

North Norfolk District Council

North Norfolk District Population Supplementary Statement

A supplementary Statement that provides evidences to support the Background Paper 7 (Examination Ref. C7.1) to demonstrate that North Norfolk has the highest proportion of elderly in the country and also the fastest growing age group, using the 2021 Census, to support the new North Norfolk Local Plan 2016-2036.

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Related Evidence	North Norfolk District Council Background Paper 7 [C7.1], Section 4
Reference	The AMR 2022-23 (page 37) shows the North Norfolk population profile and comparisons to Norfolk and the East and also England from the 2021 Census. It also shows the projections to 2036 for those aged +65.

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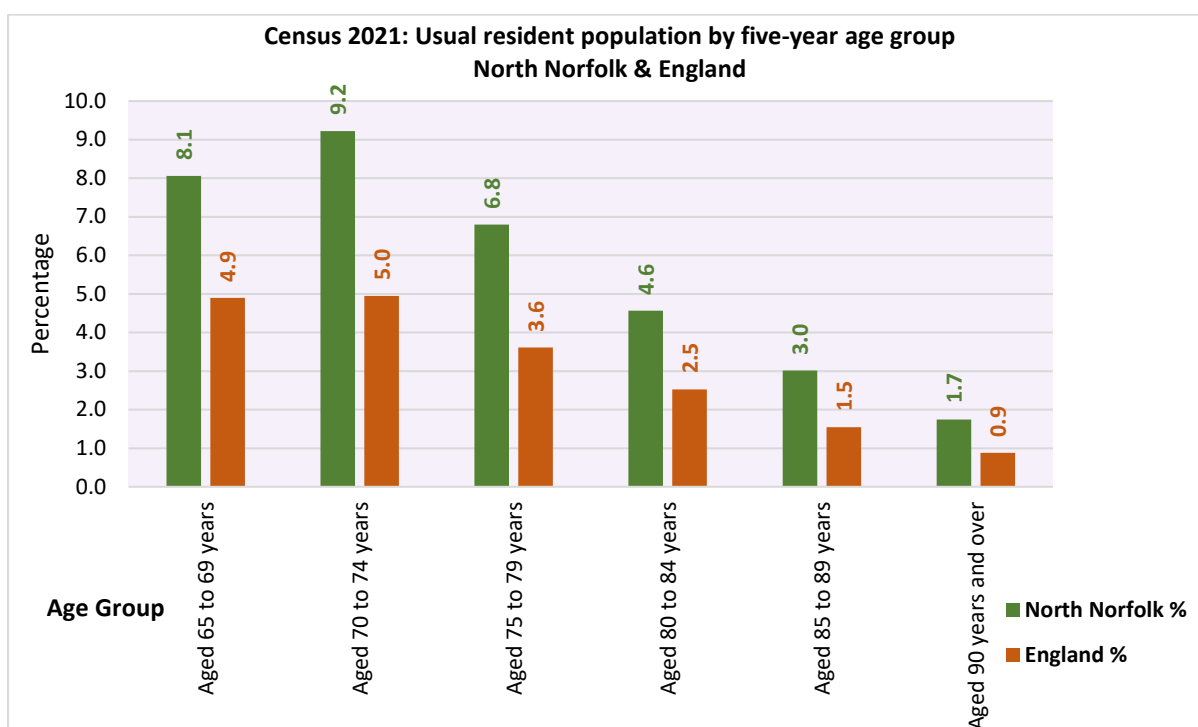


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1. North Norfolk – Ageing Population (65+)

- 1.1. This statement evidences that the population for North Norfolk District published from the 2011 census is still valid.
- 1.2. The background paper stated:
 - 1.2.1. 28% of the North Norfolk Population as being over 65, well above the England average figure of 16%.
 - 1.2.2. 63% of the population is 'economically active' which is below the England figure of 71%
 - 1.2.3. 41.7% of the population is below 29 which is below the England figure of 56.5%.
- 1.3. According to the latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) census data, north Norfolk is the local authority area with the highest average age in England and Wales. The graph below shows the data from 2021 Census that in the North Norfolk district 33.4 % of it's population is over 65, well above the England average figure of 18.4% and demonstrates that the ageing demographics are increasing.



Graph 2 – ONS 2021 Census – North Norfolk v England Population 65+

- 1.4. Between the last two censuses, the average (median) age of North Norfolk increased by three years, from 51 to 54 years of age.
- 1.5. The number of people aged 65 to 74 years rose by just under 3,000 (an increase of 20.1%), while the number of residents between 35 and 49 years fell by just under 2,900 (16.5% decrease).

