

## Population forecasts for Oldham

### People aged 65 years and over

This document presents population forecasts for people aged 65 years and over in Oldham by ethnic group to 2028. The estimates by ethnic group were produced by the University of Manchester.<sup>1</sup> Total populations are consistent with the mid-2003 based projections for Oldham prepared by the Office for National Statistics. Age structures by ethnic groups (for White, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Indian, Black and 'Other' people) were based on the results of the 1991 and 2001 Censuses. All estimates and forecasts presented here have been rounded to the nearest 100 people. The results provide a guide to the possible future size and distribution of the '65 plus' population by age, gender and ethnic group.

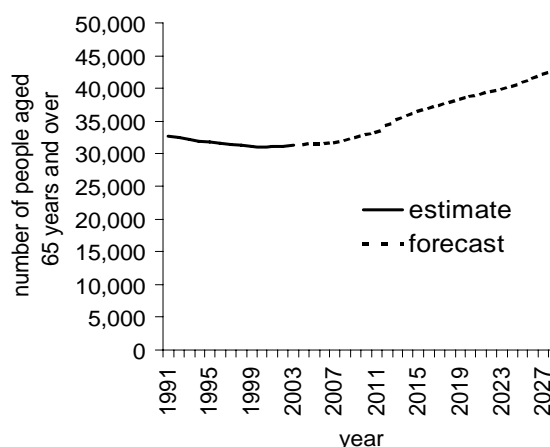
Since forecasts become less reliable over time, this document only considers changes up to 2021. It primarily concentrates on the total population aged 65 years and over and the three largest ethnic groups in Oldham: White people and people of Pakistani and Bangladeshi heritage. Caution is required when using the forecasts for Black people and people from 'Other' ethnic groups because of changes in ethnic group classification in the 2001 Census.

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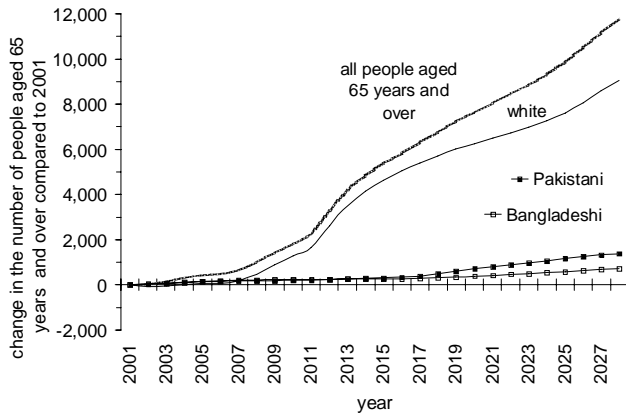
In 2005, Oldham's population included an estimated 31,500 people aged 65 years and over – about 14.5% of the total population of the Borough. After 2005, Oldham's '65 plus' population is expected to increase each year, to about 33,400 people in 2011 and 39,100 people in 2021 (Figure 1). This results in an increase in the number of people aged 65 years and over of about 24% between 2005 and 2021. The proportion of the total population who are aged 65 years and over is expected to increase to about 17.7% by 2021 (Table 1). The pattern of population change differs between ethnic groups (Figures 2, 3 and 4).

According to the Government's projections, a similar pattern of change is expected for people aged 65 years and over in England as in Oldham. Nationally, there were estimated to be about 8.1 million people aged 65 years and over in 2005, accounting for about 16.0% of the total population. The '65 plus' population of England is expected to increase annually, growing to about 10.6 million people in 2021 – an increase of around 32% between 2005 and 2021. The proportion of the total population of England made up of people aged 65 years and over is expected to increase to around one in five people (19.7%) in 2021, a higher proportion than expected in Oldham (17.7%).

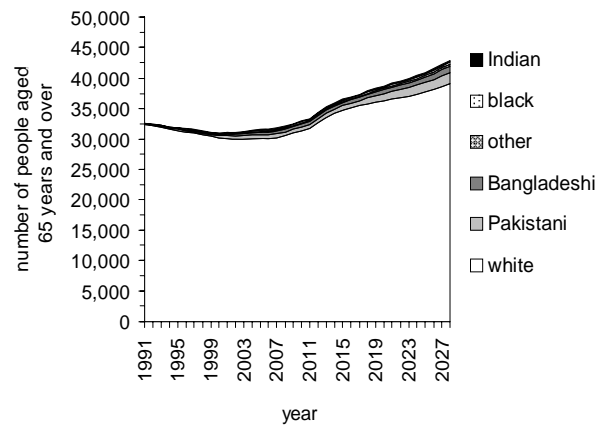
**Figure 1. From a 'low' of about 31,000 people in 2000, numbers of people aged 65 years and over in Oldham are expected to increase each year. More people aged 65 years and over are expected after 2010 than during 1991 to to 2009.**



