

4 Population and Households

Indicator	Latest Data	Previous Data	Trend
Total resident population at the last Census	82,662 (Census 2011)	76,415 (Census 2001)	↑
Population in 2036 (ONS subnational population projections)	84,800 in 2036 (2018-based)	90,600 in 2036 (2014-based)	↓
Population density (population per square kilometre)	3,394 (2019)	3,307 (2011)	↑
Population under 16	16,220 20% (Census 2011)	15,174 20% (Census 2001)	↑
Population over 60	19,278 23% (Census 2011)	15,787 21% (Census 2001)	↑
Total number of households	36,677 (Census 2011)	31,337 (Census 2001)	↑

Population

Census

The population of Gosport Borough has increased over the last 20 years. In the 2001 Census, there were 76,415 residents in the Borough. By the 2011 Census, this increased by 8.1% to 82,662 people (an extra 6,185 people). Between 1991 and 2001, the population increased by 7.1% from 71,338 to 76,415 (an extra 5,077 people). The latest ONS projections (2018-based) estimate that the population in 2020 is 85,168 people (Figure 4.1).

Changes in Gosport Borough population between 1991 and 2020

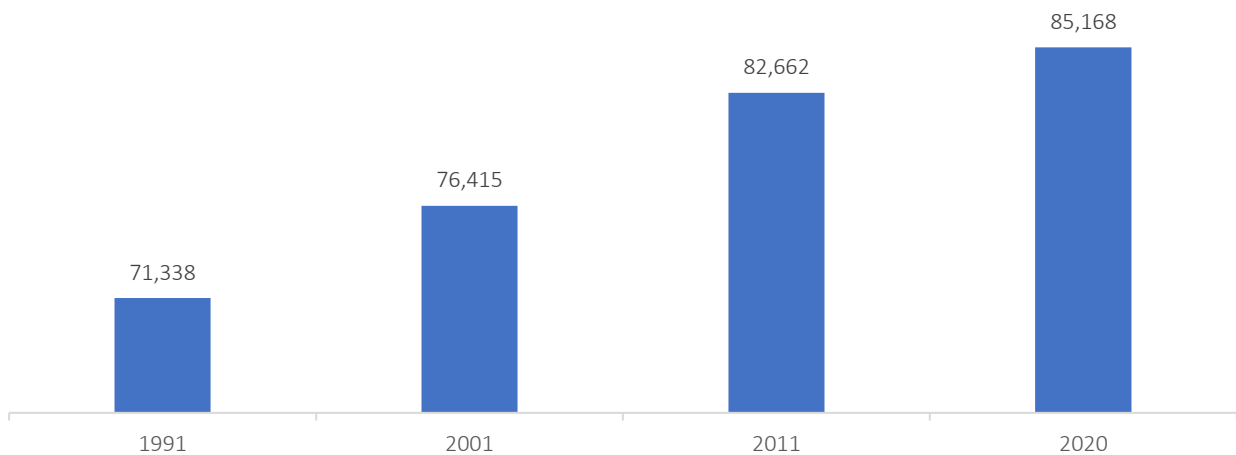


Figure 4.1: Population increases in Gosport Borough (Census 1991, 2001 & 2011 and ONS 2018-based subnational population projections)

Latest subnational population projections

The latest population estimates (2018-based) show that Gosport Borough had a population of 85,168 people in 2020, made up of 50.4% female (42,900) and 49.6% male (42,267) (Figure 4.2).

2020 population projection
Total population: 85,168

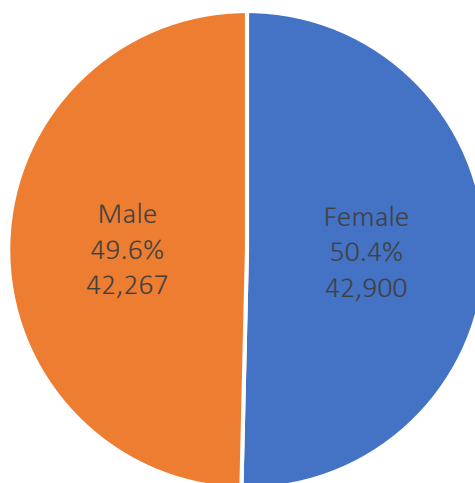


Figure 4.2: Gosport Borough Population Projections for 2020 (ONS 2018-based subnational population projections)

Between 2019 and 2036, the latest 2018-based population projections show a slight decrease in population of 400 people. The change in the total population between 2019 and 2036 using each release of population projections from the ONS (2014-based, 2016-based and 2018-based) is shown in Figure 4.3.

Population change between 2019 and 2036 using ONS subnational population projections

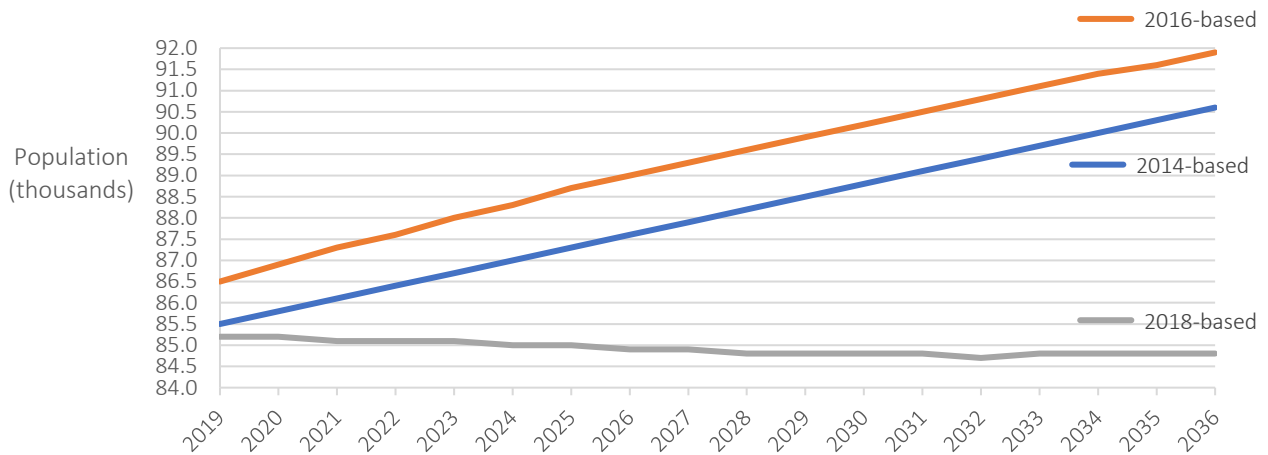


Figure 4.3: Population between 2019 and 2036 (ONS subnational population projections)

Small Area Population Forecast (SAPF)

Accurate measures of the population are only made every 10 years when a census occurs, however, predictions of future population change can be made based upon trends in the factors which affect population change. These factors include elements such as birth and death rates, migration and household formation rates. The data in Figure 4.4 is from Hampshire County Council’s Small Area Population Forecast (SAPF) (2019).¹ The SAPF forecasts an increase of 1,701 people between 2019 and 2026.

Population change between 2019 and 2026 using HCC SAPF

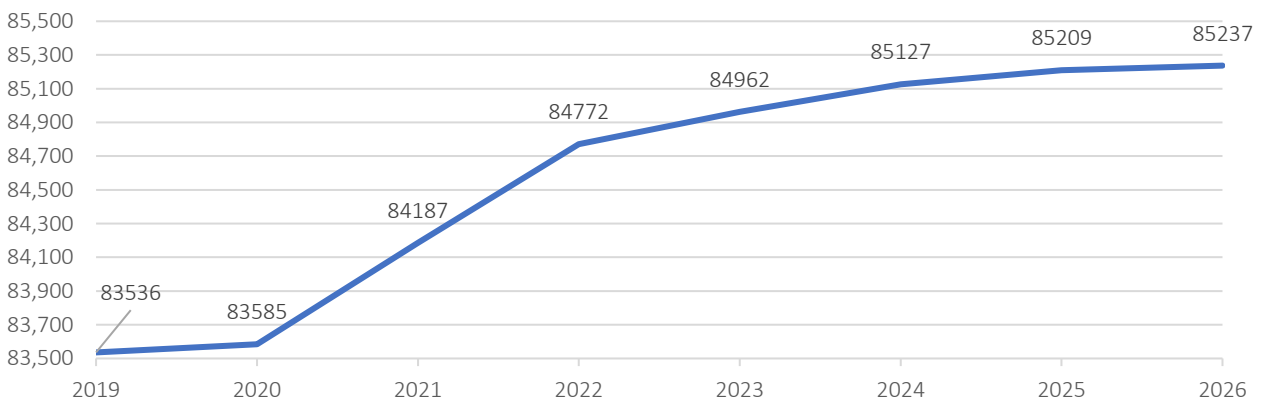


Figure 4.4: Population increase between 2019 and 2026 as forecast by SAPF (Hampshire County Council 2019)

¹ Hampshire County Council SAPF (2019) More information available: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>

Ethnicity

Like many parts of Hampshire, the majority of residents (94.4%) in Gosport Borough identify as 'white: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British'. Figure 4.5 shows the percentage of all residents by their ethnicity.