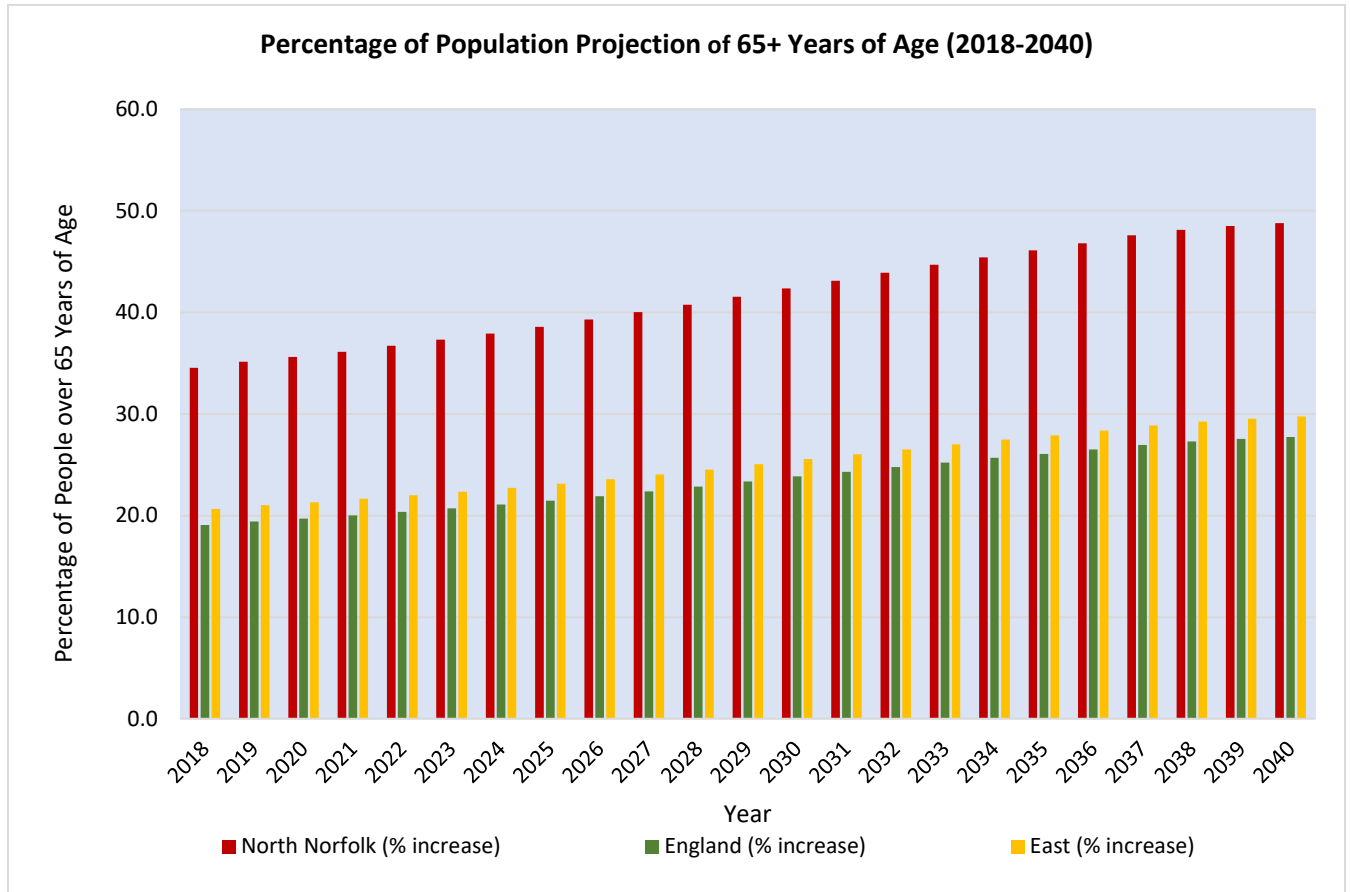
- 1.6. **One third of the population of North Norfolk is aged 65 and over, the highest proportion in England and Wales, according to new census data.** On census day last year, 33.4% of the area's population, including seaside locations Cromer and Wells, were aged over 65, according to the Office for National Statistics (ONS). (also reported on the BBC on 28 Jun 2022.).
- 1.7. 48% of the population is 'economically active' down from 63% following the 2011 census, which is below the England figure of 58.6%, down from 71% following the 2011 census.
- 1.8. 23.8% of the population is below 29 years of age, which is below the England figure of 34.3%.
- 1.9. **The District has one of the highest percentage of over 65s in the country at 32.1% of the resident population (2021 Census).**
- 1.10. The 2018 Sub-National population projections, the most relevant projections currently, (data from the 2021 Census not yet available), verify this increasing aging population for North Norfolk. The figures show that the population of North Norfolk increases from 104,552 in 2018 to 114,850 by 2036 and the over 65 population cohort is projected to rise from 35% to 43 % by 2036. This compares with a regions average of 26% and an England average of 25% by 2036.

Table 7 – 2018-Based Subnational Population Projections (1000s)

Age Group	North Norfolk			East			England		
	2018	2036	2040	2018	2036	2040	2018	2036	2040
65-69	8,864	10,933	10,122	328,146	416,522	396,832	2,822,593	3,624,540	3,420,089
70-74	9,389	11,037	11,152	330,259	395,544	400,583	2,724,800	3,410,221	3,435,143
75-79	6,179	8,971	9,992	220,423	317,055	357,064	1,863,126	2,710,701	3,048,949
80-84	4,918	6,718	7,423	170,099	237,944	262,336	1,403,756	1,987,454	2,211,558
85-89	4,963	8,273	8,607	169,548	287,407	300,961	1,364,978	2,284,678	2,411,308
90+	1,812	3,010	3,701	62,416	103,954	128,050	499,276	814,197	1,000,015
All 65+	36,125	48,942	50,997	1,280,891	1,758,426	1,845,826	10,678,529	14,831,791	15,527,062
All ages	104,552	114,850	116,742	6,201,214	6,685,789	6,772,234	55,977,178	60,377,811	61,157,877
% 65+	35%	43%	44%	21%	26%	27%	19%	25%	25%

Source Table 1 Sub National Population Projections 2018, Population projections - local authority based by single year of age- NOMIS

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Graph 2 - Source Sub National Population Projections 2018, Population projections - local authority based by single year of age—
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2. Conclusion

- 2.1. North Norfolk has a significantly aging population. The 2018 based projections show that there will be a significant increase in both numbers and proportion of the population aged over 65. By 2036, the end of the Local Plan period there will be over 48,942 people aged over 65 in North Norfolk, an increase of 12,800. Overall the percentage of people aged over 65 increases from 35% to 43% of the Districts population by 2036 (2018 ONS). This is over 20% greater than that for the East and just under 20% for England.