

What is the population?

A simple enough question, but one which has different answers ... depending upon the definition and the uses to which the data is put. The main population definition is:

Usual Residents – is the internationally recognised UN measure of people resident in an area. The *usual resident population* in the UK is defined as: Anyone who, at a stated date, was in the UK and had stayed or intended to stay in the UK for a period of 12 months or more, or had a permanent UK address and was outside the UK and intended to be outside the UK for less than 12 months.

USUAL RESIDENTS

Measured at mid-year (30 June)

Includes:

- People living or intending to live in an area for more than a year
- Students at their term-time address
- Visiting foreign forces & dependents

Doesn't include:

- Visitors (less than 3 months)
- Short-term residents (3-12 months)
- UK forces stationed abroad
- People usually resident elsewhere

And, even if we know that it's the official usually resident population that we want – there is more than one source of population data depending upon the use we have for it:

ONS Estimates & Projections (the 'official' statistics*). Used when:

- comparing LA areas
- statistical returns to government
- calculating national performance indicators

GLA Projections (London boroughs only). Used when:

- preparing Camden strategies
- planning Camden services
- denominators in local calculations, e.g. Life expectancy (LHO/PHP)

Alternative counts of population include:

- Day-time population
- Night-time population
- Weekday population
- Weekend population
- Short-term residents
- Other ... migrants, household, etc.

* Office for National Statistics (ONS) estimates and projections are the 'official' statistics, but that should not imply that they are the most accurate. ONS estimates and projections for Camden during 2001-2011 were too high when compared with 2011 Census, over-estimating the population by over 8%.

What is Camden's population now? 2020

The Census is the starting point. Every 10 years the mid-year estimates are re-based using the latest census. The Census day population is updated to mid-year.

2011 Census-day estimate of *usual residents* = **220,338**

Census-day estimate was rolled forward to mid-year => **220,100**

This was the new starting point for population estimates and projections produced by both ONS and GLA. The ONS mid-year estimates and GLA projections are rounded to the nearest 100 persons (unit detail is available for calculations).

ONS mid-year Estimates (MYEs)

Latest estimate is **mid-2019 = 270,000**

The estimate for mid-2019 was published on 6 May 2020.

ONS Subnational Projections (SNPP)

2018-based projection using 5-6 year trends in births, deaths and migration.

Projected population for this year, **mid-2020 = 271,800**

GLA Projections

The projection is a forecast as it uses residential development data to drive change. Birth, death and migration trends have been updated from the 2011 base year. GLA publishes population by age/sex and ethnic group for Camden; and age/sex for Camden wards.

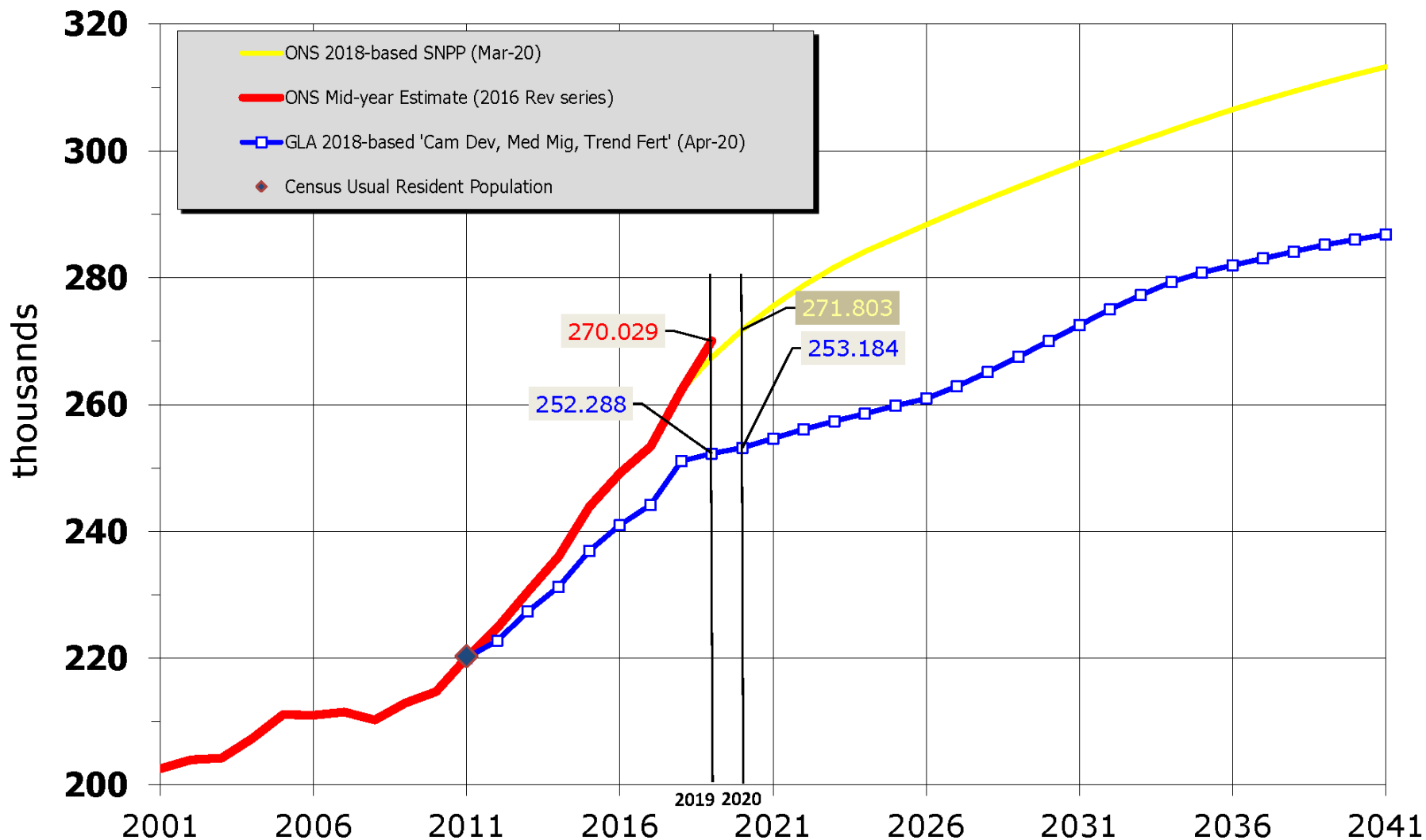
The GLA projected population for this year, **mid-2020 = 253,200**

Advice

Advice about using population estimates, projections and forecasts is available by emailing population@camden.gov.uk.

Comparing Population Sources

Population Estimates and Projections, LB Camden 2001-2041



Sources:

Censuses 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2011;
ONS Mid-year Estimates 1961-;
GLA Demographic Projections - housing constrained;
ONS (unconstrained) Subnational Population Projections

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