



BNXS25: UK Household and Population Figures 1970 - 2020

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This Briefing Note and referenced information is a public consultation document and will be used to inform Government decisions. The information and analysis forms part of the Evidence Base created by Defra’s Market Transformation Programme.

1 Summary

The following household numbers are used within the MTP, specifically for the scenario modeling for the domestic sector. They are consistent with ODPM figures, though have been interpolated between 1991 and 2001 to account for the 2001 census data.

UK Household Numbers 1970 - 2020 (in thousands)

Year	Year	Year	Year	Year					
1970	18,656	1980	20,363	1990	22,691	2000	24,549	2010	26,788
1971	19,034	1981	20,674	1991	22,952	2001	24,755	2011	26,977
1972	19,203	1982	20,830	1992	23,135	2002	24,984	2012	27,155
1973	19,359	1983	21,034	1993	23,324	2003	25,246	2013	27,332
1974	19,473	1984	21,285	1994	23,500	2004	25,508	2014	27,510
1975	19,688	1985	21,538	1995	23,670	2005	25,771	2015	27,687
1976	19,804	1986	21,783	1996	23,836	2006	26,033	2016	27,864
1977	19,934	1987	22,021	1997	24,002	2007	26,222	2017	28,015
1978	20,067	1988	22,251	1998	24,174	2008	26,411	2018	28,166
1979	20,210	1989	22,474	1999	24,355	2009	26,600	2019	28,317
								2020	28,467

2 Purpose

This note sets out, for public scrutiny and challenge, information and rationales which are used to construct Policy Briefs. In particular, this briefing note sets out the rationale behind the choice of household and population figures used to construct the scenarios in each MTP Policy Brief.

3 Background

For the MTP Policy Briefs to provide an accurate and consistent assessment of the impact of policy actions it is important that there is agreement on the number of UK household and UK population used to construct the scenarios under the Market Transformation Programme.



4 UK Household Figures

Table 1 sets out the number of UK households for the time period 1970 to 2020. Wherever possible these numbers are derived from official statistics, namely 'Households and Population Estimates and Projections' published by ODPM and the 'Northern Ireland Housing Statistics'¹, published by the Department for Social Development in Northern Ireland.

Please note that ODPM has now been superseded by DCLG. The next review (March 2007) of the figures will include their latest information.

While population figures are available for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, there are currently no household figures available for Northern Ireland or the United Kingdom as a whole. Also there are only household size figures for Northern Ireland available for the years 1996 - 2002. Therefore, the following assumptions have been made to derive the figures shown in Table 1:

- Household size figures for Northern Ireland between 1970 and 1994 change proportional to changes observed for English household size figures during the same period of time.
- Household size figures for Northern Ireland between 2003 and 2020 change proportional to changes predicted for English household size figures during the same period of time.
- Projections for population in the United Kingdom and for household sizes in GB between 2003 and 2021 are only made in five year intervals (2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021). Therefore, household size figures for interim years have been derived by linear interpolation.
- Data for 1991 through to 2001 have been interpolated to account for the 2001 census data. Data from the 2001 census have been used to correct household number data post 2001.

Table 1: UK Household Numbers 1970 - 2020 (in thousands)

Year	Year	Year	Year	Year					
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1971	19,034	1981	20,674	1991	22,952	2001	24,755	2011	26,977
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5 UK Population Figures

Table 2 sets out the UK population figures for the time period 1970 to 2020. These are taken from sources published by the ODPM in 'Households and Population Estimates and Projections'^[1]. The projections for population in the United Kingdom in

¹ http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/publications/housing_stats.htm



the period 2003 to 2021 are only available five-year intervals (2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021). Therefore, population figures for interim years have been derived by linear interpolation.

Table 2: UK Population 1970 - 2020 (in thousands)

Year	Year	Year	Year	Year					
1970	55,632	1980	56,330	1990	57,237	2000	58,643	2010	60,351
1971	55,928	1981	56,358	1991	57,439	2001	59,031	2011	60,524
1972	56,097	1982	56,291	1992	57,563	2002	59,207	2012	60,711
1973	56,223	1983	56,316	1993	57,672	2003	59,320	2013	60,898
1974	56,236	1984	56,409	1994	57,797	2004	59,432	2014	61,085
1975	56,226	1985	56,554	1995	57,928	2005	59,545	2015	61,272
1976	56,216	1986	56,684	1996	58,043	2006	59,657	2016	61,459
1977	56,190	1987	56,804	1997	58,167	2007	59,830	2017	61,644
1978	56,178	1988	56,916	1998	58,305	2008	60,004	2018	61,830
1979	56,240	1989	57,076	1999	58,481	2009	60,177	2019	62,015
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