

Manchester's population over time

Domesday Book

1086 3,000

National Census

1801 70,409

1811 79,459

1821 108,016

1831 142,026

1841 242,983

1851 303,382

1861 335,722

1871 351,189

1891 454,482

1901 543,872

1911 714,333

1921 730,307

1931 766,311

1941 War

1951 703,082

1961 661,791

1971 543,650

1981 437,660

1991 404,861

2001 392,819

2011 503,127

Census Undercount

Note that Censuses have tended to undercount the resident population compared to the Mid-Year Estimate (MYE) by 1.8% in 1971, 5.7% in 1981, and 6.9% in 1991, to 7.7% in 2001. MYE are usually provided by ONS in summer of the following year.

Note that Manchester's boundary has changed over time.

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MYEs (in thousands)

1971	553.6
1972	539.9
1973	525.4
1974	512.3
1975	500.6
1976	493.8
1977	486.0
1978	477.2
1979	470.2
1980	464.9
1981	462.6
1982	453.9
1983	451.5
1984	447.6
1985	442.9
1986	442.0
1987	439.3
1988	434.2
1989	430.5
1990	432.4
1991	432.7
1992	427.5
1993	426.9
1994	425.3
1995	425.7
1996	422.6
1997	417.7
1998	417.7
1999	416.4
2000	421.8
2001	422.9
2002	428.2
2003	436.7
2004	444.9
2005	455.7
2006	463.7
2007	470.5
2008	477.4
2009	483.8
2010	492.6
2011	502.9
2012	510.8
2013	514.4
2014	520.2
2015	530.3
2016	541.3

