

Estimates of Croydon's Population

Sources of Data

ONS. Population estimates for the UK, mid-2025. Published July 2026.

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ONS. Population estimates for small geographical areas, mid-2024. Published November 2025.

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GLA. Housing-led_central_msoa_la_level, 2024. Published August 2026

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Population

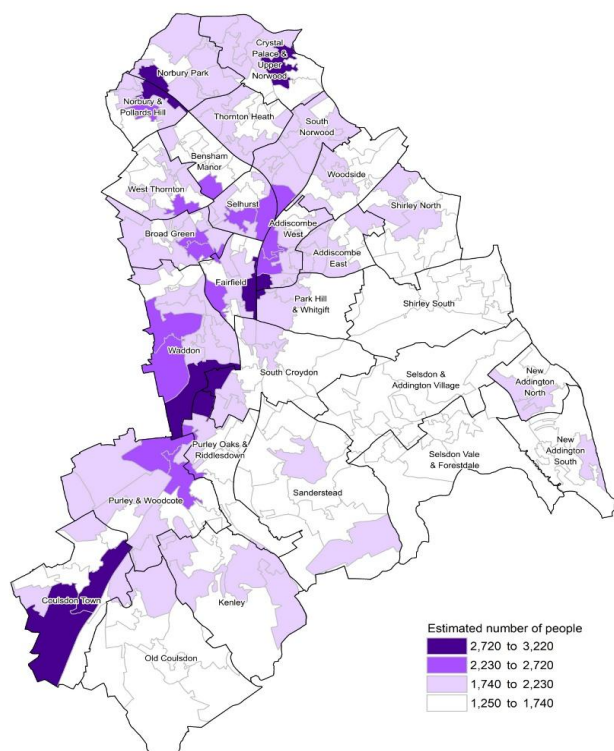
- > The estimated population of Croydon in the year to 30 June 2025 was **410,085** people
This is the largest population of all the London boroughs
- > Croydon is the fifth largest borough in London, covering 86 square kilometres
In mid-2025 Croydon was the ninth least populated borough with an estimated 4,743 people per square kilometre

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SMALL AREA DATA REFERS TO MID-2024 ESTIMATES, THE LATEST DATA AVAILABLE AT SMALL AREA.

- > For statistical purposes, Croydon is split into 229 small areas (called Lower Super Output Areas, or LSOAs)
- > The most populous LSOAs are shown in dark purple on the below map and are spread across the borough
- > The small LSOA in the town centre is the most densely populated area of Croydon