In 2011 the proportion of all non-white ethnic groups living in the Borough was 5.6%, up from 1.7% in 2001. The number of all non-white ethnic groups living within the Borough was 1,265 people in 2001 rising to 2,977 people in 2011.

This is below the Hampshire average of 3.3% and significantly below the England average of 9%. All ethnic minority groupings within the Borough are below county and national averages despite a slight increase in numbers and the proportion between the 2001 and 2011 Census.

In 2001 the largest ethnic grouping within the Borough was Chinese with 175 people, representing 0.2% of the local population. This increased in 2011 to 214 people or 0.25%. The Chinese ethnic group is no longer the largest in the Borough with people of mixed British / African Descent (321 people or 0.4%), Polish (354 people or 0.42%) and Indian descent (428 people or 0.51%) representing a larger proportion of Gosport's population.

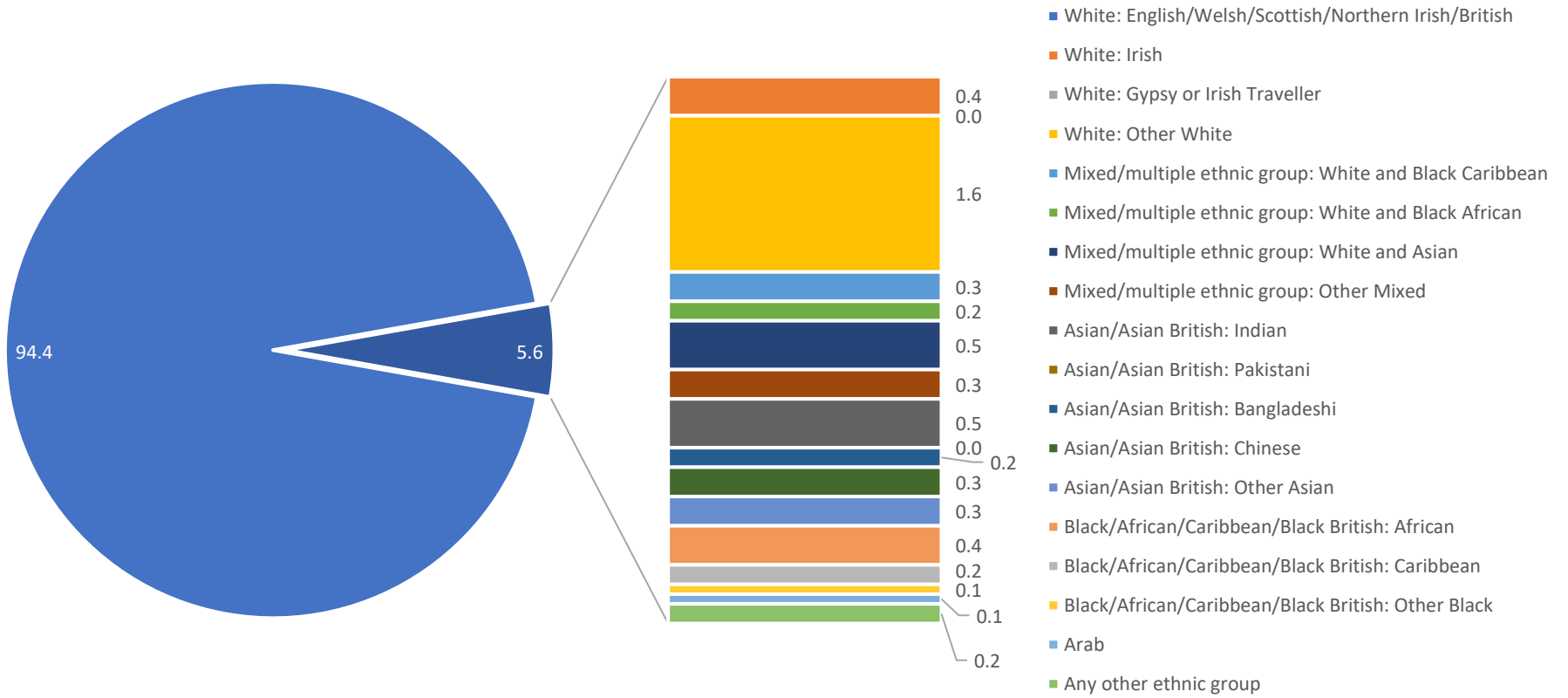


Figure 4.5: Ethnicity of population (Census, 2011)

Historic population change

Historic Census records (Figure 4.6) show that the Borough’s population grew from under 15,000 in 1811 to over 30,000 in 1911. In the 32 years between 1939 and 1971 the population of the Borough doubled, this is likely due to displacement of people from nearby cities caused by WWII and large-scale housing construction in the Borough at this point with whole emerging communities such as Bridgemarky.

Gosport Borough historic population change between 1801 and 2011

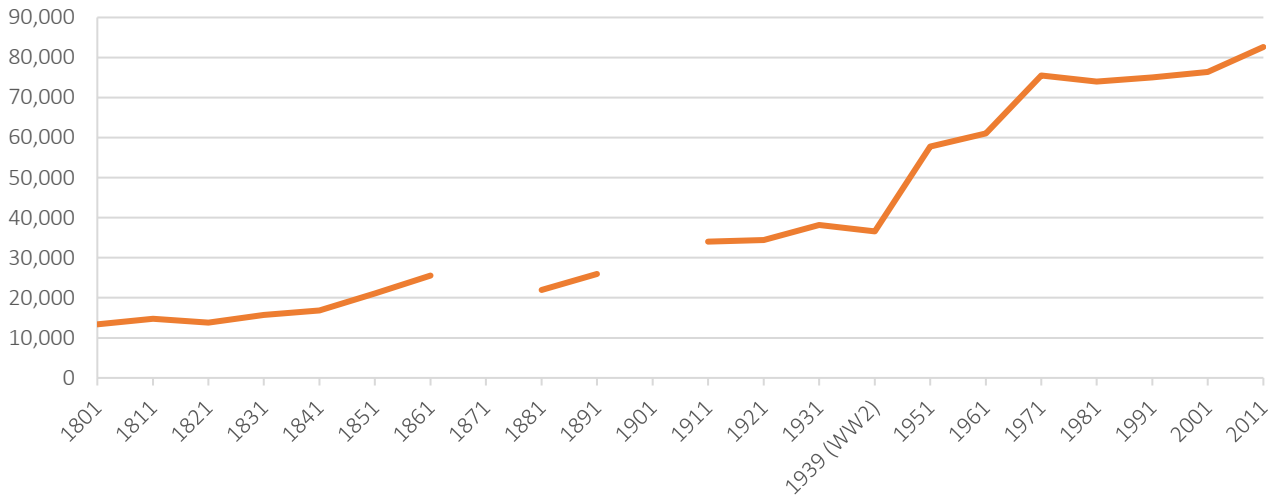


Figure 4.6: Population change between 1801 and 2011 (Census)

Population age

Office for National Statistics mid-year population estimates (mid-2016) shows the percentage of population by age band. Figure 4.7 shows the population pyramids for Gosport Borough for 2001 and the latest available in 2016.

