

Overview of Harrow's population and changes

Harrow's main sources of population data are the Office for National Statistics (**ONS**) and the Greater London Authority (**GLA**).

The ONS produce the National Census every decade, the Mid-Year Estimates (**MYE**) annually and the Sub-National Population Projections (**SNPP**) approximately every two years; these datasets include births and migration data.

The GLA Demography Team produce a range of annually updated population projections at both borough and ward level for the 33 local authorities in the London region. Each round of projections includes a number of variants designed to meet a range of requirements, but in general variants form two groups:

- **Borough Preferred Option (BPO)**. This is the default option but is dependent on boroughs providing development data to be incorporated into the projections.
- **The latest GLA ward level Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)** – capped AHS (average household size) population projections for all wards in the local authority. This is the option if boroughs have not provided their development data.

Harrow uses the GLA's Borough Preferred Option, which are based on the latest available housing trajectory, to run our School Roll Projections on.

ONS 2011 National Census

Harrow's population has been changing and increasing since the 2001 Census. A number of factors have contributed to this position; these are outlined in this document.

The 2011 National Census revealed that Harrow's population is estimated to have increased to 239,100; this figure is 15.6% higher than the 2001 Census showed, and the ONS revised 2016 MYEs show a further increase to 248,697. Harrow's population is now at the highest recorded level, based on records going back to 1901. The 0-4 age group has increased by 5,877 between mid- 2001 (12,058) and mid-2016 (17,935), which represents a 48.7% increase. There have also been increases across all the statutory school age groups.

The 2011 Census showed that Harrow's residents were born in approximately 200 different countries and the percentage of Harrow's residents born in the UK is the 6th lowest ranking nationally. Harrow is ranked 7th nationally (and in London) for ethnic diversity and 2nd for religious diversity in London.

ONS Population Projections and Estimates

Population Estimates (MYE) are the official source of estimated population size in between the censuses and inform a wide range of national statistics.

Population Projections (SNPP) provide statistics on potential future size and age structure of the population. They are based on past trends and assumptions of future levels of births, deaths and migration. They do not incorporate local development plans but instead provide a baseline, which can be combined with local knowledge.

The ONS's Sub-National Population Projections project what the population of every local authority will look like over the next 25 years. It should be noted that all population projections

become increasingly uncertain the further they are carried forward due to the inherent uncertainty of demographic behaviour.

The 2018-based SNPPs take the 2018 Mid-Year Estimates (MYEs) as their starting point, then: the population is projected forward a year at a time to 2041; the population is aged on from the previous year; the projected number of births and deaths are added; and adjustments for net migration are included. Births, deaths and migration are based on the trends observed in each local authority over the period mid-2011 to 2014. Finally the SNPPs are constrained to be consistent with the national projections for England.

GLA Borough Preferred Option Results for Harrow

Population Change

The population of Harrow is estimated to have grown by 9,129 persons (3.8 percent) between 2011 and 2018. Over the decade to 2028 the population is projected to grow by 23,204 persons (9.3 percent). By 2041 the population is projected to reach 276,306 persons, a 15.0 percent increase on the 2011 population.

Table 1 below outlines the total population of Harrow from the census base population of 240,365 through five-year intervals to a projected 2041 population of 276,306.

Table 1: Population of Harrow

Year	2018 Population
2011	240,365
2016	248,154
2021	254,628
2026	270,943
2031	275,224
2036	276,325
2041	276,306

Source: Harrow_low_migration_BPO_2018

Age structure

The greatest growth in Harrow, between 2011 and 2031, is projected to be in the 65 and over age group where the population increases by 16,605 persons (49.0 percent).

Table 2: Age structure of Harrow - 2017

Age Group	Population 2011	Population 2031	Change	Percentage Change
0 to 3	13,251	14,216	965	7.3
4 to 10	20,316	23,904	3,589	17.7
11 to 15	14,474	16,956	2,482	17.1
16 to 25	31,905	30,544	-1,361	-4.3
26 to 64	126,533	139,113	12,580	9.9
65 and over	33,886	50,491	16,605	49.0

