

GLA population projections for Brent

Briefing: GLA 2021-based population projections (Interim)

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Summary

This briefing provides a review of the latest population projections for Brent from the Greater London Authority (GLA).

- **Pandemic impacts:** The current population of Brent, as at mid-2023, is projected to be in the region of 349k-353k – well above the 2021 census estimate (340k). The projections suggest that the Brent population fell by around -1.8% during the first year of the pandemic (-6.3k between mid-2020 and mid-2021), and then returned to pre-pandemic levels the following year.
- **Projections 2021-2041:** The borough's population is expected to continue growing strongly over the long term: projections suggest growth of between 17% and 28% between 2021 and 2041, depending on the particular scenario adopted. Projections are subject to considerable uncertainty and the GLA has produced three different scenarios to show what might happen if certain assumptions are made about future trends in migration flows. Scenario 1 provides the lowest projected growth (+17%), based on migration patterns observed during 2017-21 (which includes the pandemic period). Scenario 3 assumes larger net flows, more typical of long-term migration patterns, which leads to the highest forecast (+28%). Scenario 2 also projects strong growth (+25%), with the population expected to reach around 425k by 2041.
- **The older population:** In line with national trends, the Brent population has been ageing in recent years and this is expected to continue. According to scenario 2, the number of residents aged 65 and over is projected to increase by around three quarters (76%) between 2021 and 2041. This equates to an additional 30,000 older residents aged 65 and over by 2041. If these trends are realised, this would mean the percentage of residents aged 65 and over in Brent would increase from 11.7% of the population up to 16.4% (around one in six residents). These trends are consistent across all three scenarios.
- **The child population:** Over the long term, the child population aged under 16 is projected to rise by around 10% between 2021 and 2041 (Scenario 2). This projected growth comes after 2027, with the child population falling slightly in the short term (2021-2026). Projected changes in the child age group are more uncertain as they are very sensitive to assumptions about future migration patterns. For example, on scenario 1, the number of under 16s would fall by around -4% between 2021-2041, while scenario 3 projects growth of 12%.
- **Ward projections:** Population growth is expected to be concentrated in the areas where significant housing development is planned. The two wards likely to see the fastest growth are Alperton and Wembley Park – the population in both areas is expected to more than double over the period 2021 to 2041 (rises of +146% and 139% respectively, according to scenario 2).



These projections are labelled as 'interim' and ward level data need to be treated with some caution. The projections do not yet fully take on board small area census data, so baseline figures for wards are not wholly consistent with 2021 census ward estimates.

BPO projections: technical note

About the GLA projections: The GLA produces a range of demographic projections for different purposes. In addition to published [projections](#) (i.e. trend-based and housing-led projections), it also provides a bespoke set directly to London boroughs called the Borough Preferred Option (BPO). The BPO draws on local data on planned housing development and is used to inform the borough's school roll projections. The BPO considered here is the Interim 2021-based BPO for Brent which draws on development data supplied by the Council, to the GLA, in January 2023.

The BPO scenarios: Projections are subject to considerable uncertainty. In effect, the figures provide different scenarios of what might happen if certain assumptions are made about future trends in births, deaths and migration flows. The 2021-based BPO comprises three variant projections which make different assumptions around future migration flows, based on averaging past periods of migration behaviours*. These are:

- Scenario 1: The 5-year variant (which draws on migration data from 2017-2021).
- Scenario 2: The 10-year variant (which draws on migration data from 2012-2021).
- Scenario 3: The 15-year variant (which draws on migration data from 2007-2021).

For Brent, scenarios 2 and 3 assume larger net migration flows which lead to stronger population growth, while scenario 1 assumes the lowest net migration flows (based on migration patterns observed over the 2017-2021 pandemic period) - this provides the lowest projection. More details about the GLA's projection methodology is published on [GLA datastore](#).

Data quality and caveats around ward level data

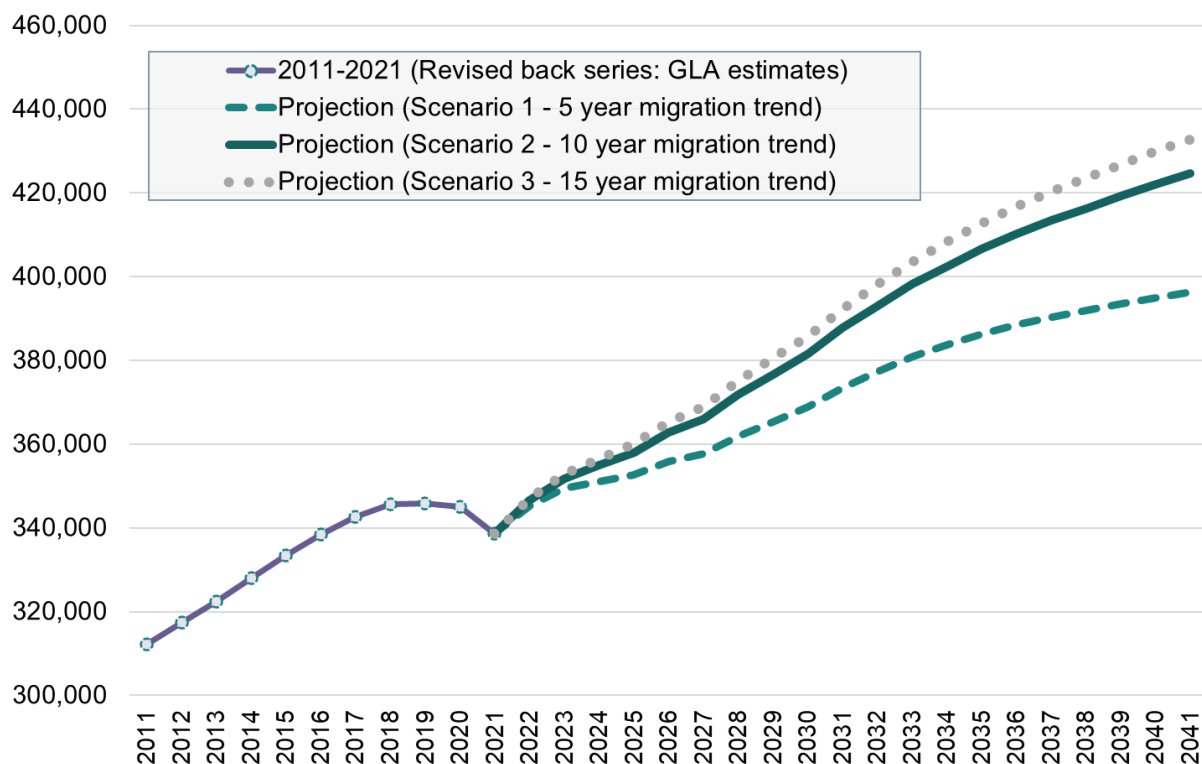
These projections are the first set to take account of 2021 census population data. However, the projections are labelled as 'interim', because when they were produced, the GLA did not have access to a full set of census data. Importantly, figures by age were not available at small area level. The subsequent modelling required meant that the projected ward populations are not yet wholly consistent with 2021 census ward estimates (though projections are in line with census for Brent as a whole). For this reason, ward level data need to be treated with some caution. [Appendix 5](#) provides more detail about this issue, and quantifies the differences.

