

Summary of Mid-2008 Population Estimates –Cumbria’s Older Adult Population

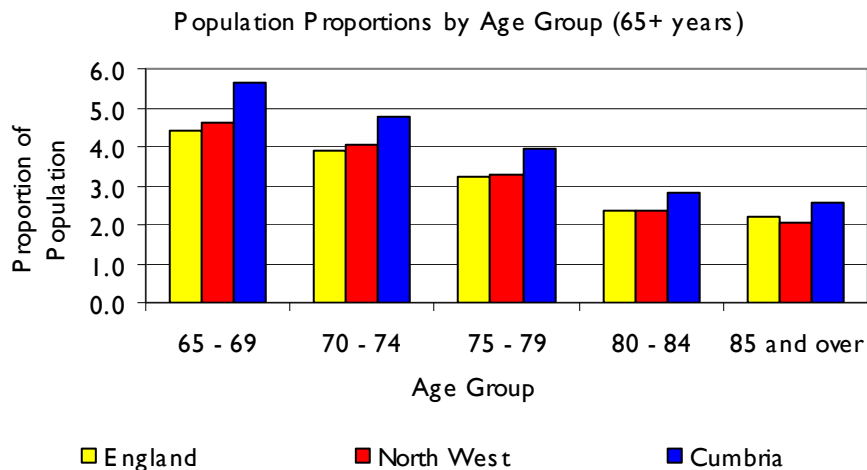
Background

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. Based on these estimates, the following report provides an analysis of Cumbria’s population of adults aged 65 years and over.

Cumbria’s Older Adult Population - 2008

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

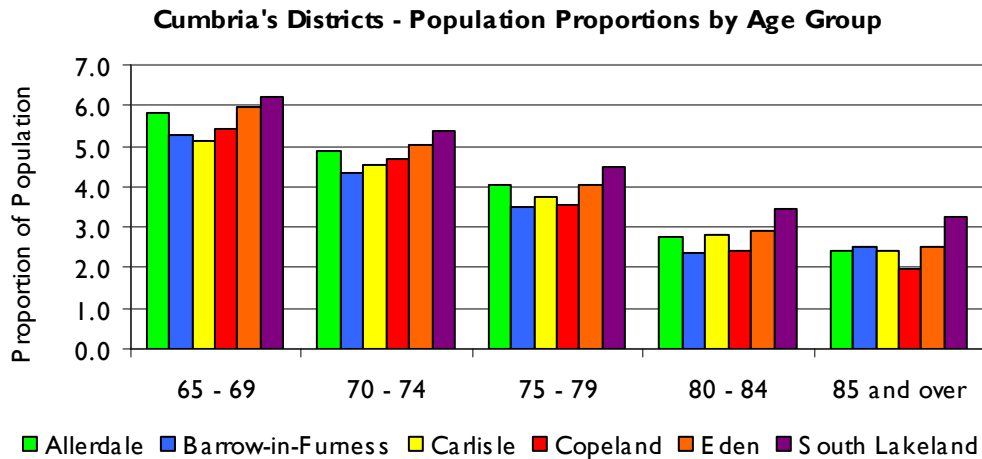
Figure I:



On inspection of Figure I, it is clear that Cumbria has a higher proportion of residents in each of the older age groups than the North West and England. Overall, 19.7% of Cumbria’s population is aged 65 years and over, while this age group accounts for just 16.1% of the national population and 16.4% of the regional population.

Figure 2 displays the older adult population, by age group, as a proportion of the total population for each of Cumbria's six districts.

Figure 2:



Overall, South Lakeland had the highest proportion of older adults, with 22.8% of residents being aged 65 years and over. Barrow-in-Furness had the smallest proportion of older adults, with 18.0% of residents being aged 65 years and over.

South Lakeland also had the highest proportion of residents in each of the individual older age groups. Eden also had a high proportion of older adults; with the second highest proportion of residents in four of the five older age groups.

Carlisle had the smallest proportion of residents in the 65-69 age group, Barrow-in-Furness had the smallest proportion of residents in the 70-74 age group and the 75-79 age group, and Copeland had the smallest proportion of residents in the 80-84 age group and the 85 and over age group.

