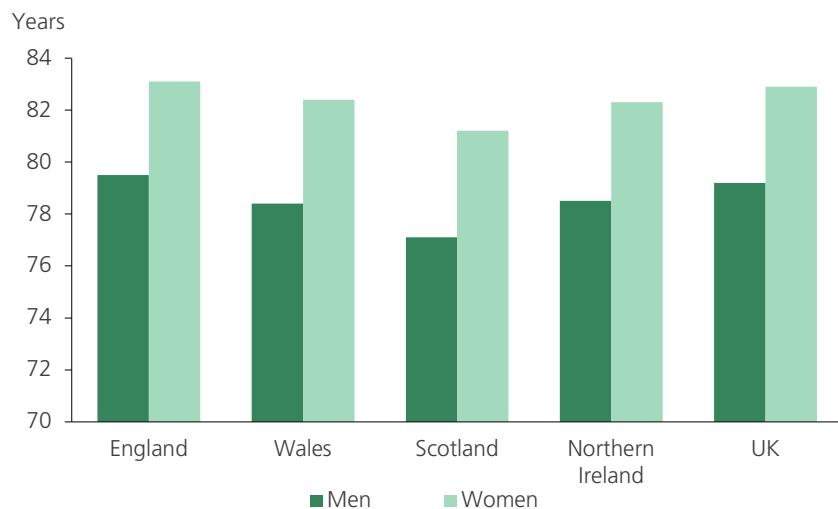


## UK POPULATION

- The population of the UK in mid-2016 was 65.6 million.
- The population is projected to reach 70 million by 2030 and 73 million by 2040. The population of England is projected to grow by 8.0% between 2016 and 2030, Northern Ireland by 5.3%, Wales by 3.9% and Scotland by 1.5%.
- The UK has an aging population: there are 12.4 million people of pension age today. The elderly population is projected to rise, with 16.3 million people of pension age by 2041.
- Since 1960, the UK population has grown by 13.3 million people. Until 1999, the main driver in population growth was natural change (births and deaths). However, between 1999 and 2011 net international migration was the greatest contributing factor. Net migration fell in 2012 and 2013 but was the largest component in both 2014 and 2015.

## PERIOD LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH UK and constituent countries, 2013 - 2015



RESIDENT POPULATION 1960 -2040					
Thousands					
	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland	UK
1960	43,146	2,629	5,178	1,420	52,372
1970	46,072	2,729	5,214	1,527	55,632
1980	46,787	2,816	5,194	1,533	56,330
1990	47,699	2,862	5,081	1,596	57,238
2005	50,606	2,969	5,110	1,728	60,413
2006	50,965	2,986	5,133	1,743	60,827
2007	51,381	3,006	5,170	1,762	61,319
2008	51,816	3,026	5,203	1,779	61,824
2009	52,196	3,039	5,232	1,793	62,261
2010	52,643	3,050	5,262	1,805	62,760
2011	53,107	3,064	5,300	1,814	63,285
2012	53,494	3,074	5,314	1,824	63,705
2013	53,866	3,082	5,328	1,830	64,106
2014	54,317	3,092	5,348	1,840	64,597
2015	54,787	3,100	5,373	1,852	65,111
2016	55,268	3,113	5,405	1,862	65,648
<b>Projections</b>					
2020	56,705	3,163	5,491	1,896	67,255
2030	59,790	3,234	5,625	1,962	70,370
2040	61,744	3,255	5,689	2,000	72,688

Source: [ONS mid-year population estimates](#)  
[ONS 2016 population projections 1.1](#)

POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE: UK, 1951, 2016 AND 2041					
Thousands					
	Under 18	18 to pension age	Pension age	Of which 75+	All ages
1951	13,248	30,149	6,828	1,779	50,225
	26%	60%	14%	4%	100%
2016	13,881	39,332	12,435	5,326	65,648
	21%	60%	19%	8%	100%
2041	14,300	42,330	16,275	9,797	72,905
	20%	58%	22%	13%	100%

Pensionable age populations based on state pension age for the given year. Under the Pensions Act 2011, state pension age will change from 65 years for men and 60 years for women, to 66 years for both sexes by October 2020. The Pensions Act 2014 accelerates the pension age increase, so that state pension age will increase from 66 to 67 between 2026 and 2028, and then to 68 between 2038 and 2041.  
Source: [ONS 2016 population projections A2-1 and Z-1](#)