Source: Harrow_low_migration_BPO_2018

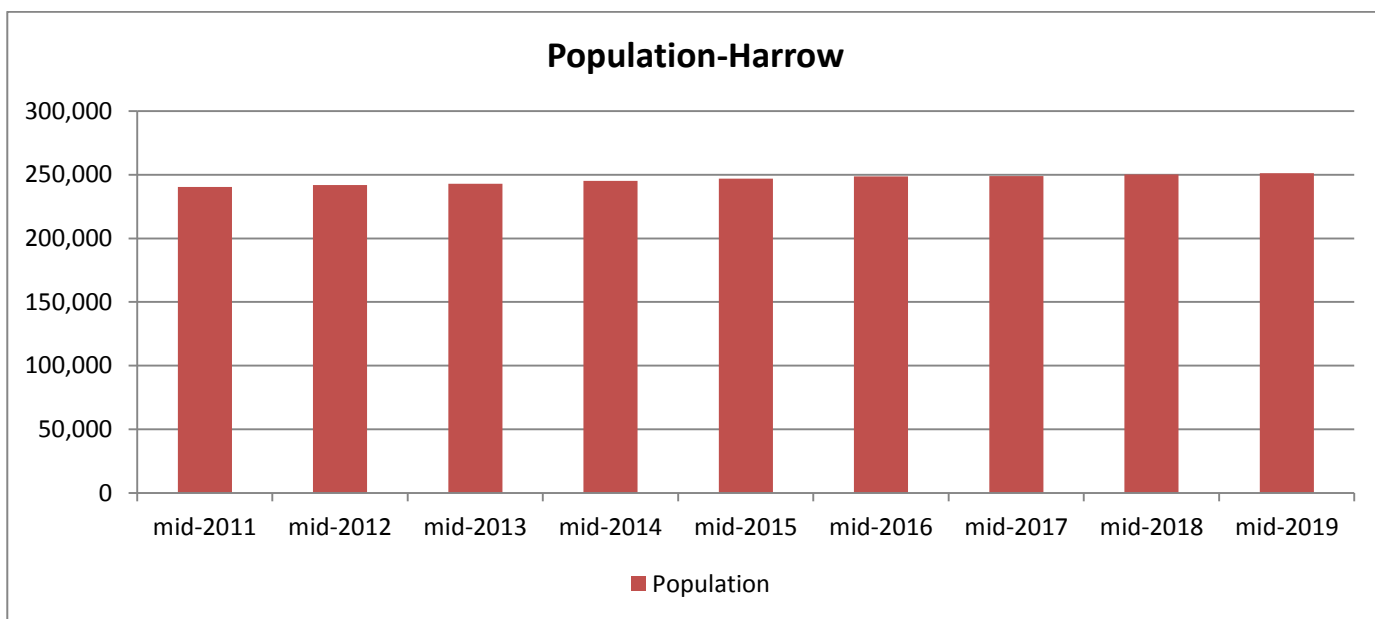
ONS 2019 Mid Year Estimates (MYE)

Harrow's population

Harrow's population has increased from 240,499 in 2011 to 250,149 in 2018 and then increased by 1,011 to 251,160 in 2019.

Harrow	mid-2011	mid-2012	mid-2013	mid-2014	mid-2015	mid-2016	mid-2017	mid-2018	mid-2019
Population	240,499	241,978	243,004	245,149	246,818	248,697	248,880	250,149	251,160

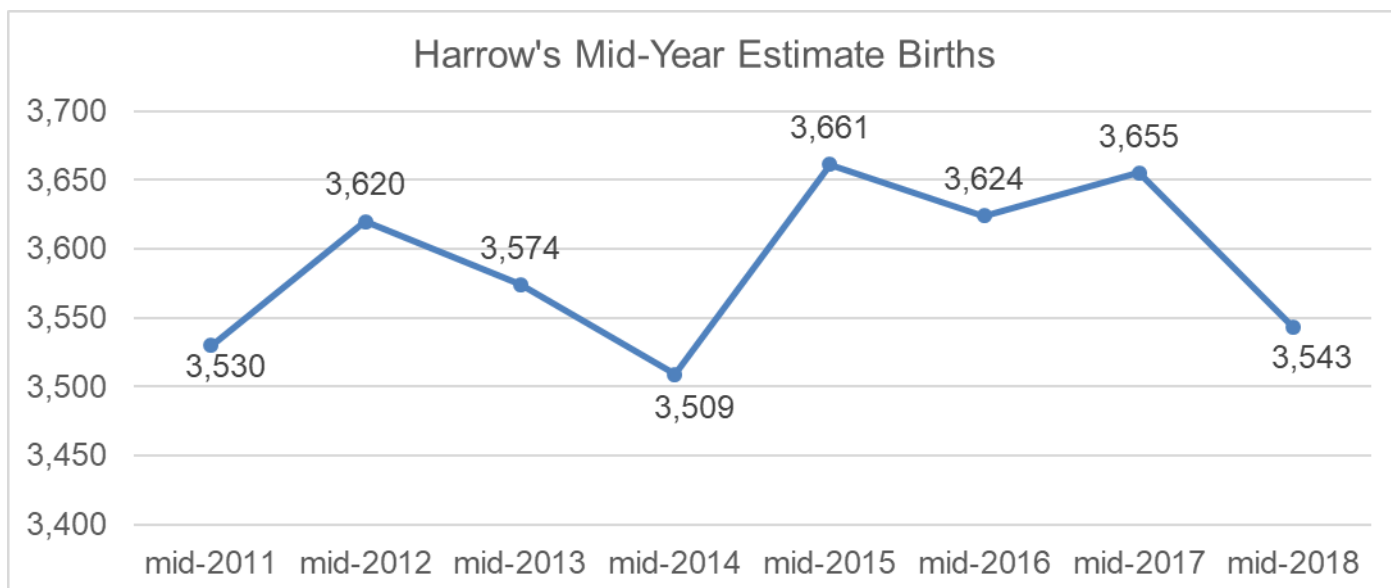
Harrow's population from mid-2011 to mid-2019