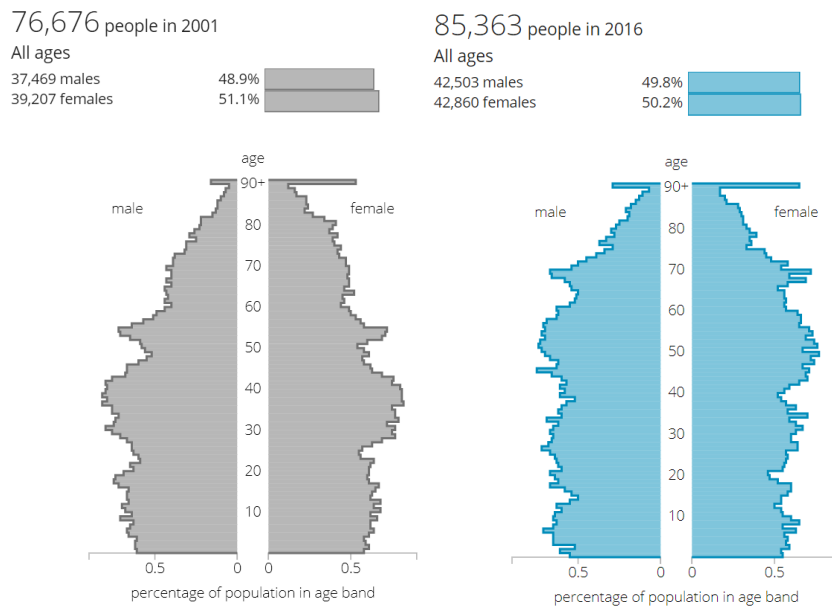


Figure 4.7: Population age pyramids for 2001 and 2016 (Based on population estimates in mid-2016 (ONS))

Working age population

As can be seen in Figure 4.8 the number of people of working age as well as the number of children and over 60's has increased since 1991. The number of children has increased to 16,220 back to above 1991 levels after a dip in 2001. The working age population has steadily increased and now stands at 47,190 people. The number of over 60's has increased most significantly and now stands at 19,278, an increase of nearly 5,000 from 1991.

Changes in the working age population between 1991 and 2011

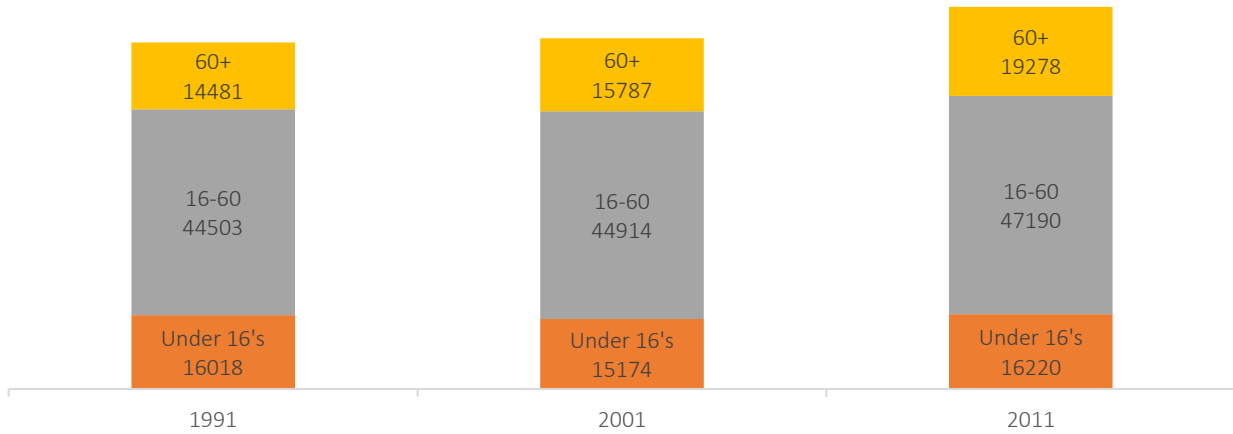


Figure 4.8: Working age population (Census 1991, 2001 & 2011)

Estimated population change by age

Small Area Population Forecasts (SAPF) from HCC show the projected change in the population age structure over the period 2019 to 2026 (Figure 4.9).

The graph shows that overall, the number of young and working age people in the Borough is expected to fall whilst the population of retired people is expected to continue to grow². For example, there could be a fall in the proportion of the population aged 0-15 of 0.9% and an increase in over 75s of 2%.

SAPF: changes in population age between 2019 and 2026

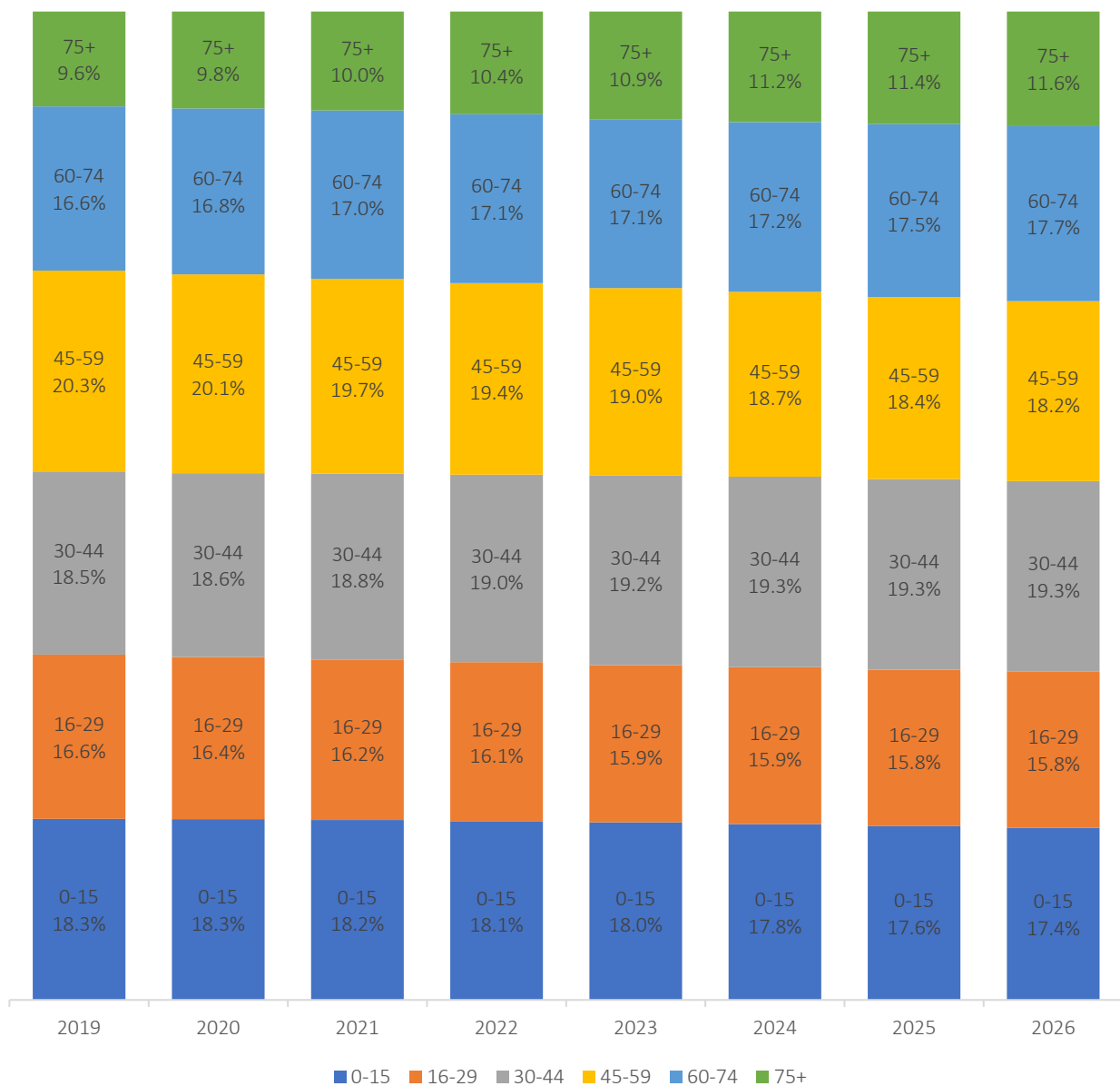


Figure 4.9: Changes in population age between 2019 and 2026 (HCC Small Area Population Forecast 2019)

² HCC SAPF (2019) More information available: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>

Population trends by age group

The number of children in the Borough has remained largely the same since 1991 though the 2011 level is slightly higher (Figure 4.10). The proportion of those aged 16-29 is higher than in 2001 though much lower than the 1991 levels. The numbers in this age group are lower than both the 0-16s and the 30-44s. The number of people in the 30-44 age group is slightly above its 1991 level down from a peak in 2001. The 45-59, 60-74 and 75+ age groups have all steadily increased since 1991.

