

# DEMOGRAPHICS

The latest population estimates for Fareham are from 2015 and show a population of 114,799. Like most of the country, the number of people living in the Borough has grown and is predicted to continue to do so, albeit at a slower rate than the average for South Hampshire.

## A GROWING POPULATION

There was a **6%** (**6,822**) increase in Fareham's population between 2001 and 2015

## CONTINUED GROWTH

Between 2017 and 2022 Fareham's population is projected to increase by less than **3%** from **117,000** to **120,000**

## LONG-TERM GROWTH

Fareham's population is projected to increase by less than **12%** to **130,000** people by 2037

**This growth reflects trends across the country. Our neighbours are growing too. The population of South Hampshire is projected to grow by nearly 186,000 people, a 15.6~% increase, to almost 1.4 million by 2036.**

It is not just a population growth that is driving the need for more homes in Fareham. Affordability is a key issue. In fact a lack of affordable housing throughout the south makes it very difficult for young people to get onto the first run of the property ladder – whether to find somewhere to rent or to buy.

At the same time, an ageing population raises two important issues. The first is the growing need for suitable accommodation for elderly people who may be living on their own and want to remain independent. The second is that, because people are living in their homes for longer, it follows that there is less property available generally. This is particularly relevant to Fareham. Historic data shows us that from the period 1981 to 2011, Fareham experienced the highest percentage increase in residents aged 85+ in the whole of Hampshire – an increase of over 300%.

## GROWING POPULATION AND CHANGES IN THE WAY WE LIVE

The population of Fareham and the wider south Hampshire region is growing.

Estimates indicate the south Hampshire population will increase by 188,000 people over the period from 2011 to 2036 – a rise of 18%.

An increase in divorce and break-ups mean larger homes are needed for new, blended families.

More of us choose to live on our own – in 2011 this was 25.4% of households in Fareham.

### POPULATION: SOUTH HAMPSHIRE



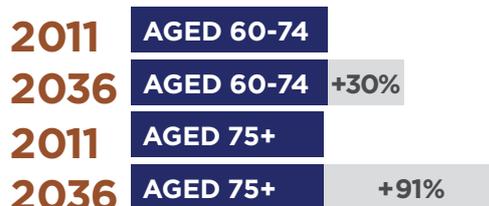
## HOUSING FOR US AS WE GET OLDER

During the period 1981 to 2011, Fareham experienced an increase of over 300% in the number of residents aged 85+ – the largest percentage increase in Hampshire – and this number continues to grow.

Planning for the needs of older people in Fareham – people currently in their 40s and 50s – is vital if they are to have the homes they need, when they need them.

There is also expected to be a large increase in the number of people with dementia or with mobility problems.

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## MAKING HOUSING AFFORDABLE

In 2013 the average cost of a home was £236,067 meaning the income needed for an 80% mortgage was £52,991. In fact, the average annual earnings in Fareham were £28,330.

In 2014, Fareham had the tenth highest number in the south-east of 20-34 year-olds still living with parents because they couldn't afford their own housing – despite the majority being in full-time work.

### HOUSEHOLDS UNABLE TO AFFORD MARKET HOUSING: SOUTH HAMPSHIRE



## SOMEWHERE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO LIVE

With an ageing population it will be more important than ever to keep young people in the area.

These are the young people that provide the workforce that encourages businesses to Fareham. If the workforce has to move away to find somewhere to live, the businesses that provide the economic well-being of Fareham will also leave to go to those places where it can find a workforce.

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