



Release of 2020 to 2030 housing-led population forecasts for Oxfordshire, districts and MSOAs

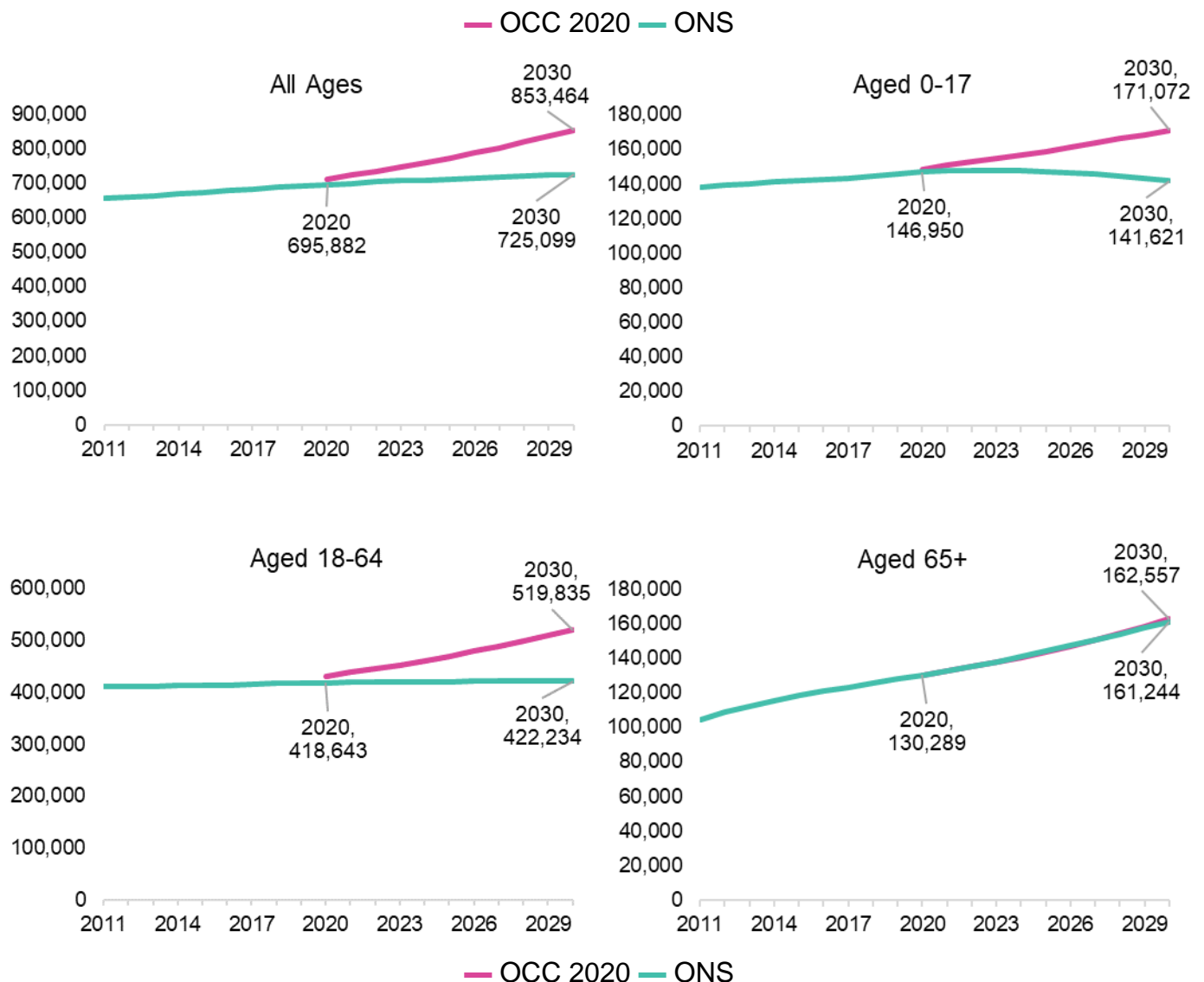
This bitesize gives an overview of the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) population forecasts released February 2022.

This set of forecasts contain county-wide adjustments relative to planned district housing trajectories as of December 2021 to account for the potential impact of COVID-19 on housebuilding.

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 February 2022 update of the Oxfordshire County Council housing-led forecasts predict a total population in Oxfordshire of 853,500 by 2030, a growth of 157,600 (+20%). Over the same period the ONS projections show an increase of +4%.

