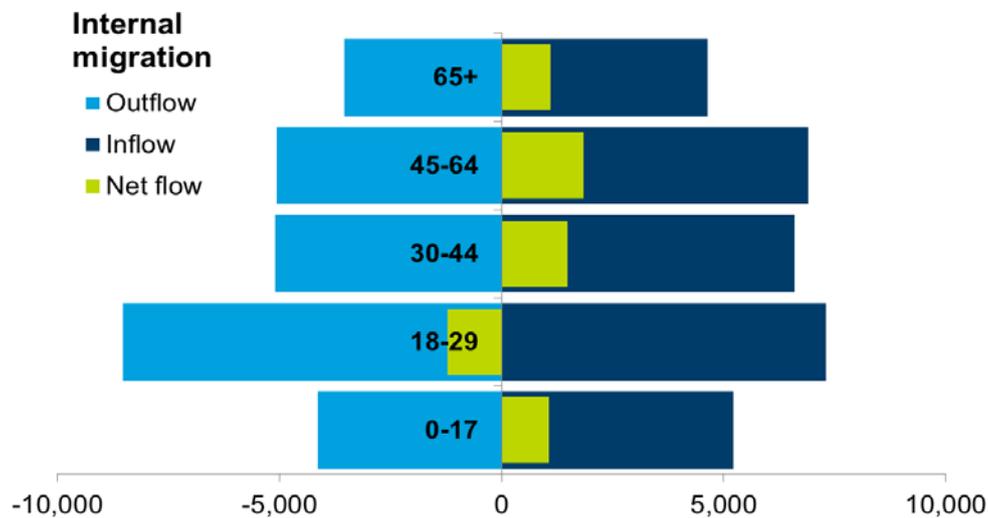
The number of males aged 65+ has increased faster than females – there was a 31% increase in the number of males, compared to a 17% increase in females in this age group.

However, among the very elderly (aged 90 and over) the ratio of males to females falls to 30:70.

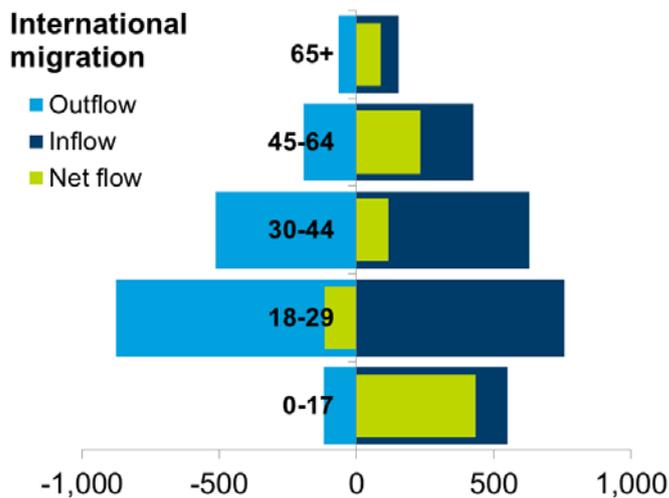
Migration flows by age group

- In 2016, internal migration was dominated by the middle-aged and children. While there was a net outflow of people aged 18-29, with 1,221 more young people leaving than moving to the county from within the UK, there was a net inflow of 1,851 people aged 45-64. There was also a net inflow of 1,070 children and young people aged under 18.
- International migration was more dominated by children, with more than half of net international migrants (433 people) in the 0 to 17 age group. The next largest group were those aged 45-64, with 232 net international migrants. Among young people aged 18-29, there was a net outflow of 117 migrants to overseas.
- There was some variation with districts, with only Hastings and Lewes seeing marginally positive levels of net international migration of young people (aged 18-29), while the other districts saw outflows of young people to overseas.
- By contrast, all districts saw internal outflows of young adults to the rest of the UK, although these outflows were smaller in Hastings (61) compared to the largest outflows seen in Wealden (438) and Lewes (288).

Internal migration to and from East Sussex by age group in 2016



International migration to and from East Sussex by age group in 2016



Population and components of change, 2015-2016

	Eastbourne	Hastings	Lewes	Rother	Wealden	East Sussex	South East	England
Population mid-2015	102,465	91,497	100,693	92,908	156,501	544,064	8,947,913	54,786,327
Births	1,044	1,083	864	719	1,392	5,102	102,826	668,063
Deaths	1,258	1,001	1,094	1,330	1,728	6,411	79,017	484,202
Natural change	-214	82	-230	-611	-336	-1,309	23,809	183,861
Internal in-migration	5,913	4,535	5,771	5,899	8,546	21,122**	238,756	95,356
Internal out-migration	5,373	4,045	4,972	4,706	7,276	16,830**	225,097	107,541
Internal migration - net	540	490	799	1,193	1,270	4,292	13,659	-12,185
International in-migration	773	566	353	290	534	2,516	77,072	579,326
International out-migration	513	412	214	235	390	1,764	38,048	277,709
International migration - net	260	154	139	55	144	752	39,024	301,617
Other*	3	13	-20	6	-4	-2	1,892	8,447
Population mid-2016	103,054	92,236	101,381	93,551	157,575	547,797	9,026,297	55,268,067

*Other changes presented in this table comprise changes to the size of armed forces stationed in the UK and other special population adjustments such the prison population

** County level internal in- and out-flows count only those moving into and out of the county itself not the sum of district level flows.

Further information

The mid-year population estimates are produced annually by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) for every local authority and health area in England & Wales. The latest mid-2016 population estimates were released by ONS on 22nd June 2017. These data are available by gender and age groups at district level and a useful [Analysis Tool](#) is also available from the ONS. Small area population estimates for ward and lower layer super output area are currently only available for 2015, and revised small area data should be released in Autumn 2017.

- For more information about mid-year population estimates see the [ONS website](#). Data is also available to download from the [Nomis](#) website.
- View East Sussex in Figures for more data on [population estimates](#) by gender and age group, from 2001 to 2016 at district level and [dependency ratios](#) time series. Data is also available for [internal migration](#) by age group and [international migration](#).
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