Explore the data in more detail: The analysis that follows provides summary charts, tables and narrative. An interactive tool has also been produced which allows users to explore the data in detail by scenario, age, sex and ward. This is available on the Council's Brent Open Data [site](#), along with a set of accompanying data tables in excel.

Projections to 2041: overview

- The current population of Brent, as at mid-2023, is projected to be in the region of 349k-353k – well above the 2021 census estimate (~340k as at March 2021). The projections suggest that the Brent population fell by around -1.8% during the first year of the pandemic (a fall of 6.3k between mid-2020 and mid-2021), and then, bounced back up to previous levels by 2022.
- The population is expected to continue growing strongly over the long term: projections suggest growth of between 17-28% over the period 2021-2041, dependent on the particular scenario adopted. For Brent, scenario 1, which assumes lower net migration flows, leads to the lowest growth rate (17%), while scenario 3, which assumes higher flows, leads to 28% projected growth. Scenario 2, the middle scenario, suggests growth of around 25%, with the population expected to reach around 425k by 2041.

GLA projections for Brent: scenarios compared, 2011-41

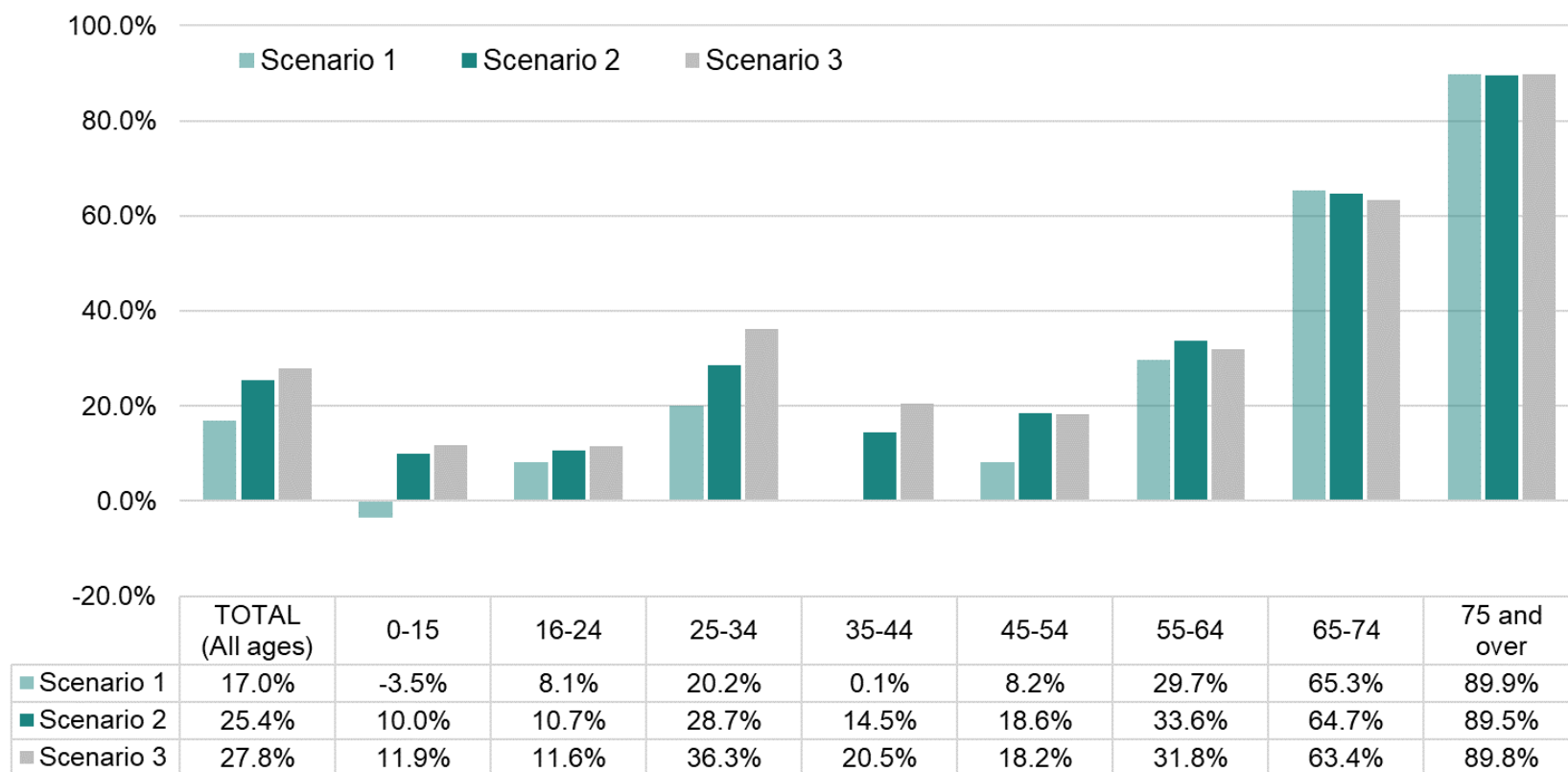


Year	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
2011	312,200	312,200	312,200
2013	322,400	322,400	322,400
2015	333,500	333,500	333,500
2017	342,700	342,700	342,700
2019	345,900	345,900	345,900
2021	338,700	338,700	338,700
2023	349,400	351,800	352,900
2025	352,600	357,900	360,000
2027	357,700	366,100	369,000
2029	365,300	376,600	380,400
2031	373,500	387,800	392,400
2033	381,000	398,200	403,600
2035	386,400	406,600	412,800
