



Release of 2018 to 2028 (interim) housing-led population forecasts for Oxfordshire, districts and MSOAs

This bitesize gives an overview of the (interim) Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) population forecasts released September 2020.

Please note that this set of interim forecasts have been created at a time of greater than usual uncertainty around the economy and housing. They contain a modelled county-wide adjustment relative to planned district housing trajectories as of 31 March 2020, to account for the potential impact of Covid on housebuilding and they exclude sites in draft plans at that date.

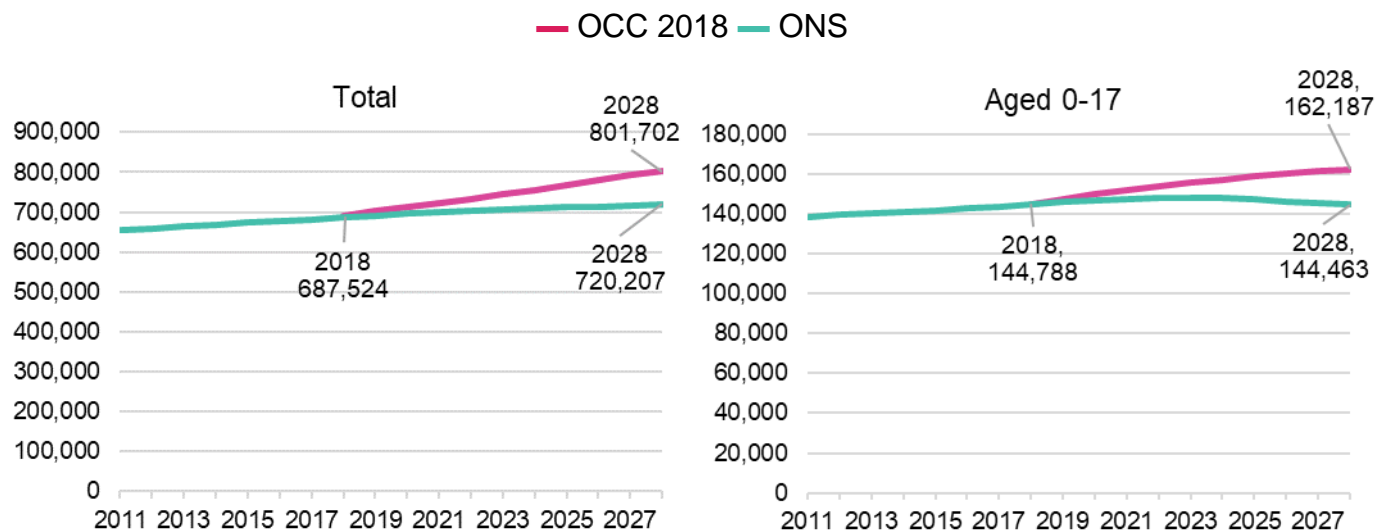
Further modelling work is underway on the basis of revised population assumptions (migration, fertility, mortality) and the latest local intelligence on planned housing growth and housing mix. An update to these interim forecasts will be published as soon as possible (publication date to be confirmed).

