

Shropshire County Projected Populations 2017 to 2037 - JSNA

Long-term subnational population projections are an indication of the future trends in population by age and sex over the next 25 years. They are trend-based projections, which mean assumptions for future levels of births, deaths and migration are based on observed levels mainly over the previous five years. They show what the population will be if recent trends continue.

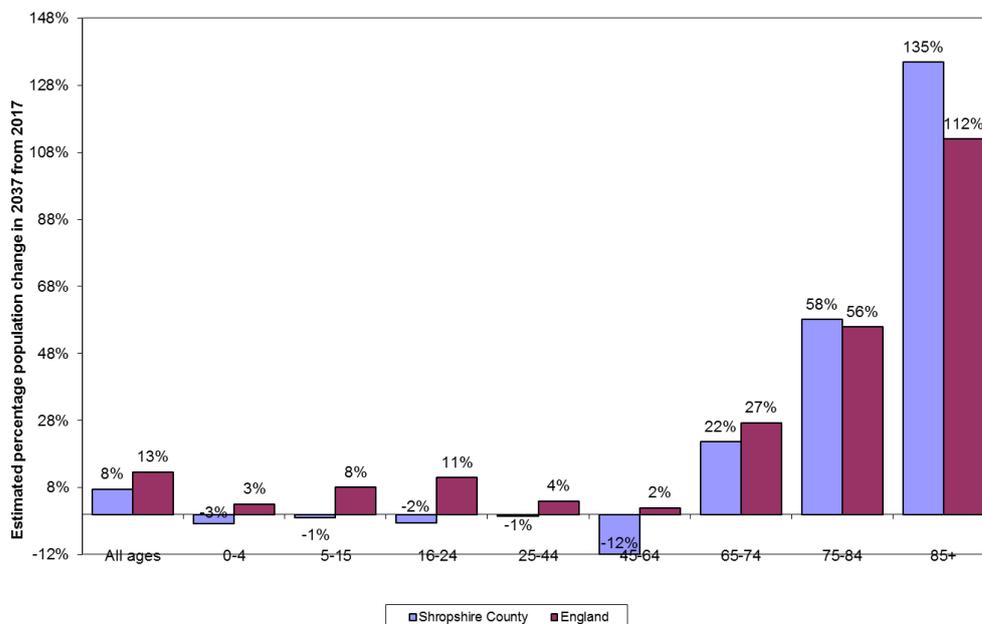
The projected resident population of an area includes all people who usually live there, whatever their nationality. People moving into or out of the country are only included in the resident population if their total stay in that area is for 12 months or more, thus visitors and short-term migrants are not included. Armed forces stationed abroad are not included, but armed forces stationed within an area are included. Students are taken to be resident at their term-time address. (Population Projections Unit, 2014)* (Population Projections Unit, 2014)ⁱ

This report includes data related to projections by age bands and compares Shropshire County to the West Midlands and England and is based on the 2014 mid-year population estimates published on 25 June 2015.

Projected Populations 2017-2037

Figure 1 shows the projected populations for Shropshire County and England in 2037 compared to populations in 2017 and indicates a decrease in the Shropshire population aged 64 and under and is lower than England. However; there are considerable increases in projected populations for those aged 65 and above; with Shropshire County higher than England in those aged 75 and above.

Figure 1: Projected Shropshire County populations by age 2017-2037



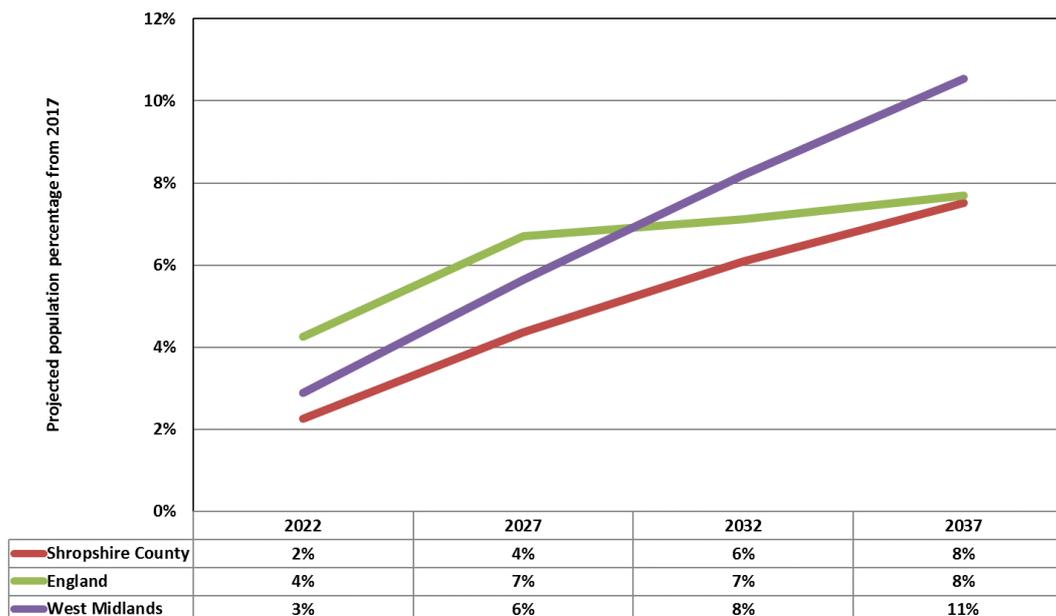
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Projected Population Trends