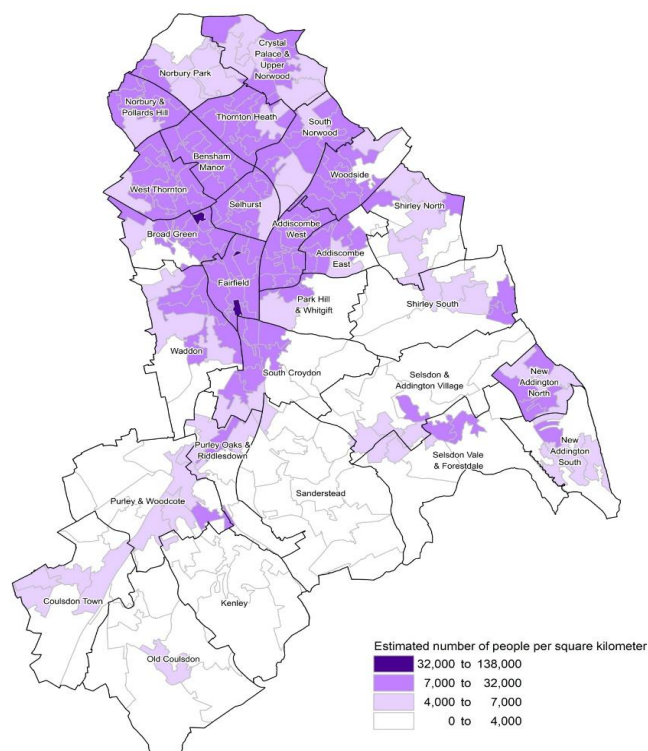
Total Croydon Population

ONS mid-year estimates, 2024



Croydon Population Density

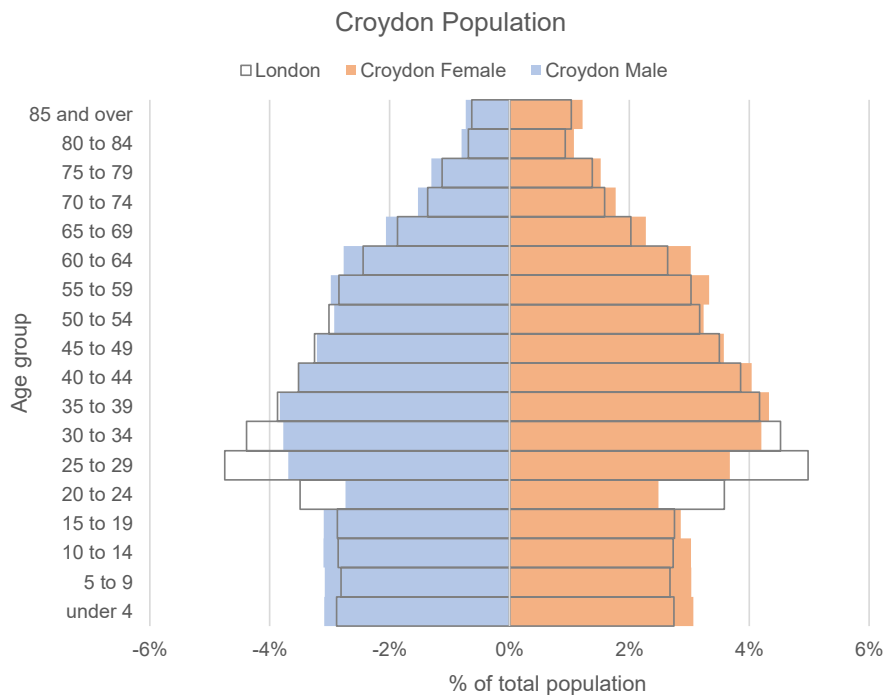
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Demographics

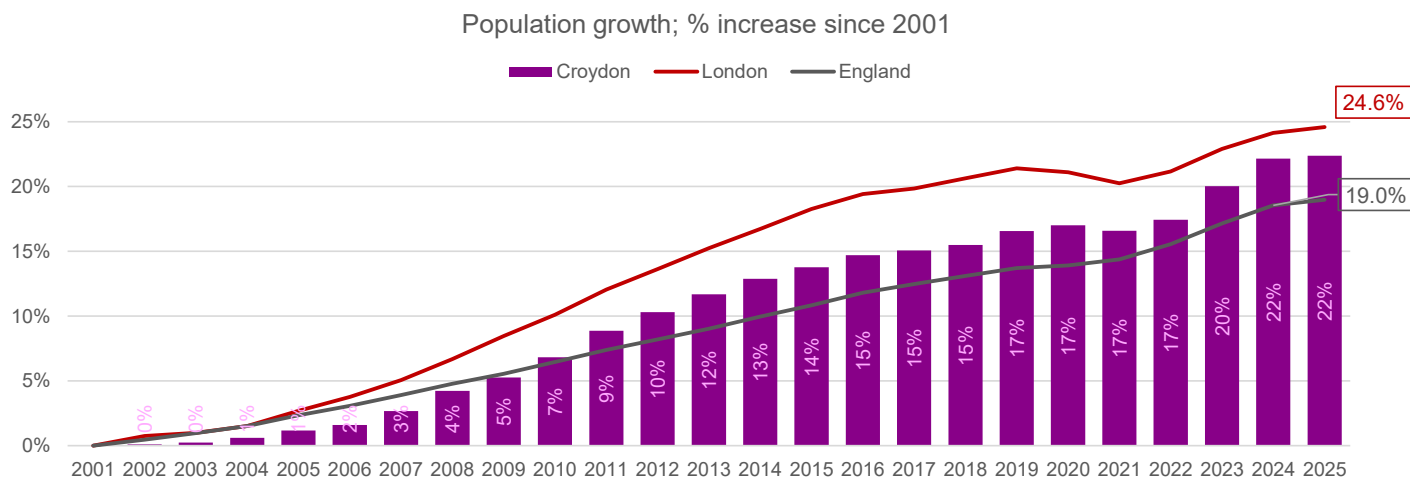
- > The median age of Croydon residents in 2025 was 38.1, two years older than the London median age (36.2) and two years younger than the England median age (40.6)
- > Croydon had the 12th highest median age of all London boroughs
- > The median age in Croydon has increased by 2.3 years since 2011 when it was 35.8
- > Compared to London, there are proportionately fewer Croydon residents aged 20-34 and more aged 0-19 and 55-85+.