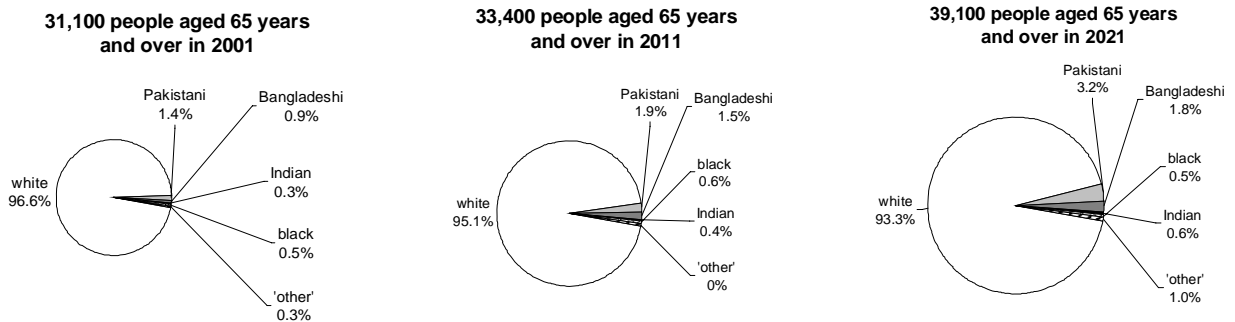
**Figure 2. Numbers of White people aged 65 years and over are expected to increase markedly after 2006. Between 2001 and 2028, Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage populations are expected to grow.**



**Figure 3. The '65 plus' population – increasing numbers of people and a changing ethnic composition.**



**Figure 4. Changing ethnic composition of Oldham's '65 plus' population – comparison of this population in 2001, 2011 and 2021.**



There were estimated to be about 30,000 White people aged 65 years and over in Oldham in 2001. Their numbers are expected to increase in most years to 31,700 people in 2011 and 36,500 people in 2021 (Figure 2). The proportion of the '65 plus' population of Oldham who are White will fall slightly from around 97% in 2001 to 93% in 2021 (Figures 3 and 4).

An estimated 400 people of Pakistani heritage in Oldham in 2001 were aged 65 years and over. Their numbers are projected to increase annually, with numbers doubling from around 600 people in 2011 to 1,200 people in 2021 (Figure 2). The proportion of the '65 plus' population in Oldham of Pakistani heritage is projected to increase from around 1% of people in 2001 to 3% of people in 2021 (Figures 3 and 4).

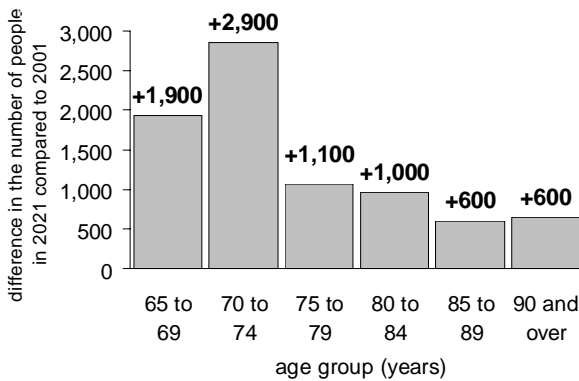
There were around 300 Bangladeshi heritage people aged 65 years and over in Oldham in 2001. Numbers of Bangladeshi heritage people aged 65 years and over are expected to increase in most years to around 500 people in 2011 and 700 people in 2021. Bangladeshi heritage people made up about 1% of the total '65 plus' population of Oldham in 2001. Their

share of this population is expected to remain steady at around 1.4% or 1.5% from 2006 to 2018, and then increase to around 2% by 2021 (Figures 3 and 4).

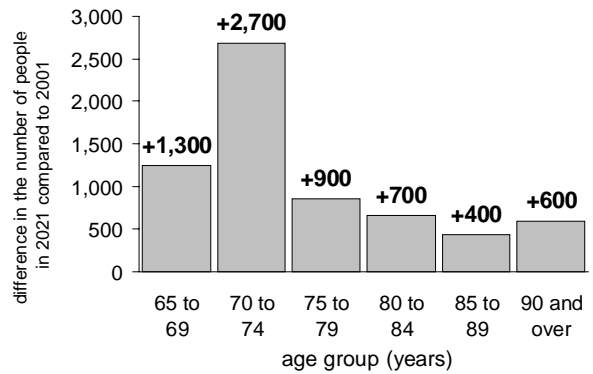
Different proportions of people in each ethnic group are aged 65 years and over (Table 1). Oldham’s White population has the highest proportion of people aged 65 years and over, who made up about 16% of this population in 2001 increasing to over one in five people (22%) in 2021. Oldham’s Pakistani and Bangladeshi heritage populations are much younger than the White population. The proportion of people aged 65 years and over in Oldham’s Bangladeshi heritage population is expected to remain within the range 2.7% to 3.6%. After 2015, people aged 65 years and over are expected to make up a growing share of the Oldham’s Pakistani heritage population, with around a 5% share of the Pakistani heritage population expected in 2021 compared with 3% in 2001.

