

# Estimates of Croydon's Population

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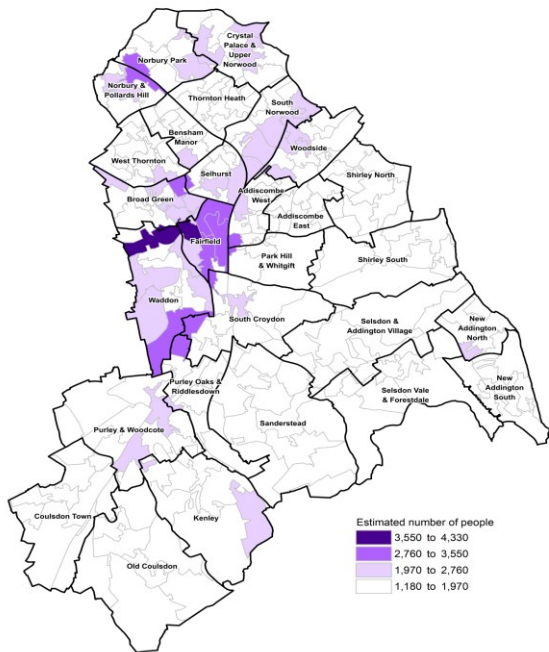
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## Population

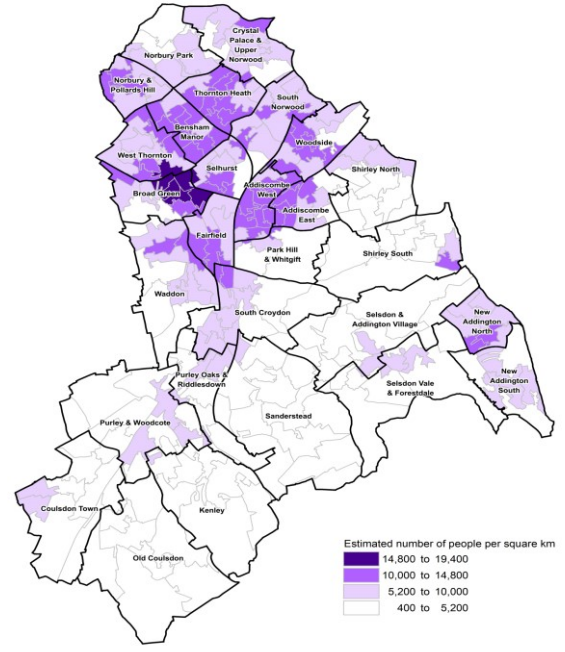
- > The estimated population of Croydon in the year to 30 June 2018 was **385,346** people  
This is the second largest population of all the London boroughs, only Barnet has a larger population
- > Croydon is the fifth largest borough in London, covering 86 square kilometres  
In mid-2018 Croydon was the eighth least populated borough with an estimated 4,455 people per square kilometre
- > For statistical purposes, Croydon is split into 220 small areas (called Lower Super Output Areas, or LSOAs)
- > The most populated small LSOA is at the top of Waddon ward
- > The town centre is the most densely populated area of Croydon

Total Croydon Population  
ONS mid-year estimates, 2018



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Croydon Population Density  
ONS mid-year estimates, 2018