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

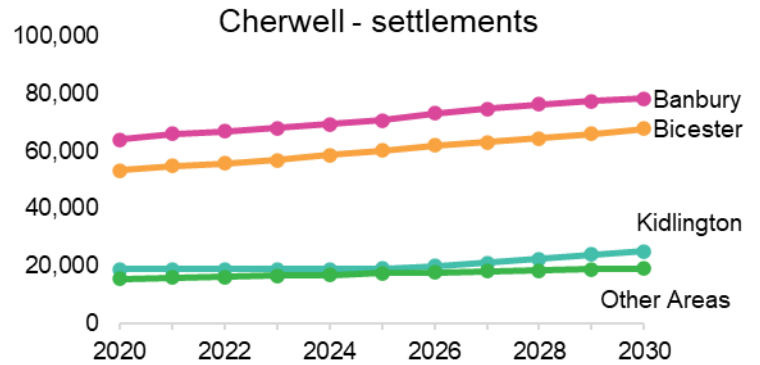
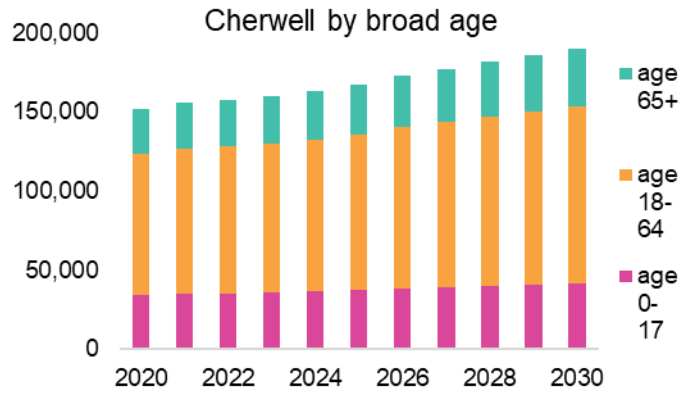


Cherwell

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Cherwell increasing from 151,800 in 2020 to 190,300 by 2030 (+38,400 +25%).

There are expected to be significant increases in the populations of the Banbury, Bicester, and Kidlington areas with major developments south of Salt Way in Banbury; Graven Hill, South East and South West Bicester; East of A44 near Kidlington.

- The population of Banbury and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 64,100 to 78,300 (+22%).
- The population of Bicester and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 53,300 to 67,900 (+27%).
- The population of Kidlington and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 18,800 to 25,000 (+33%).

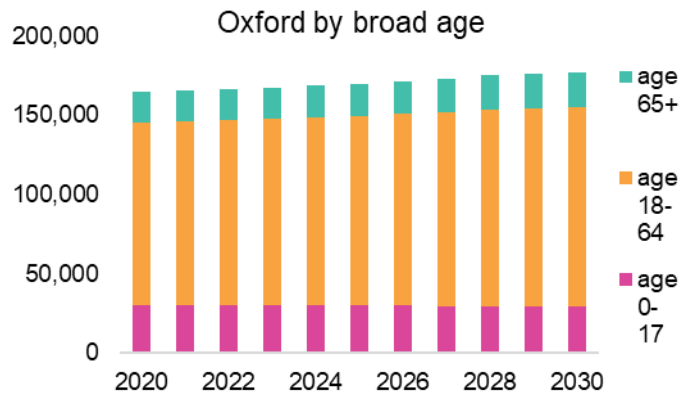


Oxford

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Oxford increasing from 164,700 in 2020 to 177,300 by 2030 (+12,600, +8%).

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

See note below on the adjustment to the 2020 base population for Oxford.



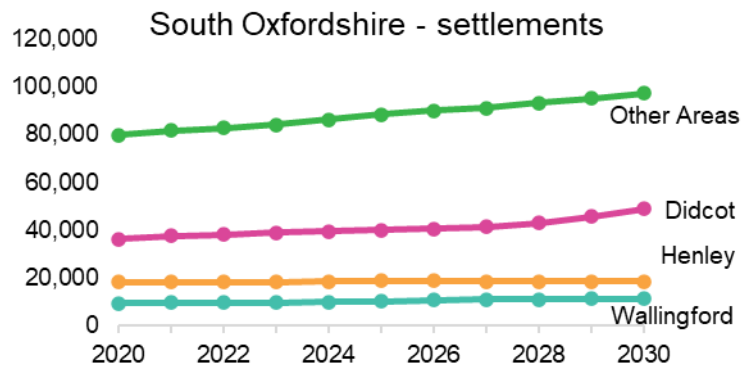
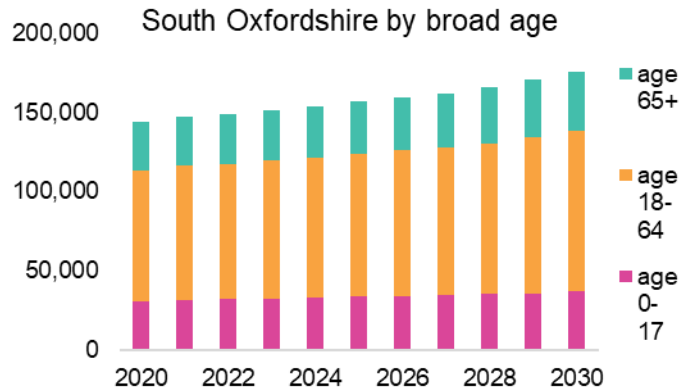
South Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of South Oxfordshire increasing from 143,800 in 2020 to 175,800 by 2030 (+32,000, +22%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in Didcot due to Great Western Park. Near Culham, Chalgrove and bordering Oxford Science Park.