Source: ONS Mid-year population estimates, mid-2025

Population growth

- > Since 2001, Croydon's population has grown by 22.4%, over 74,000 people.
- > In the same time, the population of London has grown by 24.6%. Across all London boroughs, Croydon has seen the 16th smallest population increase.
- > Between 2024 and 2025 the number of people living in Croydon grew by just over 700 people, an increase of 0.2%.
- > In the same time, the population of London has grown by 0.4%. Across all London boroughs, Croydon has seen the 13th lowest population increase.

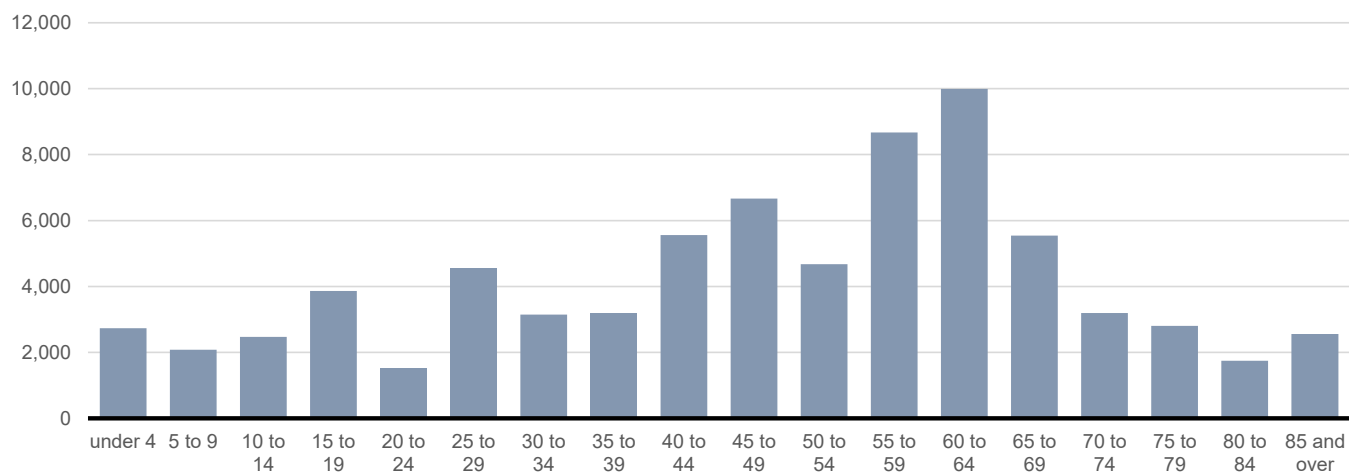


Source: ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates

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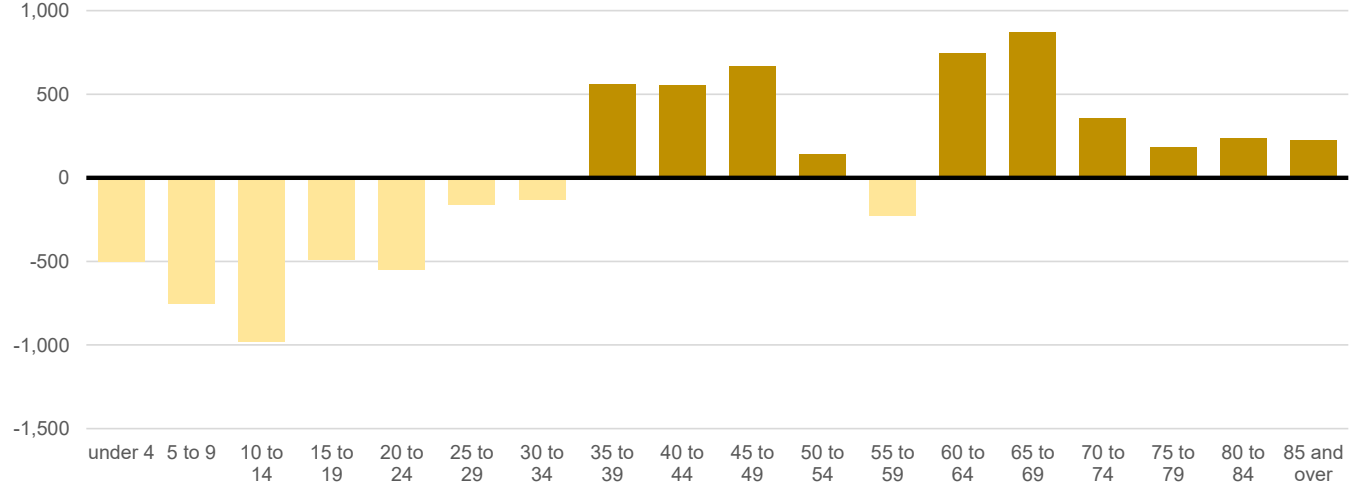
> This growth of over 74,000 people since 2001 is not evenly spread across age groups, it is particularly pronounced in those aged 60 to 64