2037	390,300	413,400	420,300
2039	393,600	419,300	426,900
2041	396,300	424,700	432,900
Change 2021-31			
Number	34,800	49,100	53,700
% change	10.3%	14.5%	15.8%
Change 2021-41			
Number	57,700	86,000	94,200
% change	17.0%	25.4%	27.8%

Projections by age: scenarios compared

- In common with many areas, the Brent population has been ageing in recent years and this is expected to continue. Over the long term (2021-41), the number of residents aged 75 and over is projected to almost double (+89-90% on all three scenarios).
- Over the same period, the child population, aged under 16, is expected to see less change, though the level of change in this age group is very sensitive to the choice of scenario. On scenario 1, which assumes lower migration flows (and consequently births), the number of under 16s is expected to fall slightly by around 4%. On scenarios 2 and 3, this group is expected to grow in size by 10% and 12% respectively.

Projected change in Brent population by age, 2021-41 (percentage change)

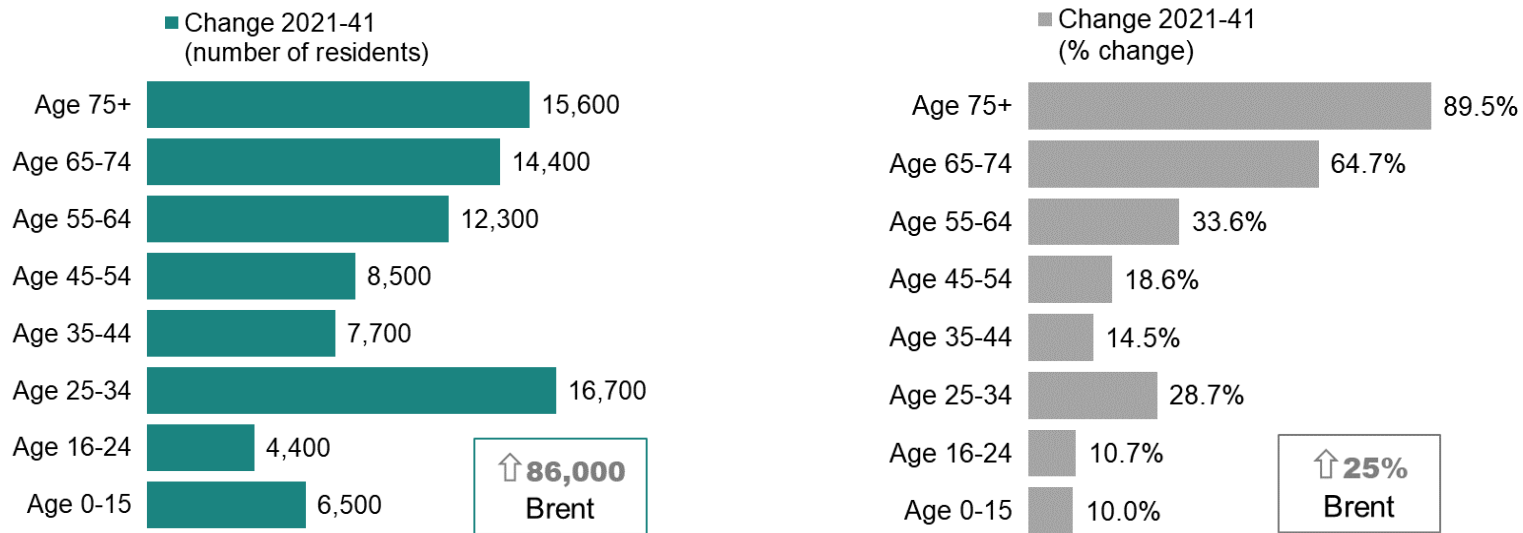


Population projections by age 2021-41

The charts below provide further detail about change by age in terms of numbers, as well as percentage change, based on scenario 2. On this projection:

- Between 2021-2041, the number of residents aged 65 and over is projected to increase by around three quarters (76%) – an additional 30,000 older residents. Within this group, the population aged 75 and over is expected to increase by around 15,600.
- Over the same period, the child population aged under 16 is projected to increase by around 6,500 – a rise of 10%. This growth comes after 2027, with the child population falling slightly in the short term (2021-2026). [Appendix 1](#) provides more details on change by age on all three scenarios.

