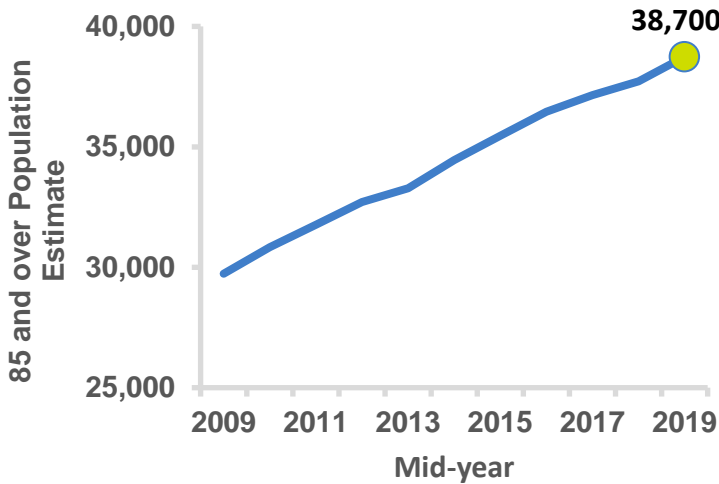


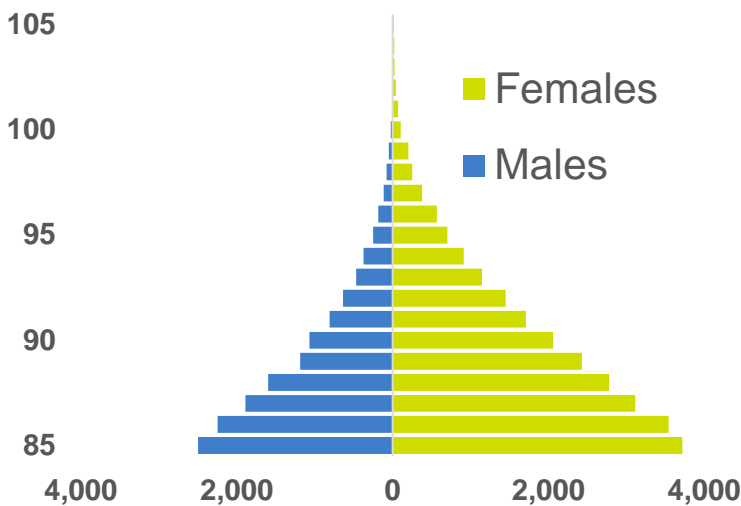
These statistics relate to a period pre-Covid-19 pandemic and as such any impact of the pandemic will not be included.



Northern Ireland’s 85 and over population grows to 38,700

The number of people aged 85 and over in Northern Ireland was estimated to be 38,700 in mid-2019, an increase of 1,000 people (2.7 per cent) since mid-2018.

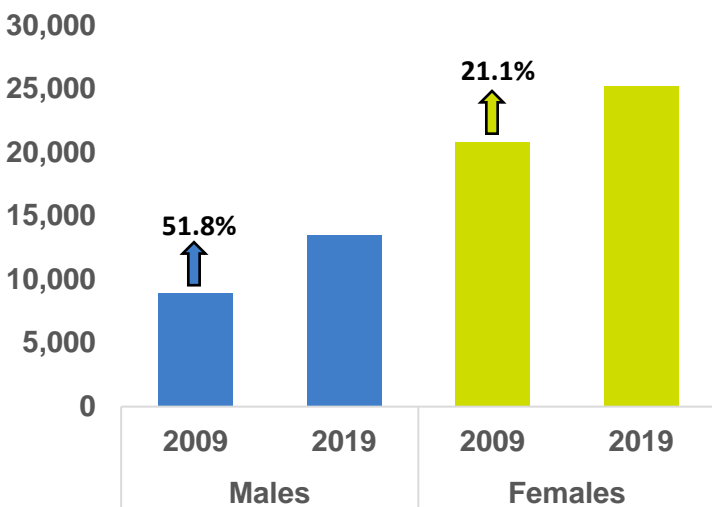
Over the decade the population aged 85 and over has grown by 9,000 people (30.3 per cent).



Females made up most of the 85 and over population in mid-2019

There were 25,200 females aged 85 and over in mid-2019, with males aged 85 and over totalling 13,500.

Females represent 65.1 per cent of the 85 and over population, with males making up the remaining 34.9 per cent.