Population growth; numerical change by age group from 2001 to 2025



> Since 2024, over half of the age groups have seen an increase in the number of people apart from those ages 0 to 34 and 55 to 59. The largest decrease was in those ages 10 to 14. The largest increase was in those aged 65 to 69.

Population growth; numerical change by age group from 2024 to 2025

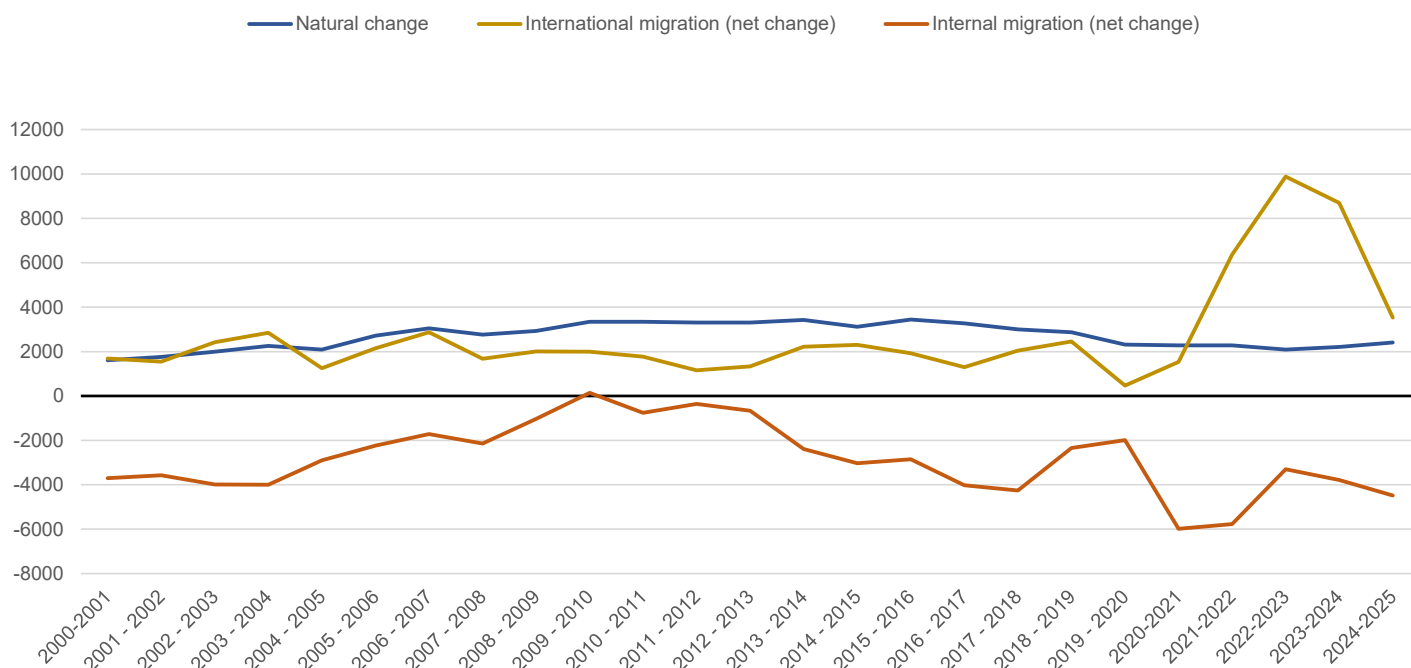


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Factors driving population change

Factors driving population change; number of residents



Source: ONS Mid-Year Population Estimates

- > Increased population growth in the last few years was largely due to an increase in net international migration (so more people entering the borough from overseas than leaving to move abroad). This has fallen sharply in the last year but remains the largest driver for population growth locally.
- > Migration as a whole resulted in a net loss of people living within the borough around 1000 less people. As more people moved out of the borough than moved in.
- > While the net change in overall migration is comparatively small and international migration is fallen, it is important to consider the scale of movement as this has implications for service delivery.
- > Between 2024 and 2025, around 40,000 people moved into the borough and 41,000 people moved out, this is 19.8% of the total population moving in or out in a single year.