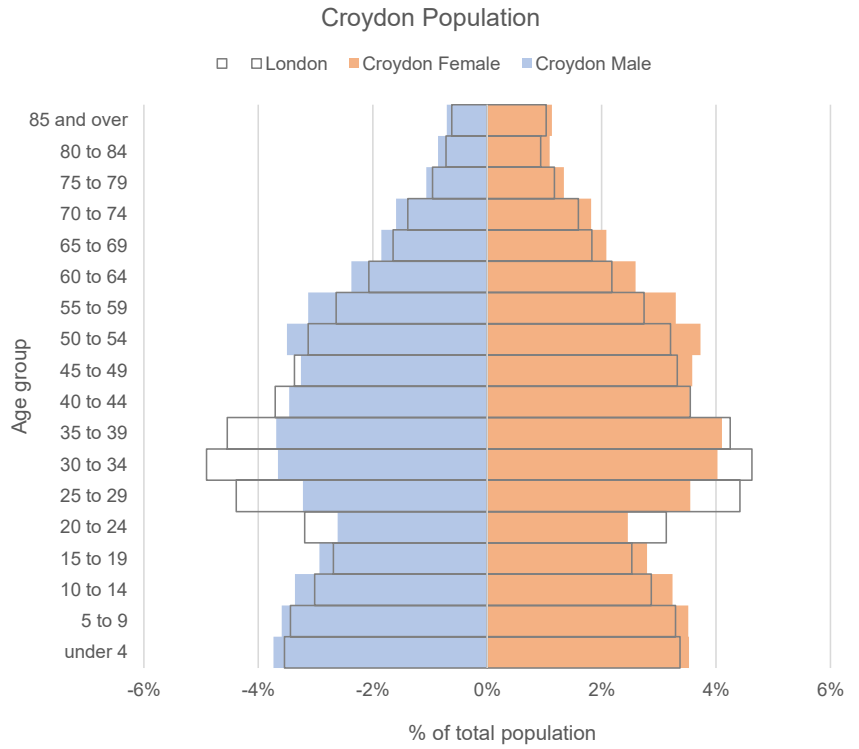


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## Demographics

- > The median age of Croydon residents in 2018 was 37.4, two years older than the London median age (35.3) and two-and-a-half years younger than the England median age (39.9)
- > Croydon had the ninth highest median age of all London boroughs
- > The median age in Croydon has increased by 1.8 years since 2001 when it was 35.6
- > Compared to London, there are proportionately fewer Croydon residents aged 20-39

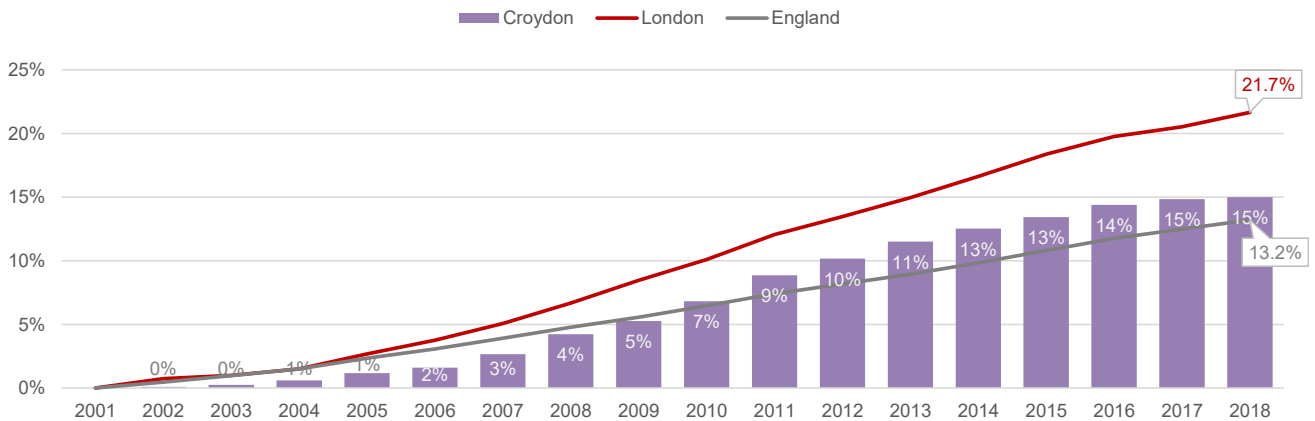


Source: ONS Mid-year population estimates, 2018

## Population growth

- > Since 2001, Croydon's population has grown by 15%, just over 50,000 people
- > Croydon had the 9th smallest population increase in London
- > Growth has slowed since 2016. Between 2017 and 2018 the number of people living in Croydon grew by just over 500 people, a third of the growth seen between 2016 and 2017 (just over 1,500 people)

