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6 Future population changes and housing growth

Key messages

Over the coming years, the pan-Lancashire population is expected to grow, but not substantially. Several large-scale housing developments are in progress and a number of factors may influence the potential need for additional pharmaceutical service providers.

Between 2022 and 2032, the rate of population growth in Blackpool and Lancashire County Council is below the projected national rate of change of 4%. Blackburn with Darwen's population growth is expected to decline by 0.2% between 2022 and 2032. Between 2022 and 2042, Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire County Council's population growth rate is expected to increase by 0.6%, 1.6% and 6.2%, respectively, all below the national growth rate of 7.0%.

To ensure that pharmaceutical services are commissioned in line with population need, the health and wellbeing board partners will monitor the development of major housing sites and, if necessary, provide supplementary statements in accordance with regulations.

6.1 Population changes across pan-Lancashire

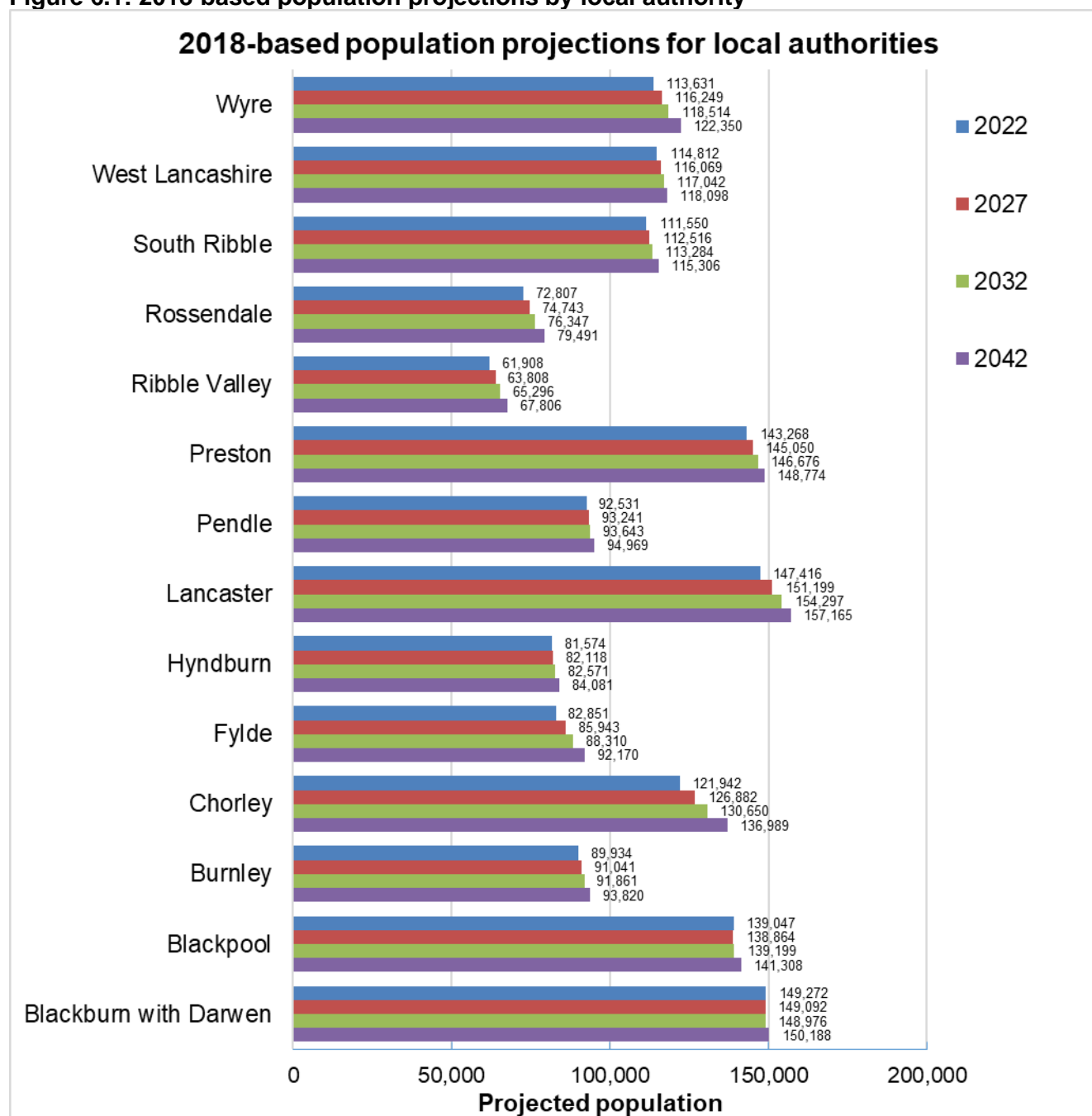
The pan-Lancashire population was estimated to be 1,522,543 in 2022 and is expected to increase by approximately 2.9% to 1,566,667 by 2032.