Projected growth in population by age, Brent, 2021-41 (Scenario 2)



Projected size of population aged 65 and over

Brent, 2021-41

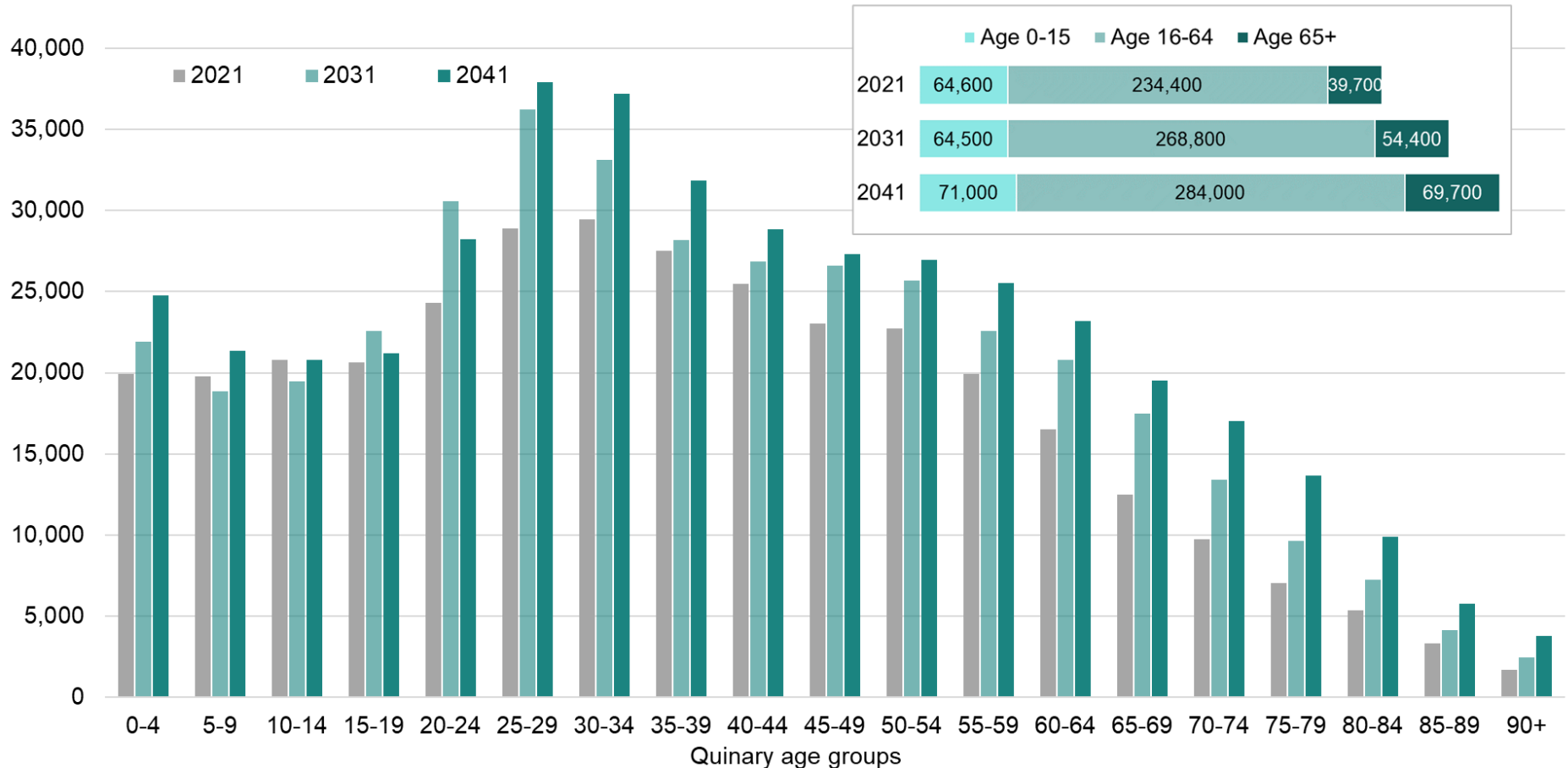


All 65 and over
 ↑30,000
 +76%

The changing age profile (numbers)

The chart below visualises the projected change in the age profile of the Brent population between 2021, 2031 and 2041, in terms of numbers. This shows the projected ageing on of the population. [Appendix 2](#) provides the trend data for all projection years.