Harrow's population increase is inline with most London boroughs; Barnet has increased by 4k, Hillingdon by 2k and Hounslow by 700. However, Brent and Ealing's populations have dropped by 1k and 176 respectively.

Harrow's births

Harrow's births based on the ONS's MYE have fluctuated between 2011 and 2018, peaking at 3,661 in 2015, but dropping by 112 to 3,543 in 2018.



Harrow's migration

Harrow's internal migration resulted in a net loss of 5k people in the 2017 MYE and 4k in the 2018 MYE and international migration resulted in a net gain of 3k people in the 2017 MYE and 3.2k in the 2018 MYE. Net impact of total migration was 2k loss in 2017 MYE and 1k loss in 2018 MYE

Harrow	2017-MYE	2018-MYE	2019-MYE	Diff 2018-2019	Direction
Internal in	15,142	15,919	16,911	992	Gain
Internal out	20,130	19,955	20,369	414	Loss
Internal net diff	-4,988	-4,036	-3,458	578	Loss
International in	4,742	4,631	4,345	-286	Loss
International out	1,707	1,429	1,955	526	Loss
International net diff	3,035	3,202	2,390	-812	Loss
Overall net diff	-1,953	-834	-1,068	-234	Loss

ONS 2018-based Subnational Population Projections (SNPP)

Published on 24th March 2020, the SNPP suggest that the populations of all regions within England are projected to grow by mid-2028. All regions are projected to have a greater proportion of people aged 65 and over by mid-2028. London is still the largest growing region but no longer the fastest growing as it was in the 2016 SNPPs, it has dropped to 5th place in 2018.

