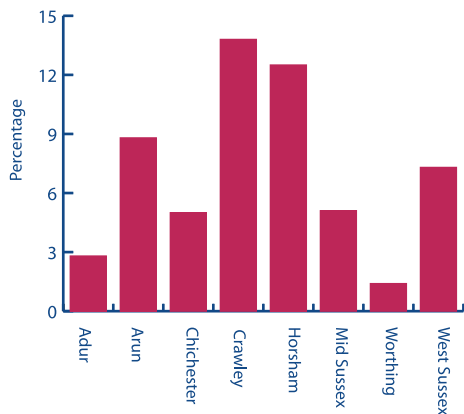


Change in population since the 1991 Census

Three factors influence changes in population size; the number of births, the number of deaths and migration in and out of the area. In West Sussex in the year 2001, the number of deaths exceeded the number of births by around 1,500.

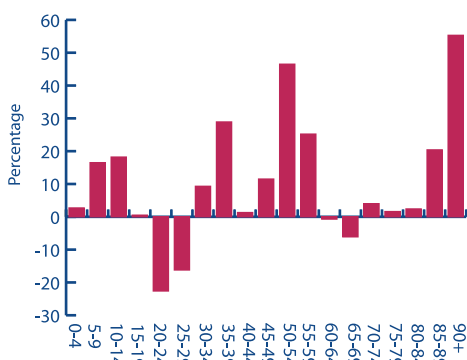
Since the 1991 Census, the population of West Sussex has increased by 51,324 people (7%), to 753,614. Change in the population size of the local authorities (LAs) that make up West Sussex varies greatly. Figure 1 shows the percentage increase in the total population of LAs and the county since the last Census. Each LA experienced population growth over the period. Worthing had by far the smallest rate of growth, with an increase of only 1,383 people (1%). Horsham's population grew by over 10%, while Crawley had the largest population growth with an increase of 12,110 people (14%).

Figure 1: Percentage change in population from 1991 Census to 2001 Census, by local authority and for West Sussex



Wide variations are apparent in particular age groups. Figure 2 shows the percentage change in population by age group for West Sussex. Within different age groups there are huge differences in the change in the population size from the 1991 to the 2001 Census.

Figure 2: Percentage change in population within West Sussex from 1991 Census to 2001 Census, by 5 year age group for all persons.



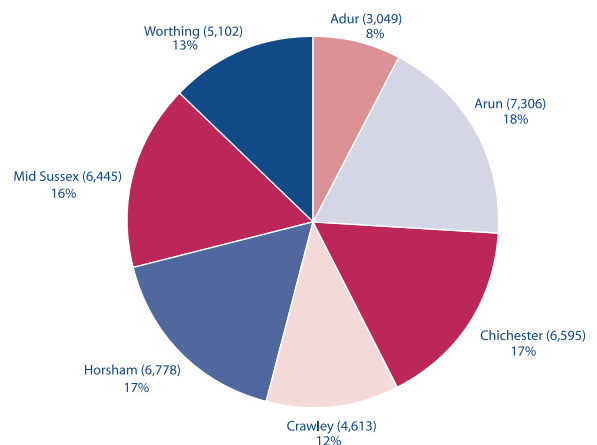
Since 1991, the population aged 0-14, 30-59 and 80+ has grown in West Sussex. The 90+ age group has shown the largest increase. In Worthing, the population aged 90+ increased by 33% from 1991 to 2001. In Crawley, the same age group increased by 66%. Throughout West Sussex, the number of females in the 90+ age group increased by less than the males over the period. Decreases in population size occurred in the 15-29 and 65-79 age groups.

Migration

In the 12 months preceding the Census 39,888 people, that is 5% of the population of West Sussex, moved into the area. However, 33,545 people (4% of the population) moved from the county in the same period, resulting in net inward migration of 6,343 people (1%). These rates varied little across the county. There was total inward migration of 2,951 people in ethnic groups other than white (10% of the total non-white population) and outward migration of 1,578 people (6%), giving net inward migration of 1,013 people (4%) over the period.

Figure 3 shows, the proportion of the total population moving into West Sussex entering each LA. The highest proportion moved to Arun (18%) and the lowest to Adur (8%).

