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The population of Gloucestershire was estimated to be around 623,094 in 2016 (revised), representing a rise of approximately 5,567 people since 2015. This is the equivalent to a growth of 0.9% in population from 2015 to 2016, which is the same as the England and Wales growth of 0.9%.

The district of Gloucester has the largest population in the county and the Forest of Dean has the smallest. From 2015 to 2016, Tewkesbury had the fastest rate of growth in the county (1.9%) whilst Cotswold, Stroud and Cheltenham had the lowest rates (0.7%, 0.6% and 0.5% respectively).

Table 1: Gloucestershire and Districts Mid-Year Population Estimates, 2016 (revised)

	Population 2016	Population 2015	Change 2015 to 2016	% Change 2015 to 2016
Gloucestershire	623,094	617,527	5,567	0.9%
Cheltenham	117,217	116,592	625	0.5%
Cotswold	86,121	85,548	573	0.7%
Forest of Dean	85,411	84,576	835	1.0%
Gloucester	128,355	127,169	1,186	0.9%
Stroud	117,472	116,774	698	0.6%
Tewkesbury	88,518	86,868	1,650	1.9%
South West	5,516,973	5,471,610	45,363	0.8%
England	55,268,067	54,786,327	481,740	0.9%
England and Wales	58,381,217	57,885,413	495,804	0.9%
Great Britain	63,785,917	63,258,413	527,504	0.8%
United Kingdom	65,648,054	65,110,034	538,020	0.8%

Age Structure

The working age population (aged 20-64) made up 56.6% of the population in Gloucestershire in 2016. This was slightly higher than the figure for South West, but lower than that for England. The proportion of people aged 65 or over (20.8%) was lower than that for South West but higher than that for England.

The proportion of children and young people aged 0-19 (22.6%) was slightly higher than that for the South West but lower than that for England.

Table 2: Age structure of the Gloucestershire population, mid-2016 (revised)

Age Band	Number of people 2016	Gloucestershire %	South West %	England %
0-19	140,619	22.6	22.2	23.7
20-64	352,817	56.6	56.2	58.4
65 and over	129,658	20.8	21.6	17.9

Table 3 shows that from 2015 to 2016, population growth in Gloucestershire was fastest in the 65+ age group, which increased by 2.2%; this was faster than the rates for this age group in the South West and England (1.9% and 1.8% respectively). The rate of growth in the children and young people (0-19) population in Gloucestershire (1.0%) was also higher than the rates for the South West and England (0.6% and 0.8% respectively) whilst the growth in the working age (20-64) population of 0.4% was only slightly lower than South West and England.

Table 3: Population change by age (%), 2015 to 2016 (revised)

Age Band	Gloucestershire %	South West %	England %
0-19	1.0	0.6	0.8
20-64	0.4	0.5	0.6
65 and over	2.2	1.9	1.8

The older population

Table 4 shows in more detail the age structure of the older population in Gloucestershire in 2016 (revised). The largest group is people aged 65-74 with 71,090 people, whilst those aged 85 and over make up 17,750 of the people in Gloucestershire, 11,501 of which are female.

Table 4: The older population in Gloucestershire, mid-2016 (revised)

	Males	Females	All persons
65-74	34,014	37,076	71,090
75-84	18,567	22,251	40,818
85 and over	6,249	11,501	17,750

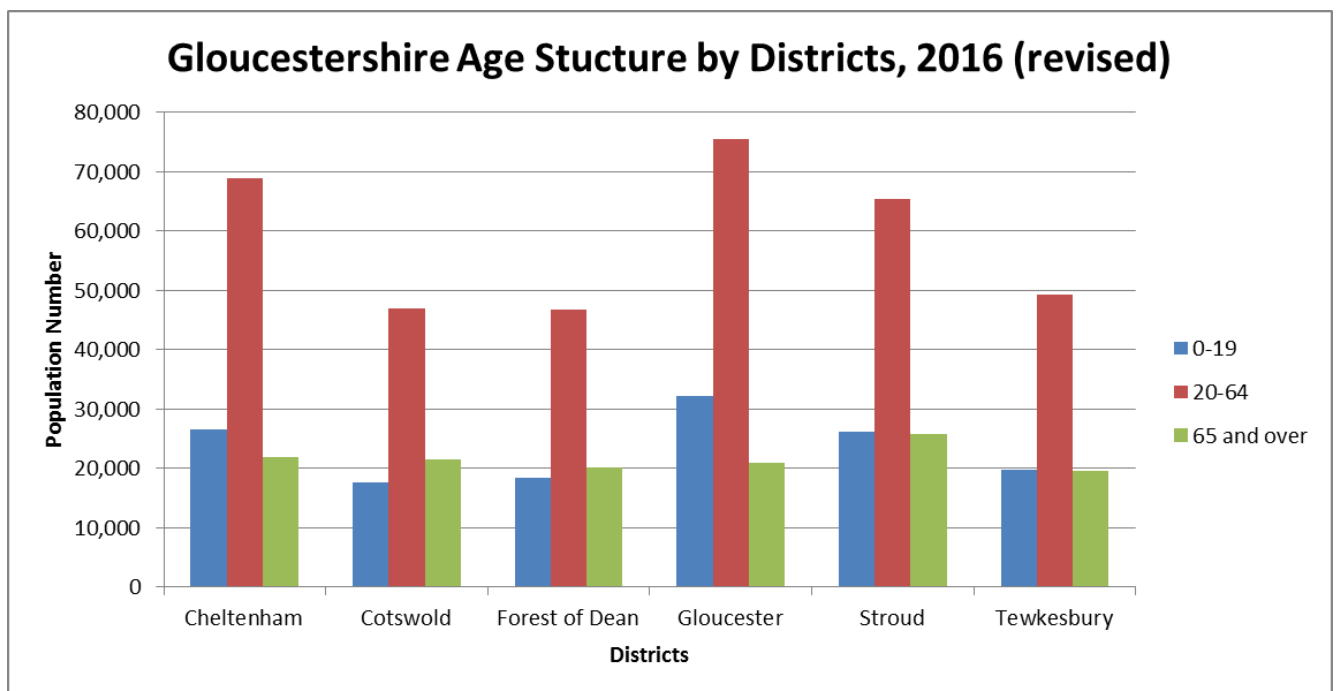
Age Structure in the Gloucestershire Districts

Figure 1 shows the structure of the population in the six Gloucestershire districts in 2016:

- Gloucester had the highest number of 0-19 year olds (32,103) and Cotswold the lowest number (17,652).

- Gloucester and Cheltenham had the highest number of 20-64 years olds (75,421 and 68,928 people respectively) and Forest of Dean and Cotswold the lowest (46,784 and 46,967 people respectively).
- Stroud has the highest number of people aged 65 and over with 25,794 people.

Figure 1: Age Structure in the Gloucestershire Districts Mid-2016 (revised)



Data Source: Mid-2016 (revised) population estimates, Office for National Statistics