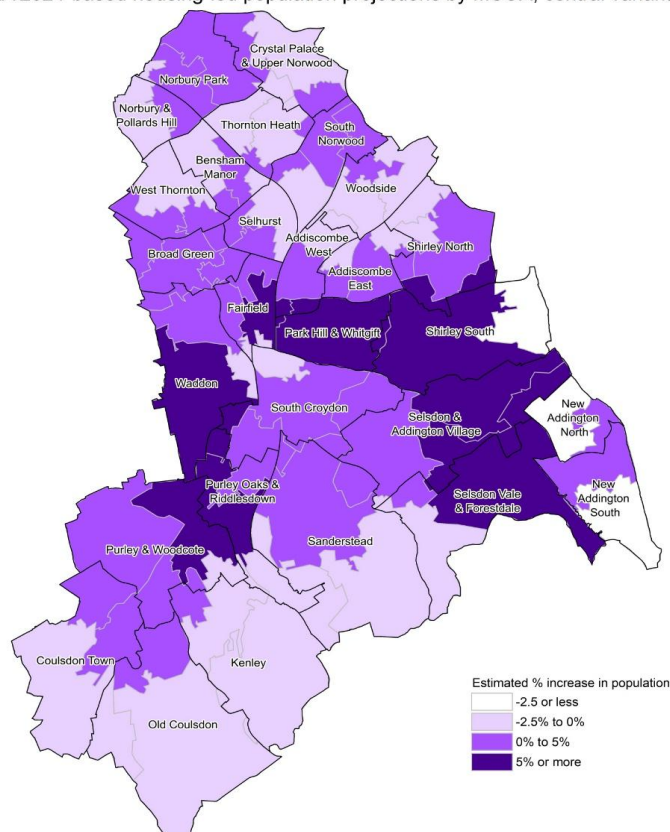
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Population projections

- > The population is expected to grow by 3.4% by 2035, meaning an additional 13,900 residents
- > The majority of this growth is in the town centre (Fairfield ward) with Waddon, Broad Green and Purley & Woodside wards also seeing increases of 10% or greater
- > In the same time period, the younger population (aged 0-17) is expected to decrease by -9.7%, approximately 8,700 residents.
- > The older population (aged 65+) is expected to grow by 23% in the same time period, an additional 13,400 residents approximately.

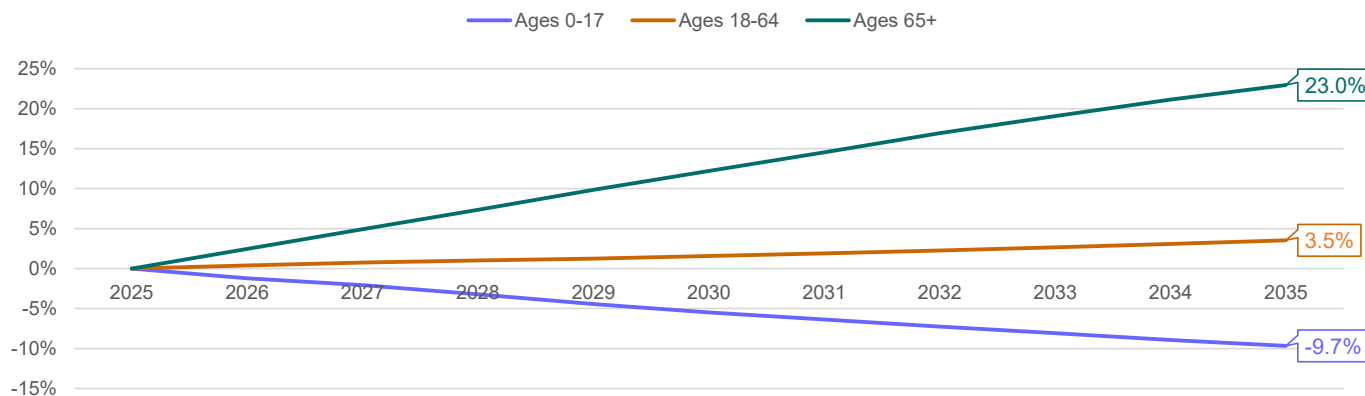
Estimated percentage change in total population between 2025 and 2035

GLA 2024-based housing-led population projections by MSOA, central variant



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Projections of Population Growth in Croydon by age group



Source: GLA_2024_housing_led_central_msoa_la_level