Gosport Borough population trends by age group between 1991 and 2011

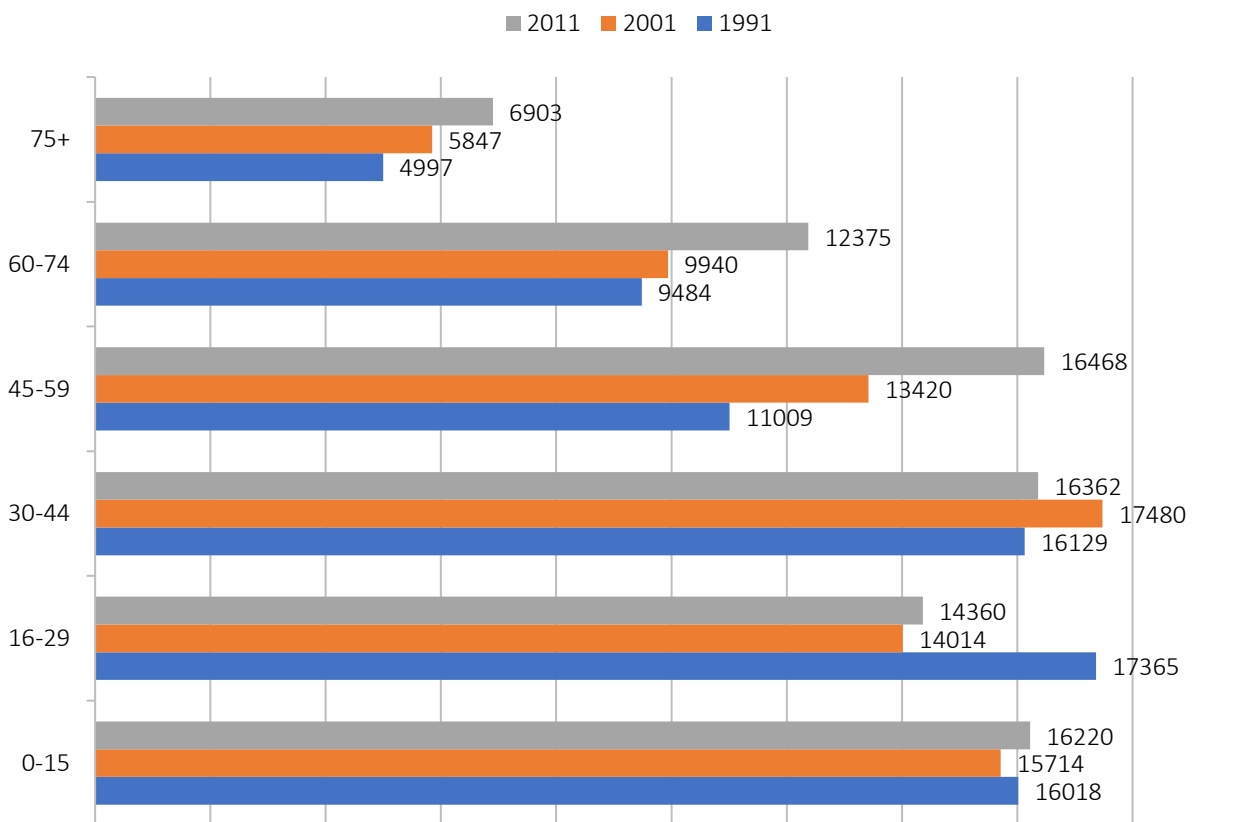


Figure 4.10: Trends by age group between 1991 and 2011 (Census 1991, 2001 & 2011)

Old age dependency ratio

It is important that we can meet the changing needs of an older population. To measure the potential impact of an ageing population, the Old Age Dependency Ratio (OADR) is used. The OADR is a ratio showing the number of people aged 65 years or over for every 1,000 people of working age (those aged 16 to 64 years).

Gosport has an OADR of 33.4, this means that there are 33.4 people aged over 65 years old for every 1,000 people of working age. While Gosport has a higher dependency ratio than cities such as Portsmouth and Southampton and districts such as Eastleigh, Gosport Borough’s OADR is not as high as some of the more rural districts of Hampshire. Figure 4.11 shows a comparison of the OADR in mid-2019 for all Hampshire districts (including the two cities).

Area	OADR Number of people over 65 years old for every 1,000 people of working age (16 to 64)
Southampton	19.7
Portsmouth	21.0
Rushmoor	22.9
Basingstoke and Deane	28.1
Eastleigh	32.1
Hart	33.0
Gosport	33.4
Winchester	35.6
Test Valley	36.5
Fareham	39.8
Havant	40.1
New Forest	53.3

Figure 4.11: Old Age Dependency Ratio (ONS mid-2019 population estimates)

Ward population

The total population of each ward using data from the Census 2011 is shown in Figure 4.12. Anglesey has the smallest population with 3,702 residents and Lee East the largest with 6,059 residents.

Population of each ward (ordered smallest to largest)

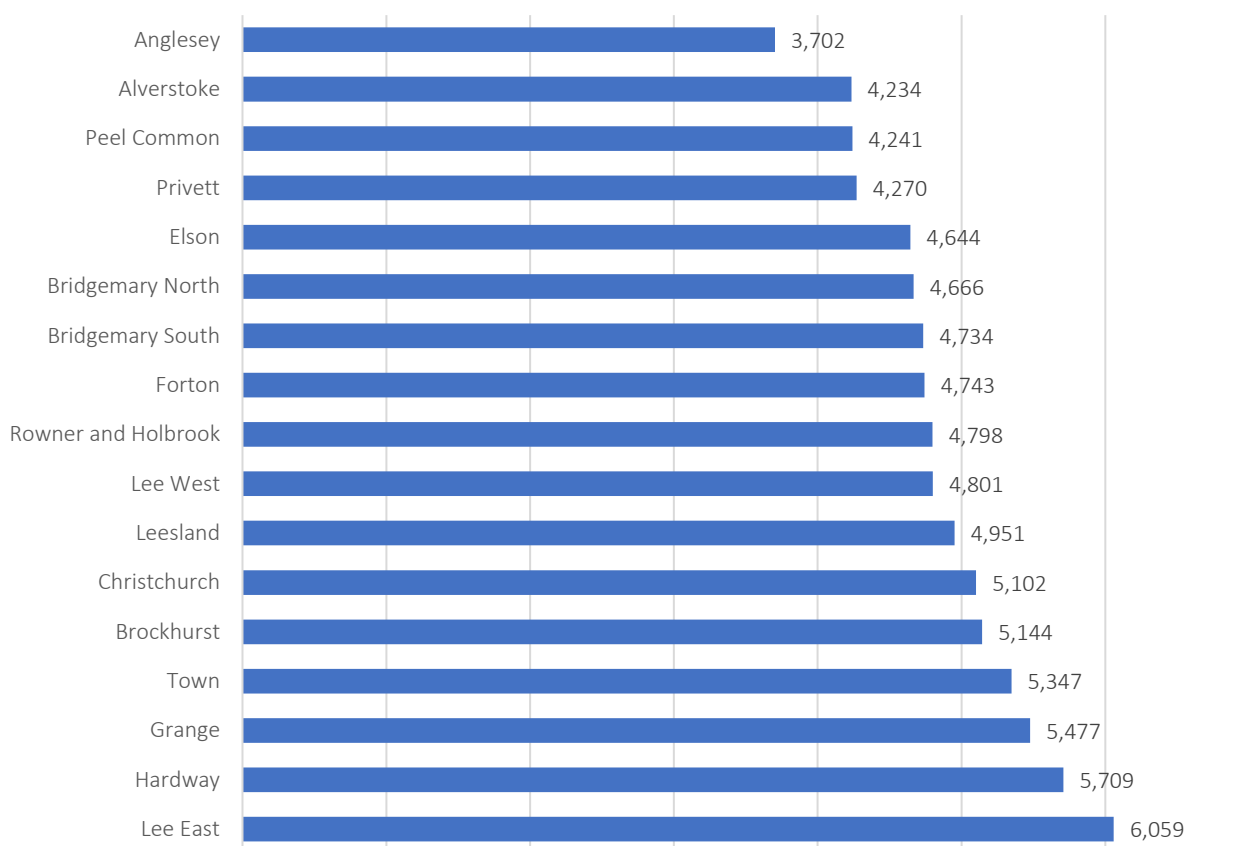


Figure 4.12: Population of each ward in Gosport Borough (Census 2011)

Ward age structure

There is significant variation in the age structure in wards in Gosport Borough. For each of the Borough’s seventeen wards, the proportion of the population in each age bracket is detailed using data from the Census 2011 (Figure 4.13). Individual ward summaries are provided in the next section.

