

Key Findings:

- South Gloucestershire's mid-year population estimate for 2018 is 282,644, an increase of 3,617 (1.3%) on the 2017 estimate.
- Emersons Green, Staple Hill & Mangotsfield and Stoke Gifford are the most populous wards, whilst the wards of Charfield, Pilning & Severn Beach and Patchway Coniston have the smallest populations.
- Charlton & Cribbs (24%), Emersons Green (24%) and Dodington (22%) are the wards with the highest proportions of children. Stoke Park & Cheswick (88%), Bradley Stoke South (71%), and Filton (68%) have highest proportions of 'working age' residents, whilst Severn Vale (27%), Chipping Sodbury & Cotswold Edge (26%) and Thornbury (27%) have the largest proportions of older residents.

Background

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid-year Population Estimates are published for all local authorities and updated annually. They are the Government's official population estimates and are used locally by the council and its partners for a wide range of purposes. Persons included in these estimates are those people usually resident in the district including students and school boarders at their term time address and long-term international migrants (i.e. those intending to come to the UK for more than a year). The estimates do not include short terms migrants i.e. people who intend to come to, or leave, the UK within a year.

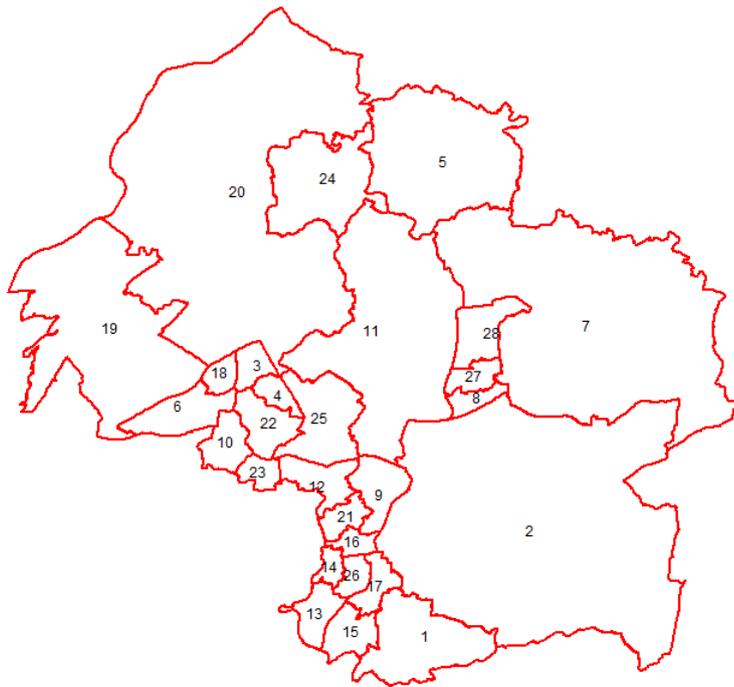
In addition to the official local authority level data, ONS now publish 'experimental' population estimates¹ for small areas (the smallest geographical unit of data being Census Output Areas). Using these data the population of small geographical areas can be estimated.

This note summarises the 2018 mid-year population estimates for the 28 administrative **wards**² in South Gloucestershire. Population estimates for other small areas (such as parishes or villages) can be produced on request.

¹ Experimental statistics do not yet meet the quality standards of National Statistics.

² Ward level population data is calculated using COA population estimates:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/censusoutputareaestimatesinthesouthwestregionofengland>



Bitton & Oldland Common	1
Boyd Valley	2
Bradley Stoke North	3
Bradley Stoke South	4
Charfield	5
Charlton & Cribbs	6
Chipping Sodbury & Cotswold Edge	7
Dodington	8
Emersons Green	9
Filton	10
Frampton Cotterell	11
Frenchay & Downend	12
Hanham	13
Kingswood	14
Longwell Green	15
New Cheltenham	16
Parkwall & Warmley	17
Patchway Coniston	18
Pilning & Severn Beach	19
Severn Vale	20
Staple Hill & Mangotsfield	21
Stoke Gifford	22
Stoke Park & Cheswick	23
Thornbury	24
Winterbourne	25
Woodstock	26
Yate Central	27
Yate North	28