Population growth; % increase since 2001

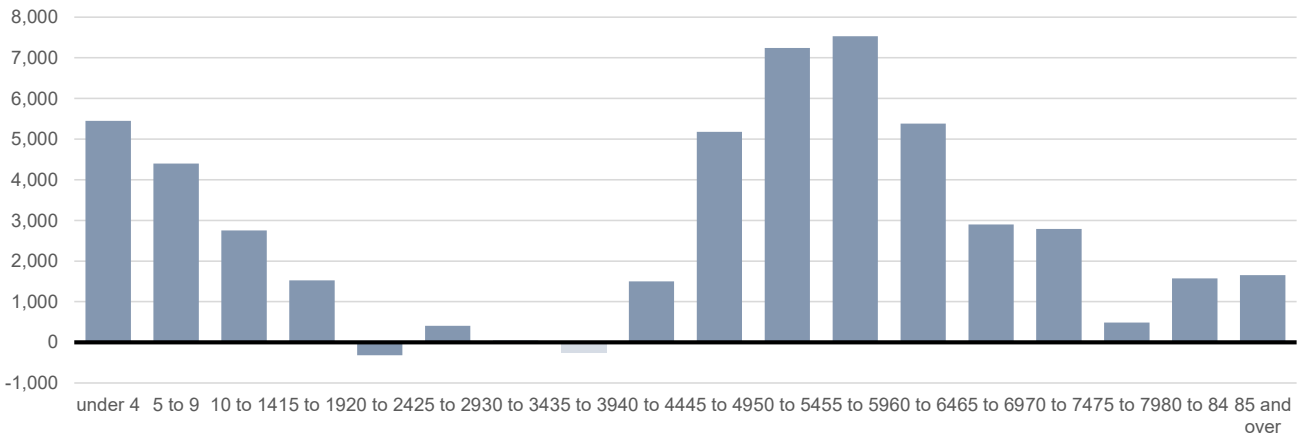


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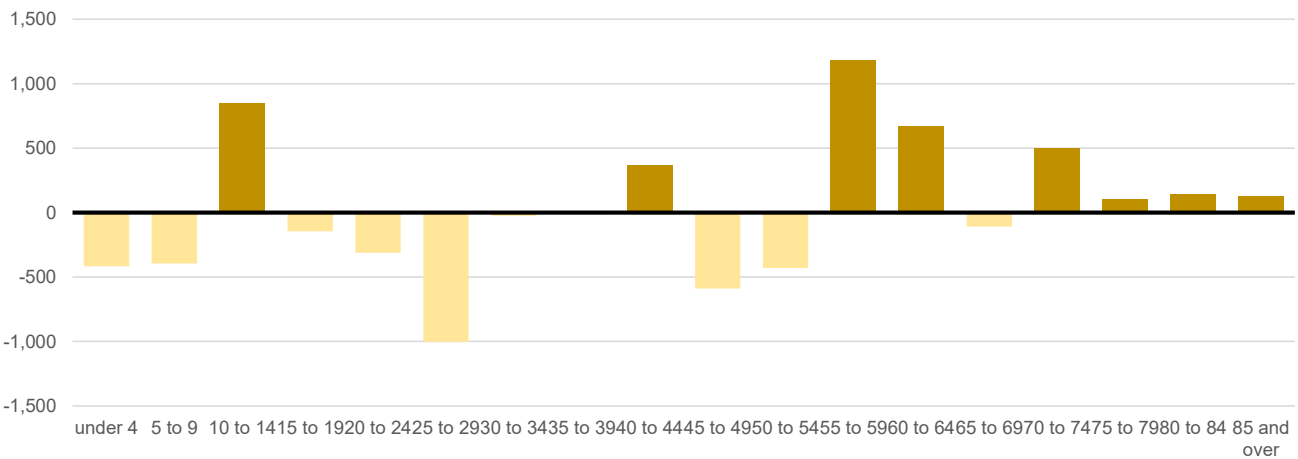
> This growth of over 50,000 people since 2001 is not evenly spread across age groups, it is particularly pronounced in the very young and those aged 45 to 64

Population growth; numerical change by age group from 2001 to 2018



> Since 2017, all age groups under the age of 54 have seen a decrease in the number of people apart from those aged 10-14 and 40 to 44. The largest decreases were in those aged 25 to 29, the largest increases were in those aged 55 to 59