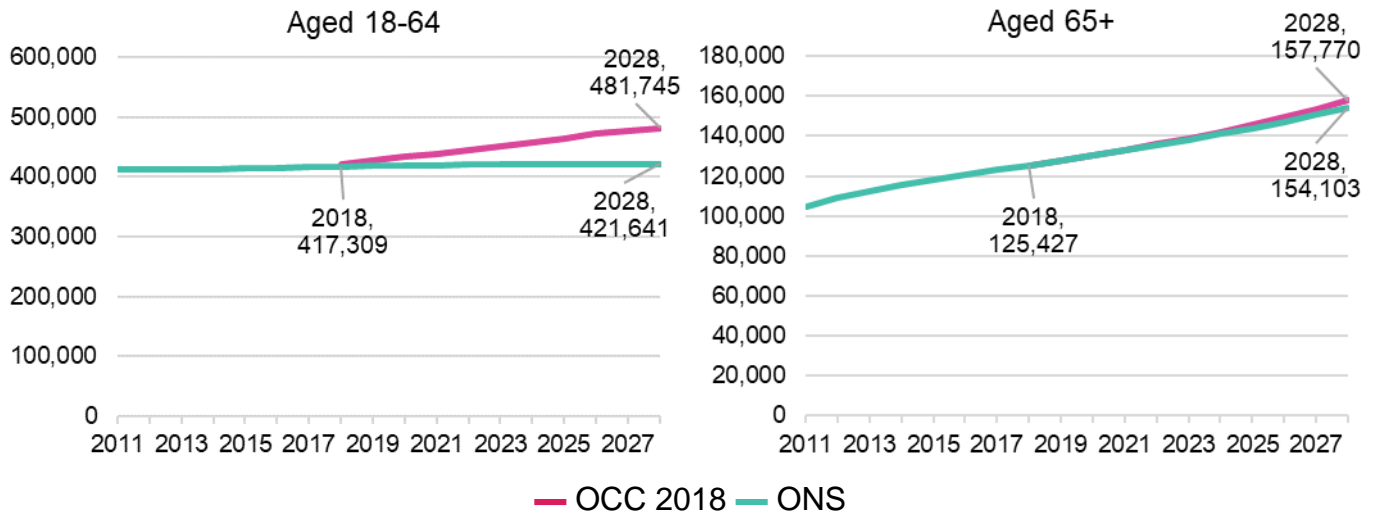
It is important to note that the rate of housebuilding is an input to the model and the outputs reflect the expected population if that level of housebuilding takes place. The forecasts, therefore, are not indicative of housing need, and should not be used or interpreted as such.

The interim Oxfordshire County Council housing-led forecasts predict the population of Oxfordshire increasing at above the rate shown by the latest ONS projections.

- OCC housing-led forecasts predict an increase in Oxfordshire's population of 114,200 by 2028 (+16%).
- Over the same period the ONS trend-based projections show an increase of +5%.

Differences are particularly apparent for the younger and working age groups. For older people aged 65 and over, the growth predicted by OCC and ONS is similar.



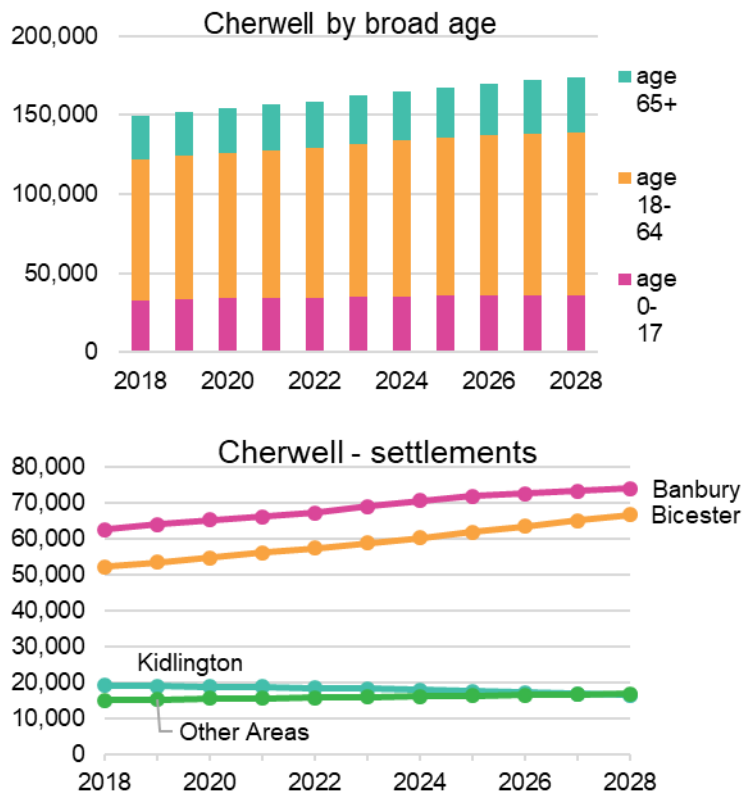


Cherwell

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Cherwell increasing from 149,100 in 2018 to 174,200 by 2028 (+25,100, +17%).

