

The purpose of this profile is to give an overview of the current and future population of Torbay. This is to provide local summary statistics and help organisations to plan future services appropriately.

Torbay has, on average, 5 deaths and 3 births a day (2021). Without inward migration, Torbay’s population would shrink. Torbay’s overall profile is one that is older than the England average (Figure 1).

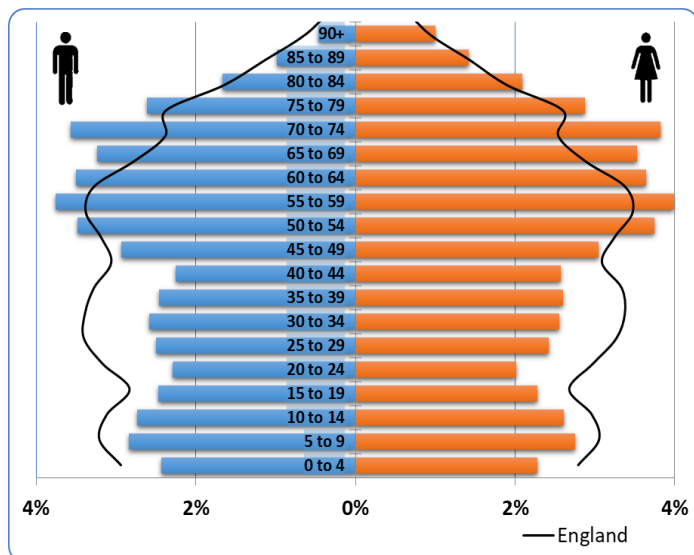
Headlines:

- Torbay’s total population is estimated to grow by 6.5% between 2020 and 2030 (Table 1). This is more than England as a whole, which is estimated to grow by 4.7%
- Torbay’s population aged 75+ is expected to increase by 28.1%, from around 17,900 to around 22,900 by 2030 (28.2% in England)
- Torbay’s 0-9 year old population is projected to decrease by 11.2%, between 2020 and 2030 (7.0% decrease in England) and the 10-19 age group is projected to increase by 11.2% compared to 8.7% in England
- 1,091 Torbay residents were born, and 1,871 Torbay residents died, in the year 2020/21

Ageing:

Overall, Torbay has an ageing population, with proportionately more older people compared to England, shown by the bars that overlap the black line in Figure 1 below.

Fig 1: Population pyramid for Torbay (2020)



Source: Office for National Statistics mid-year population estimates, 2020

Estimated counts of residents by age group over time are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and future resident population by age group in Torbay (2020-2030)

Age group	2020 (actual)	2025	2030	% change (from 2020 - 2030)
0-4	6,414	6,111	6,026	-6.0%
5-9	7,616	6,842	6,433	-15.5%
10-14	7,282	8,041	7,297	0.2%
15-19	6,472	7,436	8,002	23.6%
20-24	5,865	5,501	6,232	6.3%
25-29	6,694	6,412	6,001	-10.4%
30-34	6,997	7,122	6,675	-4.6%
35-39	6,901	7,391	7,429	7.7%
40-44	6,570	7,524	7,975	21.4%
45-49	8,147	7,380	8,183	0.4%
50-54	9,840	8,934	8,097	-17.7%
55-59	10,552	10,627	9,710	-8.0%
60-64	9,725	11,658	11,732	20.6%
65-69	9,208	10,437	12,194	32.4%
70-74	10,065	9,078	10,251	1.8%
75-79	7,477	9,251	8,425	12.7%
80-84	5,119	6,144	7,729	51.0%
85-89	3,279	3,562	4,374	33.4%
90+	1,995	2,090	2,355	18.0%
All ages	136,218	141,539	145,120	6.5%

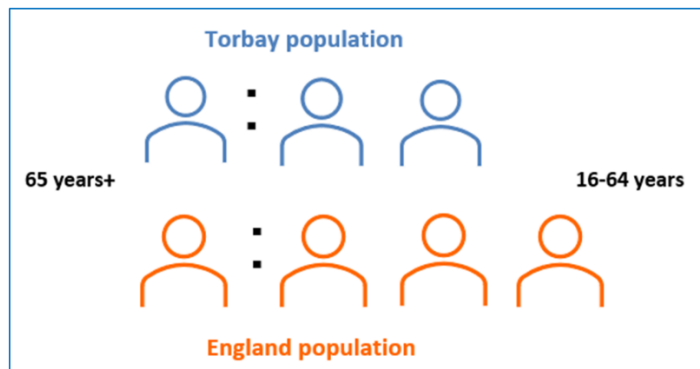
Source: Office for National Statistics: mid-year population estimates 2020, population projections (2018 based). May not sum due to rounding.