Cumbria's Older Adult Population - 2007 to 2008 Changes

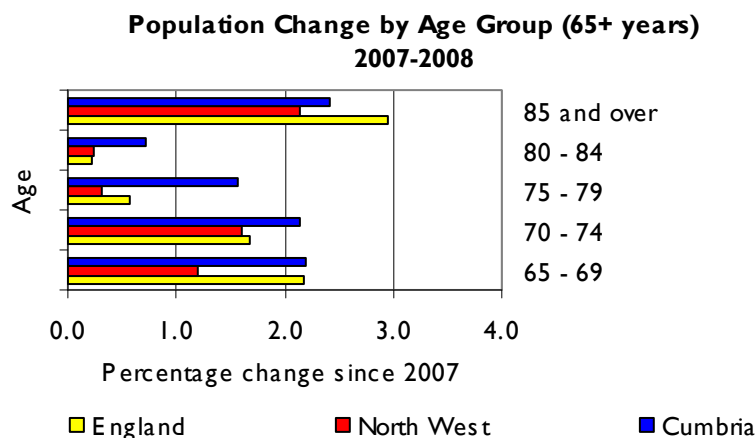
Table I compares the Mid-2008 Estimates for adults aged 65 years and over in Cumbria with the Mid-2007 Estimates for the same age range.

	Population		Population Change	
	2007	2008	Numerical	%
Aged 65 - 69 years	27,400	28,000	600	2.2
Aged 70 - 74 years	23,300	23,800	500	2.1
Aged 75 - 79 years	19,200	19,500	300	1.6
Aged 80 - 84 years	13,800	13,900	100	0.7
Aged 85 and over	12,400	12,700	300	2.4
Total aged 65+	96,100	97,900	1,800	1.9

On inspection of Table I, it can be seen that in Cumbria the population of residents aged 65 years and over increased by 1,800 between 2007 and 2008 (an increase of 1.9%). There were increases across all of older age groups, with the oldest age group, the 85 and over group, increasing by 2.4%.

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

Figure 3:

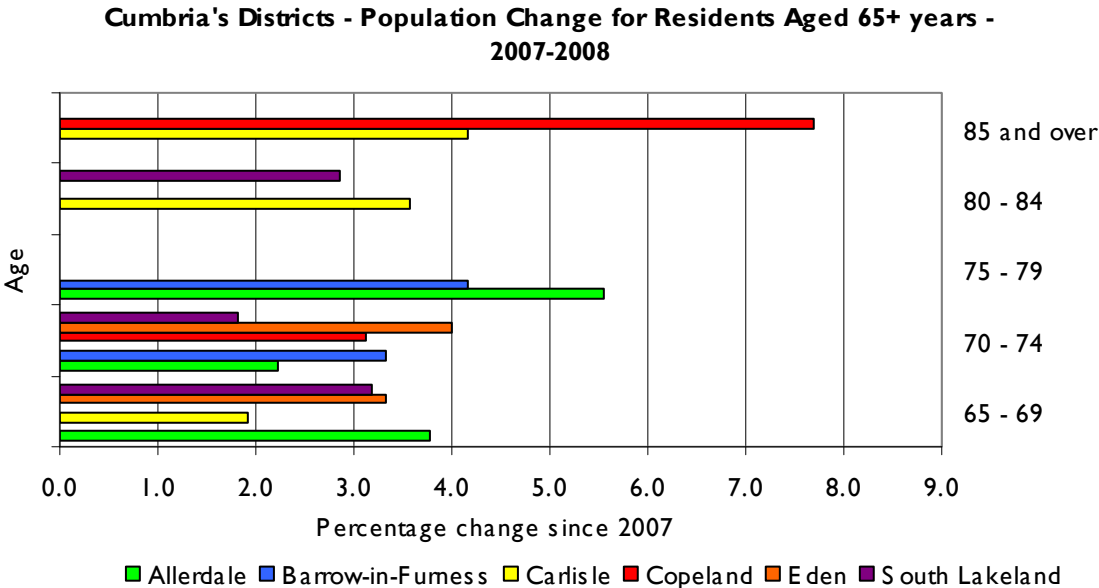


Looking at Figure 3, it is clear that an increase across each of the 65 years and over age groups also occurred at a regional and national level between 2007 and 2008. However, the proportionate increase in residents aged 65 years

and over was greater in Cumbria than the North West and England for all but two of the 65 years and over age groups.

Figure 4 shows the proportional change in relation to the 65 years and over population for each of Cumbria’s six districts between 2007 and 2008.

Figure 4:



While South Lakeland had the largest proportion of residents aged 65 and over, Allerdale and Eden actually experienced the greatest increases in residents aged 65 and over; with increases of 2.7% and 1.9% respectively. On viewing Figure 4, it can be seen that Eden experienced the greatest increase in 70-74 year olds, while Allerdale experienced the greatest increase in 65-69 year olds and 75-79 year olds.

Interestingly, Cumbria’s increase in the oldest age group (85 years and over) has been generated by just two districts; Copeland and Carlisle, which had increases of 7.7% and 4.2% for this age group respectively. Furthermore, Cumbria’s increase in the second oldest age group (80-84 years) has also been generated by just two districts; Carlisle and South Lakeland, which have seen increases of 3.6% and 2.9% for this age group respectively.

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