There are expected to be significant increases in the populations of the Banbury area and the Bicester area with major developments south of Salt Way and at Bankside in Banbury and at Graven Hill and sites in south east and south west Bicester.

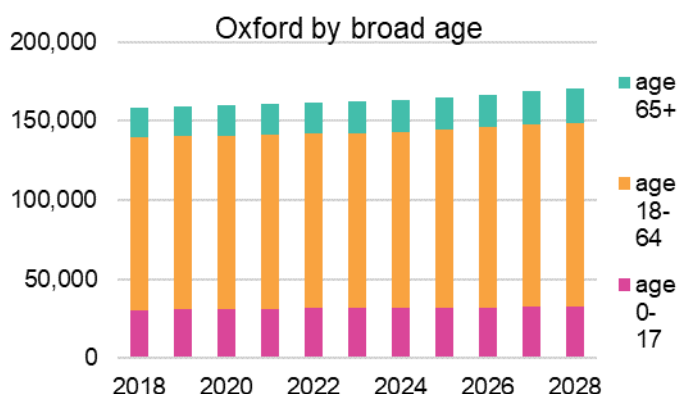
- The population of Banbury and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 62,700 to 74,100 (+18%).
- The population of Bicester and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 52,300 to 66,800 (+28%).
- Kidlington is expected to see a slight decline as there is limited housing growth predicted.



Oxford

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Oxford increasing from 158,100 in 2018 to 170,200 by 2028 (+12,100, +8%).

Major housing development sites are at Barton Park and the Northern Gateway (near Wolvercote).



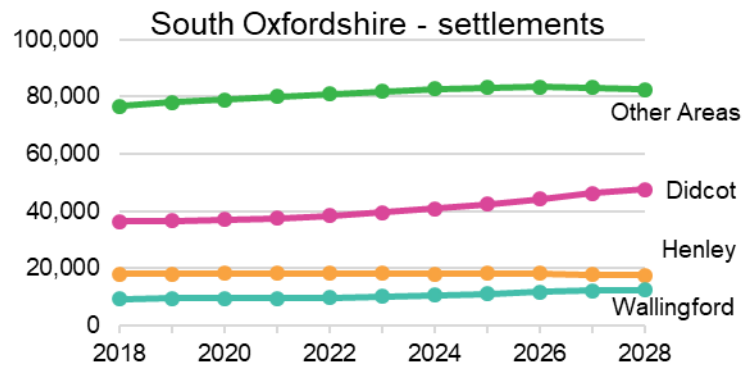
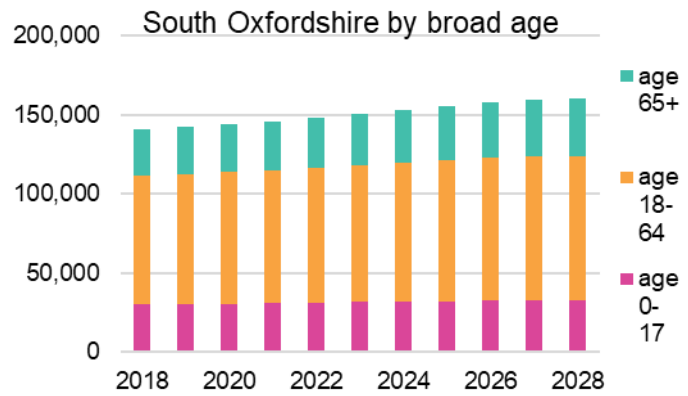
South Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of South Oxfordshire increasing from 140,500 in 2018 to 160,300 by 2028 (+19,800, +14%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in the population of the Didcot area with major developments in Great Western Park and east of Didcot.

