

Summary of Mid-2008 Population Estimates –Cumbria’s 0-19 Year Old Population

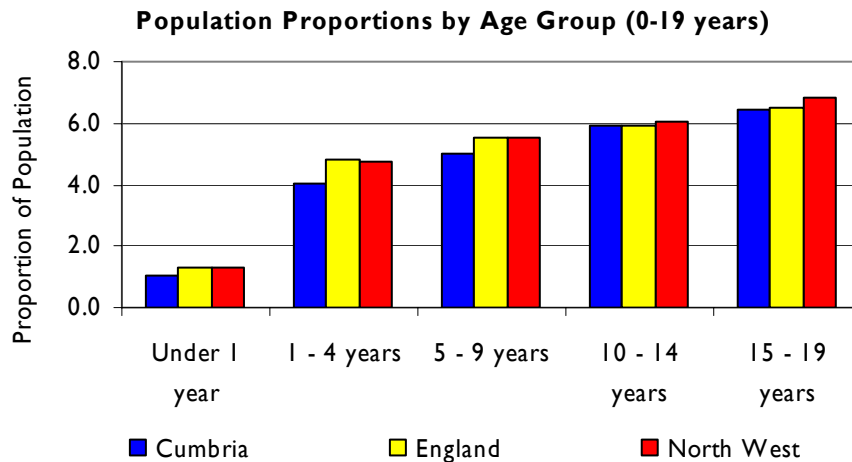
Background

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces annual estimates of the resident population of the UK as of 30 June each year, which are known as the ‘Mid-Year Estimates’. The Mid-Year Estimates refer to the number of people who live in the UK as a whole and the constituent counties and areas; providing figures by age and sex subgroups. In August 2009 the ONS released the Mid-2008 Population Estimates. The following report provides an analysis of Cumbria’s 0-19 year old population based on these estimates.

Cumbria’s 0-19 Year Old Population - 2008

Based on the Mid-2008 Population Estimates, Figure 1 displays Cumbria’s 0-19 year old population, by age group, as a proportion of Cumbria’s population as a whole. Figure 1 also shows the comparative proportions for England and the North West.

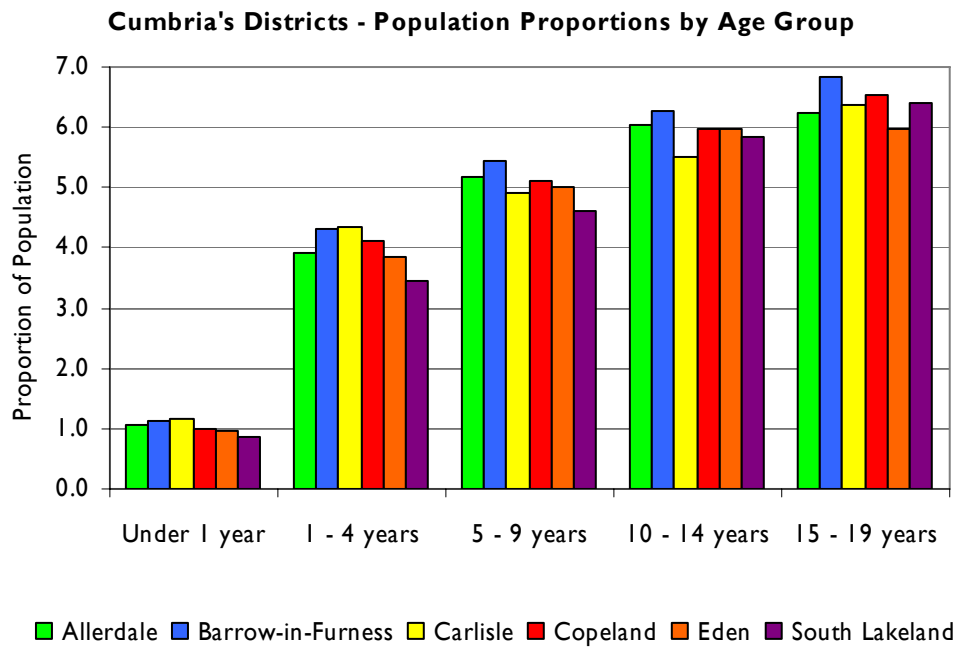
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On inspection of Figure 1, it is clear that Cumbria has a marginally smaller proportion of children in each age group than the North West and England. Overall, 22.4% of Cumbria’s population is aged 0-19 years while this age group accounts for 24% of the national population and 24.4% of the regional population.

Figure 2 displays the 0-19 year old population, by age group, as a proportion of the total population for each of Cumbria's six districts.

Figure 2:



Carlisle and Barrow-in-Furness had the highest proportions of children in the two youngest age groups (children aged under 1 year and children aged 1-4 years). Barrow-in-Furness also had the highest proportion of children and young people in three oldest age groups (5-9 years, 10-14 years and 15-19 years).

South Lakeland had the smallest proportion of children in each of the three youngest age groups, while Carlisle had the smallest proportion of children aged 10-14 years and Eden had the smallest proportion of young people aged 15-19 years.