Blackburn with Darwen's population was estimated to be 149,272 in 2022 and is expected to decrease by approximately 0.2% to 148,976 by 2032; and increase by 0.6% between 2022 and 2042.

Blackpool's population was estimated to be 139,047 in 2022 and is expected to increase by approximately 0.1% to 139,199 by 2032.

Lancashire County Council's population was estimated to be 1,234,224 in 2022 and is expected to increase by approximately 3.6% to 1,278,492 by 2032.

An overview of the population growth across pan-Lancashire local authorities in the coming decades is shown in Figure 6.1. The estimated increases for Blackpool and Lancashire County Council, between 2022 and 2032, are below the projected national rate of change of 4%.

Figure 6.1: 2018-based population projections by local authority

Source:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandz1>

For the projected growth rates at the district level over the 10-year period 2022 to 2032, Blackburn with Darwen is expected to record population decrease of 0.2% (Figure 6.1). Other areas with a predicted population growth of less than 3% are Blackpool, Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Preston, South Ribble, and West Lancashire. The highest population growth rates are predicted for Chorley followed by Fylde. Figure 6.3 presents the count of 2018-based projections by age group between

2022 and 2042. Between 2022 and 2042 in Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire, the 65+ population is projected to increase by 25.6%, 23.5% and 31.4%, respectively (Figure 6.3).

Figure 6.2: 2018-based population projections by district 2022-2042

Local authority	2022	2032	2042	2022-2032 % change	2022-2042 % change
Blackburn with Darwen	149,272	148,976	150,188	-0.2%	0.6%
Blackpool	139,047	139,199	141,308	0.1%	1.6%
Burnley	89,934	91,861	93,820	2.1%	4.3%
Chorley	121,942	130,650	136,989	7.1%	12.3%
Fylde	82,851	88,310	92,170	6.6%	11.2%
Hyndburn	81,574	82,571	84,081	1.2%	3.1%
Lancaster	147,416	154,297	157,165	4.7%	6.6%
Pendle	92,531	93,643	94,969	1.2%	2.6%
Preston	143,268	146,676	148,774	2.4%	3.8%
Ribble Valley	61,908	65,296	67,806	5.5%	9.5%
Rossendale	72,807	76,347	79,491	4.9%	9.2%
South Ribble	111,550	113,284	115,306	1.6%	3.4%
West Lancashire	114,812	117,042	118,098	1.9%	2.9%
Wyre	113,631	118,514	122,350	4.3%	7.7%
Lancashire County Council	149,272	148,976	150,188	3.6%	6.2%

Source:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinengland>
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Figure 6.3: 2018-based projections by age group 2022-2042