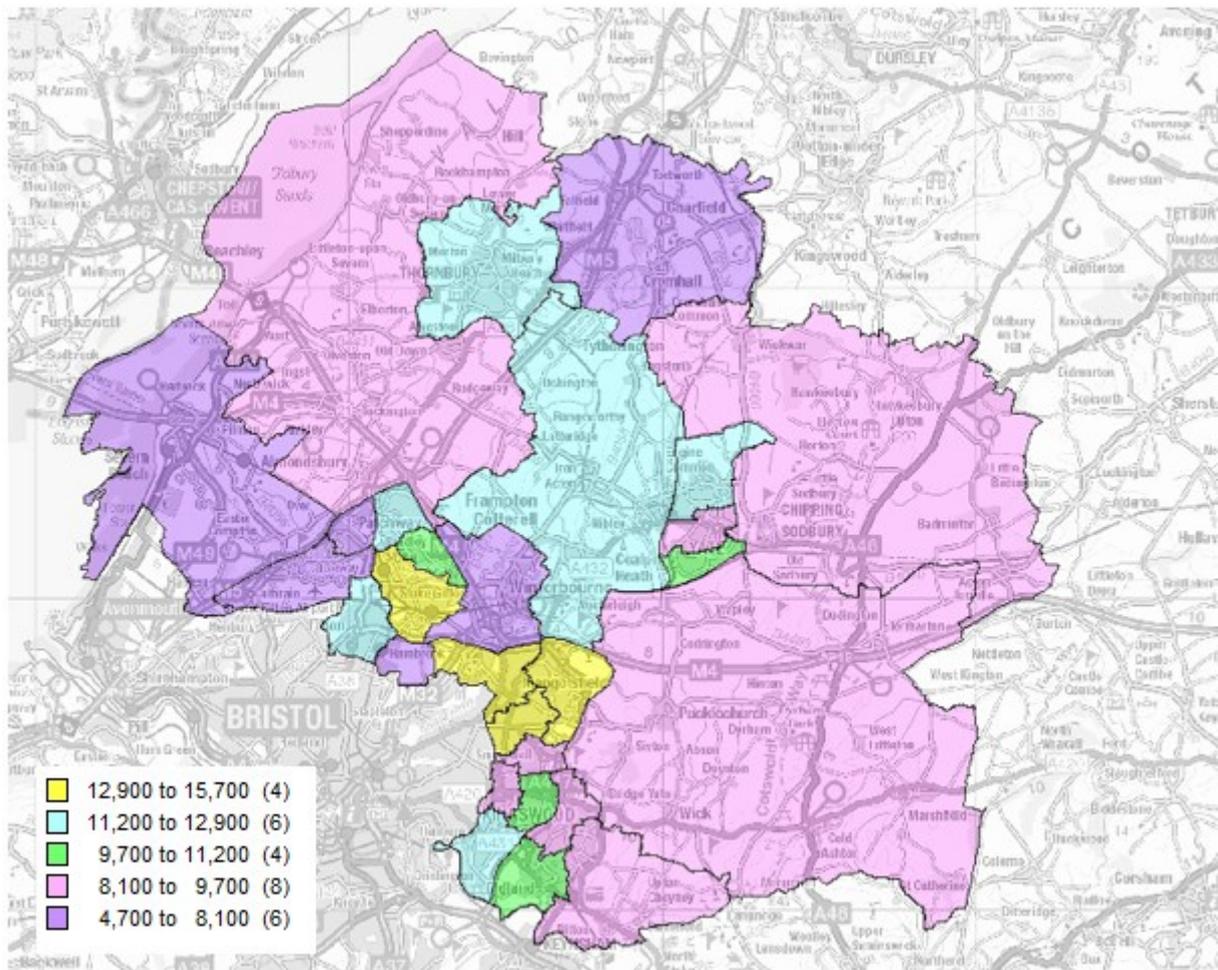
Total Population

The population of South Gloucestershire for mid-2018 is estimated to be approximately 282,644. Emersons Green (15,625), Staple Hill & Mangotsfield (15,466) and Stoke Gifford (14,516) are the most populous wards, whilst the wards of Charfield (4,737), Pilning and Severn Beach (4,972) and Patchway Coniston (5,402) have the smallest populations.

Ward level population estimates 2018 (Total population)