Population age structure by ward (% of the ward population)

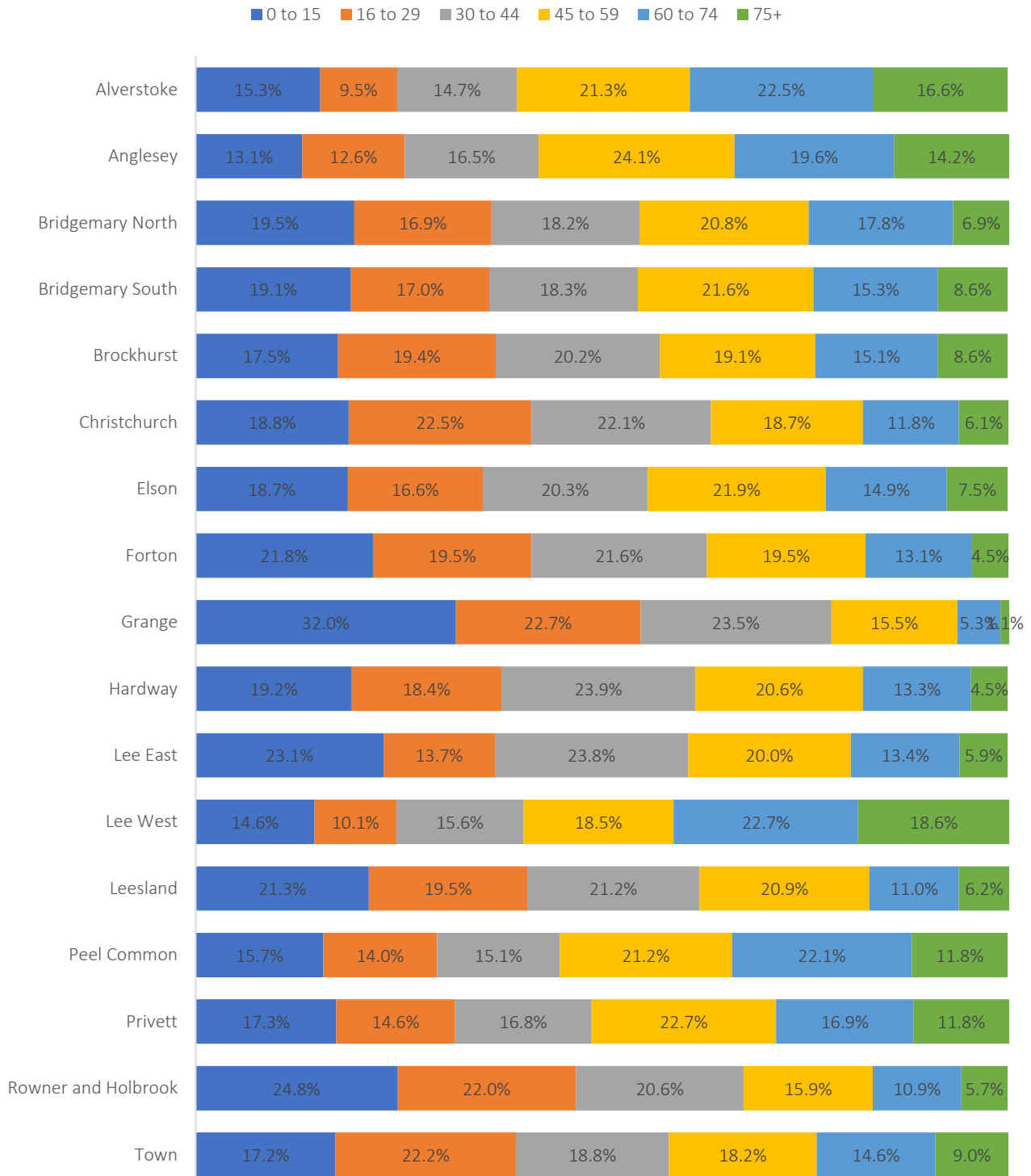
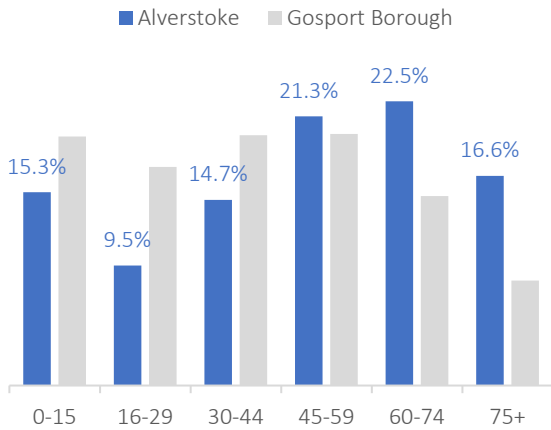


Figure 4.13: Ward age structure (proportion of ward population) (Census 2011)

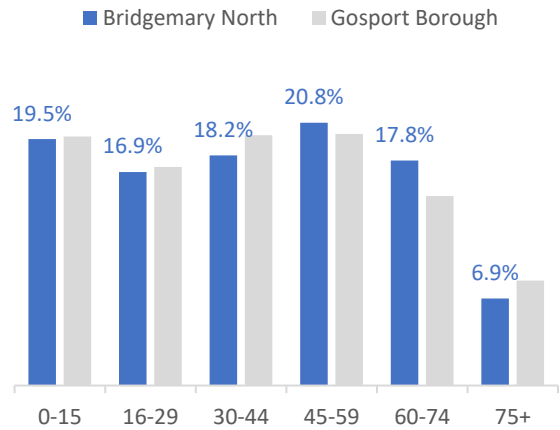
Alverstoke

Second highest proportion of over 75's in the Borough and 39.1% aged over 60 years old. Along with Lee West and Peel Common this ward has a high number of retirees.



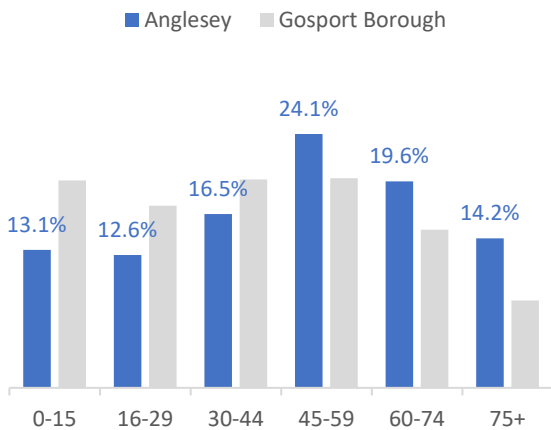
Bridgemary North

75.4% of residents aged under 60 years old with 36.4% under 30 years old. Balanced age structure reflecting a mixture of family and retired households.



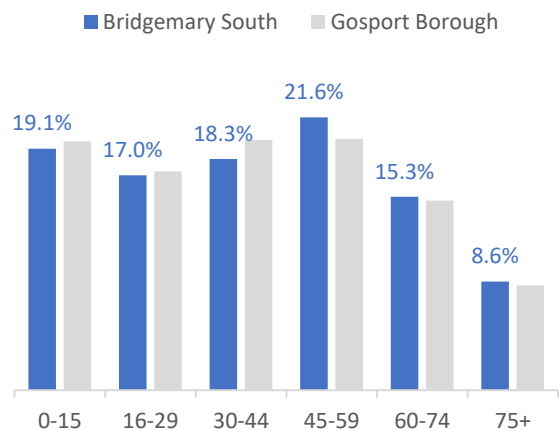
Anglesey

Has the highest proportion of 45-59 year olds in the Borough and lowest proportion of 0-15 year olds perhaps reflecting households where children have grown up and moved away.



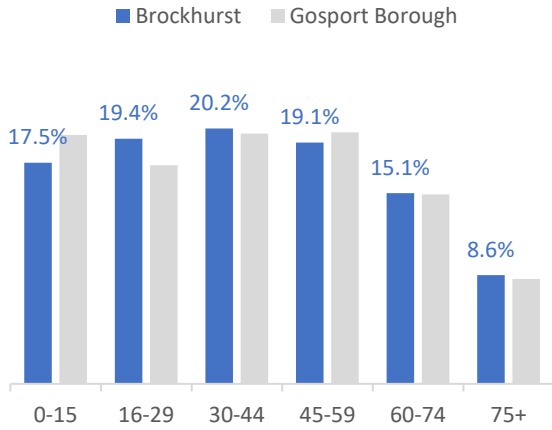
Bridgemary South

76% of residents aged under 60 with the most common age bracket being 45-59 at 21.6%. Displaying a similar trend to Bridgemary North, a significant proportion of younger people along with older people reflects a mix of households.



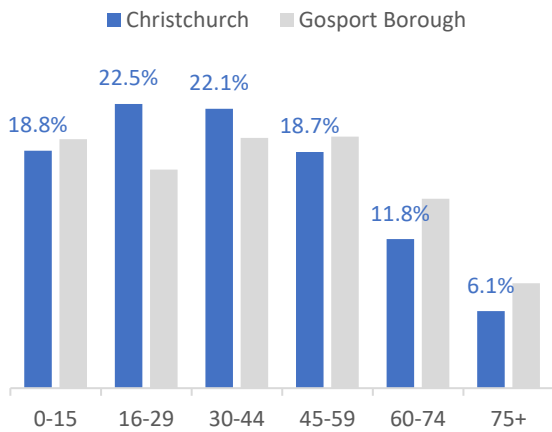
Brockhurst

Balanced age profile with a relatively low proportion of over 75s. 76.2% of people aged under 60.