- The population of Didcot and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 36,400 to 47,500 (+32%).

Note that Didcot-related developments to the west of the town, based in Vale of White Horse district, are included in the forecasts for Vale of White Horse.

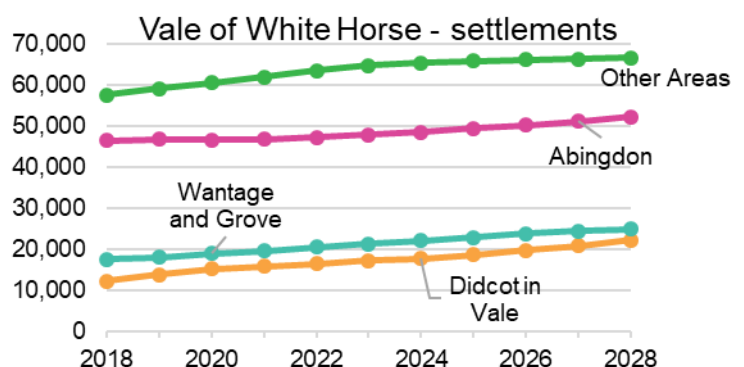
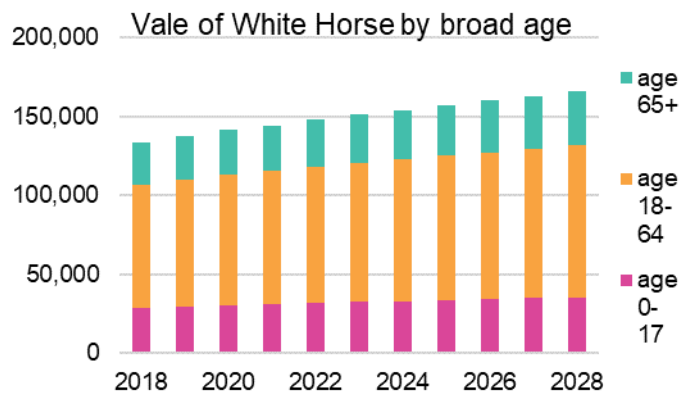


Vale of White Horse

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Vale of White Horse increasing from 133,700 in 2018 to 166,000 by 2028 (+32,300, +24%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in the population of the Wantage and Grove area with developments at Grove airfield and north east Wantage. The area west of Didcot within the Vale of White Horse includes the major Valley Park development.

- The population of Wantage and Grove is expected to grow from 17,500 to 24,900 (+42%).
- The area west of Didcot is expected to nearly double in population, from 12,100 to 22,200.

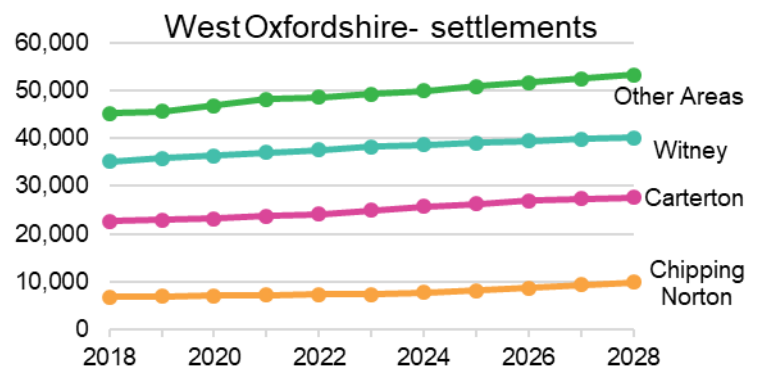
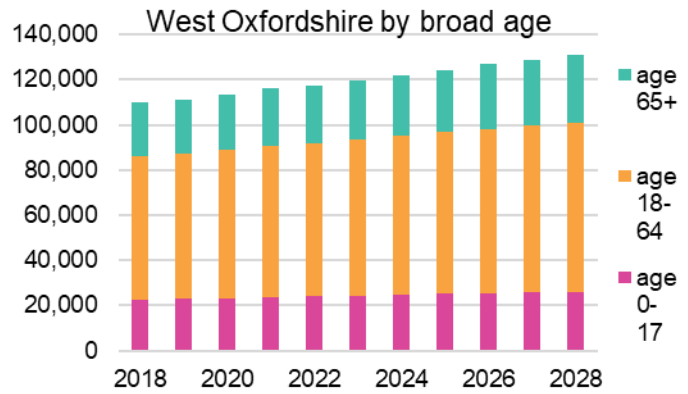


West Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of West Oxfordshire increasing from 109,800 in 2018 to 131,100 by 2028 (+21,300, +19%).

Growth is expected across all areas of West Oxfordshire.

- The population of Witney and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 35,100 to 40,100 (+14%).
- Carterton's population is expected to grow from 22,700 to 27,700 (+22%).
- Chipping Norton is expected to grow from 6,800 to 10,000 (+47%).



DATA TABLE: Count of residents 2018 and 2028, by settlement and broad age

	#	aged 0-17		aged 18-64		aged 65+		Total			
		2018	2028	2018	2028	2018	2028	2018	2028	2018 to 2028	
Cherwell	19	33,057	35,810	89,145	103,485	26,959	34,858	149,161	174,153	24,992	17%
Banbury	8	14,382	15,970	36,996	43,957	11,291	14,190	62,669	74,117	11,448	18%
Bicester	6	11,758	13,769	32,551	41,881	7,944	11,184	52,253	66,834	14,581	28%
Kidlington	3	3,706	2,910	11,262	8,534	4,198	4,993	19,166	16,437	-2,729	-14%
Rest of Cherwell	2	3,211	3,161	8,336	9,113	3,526	4,491	15,073	16,765	1,692	11%
Oxford	18	30,088	32,412	109,254	115,978	18,767	21,771	158,109	170,161	12,052	8%
South Oxfordshire	20	30,123	32,617	81,059	91,211	29,322	36,434	140,504	160,262	19,758	14%
Didcot	5	8,400	10,891	22,713	29,604	5,306	7,047	36,419	47,542	11,123	31%
Henley	3	3,746	3,194	9,742	9,108	4,484	5,338	17,972	17,640	-332	-2%
Wallingford	1	2,042	2,632	5,280	7,452	2,017	2,404	9,339	12,488	3,149	34%
Rest of South Oxfordshire	11	15,935	15,900	43,324	45,047	17,515	21,645	76,774	82,592	5,818	8%
Vale of White Horse	14	28,835	35,434	78,133	96,145	26,764	34,433	133,732	166,012	32,280	24%
Abingdon	5	10,096	11,025	27,562	29,766	8,864	11,463	46,522	52,254	5,732	12%
Didcot in Vale	1	2,840	5,399	6,982	13,462	2,318	3,346	12,140	22,207	10,067	83%
Wantage and Grove	2	3,596	4,978	10,176	14,972	3,748	4,963	17,520	24,913	7,393	42%
Rest of Vale of White Horse	6	12,303	14,032	33,413	37,945	11,834	14,661	57,550	66,638	9,088	16%
West Oxfordshire	15	22,685	25,928	63,500	74,864	23,615	30,269	109,800	131,061	21,261	19%
Carterton	3	4,714	5,528	14,421	17,339	3,528	4,810	22,663	27,677	5,014	22%
Chipping Norton	1	1,362	1,938	3,832	5,992	1,605	2,036	6,799	9,966	3,167	47%
Witney	4	7,399	7,784	20,643	22,474	7,094	9,821	35,136	40,079	4,943	14%
Rest of West Oxfordshire	7	9,210	10,678	24,604	29,059	11,388	13,602	45,202	53,339	8,137	18%
Oxfordshire Total	86	144,788	162,201	421,091	481,683	125,427	157,765	691,306	801,649	110,343	16%

#= count of Middle Layer Super Output Areas (MSOAs) included within settlement

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