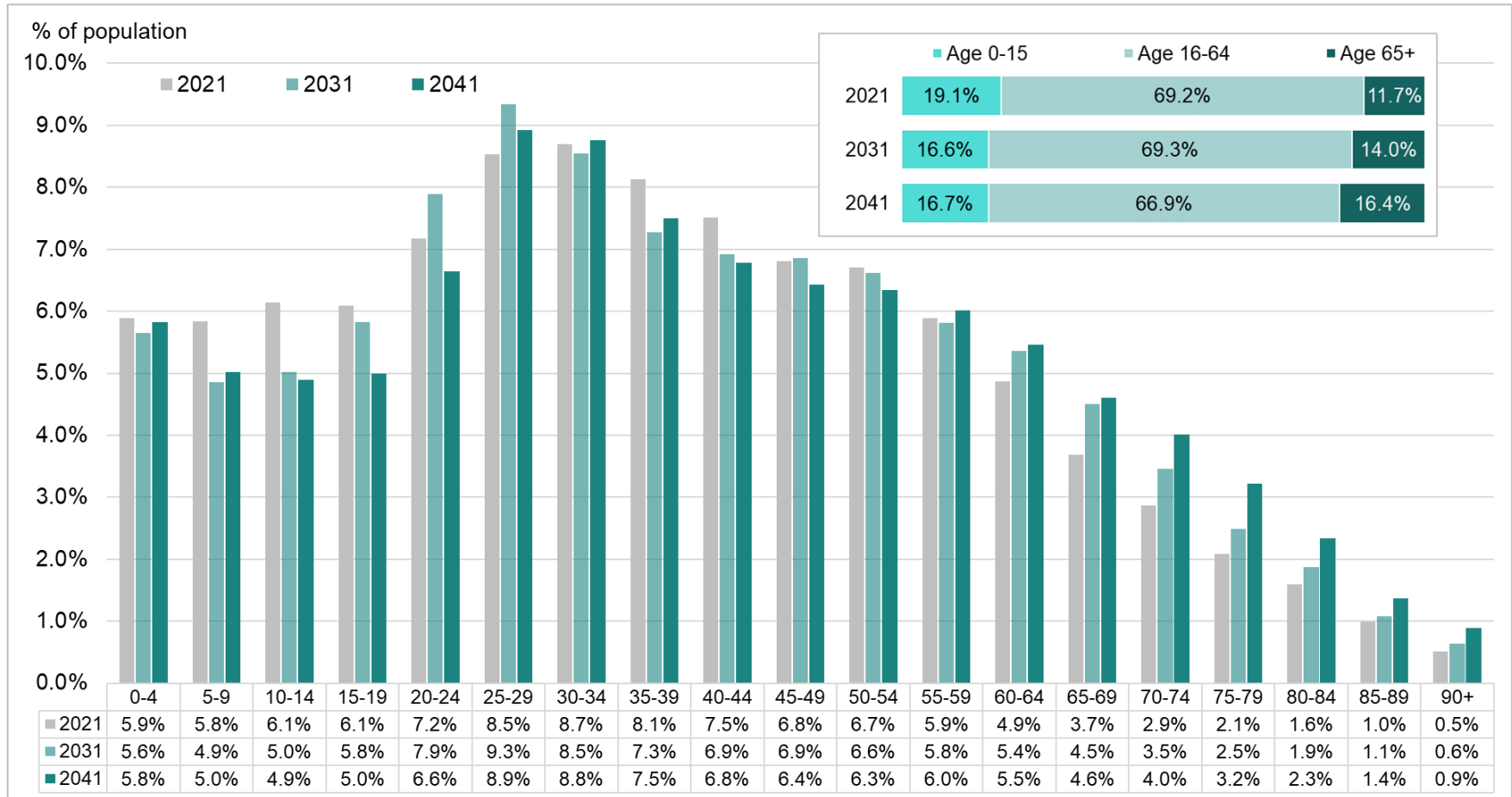
Age profile (numbers): projections for 2021, 2031 and 2041, Brent (Scenario 2)



The changing age profile (% total)

The chart below shows the same data but in terms of percentage totals – that is, the percentage of the population in each age group for the projection years 2021, 2031 and 2041. Over the long term, the percentage of residents aged 65 and over is projected to increase from 11.7% of the population up to 16.4%. Over the same period, the percentage of the population aged under 16 is projected to fall from 19.1% to 16.7% of the population. [Appendix 3](#) provides the data for all projection years.

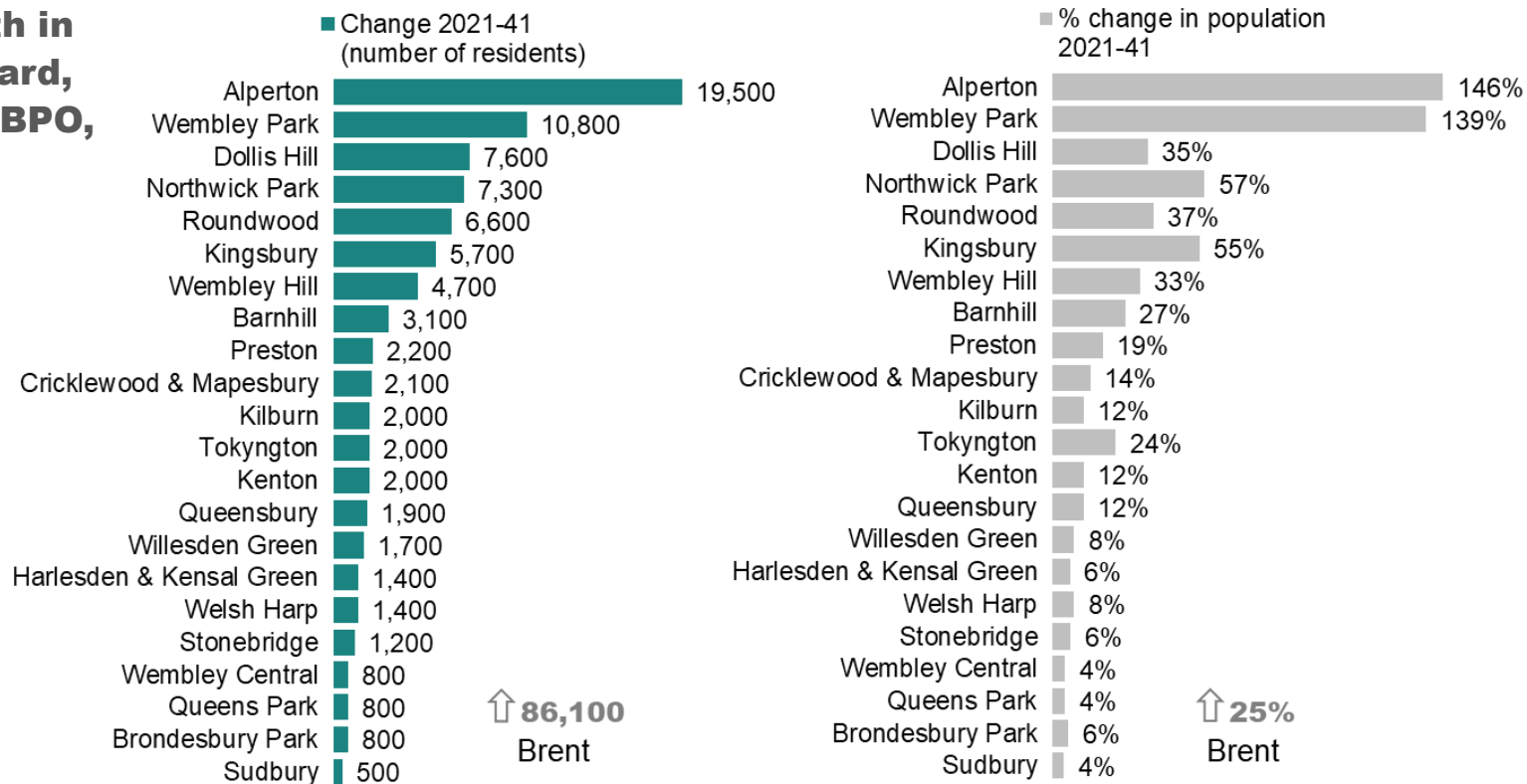
Age profile (% totals), projections for 2021, 2031 and 2041, Brent (Scenario 2)