Blackburn with Darwen			
Age group	2022	2032	2042
0-15	33,956	30,765	31,306
0-19	41,812	39,095	38,615
16-64	92,861	92,229	90,674
65+	22,453	25,981	28,207
75+	9,909	11,783	14,024
85+	2,393	3,114	3,807
Children	33,956	30,765	31,306
Working age	95,672	95,481	93,434
Pensionable	19,643	22,729	25,447
Blackpool			
0-15	26,191	24,660	25,175
0-19	32,133	31,362	31,197
16-64	83,826	80,872	80,292
65+	29,028	33,666	35,840
75+	14,049	15,674	19,322
85+	3,673	4,589	5,409
Children	26,191	24,660	25,175
Working age	87,184	84,880	83,272
Pensionable	25,671	29,658	32,860
Lancashire County Council			
0-15	227,053	215,302	220,292
0-19	284,016	280,067	279,324
16-64	742,839	744,825	743,426
65+	264,331	318,363	347,298
75+	127,179	155,385	190,765
85+	33,609	46,800	57,345
Children	227,053	215,302	220,292
Working age	771,800	780,019	771,578
Pensionable	235,370	283,170	319,146
Pan-Lancashire			
0-15	287,202	270,728	276,774
0-19	357,961	350,525	349,137
16-64	919,526	917,928	914,393
65+	315,813	378,010	411,346
75+	151,138	182,842	224,112
85+	39,676	54,504	66,561
Children	287,202	270,728	276,774
Working age	954,656	960,380	948,285
Pensionable	280,684	335,558	377,454

Source:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinengland>

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Figure 6.4: 2018-based projections by age group 2022-2042, percentage change

Age group	Blackburn with Darwen		Blackpool		Lancashire County Council		Pan-Lancashire	
	% change between 2022 and 2032	% change between 2022 and 2042	% change between 2022 and 2032	% change between 2022 and 2042	% change between 2022 and 2032	% change between 2022 and 2042	% change between 2022 and 2032	% change between 2022 and 2042
0-15	-9.4%	-7.8%	-5.8%	-3.9%	-5.2%	-3.0%	-5.7%	-3.6%
0-19	-6.5%	-7.6%	-2.4%	-2.9%	-1.4%	-1.7%	-2.1%	-2.5%
16-64	-0.7%	-2.4%	-3.5%	-4.2%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.2%	-0.6%
65+	15.7%	25.6%	16.0%	23.5%	20.4%	31.4%	19.7%	30.2%
75+	18.9%	41.5%	11.6%	37.5%	22.2%	50.0%	21.0%	48.3%
85+	30.1%	59.1%	25.0%	47.3%	39.2%	70.6%	37.4%	67.8%
Children	-9.4%	-7.8%	-5.8%	-3.9%	-5.2%	-3.0%	-5.7%	-3.6%
Working age	-0.2%	-2.3%	-2.6%	-4.5%	1.1%	0.0%	0.6%	-0.7%
Pensionable	15.7%	29.6%	15.5%	28.0%	20.3%	35.6%	19.6%	34.5%

Source:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/localauthoritiesinenglandz>
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6.2 Housing growth 2019-2032

Several major developments are expected to progress significantly in the future. There are developments across pan-Lancashire that are underway and a number of other major developments are expected to begin. To ensure that pharmaceutical services are commissioned in line with population need, the health and wellbeing boards and their partners will monitor the development of major housing sites and will provide supplementary statements if necessary, in accordance with regulations.

The information on house dwellings forecast across pan-Lancashire has been compiled using adopted local plans provided by Lancashire County Council's Planning and Environment team. These figures can change with time and any current information can be obtained from the local authorities' planning teams. Figure 6.5 shows a forecast of pan-Lancashire's house dwellings.

Figure 6.5: Delivery forecast of pan-Lancashire house dwellings

Local authority	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	2026 - 2027	2027 - 2028	2028 - 2029	2029 - 2030	2030 - 2031	2031 - 2032
Burnley	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	194	194
Chorley	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417
Fylde	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415	415
Hyndburn	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213	213
Lancaster	485	485	485	685	685	685	685	685	695	695	695
Pendle	298	298	298	298	298	298	298	298	298	298	298
Preston	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507	507
Ribble Valley	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280	280
Rossendale	401	401	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247
South Ribble	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417
West Lancashire	324	324	324	324	324	324	324	324	324	324	324
Wyre	460	460	460	460	460	460	460	460	460	460	460
Blackpool	280	280	280	280	280	280					
Blackburn	466	659	677	756	731	555	553	489	379	329	343
Total Housing Completions	5,157	5,350	5,214	5,493	5,468	5,292	5,010	4,946	4,846	4,796	4,810

Source: Adopted Local Plans, LCC Planning and Environment team. BwD draft Local Plan data, BwD Strategic Planning team.