Figure 3: Percentage of all people who moved into West Sussex in the 12 months preceding the 2001 Census by local authority



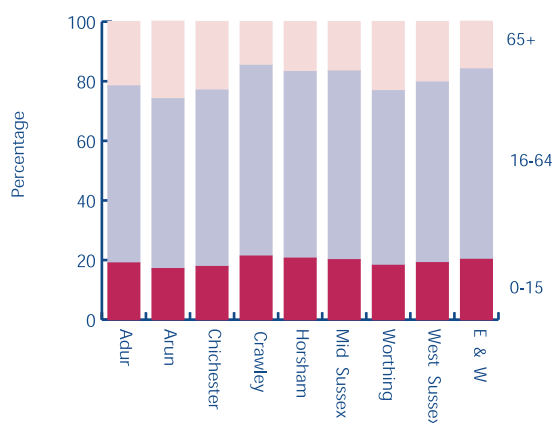
Percentage of population by gender

In the UK there are fewer men than women at all ages over 21. The gap between males and females, particularly in the older population, is growing. There is little variation in the gender split of the total population across LAs. With the exception of Crawley, all West Sussex LAs (and the county) have a lower proportion of males and a higher proportion of females than the E&W average. The greatest difference between the percentage of males and females occurs in Worthing (47% male and 53% female). Arun and Chichester have a similar split. Crawley's population is the most evenly split with just a 2% difference (49% male and 51% female).

Age structure

The age structure of West Sussex LAs is shown in Figure 4, along with the comparable age structures of West Sussex and E&W. In E&W, 20% of the population is aged less than 16 years. The West Sussex proportion is slightly lower at 19%. All LAs in West Sussex, with the exception of Crawley and Horsham (both with 21%), had lower proportions than both West Sussex and E&W. The lowest proportions of this age group are found in Arun, Chichester and Worthing, all with around 17%-18%.

Figure 4: Percentage of the population aged under 16 years, 16-64 years and 65 years and over by local authority, for West Sussex and E&W



In E&W, 16% of people are aged 65 and over. Within West Sussex the equivalent figure is 20%. Adur (22%), Arun (26%), Chichester (23%) and Worthing (23%) LAs have greater proportions of the 65s and over than both West Sussex and E&W. Crawley is the only LA with a lower proportion of 65s and over (15%) than E&W.

In E&W, 64% of the population are aged 16-64 years, compared to 61% for West Sussex. In West Sussex, LA figures range from 57% in Arun to 64% in Crawley.

The populations of Adur, Arun, Chichester and Worthing LAs are older than those of West Sussex and E&W. Horsham and Mid Sussex have slightly older age structures than E&W. Crawley has a younger population age structure than both West Sussex and E&W.

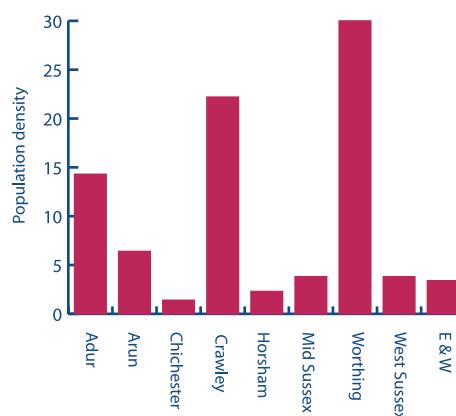
Population density

As a county, West Sussex (3.8 people per hectare) has a similar population density to E&W (3.4 people per hectare). There is, however, huge variation across LAs due to the mix of rural and urban areas within West Sussex. The LA figures range from just 1.4 people per hectare in Chichester to 30 people per hectare in Worthing, which has almost eight times the density of West Sussex, and almost nine times that of E&W. Crawley's density of 22.2 people per hectare is also considerably above the county and E&W average.

Whilst much lower than Worthing, the population densities of Adur and Arun are still considerably greater than West Sussex and E&W. Mid Sussex has a density equal to that of West Sussex. The only two LAs within

West Sussex with lower densities than the county are Horsham and Chichester, with just 2.3 and 1.4 people per hectare respectively (See Figure 5).

Figure 5: Population density by local authority, for West Sussex and E&W



England Top Tens

Table 1: England Top Tens

Indicator	LA	Rank	Value
Highest proportion of people aged 85+	Worthing	1	4.6%
	Arun	4	4.2%
Highest proportion of people of retirement age	Arun	6	29.0%
Highest proportion of females to males (sex ratio m/f)	Worthing	3	0.88
	Arun	4	0.89
	Chichester	9	0.90

Table 1 summarises those LAs in West Sussex that lie in the top ten LAs across England for various population related variables. Further details can be found at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/top_ten_uk.asp

Future bulletins

Further Census bulletins will now be produced regularly by the West Sussex Census Joint Working Group.

Planned topics for future bulletins include:

- Health
- Household Structure
- Religion and ethnicity
- Employment
- Families
- Education
- Pensioners and older people
- Migration
- Journey to work