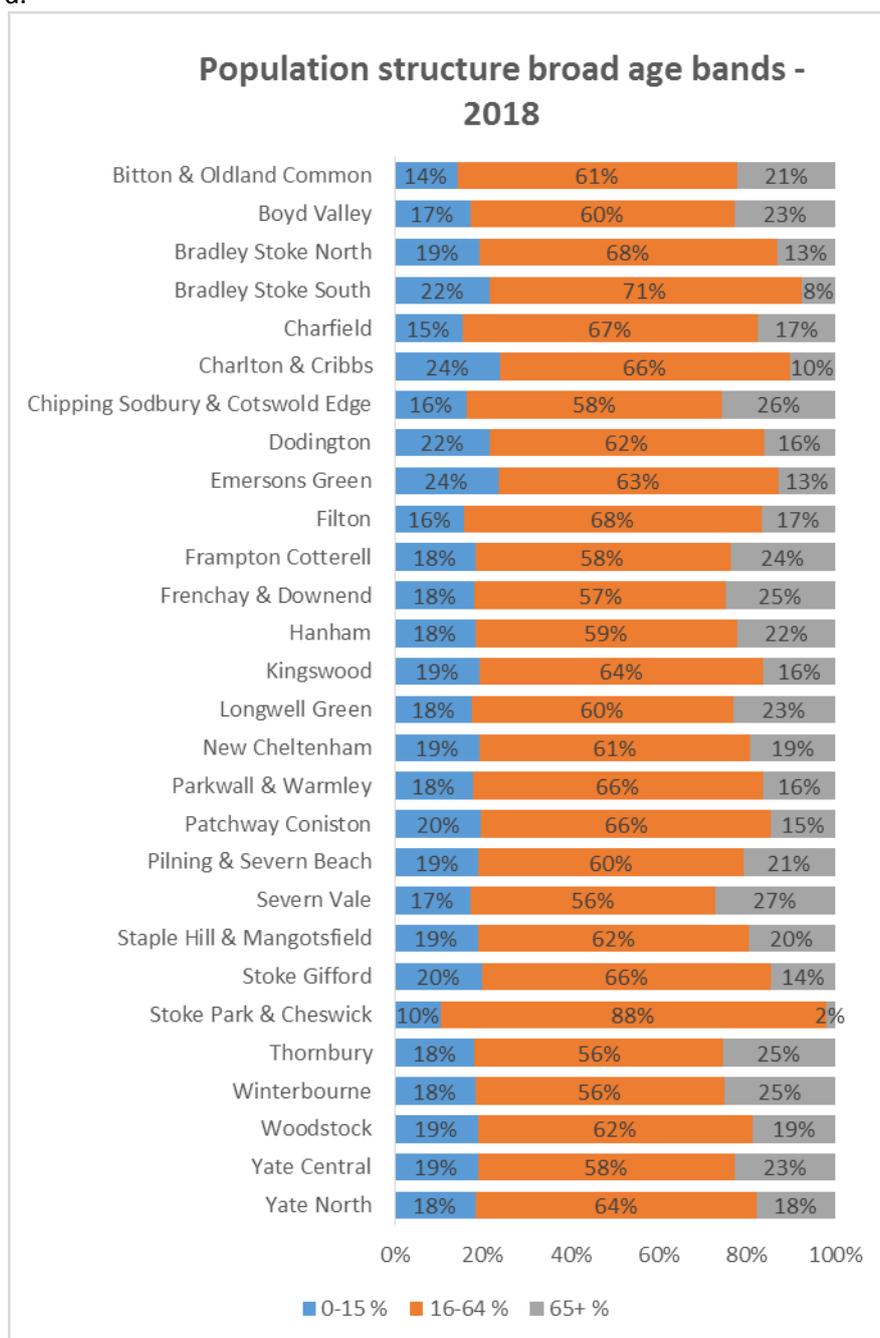
Total population by ward



As the map above shows, the larger, rural areas of South Gloucestershire tend to be less populated than the smaller, urban areas on the outskirts of Bristol.

Population by Broad Age bands (broad life stage groups)

Of the 282,644 people living in South Gloucestershire, approximately; 52,963 (19%) are children; 176,931 (63%) are of working age (16-64), and; 52,750 (19%) are 'older' people. The chart below illustrates the distribution by broad age band in each ward.



Ward level summary:

Children (0-15 years):

- Highest proportions: Charlton & Cribbs (24%), Emersons Green (24%) and Dodington (22%)
- Lowest proportions: Stoke Park & Cheswick (10%), Charfield (15%) and Filton (16%)

Broad 'Working age' (16-64 years):