Population projections by ward 2021-41

- Population growth is expected to be concentrated in the areas where significant housing development is planned. The charts below show change by ward (by number and percentage change), according to scenario 2. The two wards likely to see the fastest growth are Alperton and Wembley Park – the population in both areas is expected to more than double over the period 2021 to 2041 (rises of +146% and 139% respectively). [Appendix 4](#) provides more detail.
- These projections are ‘interim’ and ward level data need to be treated with significant caution. This is because the projections do not yet fully take on board small area census data. This means the GLA projected ward figures for the year 2021 are not wholly consistent with 2021 ward counts. Improved ward data will be produced when the projections are next revised. See [Appendix 5](#) for quantification of the difference between the two estimates

Projected growth in population by ward, Brent, 2020-41 (BPO, Scenario 2)



Appendix

Data tables

Appendix 1: Projections by age (scenarios compared)

Population projections by age: change 2021-2041, Brent - Scenarios compared							
	2021	2031	2041	Change 2021-31	% change 2021-31	Change 2021-41	% change 2021-41
Scenario 1 (5 year migration trend)							
Age 0-15	64,600	59,900	62,300	-4,600	-7.2%	-2,300	-3.5%
Age 16-24	40,900	49,400	44,200	8,500	20.8%	3,300	8.1%
Age 25-34	58,400	65,000	70,100	6,700	11.4%	11,800	20.2%
Age 35-44	53,000	51,200	53,000	-1,800	-3.4%	100	0.1%
Age 45-54	45,700	50,200	49,500	4,400	9.7%	3,700	8.2%
Age 55-64	36,400	43,300	47,300	6,800	18.8%	10,800	29.7%
Age 65-74	22,200	31,100	36,700	8,800	39.8%	14,500	65.3%
Age 75 and over	17,500	23,500	33,200	6,000	34.2%	15,700	89.9%
TOTAL	338,700	373,500	396,300	34,800	10.3%	57,700	17.0%
<i>All 65 and over</i>	<i>39,700</i>	<i>54,500</i>	<i>69,900</i>	<i>14,800</i>	<i>37.4%</i>	<i>30,200</i>	<i>76.1%</i>
Scenario 2 (10 year migration trend)							
Age 0-15	64,600	64,500	71,000	0	-0.1%	6,500	10.0%
Age 16-24	40,900	48,800	45,200	7,900	19.4%	4,400	10.7%
Age 25-34	58,400	69,400	75,100	11,000	18.8%	16,700	28.7%
Age 35-44	53,000	55,000	60,700	2,100	3.9%	7,700	14.5%
Age 45-54	45,700	52,300	54,300	6,500	14.3%	8,500	18.6%
Age 55-64	36,400	43,300	48,700	6,900	18.9%	12,300	33.6%
Age 65-74	22,200	30,900	36,600	8,700	39.1%	14,400	64.7%
Age 75 and over	17,500	23,500	33,100	6,000	34.4%	15,600	89.5%
TOTAL	338,700	387,800	424,700	49,100	14.5%	86,000	25.4%
<i>All 65 and over</i>	<i>39,700</i>	<i>54,400</i>	<i>69,700</i>	<i>14,700</i>	<i>37.0%</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>75.6%</i>
Scenario 3 (15 year migration trend)							
Age 0-15	64,600	65,000	72,200	500	0.7%	7,700	11.9%
Age 16-24	40,900	49,400	45,600	8,500	20.8%	4,800	11.6%
Age 25-34	58,400	72,900	79,500	14,500	24.8%	21,200	36.3%
Age 35-44	53,000	55,600	63,900	2,600	4.9%	10,900	20.5%
Age 45-54	45,700	51,900	54,100	6,200	13.5%	8,300	18.2%
Age 55-64	36,400	43,200	48,000	6,700	18.4%	11,600	31.8%
Age 65-74	22,200	30,900	36,300	8,600	38.9%	14,100	63.4%
Age 75 and over	17,500	23,600	33,200	6,100	34.8%	15,700	89.8%
TOTAL	338,700	392,400	432,900	53,700	15.8%	94,200	27.8%
<i>All 65 and over</i>	<i>39,700</i>	<i>54,400</i>	<i>69,500</i>	<i>14,700</i>	<i>37.1%</i>	<i>29,800</i>	<i>75.0%</i>

Source: GLA, 2021-based population projections (Interim), Borough Preferred Option.

Notes: Numbers rounded to nearest hundred (post-calculations). Due to rounding, change figures may not equate exactly to the difference between the two rounded figures shown.