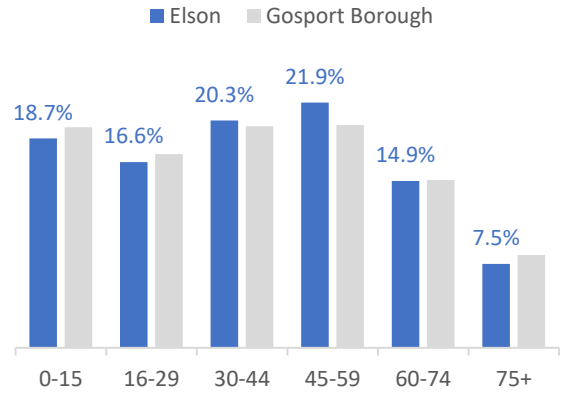
Christchurch

82.1% of people aged under 60 representing a younger population than some wards in the Borough. Second highest proportion of people aged 16-29 at 22.5%.



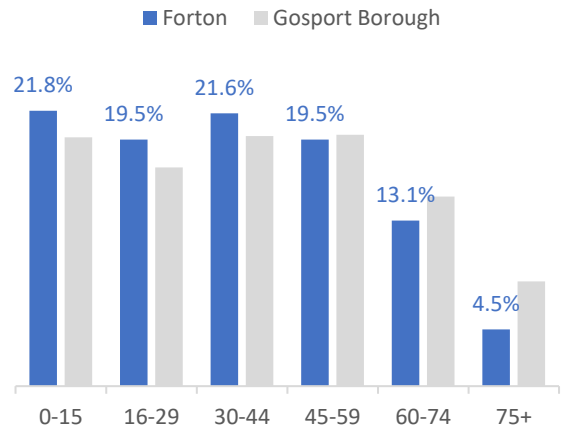
Elson

22.4% of residents aged over 60. The most common age bracket is 45-59 with 21.9%, higher than the Borough average.



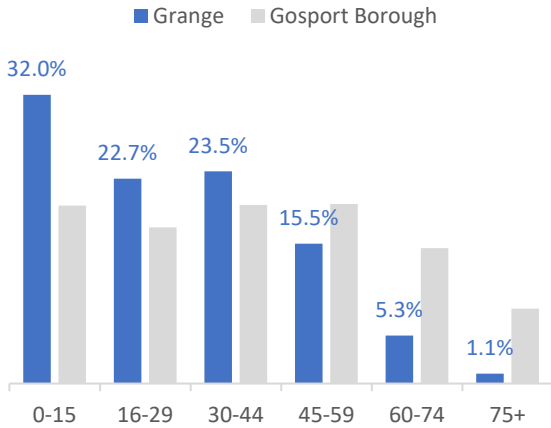
Forton

82.4% of residents aged under 60 years old with 41.3% of these under 29 years old. Only 4.5% of people aged 75 and over, one of the lowest proportions in the Borough.



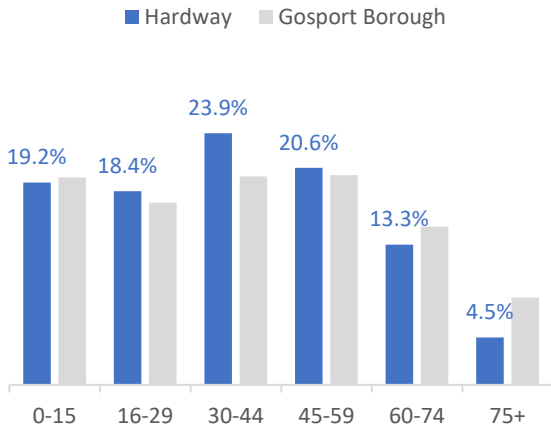
Grange

Most youthful population in the Borough with the highest proportion of 0-15 year olds at 32%. 93.7% of residents are under 60 years old.



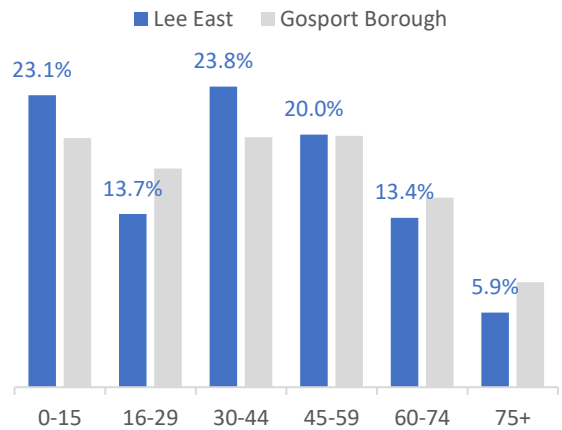
Hardway

Highest proportion of 30-44 year olds in the Borough with 23.9%. Also characterised by high number of under 15s perhaps reflecting a larger number of young families in this ward.



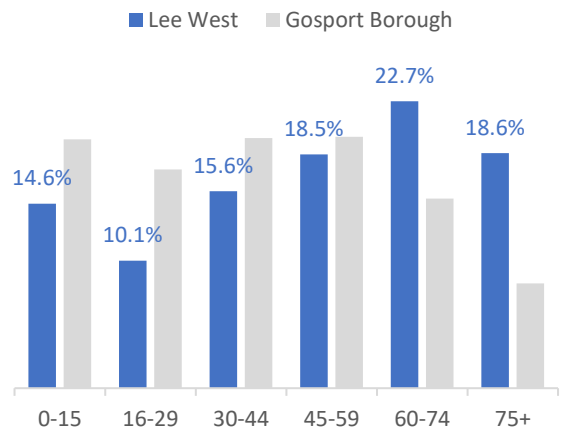
Lee East

80.6% of residents aged under 60 years old. Has the second highest proportion of 30-44 year olds in the Borough at 23.9%. Younger population than the neighbouring Lee West, likely due to the Cherque Farm estate.



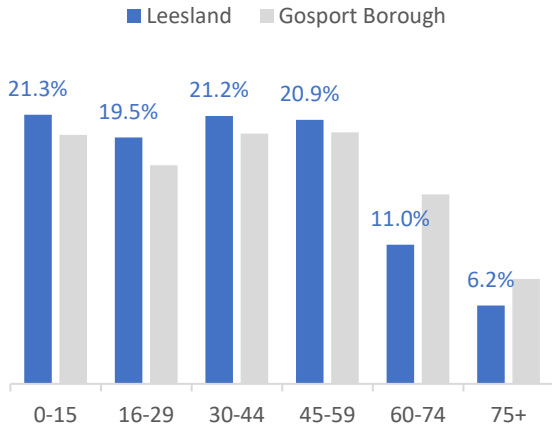
Lee West

The highest proportion of over 75's in the Borough with 41.3% of residents aged over 60 years old, significantly higher than the Borough average of 23.3%. 18.6% of people are aged 75+.



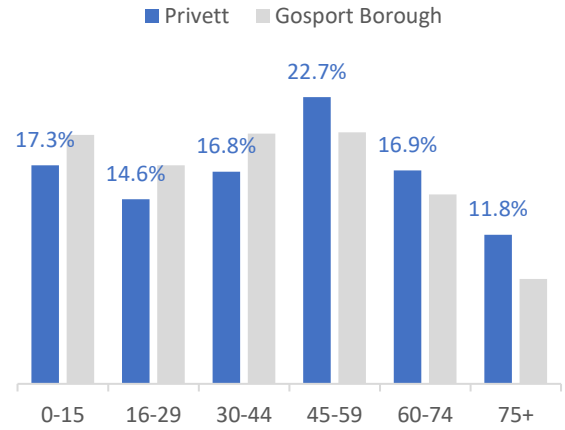
Leesland

The third highest proportion of people aged under 60 at 82.9%. 40.8% of people aged under 29 years old.



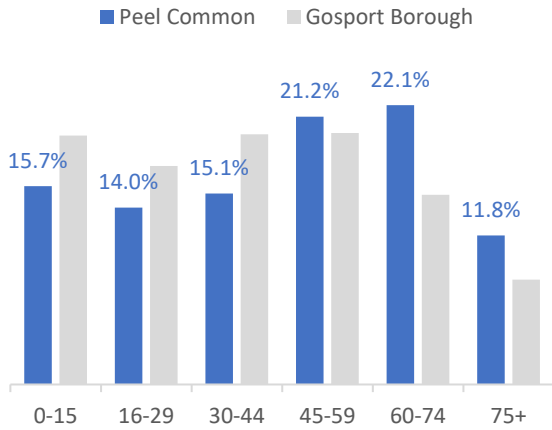
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71.4% of residents aged under 60, 22.7% of these aged 45-59. A relatively high number of children.