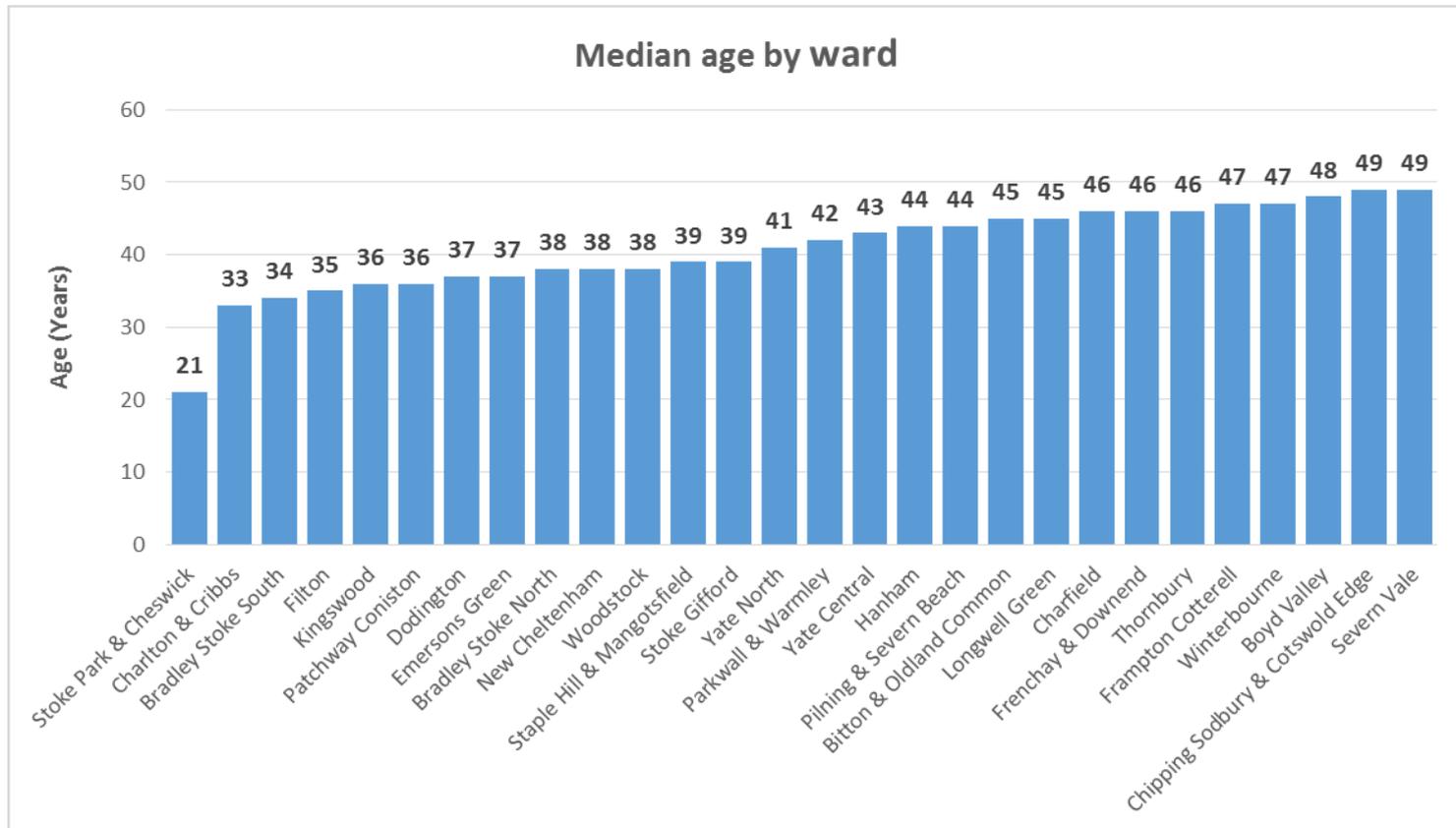
- Highest proportions: Stoke Park & Cheswick (88%), Bradley Stoke South (71%), and Filton (68%)
- Lowest proportions: Severn Vale (56%), Winterbourne (56%), and Thornbury (56%)

'Older people' (65 years and over):

- Highest proportions: Severn Vale (27%), Chipping Sodbury & Cotswold Edge (26%) and Thornbury (27%)
- Lowest proportions: Stoke Park & Cheswick (2%), Bradley Stoke South (8%), and Charlton & Cribbs (10%)

Median age

The age structure of South Gloucestershire's 28 wards differ considerably. The graph below highlights the median age of residents in each ward. The median age ranges from 21-49. The median age for Stoke Park & Cheswick Ward is likely to be lower due to the large number of student halls based within the boundary of this ward.



Population change

In the year 2017-18, the population of South Gloucestershire is estimated to have increased by approx. 3,617 (1.3%).

Comparisons between the ward population estimates for 2018 and previous years is not possible due to the changes in ward boundaries since the last reporting period.

Further information

For further information about population estimates and projections contact the Corporate Research and Consultation Team - 01454 868408, email research@southglos.gov.uk

Population estimates for other small areas (such as parishes or villages) can be produced by the Corporate Research and Consultation Team on request.

Notes

1. These figures are consistent with the current published Local Authority and Output Area (OA) population estimates for mid-2018 (released October 2019).
2. The latest estimates for wards are based on 2019 electoral ward boundaries
3. Population estimates for mid-2018 are based on aggregations of whole Output Areas (OA) estimates. OA boundaries are not an exact fit (non-coterminous) for ward boundaries and therefore are allocated using a best-fit approach. Further details on this approach can be viewed here: <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/documents/Technical-Note-on-COA-New-Ward-lookup-method-1.pdf>
4. These estimates are experimental statistics and do not yet meet the quality standards of National Statistics.