Cumbria's 0-19 Year Old Population – 2007 to 2008 Changes

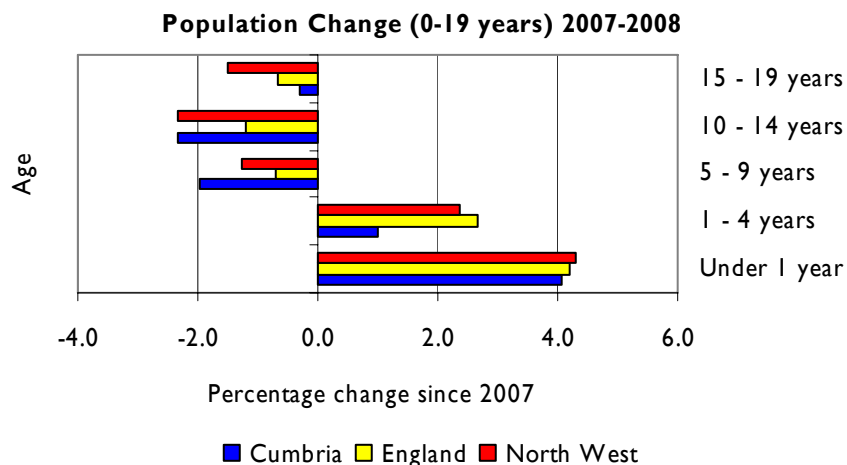
Table 1 compares the Mid-2008 Estimates for the number of children and young people in Cumbria aged 0-19 years with the Mid-2007 Estimates for the same age range.

Table 1: Cumbria's 0-19 Year Old Population				
	Population		Population Change	
	2007	2008	Numerical	%
Under 1 year	4,900	5,100	200	4.1
1 - 4 years	19,700	19,900	200	1.0
5 - 9 years	25,400	24,900	-500	-2.0
10 - 14 years	30,100	29,400	-700	-2.3
15 - 19 years	32,000	31,900	-100	-0.3
Total 0-19 years	112,100	111,200	-900	-0.8

On inspection of Table 1, it can be seen that the population of 0-19 year olds in Cumbria has decreased by 900 from 2007 to 2008 (a decrease of 0.8%). The greatest decrease was in the 10-14 age group (-2.3%). There were also decreases in the 5-9 age group (-2%) and the 15-19 age group (-0.3%). However, despite there being decreases in the three older age groups, the population of younger children in Cumbria (0-4 year olds) increased by 400 between 2007 and 2008, with children aged under 1 year increasing by +4.1%.

Figure 3 shows the proportional change in Cumbria's 0-19 population between 2007 and 2008 compared with changes in the 0-19 population both regionally and nationally between 2007 and 2008.

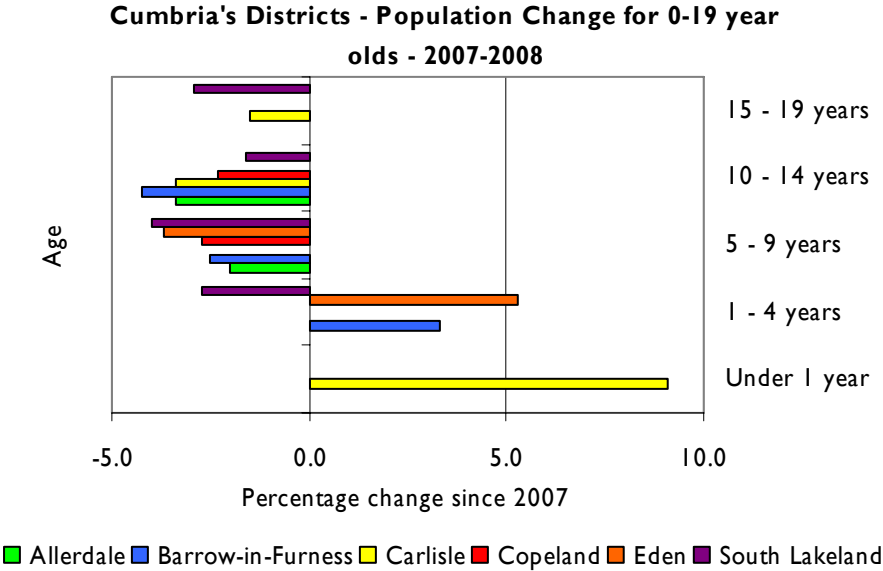
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Looking at Figure 3, it is clear that an increase in children in the two younger age groups and a decrease in children in the three older age groups also occurred at a regional and national level between 2007 and 2008. However, compared to England and the North West, Cumbria experienced a smaller increase in the two younger age groups and a much smaller decrease in 15-19 year olds. Cumbria experienced a larger decrease in 5-9 year olds when compared to regional and national figures.

Figure 4 shows the proportional change in relation to the 0-19 population for each of Cumbria’s six districts between 2007 and 2008.

Figure 4:



On viewing Figure 4, it can be seen that the Cumbria’s increase in the youngest age group (children aged under 1 year) has been generated by just one district in Cumbria; Carlisle. Between 2007 and 2008 there has been a significant increase in children under one year in Carlisle (+9.1%), while the populations of children aged under 1 year have remained static for the other five districts in Cumbria (0% change). Similarly, Cumbria’s increase in the second youngest age group (children aged 1-4 years) has been generated by just two districts; Eden and Barrow-in-Furness; which have seen increases of +5.3% and +3.3% for this age group respectively. Interestingly, contrary to the county wide trend, the population of 1-4 year olds in South Lakeland actually decreased in between 2007 and 2008 (-2.7%).

In line with trends seen at a county level, five of the six districts in Cumbria experienced a decrease in the population of 5-9 year olds; all districts except Carlisle where this age group remained static. In addition, five of the six districts

experienced a decrease in their populations of 10-14 year olds; all districts except Eden where this population remained static.

Finally, Cumbria's decrease in the oldest age group (young people aged 15-19 years) has been generated by just two districts; Carlisle and South Lakeland which have seen decreases of -1.5% and -2.9% for this age group respectively.

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