Males aged 85 and over have grown at a faster rate than females from mid-2009

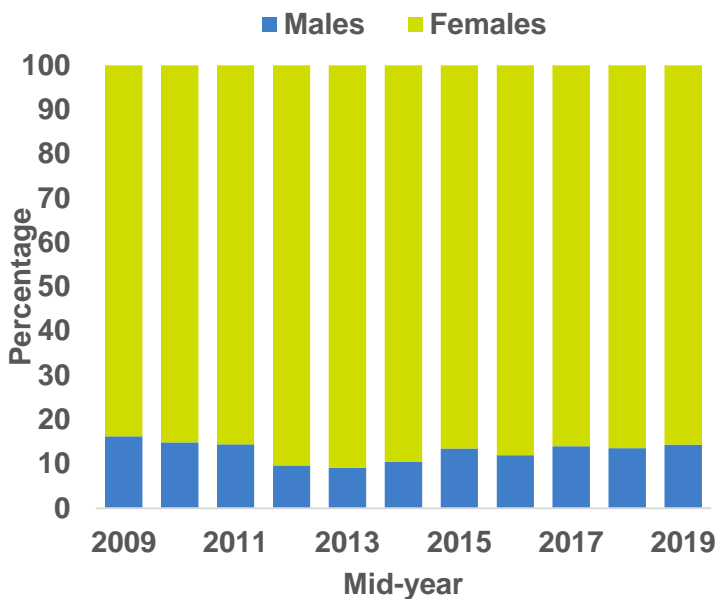
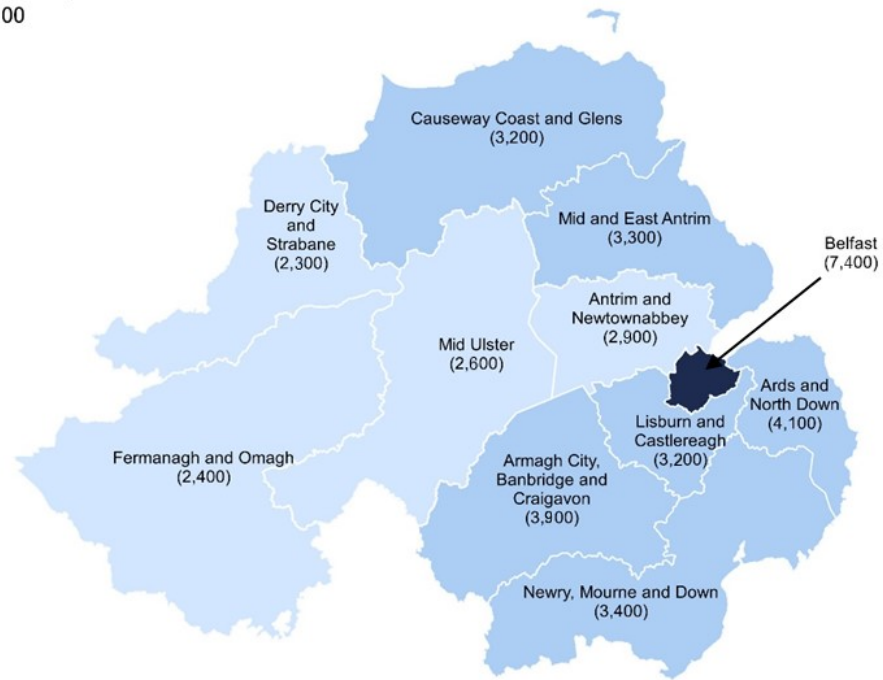
The population of males aged 85 and over has grown by 51.8 per cent (4,600) since mid-2009.

In contrast, the population of females aged 85 and over has grown by 21.1 per cent (4,400) since mid-2009.

Belfast Local Government District had the largest estimated population aged 85 and over in mid-2019

The largest number of people aged 85 and over were in Belfast LGD (7,400), or 19.2 per cent of the total 85 and over population. The LGD with the smallest 85 and over population was Derry City and Strabane (2,300), or 6.0 per cent of the total 85 and over population in mid-2019.

- Between 2,000 and 3,000
- Between 3,000 and 4,500
- More than 4,500



Northern Ireland’s Centenarians

There were an estimated 320 centenarians (i.e. those aged 100 and over) in mid-2019.

The majority of centenarians were female (274 or 85.6 per cent). The number of male centenarians in mid-2019 was 46 (14.4 per cent).

The number of female centenarians has consistently outnumbered males over the decade.

Northern Ireland had the Smallest proportion of population aged 85 and over across the UK

The population aged 85 and over in the UK reached 1.65 million in mid-2019. Northern Ireland made up the smallest proportion of those aged 85 and over in the UK (38,700, 2.4 per cent). England made up the largest proportion of those aged 85 and over (1.40 million, 84.8 per cent in mid-2019).

The population aged 85 and over makes up 2.0 per cent of the Northern Ireland population – this is lower than that for the other UK countries. However, the Republic of Ireland has an even lower proportion of its population aged 85 and over, 1.6 per cent (year to April 2019).