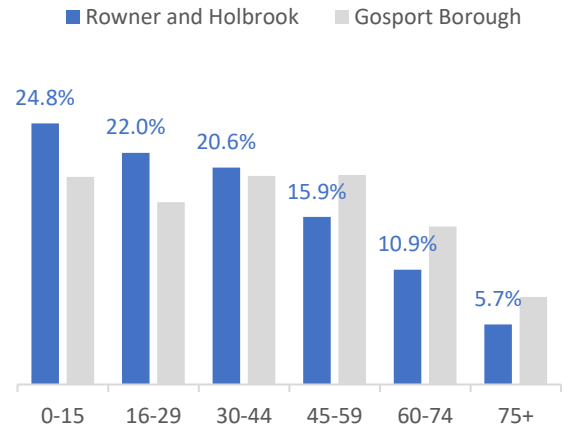
Peel Common

33.9% of residents aged over 60, the third highest proportion in the Borough. 11.8% of people aged 75+.



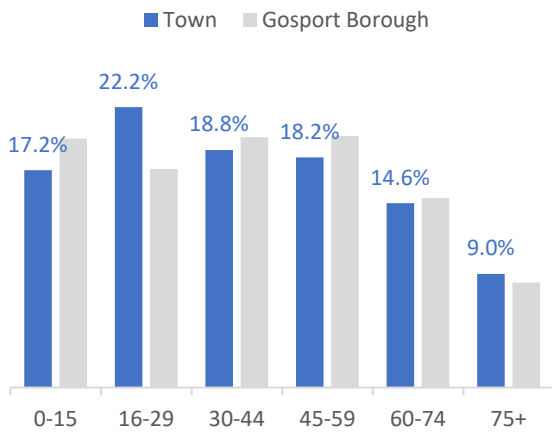
Rowner and Holbrook

Second most youthful ward in the Borough with 83.3% aged under 60 years old and 32% under 15 years old.



Town

58.2% of residents aged under 44 but 9% of residents aged over 75. 16-29 year old age group accounts for the highest percentage with 22.2% of people.



Life expectancy

Residents in Gosport Borough have a lower life expectancy when compared to all Hampshire districts and the South East region. The average male has a life expectancy at birth of 79.3 years and the average female 83.2 years. Life expectancy is 4.2 years lower for men and 4.8 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of the Borough than in the least deprived.

Female life expectancy has increased by 2.4 years since 2001/03 (15 year period). Female life expectancy is similar to the England average but significantly below the average for the South East region (84.1 years). A time series comparing England, the South East and Gosport Borough is shown in Figure 4.14.

Female life expectancy 2001-03 to 2016-18

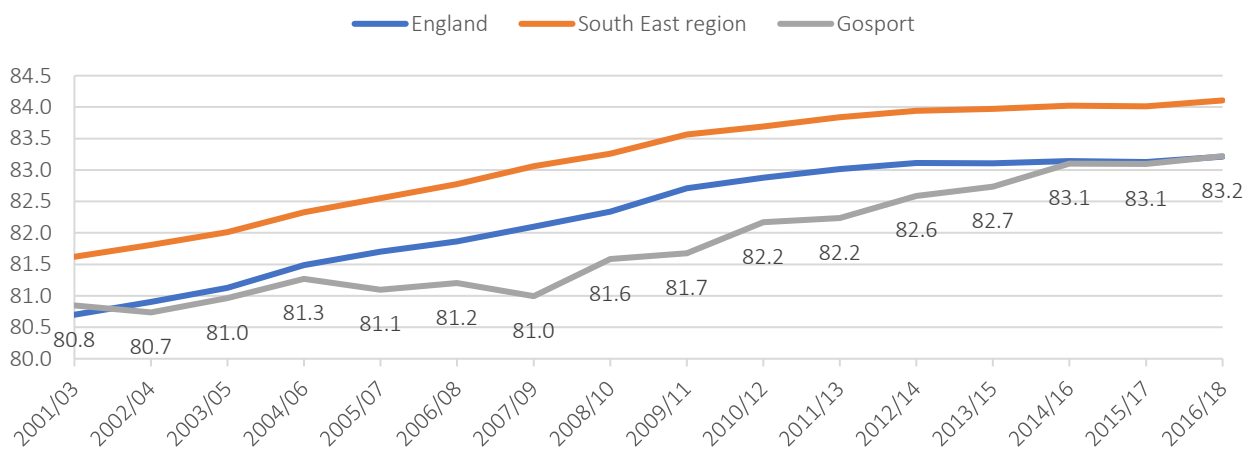


Figure 4.14: Average female life expectancy (Fingertips PHE 2020)

Male life expectancy has increased by 3.3 years since 2001/03 (15 year period). Male life expectancy is similar to the England average but slightly below the average for the South East region (80.7 years). A time series comparing England, the South East and Gosport Borough is shown in Figure 4.15.

Male life expectancy 2001-03 to 2016-18

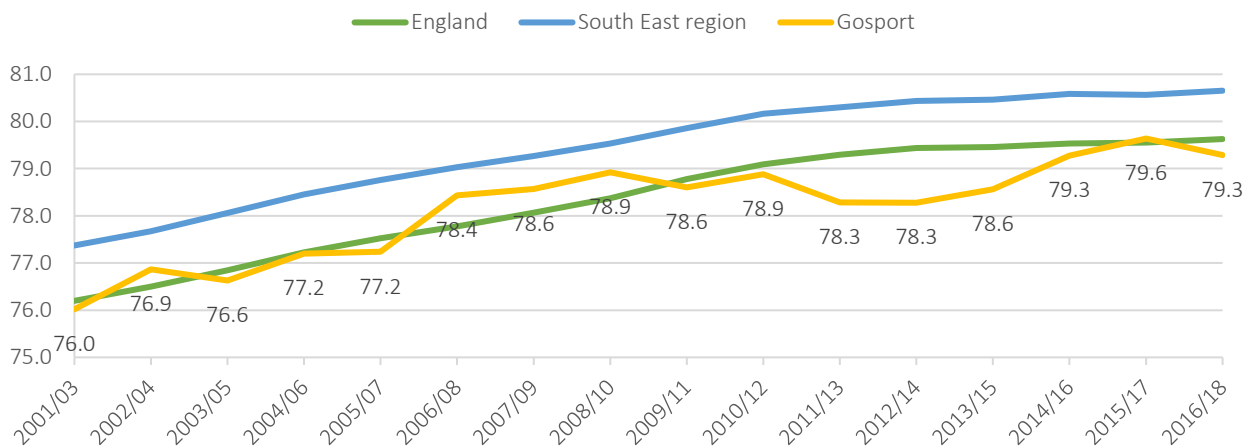


Figure 4.15: Average male life expectancy (Fingertips PHE 2020)

Population density

Population density gives the population per square kilometre and therefore shows how many people live in an area and gives an indication of how much space they have in their built environment. Given the urbanised character of Gosport Borough, population density is relatively high, especially when compared to much of Hampshire. Figure 4.16 provides a comparison of population density for Hampshire districts (including the two cities) using the ONS mid-2019 population estimates.

Gosport Borough has a population density of 3,394 people per square kilometres. This is the highest population density in Hampshire. This figure is not quite as high as the cities of Portsmouth (5,373 people per square km) and Southampton (5,050 people per square km).