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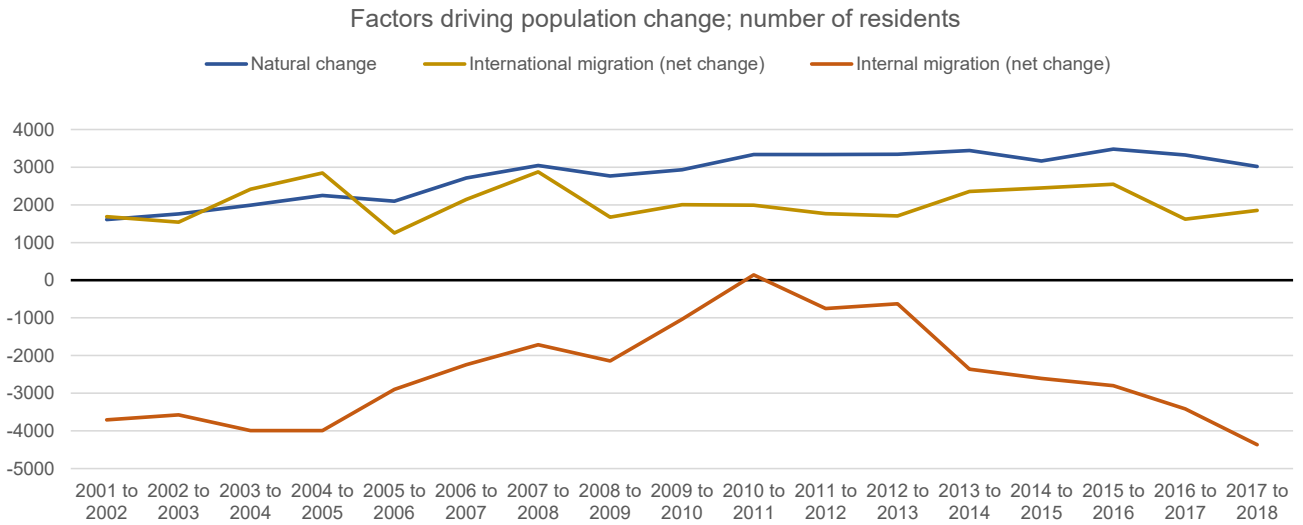


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### Factors driving population change

> The growth in population is due to natural change (i.e. more births than deaths) and international migration into the borough (so more people moving in from outside of the UK than leaving to move abroad)



Source: ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates, 2018

> Slower population growth in recent years is largely due to a fall in net internal migration (so more people leaving the borough to live in other areas of the UK)

> The fall in net internal migration is due to an increase in the people leaving the borough, not a decrease in the number of people moving into the borough

> While the net change in internal and international migration is small, it is important to consider the scale of movement as this has implications for service delivery

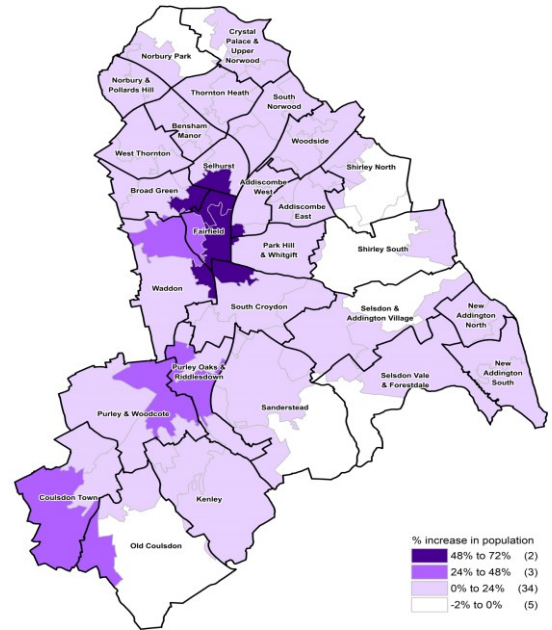
> Between 2017 and 2018, 26,687 people moved into the borough and 29,199 people moved out

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## Population projections

- > The population is expected to grow by 13% by 2030, meaning an additional 50,000 to 60,000 residents
  
- > The majority of this growth is around the town centre and the growth zone
  
- > In the same time period, the under 18 population is expected to grow by 8%, an additional 8,000 residents  
As with the general population, this growth is largely concentrated around the town centre
  
- > The older population (aged 65+) is expected to grow by 40% in the same time period, an additional 21,000 residents  
This change is also concentrated around the town centre but can be seen across the borough with no small area seeing a fall in 65+ population

Percentage change in population between 2018 and 2030  
GLA housing-led population projections



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