Local Authorities

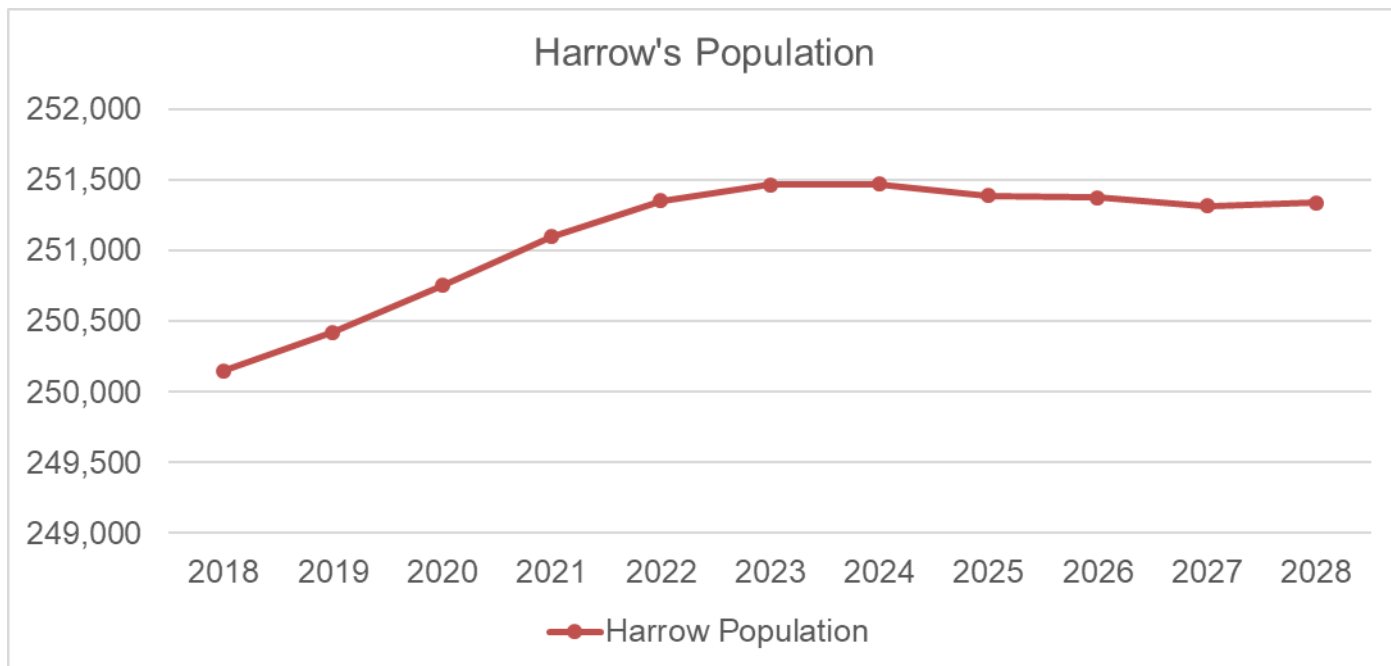
Population projections at local authority level are especially subject to annual local fluctuations in source data. Also, the actual local population change will be influenced by local economic development and housing policies.

Nearly all local authorities are projected to grow by mid-2028. Of the LAs with the highest projected population growth from 2018 to 2028 the only London borough is Tower Hamlets. Of the LAs with the highest projected population decline from 2018 to 2028 the only London borough is Ealing.

Harrow's 2018-based SNPPs**Harrow's population**

The table below shows Harrow's population over the next 10 years – it shows there is a very slow and steady increase from 2018 to 2028.

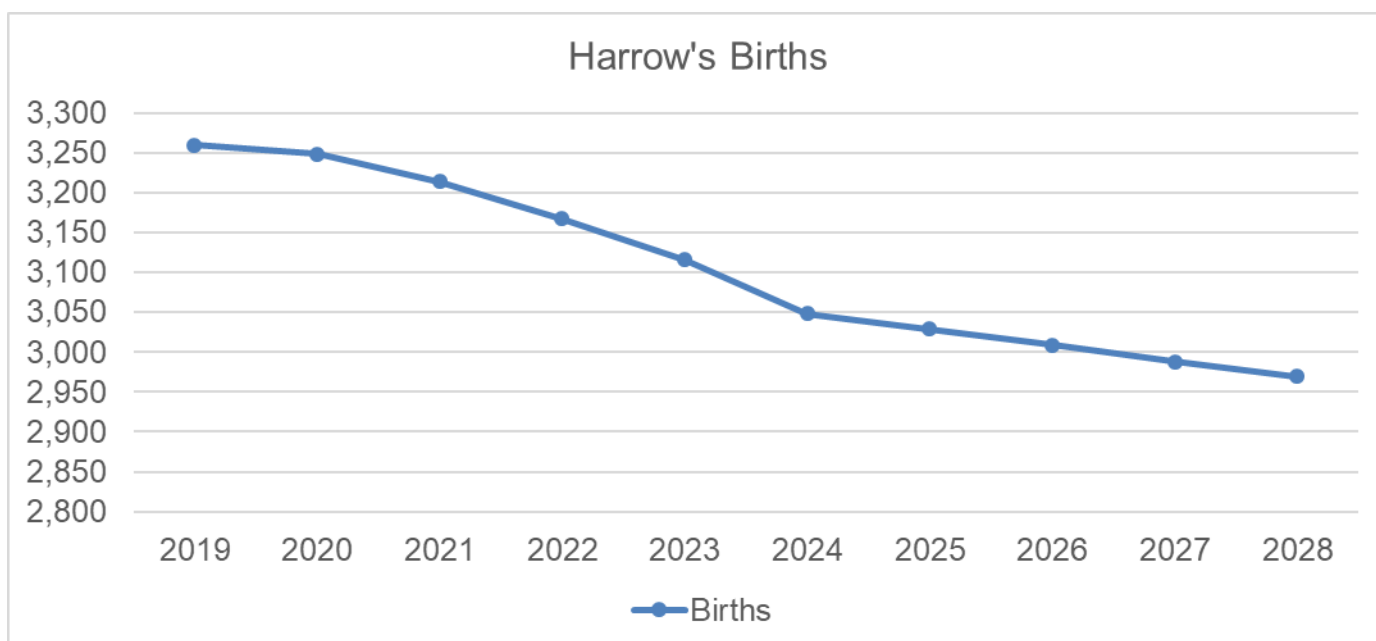
Year	Harrow Population
2018	250,149
2019	250,419
2020	250,751
2021	251,095
2022	251,350
2023	251,462
2024	251,467
2025	251,389
2026	251,371
2027	251,313
2028	251,337