Appendix 2: Projections by age and year (numbers) - Scenario 2

Population projections by age and year: change 2021-2041, Brent (Scenario 2)																					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041
Quinary age bands																					
0-4	19,900	19,800	19,600	19,600	19,600	20,100	20,400	20,800	21,100	21,400	21,900	22,300	22,700	23,000	23,300	23,600	23,800	24,000	24,300	24,500	24,700
5-9	19,800	19,800	19,700	19,300	19,000	18,400	18,200	18,100	18,200	18,300	18,900	19,200	19,600	19,900	20,100	20,400	20,600	20,800	21,000	21,200	21,300
10-14	20,800	21,100	21,100	20,900	20,800	20,700	20,400	20,300	20,100	19,900	19,400	19,300	19,200	19,300	19,400	19,800	20,000	20,200	20,500	20,600	20,800
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30-34	29,500	29,600	29,700	29,600	29,600	30,000	30,400	31,200	31,800	32,400	33,100	33,500	34,300	34,700	35,200	35,500	35,800	36,100	36,400	36,700	37,200
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55-59	20,000	20,300	20,800	21,400	21,700	22,000	22,100	22,100	22,000	22,300	22,600	22,800	23,200	23,700	24,200	24,800	25,300	25,500	25,600	25,500	25,500
60-64	16,500	17,300	17,700	18,100	18,500	18,900	19,100	19,600	20,200	20,500	20,800	21,000	21,000	20,900	21,100	21,300	21,500	21,800	22,200	22,700	23,200
65-69	12,500	12,800	13,300	14,000	14,600	15,100	15,800	16,200	16,700	17,100	17,500	17,800	18,200	18,700	19,000	19,200	19,300	19,300	19,200	19,400	19,500
70-74	9,700	10,000	10,200	10,400	10,600	11,000	11,300	11,700	12,400	12,900	13,400	14,100	14,500	14,900	15,300	15,600	15,800	16,200	16,600	16,800	17,000
75-79	7,100	7,300	7,600	7,800	8,200	8,500	8,600	8,900	9,000	9,200	9,600	9,900	10,300	10,900	11,300	11,800	12,300	12,700	13,000	13,400	13,700
80-84	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,500	5,600	5,800	6,100	6,400	6,700	7,000	7,200	7,400	7,500	7,700	7,800	8,100	8,400	8,700	9,200	9,600	9,900
85-89	3,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,700	3,900	4,000	4,200	4,500	4,700	4,900	5,100	5,200	5,300	5,400	5,400	5,600	5,800
90+	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,800	2,900	3,000	3,200	3,400	3,500	3,700	3,800
Broad age bands																					
0-15	64,600	64,900	64,700	64,200	63,700	63,600	63,400	63,400	63,600	63,900	64,500	65,000	65,600	66,200	66,900	67,500	68,400	69,000	69,800	70,400	71,000
16-24	40,900	43,000	44,400	44,900	45,400	46,100	46,600	47,400	47,700	48,100	48,800	49,200	49,200	48,800	48,300	47,700	46,900	46,400	45,900	45,600	45,200
25-34	58,400	60,000	61,100	61,500	62,000	63,200	63,900	65,600	66,800	68,000	69,400	70,400	71,600	72,500	73,400	74,300	74,900	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,100
35-44	53,000	53,900	54,300	54,400	54,000	53,900	53,700	54,000	54,200	54,500	55,000	55,700	56,300	56,900	57,400	57,900	58,400	59,100	59,700	60,200	60,700
45-54	45,700	46,500	47,000	47,200	48,000	48,900	49,600	50,400	51,100	51,500	52,300	52,900	53,400	53,800	53,800	53,800	53,900	54,000	54,100	54,200	54,300
55-64	36,400	37,600	38,500	39,500	40,200	40,800	41,200	41,800	42,200	42,800	43,300	43,800	44,200	44,500	45,300	46,100	46,700	47,300	47,800	48,200	48,700
65-74	22,200	22,800	23,500	24,400	25,200	26,100	27,100	28,000	29,000	30,100	30,900	31,800	32,700	33,600	34,200	34,800	35,100	35,500	35,800	36,300	36,600
75+	17,500	17,900	18,400	18,800	19,400	20,000	20,600	21,300	21,900	22,700	23,500	24,300	25,200	26,200	27,200	28,100	29,100	30,100	31,100	32,200	33,100
Total	338,700	346,500	351,800	354,900	357,900	362,700	366,100	371,800	376,600	381,600	387,800	393,100	398,200	402,500	406,600	410,200	413,400	416,300	419,300	422,100	424,700

Source: GLA, 2021-based population projections (Interim), Borough Preferred Option (Scenario 2 - 10 year migration trends). Figures rounded to nearest hundred.

Appendix 3: Projections by age and year (% totals) - Scenario 2

Population projections by age and year: change 2021-2041, Brent (Scenario 2) - Percentage totals																					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041
Quinary age bands																					
0-4	5.9%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
5-9	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	5.4%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
10-14	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
15-19	6.1%	6.3%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
20-24	7.2%	7.4%	7.6%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.7%	7.8%	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%	7.8%	7.7%	7.5%	7.4%	7.2%	7.1%	7.0%	6.8%	6.6%
25-29	8.5%	8.8%	8.9%	9.0%	9.1%	9.2%	9.2%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%	9.5%	9.5%	9.3%	9.2%	9.1%	8.9%
30-34	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.4%	8.4%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%
35-39	8.1%	8.0%	7.9%	7.8%	7.7%	7.6%	7.5%	7.4%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
40-44	7.5%	7.6%	7.6%	7.5%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
45-49	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%	6.4%
50-54	6.7%	6.6%	6.5%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	6.5%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%
55-59	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.9%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%
60-64	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%	5.3%	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%
65-69	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
70-74	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%
75-79	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%
80-84	1.6%	1.6%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
85-89	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
90+	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%
Broad age bands																					
0-15	19.1%	18.7%	18.4%	18.1%	17.8%	17.5%	17.3%	17.1%	16.9%	16.8%	16.6%	16.5%	16.5%	16.4%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	16.6%	16.6%	16.7%	16.7%
16-24	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	12.6%	12.6%	12.5%	12.4%	12.1%	11.9%	11.6%	11.3%	11.1%	11.0%	10.8%	10.7%
25-34	17.2%	17.3%	17.4%	17.3%	17.3%	17.4%	17.5%	17.6%	17.7%	17.8%	17.9%	17.9%	18.0%	18.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	18.0%	17.9%	17.8%	17.7%
35-44	15.6%	15.5%	15.4%	15.3%	15.1%	14.9%	14.7%	14.5%	14.4%	14.3%	14.2%	14.2%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.1%	14.2%	14.2%	14.3%	14.3%
45-54	13.5%	13.4%	13.4%	13.3%	13.4%	13.5%	13.6%	13.6%	13.6%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.4%	13.4%	13.2%	13.1%	13.0%	13.0%	12.9%	12.8%	12.8%
55-64	10.8%	10.8%	11.0%	11.1%	11.2%	11.3%	11.3%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.2%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.1%	11.2%	11.3%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%
65-74	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%	7.2%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%	7.9%	8.0%	8.1%	8.2%	8.3%	8.4%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.6%	8.6%
75+	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.5%	6.7%	6.9%	7.0%	7.2%	7.4%	7.6%	7.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: GLA, 2021-based population projections (Interim), Borough Preferred Option (Scenario 2 - 10 year migration trends). Figures rounded to nearest hundred.