This trend data is based on the percentage changes in the projected populations from 2017 as the base year; i.e. the percentage difference from 2037 and 2017.

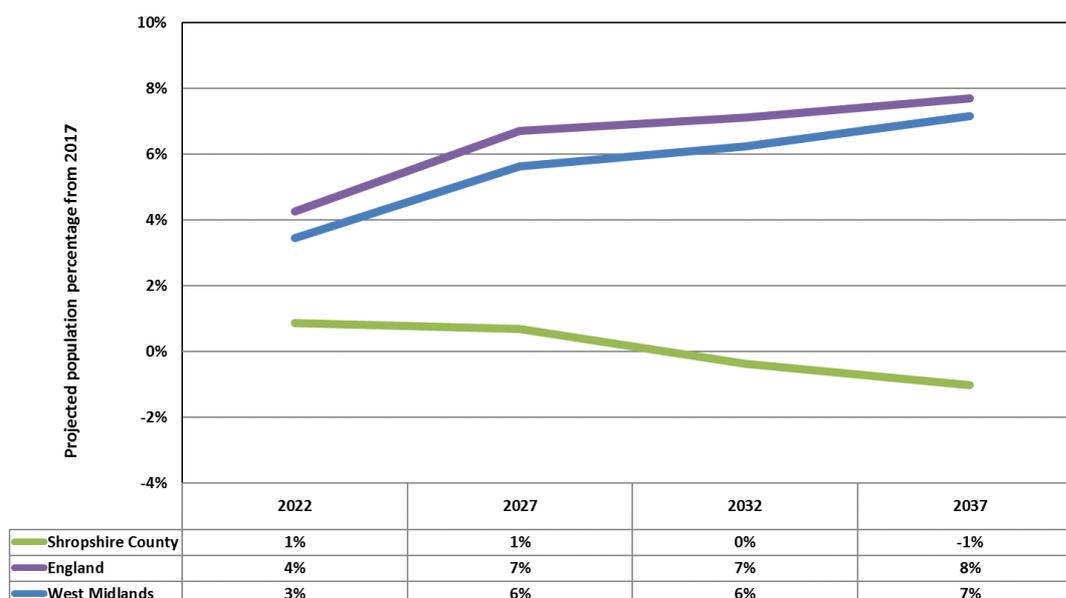
Figure 2 compares the projected population trends for all ages and shows that Shropshire County (2%) population is projected to increase at a similar proportion to England (8%) but below the West Midlands (11%).

Figure 2: Projected populations 2017-2037 – all ages



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Figure 3: Projected populations 2017-2037 – under 18s