6.2.1 Monitoring of housing developments

Every lower-tier local authority across pan-Lancashire has a plan for community growth and development and these plans are under regular review.

Links to local plans

Blackburn with Darwen

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/planning/planning-policies-strategies-and-guides/planning-core-strategy>

Blackpool

For recent housing development in Blackpool see:

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Planning-environment-and-community/Documents/HMR-2017-Revision-A.pdf>

Part 1 Local Plan

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Planning-environment-and-community/Documents/J118003-107575-2016-updated-17-Feb-2016-High-Res.pdf>

Housing developments in Lancashire County Council's localities are listed in the links below.

Burnley

<http://www.burnley.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policies/burnleys-emerging-local-plan>

Chorley

<http://chorley.gov.uk/Pages/AtoZ/Chorley-Local-Plan-2012-2026.aspx>

Fylde

<https://new.fylde.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy-local-plan/adopted-local-plan-to-2032/local-plan-to-2032-submission/>

Hyndburn

<https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/localplan/>

Lancaster

<https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-examination>

Pendle

http://www.pendle.gov.uk/info/20072/planning_policies/273/local_plan

Preston

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/1050/Preston-s-Local-Plan-?ccp=true>

Ribble Valley

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/local-development-framework/local-development-framework-ldf>

Rossendale

https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/homepage/10095/local_plan

South Ribble

<https://www.southribble.gov.uk/search?q=Local+Plan>

West Lancashire

<http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/the-local-plan.aspx>

Wyre

<https://www.wyre.gov.uk/local-plan/local-plan-2011-2031/1>

In addition to monitoring individual housing sites, it may be necessary to monitor cumulative developments across several sites, ie if a number of smaller developments are built in an area then future completions may be worth monitoring by town/village/vicinity to pharmacies, as well as just by individual housing developments. This might be particularly relevant where the ratio of pharmacies to people is already above or below average.

6.2.2 Factors to consider in relation to needs for pharmaceutical services

The HWBs are not aware of any measure of the extent to which existing local pharmaceutical service providers can accommodate the increase in need for pharmaceutical services created by an increase in local population size. An increase in population size will likely generate an increased need for pharmaceutical services, but, on local level, changes in population size may not necessarily be directly proportionate to changes in the number of pharmaceutical service providers required to meet local pharmaceutical needs, due to the range of other factors influencing such needs.

Considerations when assessing needs for local pharmaceutical service providers should be based on a range of local factors specific to each development site. Such factors may include the following.

- Average household size of new builds on the site.
- Demographics – people moving to new housing developments are often young and expanding families, but some housing developments are expected to have an older population with different needs for health and social care services.
- Tenure mix, ie the proportion of affordable housing at the development.
- Existing pharmaceutical service provision in nearby areas and elsewhere in the area and opportunities to optimise existing local pharmaceutical service provision.
- Access to delivery services, distance selling pharmacies, and dispensing appliance contractors that can supply services.
- Developments in pharmaceutical supply models (eg delivery services, robotic dispensing, and electronic transmission of prescriptions) that could affect the volume of services a pharmaceutical service provider can deliver.
- Skill mix and the number of pharmacists working in local pharmacies.
- Considerations of health inequalities and strategic priorities for pan-Lancashire.

In conclusion, over the coming years the population across each of the three upper-tier local authorities across pan-Lancashire is expected to age substantially and grow moderately in numbers. Several housing developments are in progress. The HWBs will monitor the development of major housing sites and produce supplementary statements to the PNA if deemed necessary, in accordance with regulations.