Harrow's births

Harrow's births are projected to fall from 3,260 in 2019 to 3,116 in 2023 and 2,970 in 2028;

Births	Harrow
2019	3,260
2020	3,248
2021	3,214
2022	3,167
2023	3,116
2024	3,048
2025	3,029
2026	3,009
2027	2,988
2028	2,970



Harrow's age ranges

The table below shows Harrow's age ranges up to 90+. There is a projected drop in the 0 to 9 and 20 to 39 age ranges, with an increase for the remainder of the ages.

AGE GROUP	2018	2023	2028
0-4	17,745	15,732	14,840
5-9	16,783	16,919	15,059
10-14	15,080	16,417	16,378
15-19	13,767	13,981	15,142
20-24	13,528	11,880	12,208
25-29	17,457	16,870	15,478
30-34	19,119	17,354	16,555
35-39	19,467	18,101	16,590
40-44	17,210	18,452	17,292
45-49	16,432	16,585	17,725
50-54	15,926	15,925	15,970
55-59	15,278	15,489	15,461
60-64	13,155	14,406	14,694
65-69	11,190	12,359	13,564
70-74	9,598	10,233	11,314
75-79	6,996	8,427	9,002
80-84	5,740	5,738	6,960
85-89	3,530	4,035	4,091
90+	2,148	2,560	3,017
All ages	250,149	251,462	251,337

Migration

Harrow's internal migration has resulted in a net loss of 5k people in the 2017 MYE and 4k in the 2018 MYE and international migration has resulted in a net gain of 3k people in the 2017 MYE and 3.2k in the 2018 MYE. The net impact of total migration was 2k loss in 2017 MYE and 1k loss in 2018 MYE.

The SNPP project a relatively steady picture regarding Harrow's internal and international migration from 2018 to 2028

Harrow	2018	2028	Difference 2018-2028
All migration net	-1,505	-1,257	248
Internal migration in	15,469	15,420	-49
Internal migration out	19,893	18,952	-941
International migration in	4,900	4,094	-806
International migration out	1,892	1,725	-167
Cross border migration in	244	237	-7
Cross border migration out	334	332	-2

Migration by age

The ONS SNPPs contain migration projections by age. Harrow's net internal migration is overall projecting a loss of children of the following age ranges 0 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14 and 15 to 19. There is projected gain for young people of the age range 20 to 24.

Internal net	2019	2023	2028	Direction
0-4	-367	-310	-270	Decreasing loss
5-9	-367	-383	-332	Decreasing loss
10-14	-86	-89	-103	Increasing loss
15-19	-1,556	-1,555	-1,628	Increasing loss
20-24	611	930	1,078	Increasing gain

Harrow's net international migration projects an increasing number of children migrating into Harrow for all the age ranges, however the increase is declining from 2019 to 2028.

International net	2019	2023	2028	Direction
0-4	294	260	243	Decreasing gain
5-9	193	171	159	Decreasing gain
10-14	171	151	141	Decreasing gain
15-19	263	231	215	Decreasing gain
20-24	484	408	368	Decreasing gain

Overall net migration – there is a projected loss from 2019 to 2028 of the age ranges 0 to 4 and 5 to 9 and 15 to 19; and a projected gain of the age ranges 10 to 14 and 20 to 24.

Net	2019	2023	2028	Direction
0-4	-73	-50	-27	Decreasing loss
5-9	-174	-212	-173	Stable loss
10-14	85	62	38	Decreasing gain
15-19	-1,293	-1,324	-1,413	Increasing loss
20-24	1,095	1,338	1,446	Increasing gain

It should be noted that these projections are purely based on past trends, so any impacts that Brexit or the Covid-19 pandemic may have on future migration levels (or as a result of any other changes in government policies or economic circumstances) are not considered.