- The population of Didcot and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 36,400 to 48,800 (+34%).

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.

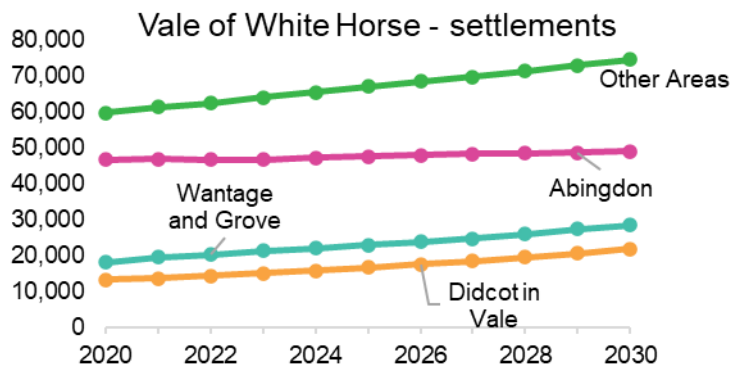
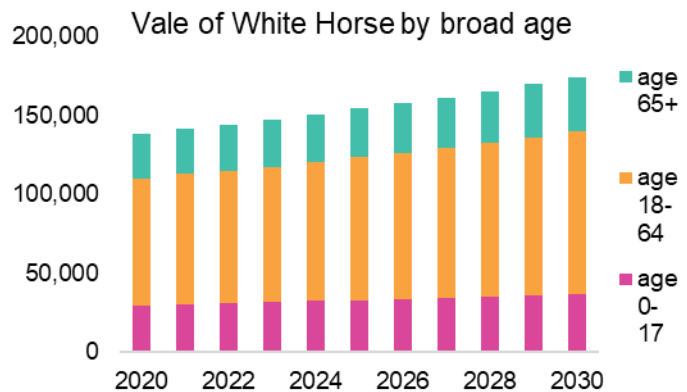


Vale of White Horse

The housing-led forecasts show the population of Vale of White Horse increasing from 137,900 in 2020 to 174,000 by 2030 (+36,100, +26%).

There is expected to be a significant increase in the population due to Valley park between Harwell and Didcot; Grove Airfield; Dalton Barracks and land north of Abingdon.

- The population of Wantage and Grove is expected to grow from 18,000 to 28,500 (+58%).
- The area west of Didcot in Vale is expected to grow from 13,200 to 21,800 (65%).

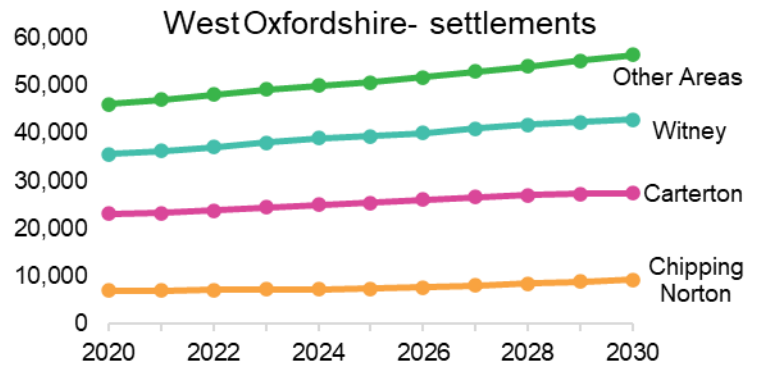
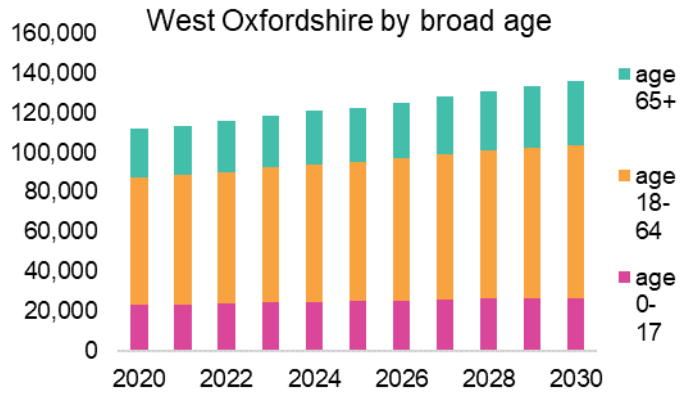


West Oxfordshire

The housing-led forecasts show the population of West Oxfordshire increasing from 111,800 in 2020 to 136,000 by 2030 (+24,200, +22%).

