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The population of Gloucestershire was estimated to be around 628,139 in 2017, representing a rise of approximately 5,045 people since 2016. This is the equivalent to a growth of 0.8% in population from 2016 to 2017, which was higher than the rate of growth for England and Wales which stood at 0.6%.

The district of Gloucester has the largest population in the county and the Forest of Dean has the smallest. From 2016 to 2017, Tewkesbury had the fastest rate of growth in the county (2.1%) whilst had the lowest rate with a decline of -0.1%.

Table 1: Gloucestershire and Districts Mid-Year Population Estimates, 2017

	Population 2017	Population 2016	Change 2016 to 2017	% Change 2016 to 2017
Gloucestershire	628,139	623,094	5,045	0.8%
Cheltenham	117,128	117,217	-89	-0.1%
Cotswold	87,509	86,121	1,388	1.6%
Forest of Dean	85,957	85,411	546	0.6%
Gloucester	129,083	128,355	728	0.6%
Stroud	118,130	117,472	658	0.6%
Tewkesbury	90,332	88,518	1,814	2.0%
South West	5,559,316	5,516,973	42,343	0.8%
England	55,619,430	55,268,067	351,363	0.6%
England and Wales	58,744,595	58,381,217	363,378	0.6%
Great Britain	64,169,395	63,785,917	383,478	0.6%
United Kingdom	66,040,229	65,648,054	392,175	0.6%

Age Structure

The working age population (aged 20-64) made up 56.4% of the population in Gloucestershire in 2017. This was slightly higher than the figure for South West, but lower than that for England and Wales. The proportion of people aged 65 or over (21.0%) was lower than that for South West but higher than that for England and Wales.

The proportion of children and young people aged 0-19 (22.5%) was slightly higher than that for the South West but lower than that for England and Wales.

Table 2: Age structure of the Gloucestershire population, mid-2017

Age Band	Number of people 2017	Gloucestershire %	South West %	England and Wales %
0-19	141,353	22.5	22.1	23.6
20-64	354,574	56.4	56.1	58.2
65 and over	132,212	21.0	21.8	18.2

Table 3 shows that from 2016 to 2017, population growth in Gloucestershire was fastest in the 65+ age group, which increased by 2.0%; this was faster than the rates for this age group in the South West and England and Wales (1.7% and 1.5% respectively). The rate of growth in the children and young people (0-19) population in Gloucestershire (0.5%) was slightly higher than the rates for the South West and England and Wales (0.4%) whilst the growth in the working age (20-64) population of 0.5% was slightly higher than England and Wales but lower than the South West.

Table 3: Population change by age (%), 2016 to 2017

Age Band	Gloucestershire %	South West %	England and Wales %
0-19	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
20-64	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%
65 and over	2.0%	1.7%	1.5%

The older population

Table 4 shows in more detail the age structure of the older population in Gloucestershire in 2017. 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-2017

	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

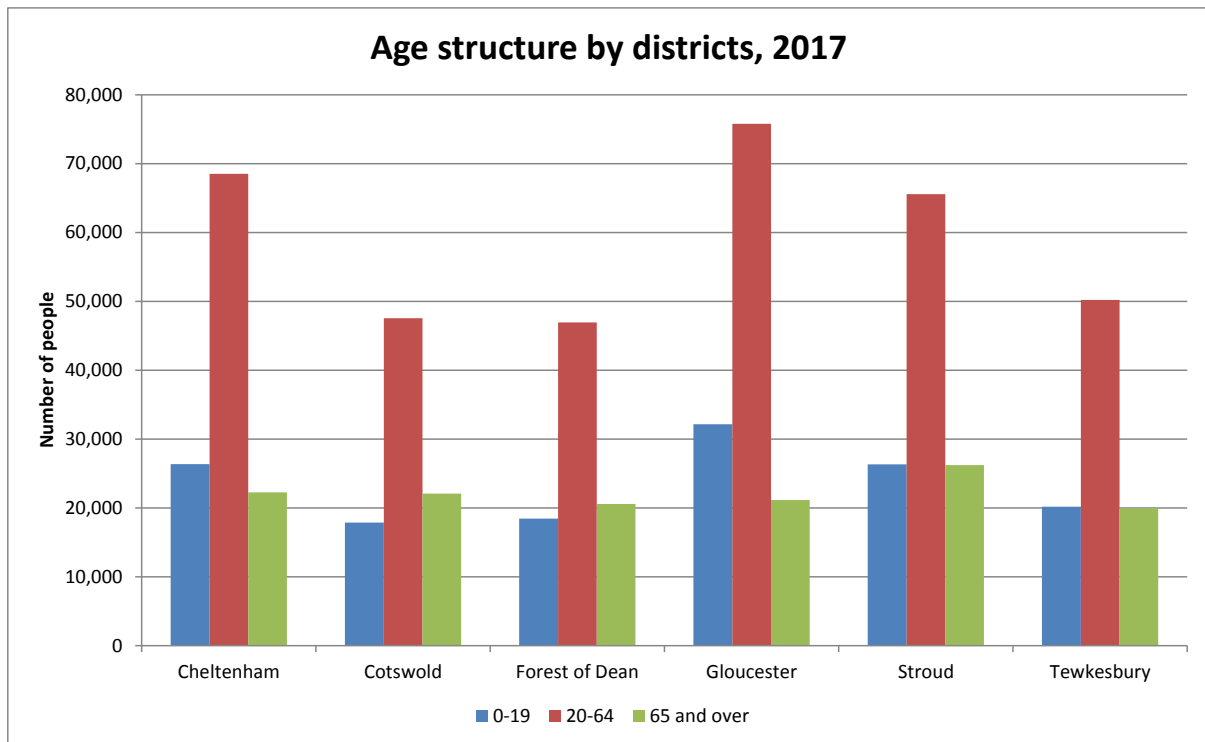
Age Structure in the Gloucestershire Districts

Figure 1 shows the structure of the population in the six Gloucestershire districts in 2017:

- Gloucester had the highest number of 0-19 year olds (32,157) and Cotswold the lowest number (17,870).

- Gloucester and Cheltenham had the highest number of 20-64 years olds (75,782 and 68,525 people respectively) and Forest of Dean and Cotswold the lowest (46,931 and 47,561 people respectively).
- Stroud has the highest number of people aged 65 and over with 26,214 people.

Figure 1: Age Structure in the Gloucestershire Districts Mid-2017



Data Source: Mid-2017 population estimates, Office for National Statistics