

**Introduction**

1. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) released their latest official household projections for England on 29 June 2020. As the ONS state, these projections provide an *"indication of the future number of households in England and its regions and local authorities."* The projections are made from a 2018 base year and cover a 25-year period up to 2043. They replace the 2016-based household projections also produced by the ONS. However, at the time of writing they **do not** replace the 2014-based projections (produced by MHCLG) for the purposes of calculating minimum housing need using the National Planning Policy Framework's (NPPF) 'Standard Method'.

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2. Overall, the 2018-based series project 16.2% growth in England over 25 years (2018-2043). The previous 2016-based household projections projected 17.3% growth in England over 25 years (2016-2041). The 2014-based projections used for the NPPF's 'Standard Method' projected 23.1% growth over 25 years (2014-2039).
3. However, when compared to previous household projections there are regional and local variations. We summarise how these latest projections affect Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble in comparison with the 2014 and 2016 series' in Table 1.

**Table 1: Household Projections Comparison – Chorley, Preston, and South Ribble**

	2014-based (2014-2039)		2016-based (2016-2041)		2018-based (2018-2043)	
	Households per annum	% of total growth	Households per annum	% of total growth	Households per annum	% of total growth
<b>Chorley</b>	463	54%	448	70%	484	57%
<b>Preston</b>	228	27%	54	8%	185	22%
<b>South Ribble</b>	163	19%	138	22%	177	21%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: ONS/MHCLG

4. The comparison shows how the cumulative 2018-based projection for the three authorities is very similar to the 2014-based series (which provides the Standard Method baseline). Although the 2018-

based series is marginally lower than the 2014 series overall, the 2018 projections are higher for Chorley and South Ribble than the 2014-based series. The 2016-based series projected significantly lower cumulative growth across the three areas, although the figure for Chorley is largely consistent with the other two series. Significantly lower household growth was projected for Preston by the 2016 series when compared to the 2014 and 2018 series.

5. In respect of the distribution of household growth across the three local authorities, the 2018-based series is consistent with the 2014-based series. The bulk of household growth projected by the latest 2018-based series will be in Chorley (57%) compared with Preston (22%) and South Ribble (21%). The 2014 series projected 54% (Chorley), 27% (Preston), and 19% (South Ribble).