Growth is expected across all areas of West Oxfordshire with larger developments at North and West Witney, Eynsham, Chipping Norton and east of Carterton.

- The population of Witney and the surrounding area is expected to grow from 35,600 to 42,900 (+20%).
- Carterton's population is expected to grow from 23,100 to 27,400 (+18%).
- Chipping Norton is expected to grow from 7,000 to 9,200 (+33%).



DATA TABLE: Count of residents 2020 and 2030, by settlement and broad age

	#	aged 0-17		aged 18-64		aged 65+		Total			
		2020	2030	2020	2030	2020	2030	2020	2030	2020 to 2030	
Cherwell	19	34,102	41,540	89,686	111,952	28,058	36,769	151,846	190,261	38,415	25%
Banbury	8	14,850	17,591	37,573	46,214	11,697	14,486	64,120	78,291	14,171	22%
Bicester	6	12,231	15,656	32,757	40,479	8,309	11,771	53,297	67,906	14,609	27%
Kidlington	3	3,584	4,206	10,924	15,157	4,339	5,684	18,847	25,046	6,199	33%
Rest of Cherwell	2	3,437	4,088	8,432	10,102	3,713	4,829	15,582	19,019	3,437	22%
Oxford	18	30,191	29,029	115,405	125,957	19,152	22,346	164,748	177,332	12,584	8%
South Oxfordshire	20	30,905	36,645	82,416	102,166	30,461	37,033	143,782	175,844	32,062	22%
Didcot	5	8,138	9,542	22,728	31,600	5,510	7,659	36,376	48,801	12,425	34%
Henley	3	3,696	3,086	9,884	10,321	4,607	5,118	18,187	18,524	337	2%
Wallingford	1	2,054	2,281	5,367	6,713	2,117	2,399	9,538	11,392	1,854	19%
Rest of South Oxfordshire	11	17,017	21,737	44,437	53,531	18,227	21,858	79,681	97,126	17,445	22%
Vale of White Horse	14	29,817	37,151	80,182	102,596	27,911	34,282	137,910	174,029	36,119	26%
Abingdon	5	10,018	9,135	27,570	28,771	9,165	11,131	46,753	49,037	2,284	5%
Didcot in Vale	1	3,177	5,531	7,520	13,144	2,523	3,135	13,220	21,810	8,590	65%
Wantage and Grove	2	3,804	6,557	10,397	17,030	3,892	4,922	18,093	28,509	10,416	58%
Rest of Vale of White Horse	6	12,818	15,928	34,695	43,650	12,331	15,095	59,844	74,672	14,828	25%
West Oxfordshire	15	23,082	26,707	64,069	77,165	24,607	32,127	111,758	135,999	24,241	22%
Carterton	3	4,963	5,367	14,523	16,861	3,661	5,184	23,147	27,412	4,265	18%
Chipping Norton	1	1,374	1,867	3,922	5,652	1,665	1,724	6,961	9,243	2,282	33%
Witney	4	7,387	8,420	20,746	24,398	7,500	10,087	35,633	42,905	7,272	20%
Rest of West Oxfordshire	7	9,358	11,054	24,878	30,254	11,781	15,131	46,017	56,439	10,422	23%
Oxfordshire Total	86	148,097	171,072	431,758	519,835	130,189	162,557	710,044	853,464	143,420	20%

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

Note on base population for Oxford

The "base" or starting population used in these forecasts is the Office of National Statistics (ONS) estimate of residents by age as at mid-2020 for Cherwell, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire (not including Oxford City) and for MSOAs outside Oxford City.

For the Oxford City district forecast, the ONS 2020 mid-year estimate is used, except for:

- ages 23-40 where the 2020 ONS Admin-Based Population Estimates (ABPE) version 3 is used.
- ages 21-22 and 41-44 which is a mix of 2020 ABPE and 2020 MYE to enable a smooth transition between the pure-MYE and pure-ABPE age-groups.

The result of this adjustment is a base population for Oxford City of 164,748, compared with the ONS 2020 mid-year estimate of 151,600, a difference of 13,148.

For more information

Visit Oxfordshire Insight for [interactive dashboards of the 2020 to 2030 population forecasts](#)

For information on the sources and the data tables see [excel dataset](#)

Office for National Statistics population estimates, and 2018-based population projections are available to download from www.nomisweb.co.uk.

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