Population density (people per square kilometre)

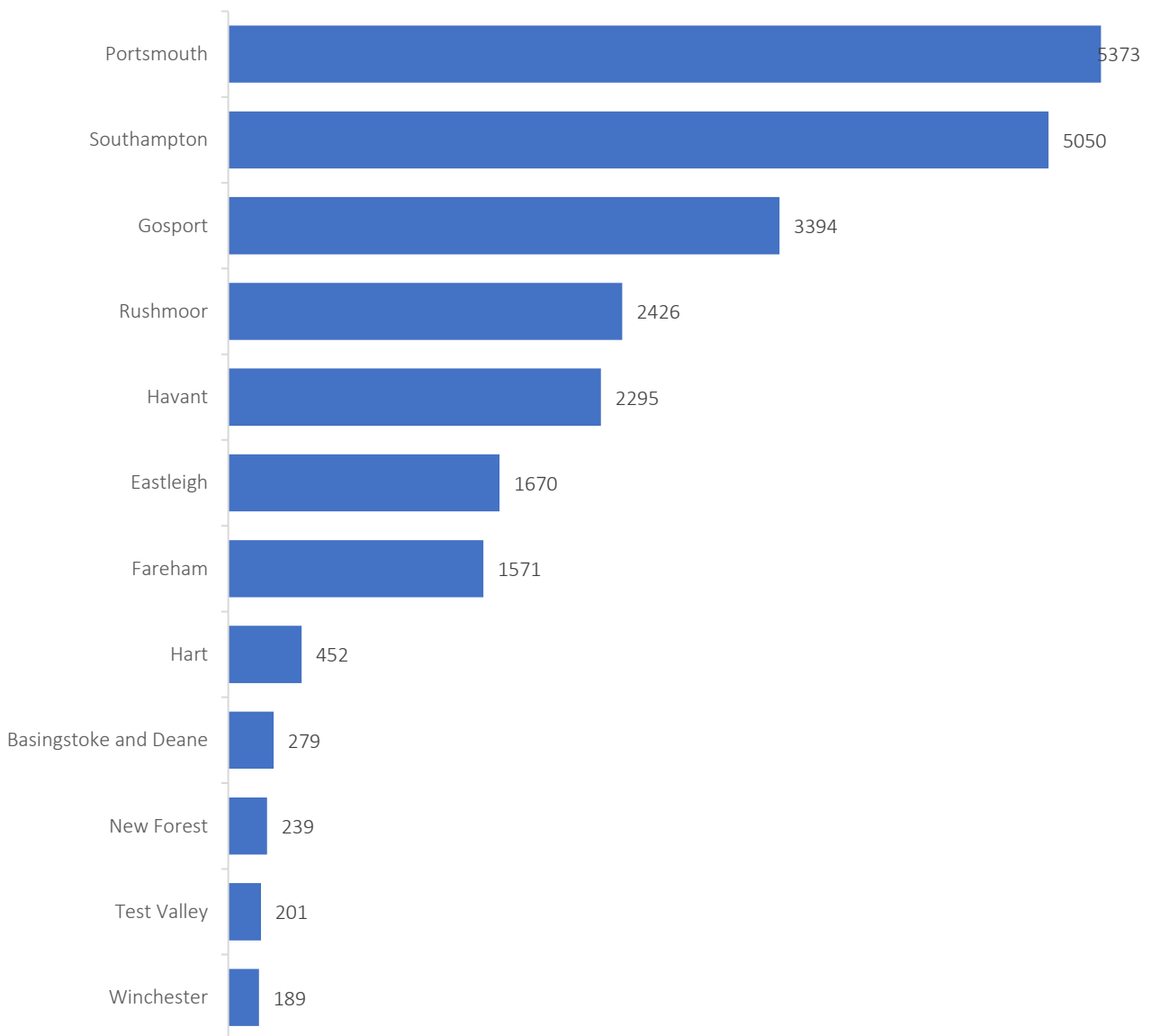


Figure 4.16: Population density (people per square kilometre) (ONS mid-2019 population estimates)

Households

Further information, in addition to the information presented below is available in the ‘Housing’ section of the Gosport Profile.

Number of Households

The number of households increased from 29,268 in 1991 to 31,337 in 2001 and 36,677 in 2011, this represents an overall increase of 14.5% between 2001 and 2011 (Figure 4.17).

Between 1991 and 2011 the number of households in the Borough rose by approximately the same amount as the population. This has resulted in a reduction in the average number of people living in each household. In 1991 the average number of people living in each household was 2.56 this had reduced to 2.43 by 2001 and to 2.25 by 2011.

Increase in the number of households and number of people



Figure 4.17: Increase in the number of households and population (Census 1991, 2001 & 2011)

Household composition

The composition of households in Gosport has changed significantly between 2001 and 2011 (Figure 4.18). The numbers of couples with dependent children have decreased whilst the numbers of couples with non-dependent children have increased as has the number of lone parents with dependent and non-dependent children. This largely follows National trends and suggests that more people are not marrying, and more people are getting divorced.

The number of one-person households has also increased significantly reflecting a trend towards smaller households. In the over 65 age group, there is a similar pattern with an increase in the number of single-person households.

Change in household composition between 2001 and 2011

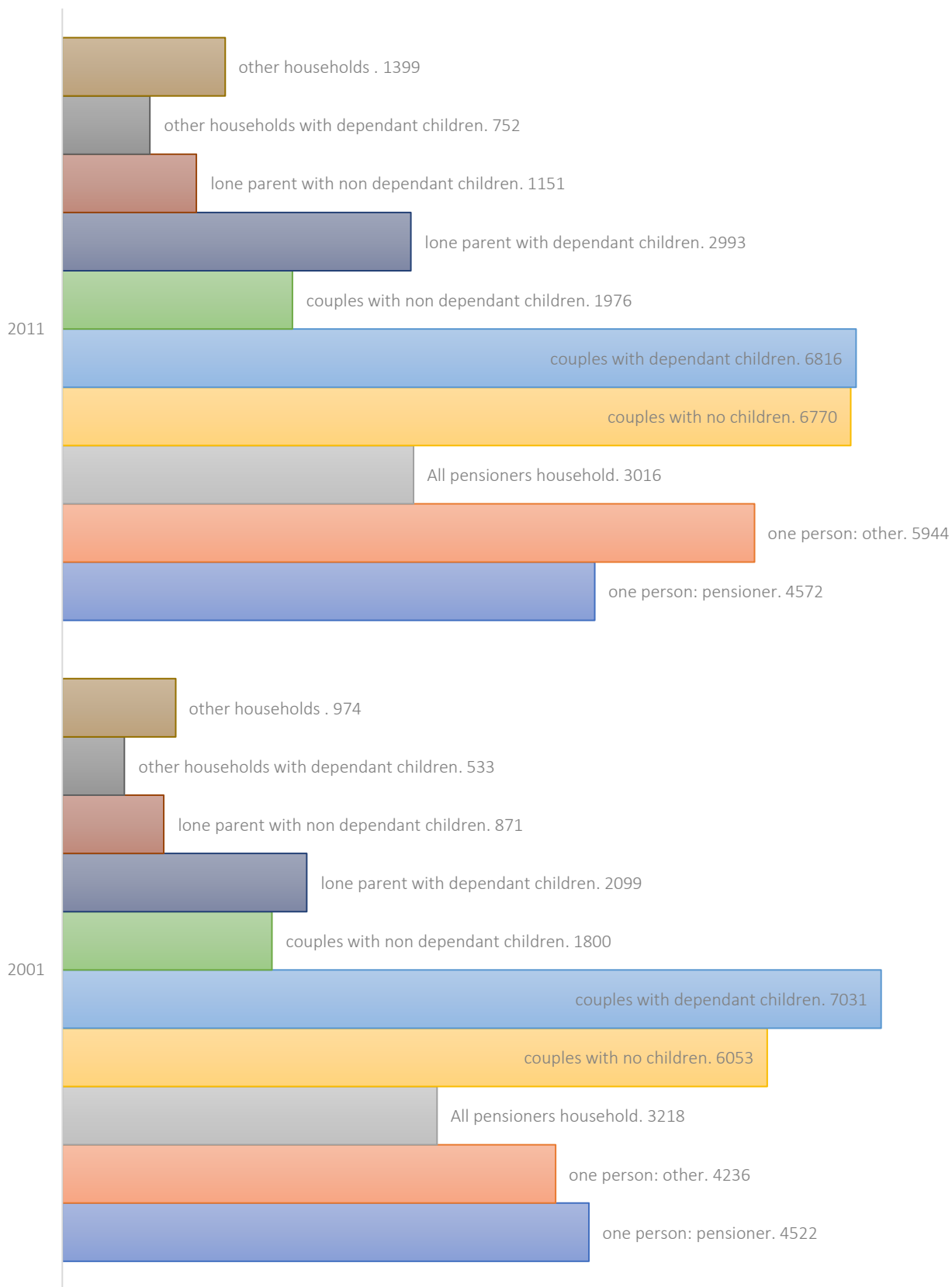


Figure 4.18: Change in household composition (Census 2001 & 2011)

Marital status

The marital status of Gosport residents aged over 16 is shown in Figure 4.19. Gosport has a higher proportion of married people than the England average but also has greater numbers of separated, divorced and widowed people than the rest of England. Those in a registered same-sex civil partnership are approximately equal to the proportion in England.

Marital status	Proportion in Gosport (2011)	Proportion in England (2011)
Single (Never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	30%	34.6%
Married	47.8%	46.6%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	0.2%	0.2%
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	3.2%	2.7%
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	11.5%	9.0%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	7.5%	6.9%
Total	100%	100%

Figure 4.19: Marital status (Census 2011)