Appendix 4: Projections by ward (Scenario 2)

Population projections by ward, 2021-2041, Brent (Scenario 2)

	2021	2031	2041	Change 2021-31	% change 2021-31	Change 2021-41	% change 2021-41
Alperton	13,400	24,100	32,900	10,700	80.2%	19,500	145.7%
Barnhill	11,400	13,300	14,500	1,900	16.6%	3,100	27.2%
Brondesbury Park	13,800	14,100	14,500	300	2.2%	800	5.6%
Cricklewood & Mapesbury	15,000	16,200	17,100	1,200	7.9%	2,100	13.9%
Dollis Hill	21,300	22,400	28,900	1,000	4.9%	7,600	35.4%
Harlesden & Kensal Green	22,400	23,100	23,800	700	3.0%	1,400	6.4%
Kenton	17,000	18,300	18,900	1,300	7.6%	2,000	11.6%
Kilburn	17,500	18,600	19,500	1,100	6.4%	2,000	11.6%
Kingsbury	10,400	13,600	16,100	3,200	30.7%	5,700	54.8%
Northwick Park	13,000	17,000	20,300	4,100	31.5%	7,300	56.7%
Preston	11,700	12,300	13,800	700	5.7%	2,200	18.7%
Queens Park	17,900	18,200	18,700	300	1.8%	800	4.5%
Queensbury	16,100	17,100	17,900	1,000	6.3%	1,900	11.5%
Roundwood	17,700	21,600	24,300	3,900	22.1%	6,600	37.4%
Stonebridge	18,900	19,400	20,200	500	2.6%	1,200	6.4%
Sudbury	13,200	13,300	13,700	100	1.0%	500	4.1%
Tokington	8,600	9,900	10,600	1,400	16.0%	2,000	23.5%
Welsh Harp	17,600	18,300	19,000	600	3.6%	1,400	7.8%
Wembley Central	17,900	18,400	18,700	500	2.8%	800	4.5%
Wembley Hill	14,400	18,100	19,100	3,700	25.4%	4,700	32.6%
Wembley Park	7,700	17,700	18,500	9,900	128.3%	10,800	139.4%
Willesden Green	21,900	22,900	23,600	1,000	4.5%	1,700	7.8%
TOTAL	338,700	387,800	424,700	49,100	14.5%	86,100	25.4%

Source: GLA, 2021-based population projections (Interim), Borough Preferred Option (Scenario 2, 10 year migration trend).

Notes: Numbers rounded to nearest hundred (post-calculations). Due to rounding, change figures may not equate exactly to the difference between the two rounded figures shown.

Appendix 5: Ward projections vs. census (2021)

These projections are the first set to take account of 2021 census population data. However, when they were produced, the GLA did not have access to a full set of census data: figures by age were not available at small area level, and ONS had not yet produced a population estimates back series for 2011-2021 consistent with the census. For this reason, the GLA had to produce its own back series which involved modelling / reconciling small area data to wards. This process means projected ward populations are not wholly consistent with 2021 census estimates for wards, though projections are in line with census estimates for Brent as a whole. The table below shows the disparity between the census and projections by ward for 2021.

Ward figures compared: GLA BPO projections vs. 2021 census estimates - Brent				
Ward	2021 census population (GLA ward estimates)	BPO Projection for 2021 (Scenario 2)	Difference (BPO-census)	% difference
Alperton	15,010	13,370	-1,640	-11%
Barnhill	11,414	11,370	-44	0%
Brondesbury Park	13,602	13,771	169	1%
Cricklewood & Mapesbury	13,958	15,034	1,076	8%
Dollis Hill	21,644	21,343	-301	-1%
Harlesden & Kensal Green	20,101	22,387	2,286	11%
Kenton	17,715	16,974	-741	-4%
Kilburn	17,207	17,466	259	2%
Kingsbury	11,434	10,415	-1,019	-9%
Northwick Park	12,122	12,957	835	7%
Preston	12,451	11,655	-796	-6%
Queens Park	17,104	17,891	787	5%
Queensbury	16,864	16,078	-786	-5%
Roundwood	16,655	17,687	1,032	6%
Stonebridge	20,209	18,945	-1,264	-6%
Sudbury	13,796	13,197	-599	-4%
Tokington	9,917	8,567	-1,350	-14%
Welsh Harp	18,236	17,615	-621	-3%
Wembley Central	18,013	17,893	-120	-1%
Wembley Hill	15,542	14,397	-1,145	-7%
Wembley Park	7,636	7,743	107	1%
Willesden Green	19,185	21,906	2,721	14%

Source: (i) GLA, 2021-based population projections (Interim, April 2023), Borough Preferred Option (ii) 2021 Census (GLA ward estimates).