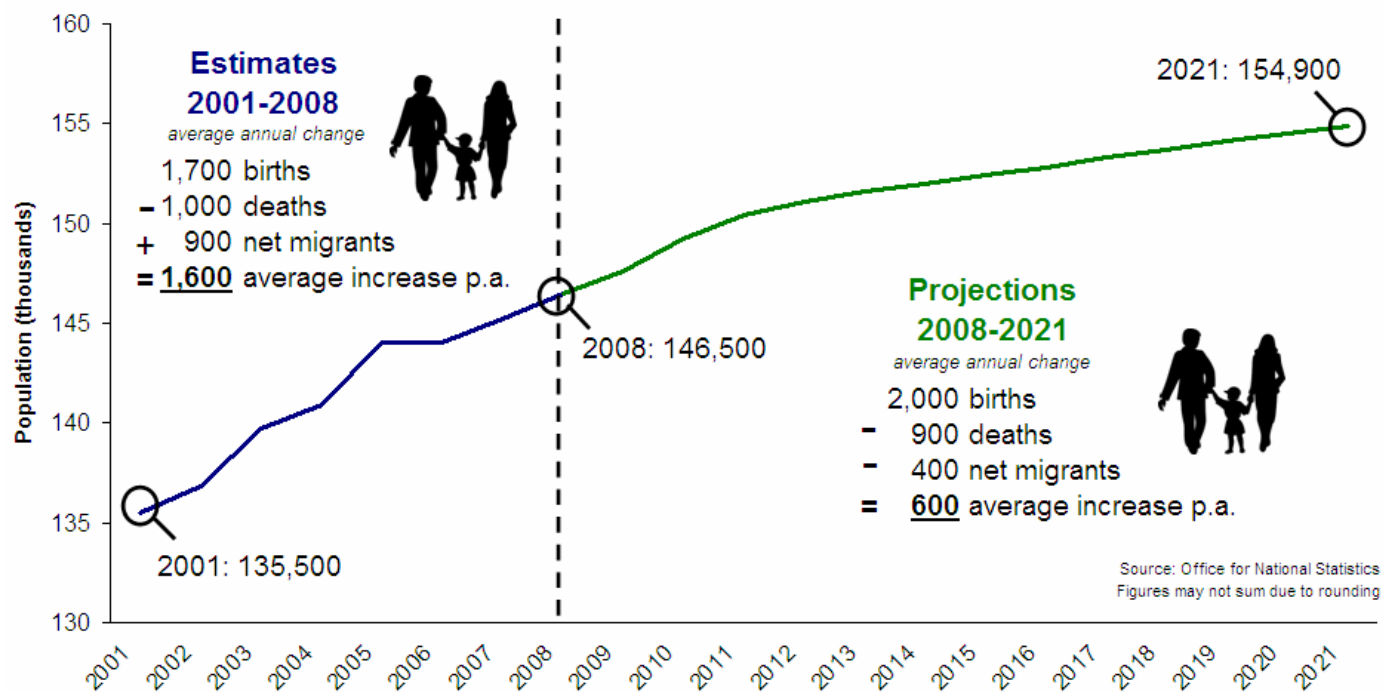


# Population estimates and projections 2001-2021

The chart below shows recently revised population estimates and future projections produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Estimating population change means taking into account three factors: births, deaths and migration. Births and deaths are straightforward as they are compulsorily registered. Migration is much more difficult to measure – it is estimated using a combination of national surveys, GP patient registers and student data. Population estimates are calculated retrospectively using actual numbers of births and deaths and estimates of migration. Future projections show what would happen if recent trends were to continue into the future (and *do not* take into account planned housing development). The chart below shows estimates and future projections and the contribution made by births, deaths and migration.

The figures for 2001-2008 estimate that Oxford's population has increased by an average of 1,600 per year, driven by a high birth rate and net inward migration. Future projections for 2008-2021 suggest that Oxford will have net outward migration in future years and that the city's growth will slow to 600 per year, driven solely by a high birth rate. If in fact Oxford continues to experience net inward migration, the city's population will grow faster than these projections show.

**Oxford population 2001-2021 – estimates, projections and components of change**



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