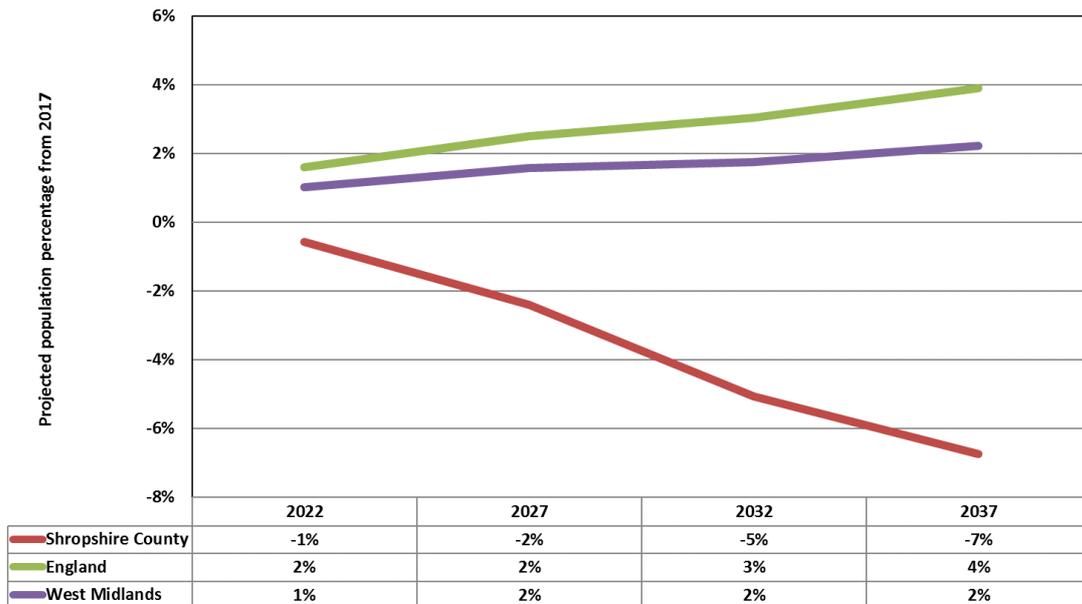


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Figure 3 shows that the projected population for those aged 18 and under in Shropshire County is projected to decrease by 2037 and is well below both the West Midlands (7%) and England (8%).

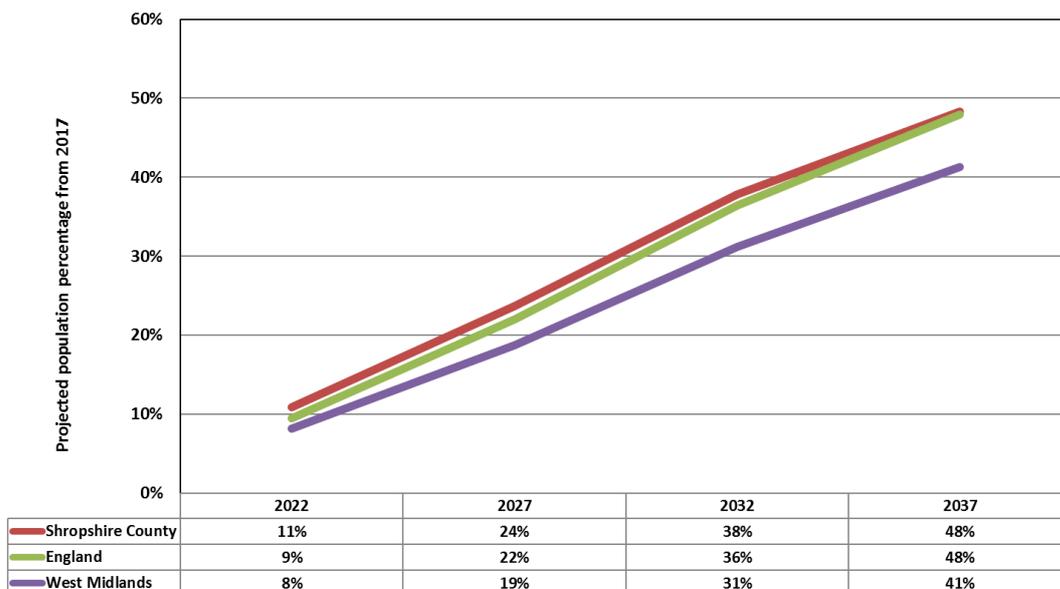
The theme of a decreasing younger population in Shropshire County is also illustrated in figure 4 which shows the projected decrease in population of those aged between 18-64 and is again well below both the West Midlands (2%) and England (4%).

Figure 4: Shropshire County projected populations 2017-2037 – age 18-64



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Figure 5: Shropshire County projected populations 2017-2037 – aged 65 and over



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However; the trends are reversed in figure 5 which shows that the population for those aged 65 and above in Shropshire County is projected to increase considerably from 11% in 2022 (% increase from 2017) to 48% in 2037 (% increase from 2017); a similar proportion growth to England but above the West Midlands (41%).

The overriding projected trend indicates that Shropshire County has an increasingly ageing population; particularly in those aged 65 and above whilst populations in those aged 64 and below are decreasing.