**Figure 5. Numbers of people aged 65 years and over in Oldham in 2021 compared to 2001 are expected to vary by age and ethnic group**

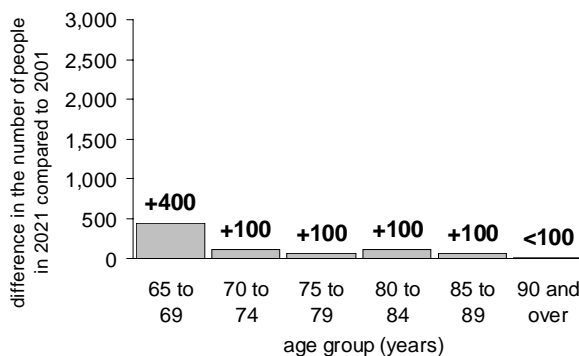
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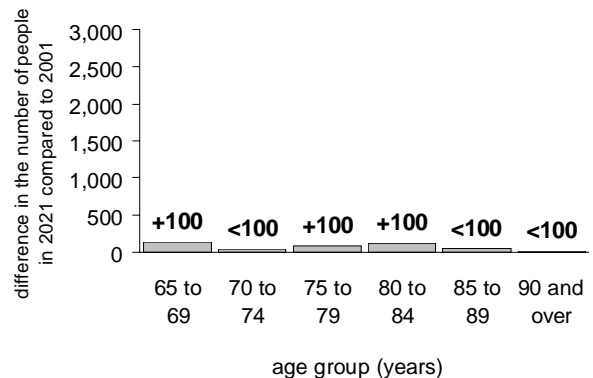
**White people aged ‘65 plus’ ... more people of all ages, with a marked increase for 70 to 74 year olds**



**Pakistani heritage people aged ‘65 plus’ ... more people in each age group, with a marked increase for 65 to 69 year olds**



**Bangladeshi heritage people aged ‘65 plus’ ... more people in each age group**



Numbers by bars are the difference in the number of people expected in the age group in 2021 compared to 2001. These numbers are rounded to the nearest 100 people.

**Table 1. People aged 65 years and over – their share of the total population within each ethnic group in selected years**

Ethnic group	Percentage of the total population in each ethnic group in Oldham made up of people aged 65 years and over in selected years				
	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
White	16.0	16.6	18.1	20.6	22.1
Black	11.7	16.7	17.4	17.9	21.9
Indian	6.3	8.6	10.0	12.9	17.5
Pakistani	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.6	5.1
Bangladeshi	2.7	3.4	3.1	2.7	3.1
Other	2.6	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.4
All	14.2	14.5	15.3	16.8	17.7

Based on single year forecasts. Rows are ordered by the percentage of the total population in the ethnic group accounted for by people aged 65 years and over in 2001.

**Table 2. Numbers of people aged 65 years and over in Oldham in selected years**

Age (years)	Number (rounded to the nearest 100) of people aged 65 years and over in Oldham in selected years				
	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021
<b>People: all</b>	<b>31,100</b>	<b>31,600</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>36,900</b>	<b>39,100</b>
65 to 74	16,400	17,100	18,700	20,800	21,200
75 to 84	11,000	10,500	10,400	11,600	13,000
85 and over	3,700	3,900	4,300	4,500	5,000
<b>White: all</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,100</b>	<b>31,700</b>	<b>35,100</b>	<b>36,500</b>
65 to 74	15,600	16,000	17,600	19,900	19,500
75 to 84	10,800	10,200	9,900	10,800	12,300
85 and over	3,700	3,900	4,200	4,400	4,700
<b>Pakistani: all</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1,200</b>
65 to 74	300	400	400	400	900
75 to 84	100	100	200	300	300
85 and over	<100	<100	<100	<100	100
<b>Bangladeshi: all</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>700</b>
65 to 74	200	400	300	200	400
75 to 84	<100	100	100	300	200
85 and over	<100	<100	<100	<100	100

Note 1: Information about births, deaths and migration since 1991 were used to produce a set of population estimates to 2003. The population of the Borough was then projected forward to the year 2028, under a set of assumptions concerning likely future trends in births, deaths and migration.

This is one of a set of reports about these population forecasts for Oldham, including reports concerning a range of age groups. These reports are available on the 'Council Publications' section of the Oldham MBC website (at [www.oldham.gov.uk](http://www.oldham.gov.uk)). The estimates and forecasts were produced by CCSR, University of Manchester, as described in their report: Simpson, L., and Gavalas, V. (27 May 2005) *Population Forecasts for Oldham Borough, with an ethnic group dimension*. Further information can be obtained from the Research Team, Corporate Policy, Chief Executive's Department, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council. Telephone: 0161 911 5186. E-mail [susan.kirkham@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:susan.kirkham@oldham.gov.uk).