The projected increase in the younger 10 to 19 population from 2020-2030, of around 1,545, could increase demand for school and college provision.

The increase in the older 75+ age groups could increase need and demand for services and infrastructure such as adult social care, and primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare.

As Torbay’s population ages, the ratio of the workforce to retirement age population is expected to decrease. In 2020, for every person of retirement age, there were 2.1 people of working age in Torbay. This compares to 3.4 people in England as shown in Figure 2.

Fig 2: Ratio of retired to working age population

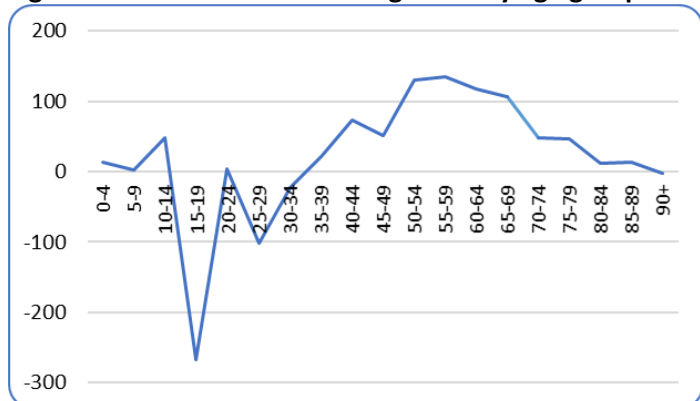


Source: Office for National Statistics mid-year population estimates, 2020

Migration:

For the year ending mid 2020, there was a net gain in the Torbay population of around 428 residents due to internal migration- from elsewhere in the UK- an estimated 5,857 moved to Torbay and 5,429 moved out. This net change by age is shown in Figure 3. The highest net loss was in the 15-19 age group (around -268) and the highest net gain were from people in their 50s (around 265). Some 15-19 year olds will be living away from home attending further education.

Fig 3: Estimated net internal migration by age group



Source: Office for National Statistics internal migration estimates, 2020. Estimates may have been affected by the pandemic as movement may not have been accompanied by timely updates to the administrative data used to produce the estimates

Estimated long-term international migration was a net gain of 228. N.B. This estimate uses the International Passenger Survey, suspended due to the

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pandemic in mid March 2020. Therefore, from March to June 2020 this estimate was modelled.

A population summary by town and electoral ward is shown in Table 2 (below). There is demographic variation with older populations in Wellswood, and Churston with Galmpton, and a younger population in King’s Ash, Collaton St Mary, Ellacombe, and Barton with Watcombe.

Table 2: Estimated resident population by electoral ward, Torbay, 2020

	Number	% of Torbay pop	Average age (years)
Torbay	136,218	-	45.7
Town			
Brixham	16,823	12.4%	49.9
Paignton	51,552	37.8%	46.3
Torquay	67,843	49.8%	44.2
Ward			
Barton with Watcombe	12,160	8.9%	40.5
Churston with Galmpton	7,142	5.2%	51.7
Clifton with Maidenway	7,863	5.8%	43.8
Cockington with Chelston	8,121	6.0%	45.1
Collaton St Mary	2,985	2.2%	39.3
Ellacombe	8,074	5.9%	40.7
Furzeham with Summercombe	10,106	7.4%	50.7
Goodrington with Roselands	7,410	5.4%	48.7
King's Ash	7,580	5.6%	40.0
Preston	10,300	7.6%	48.7
Roundham with Hyde	8,273	6.1%	47.3
Shiphay	7,974	5.9%	42.5
St Marychurch	12,158	8.9%	46.5
St Peter's with St Mary's	6,717	4.9%	48.6
Tormohun	12,522	9.2%	42.1
Wellswood	6,835	5.0%	55.7

Source: Office for National Statistics: mid-year population estimates 2020