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**4. Does the Council's target seek to promote too much housing without the increased employment base needed to support the level of population growth anticipated?**

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**Blaenau Gwent**

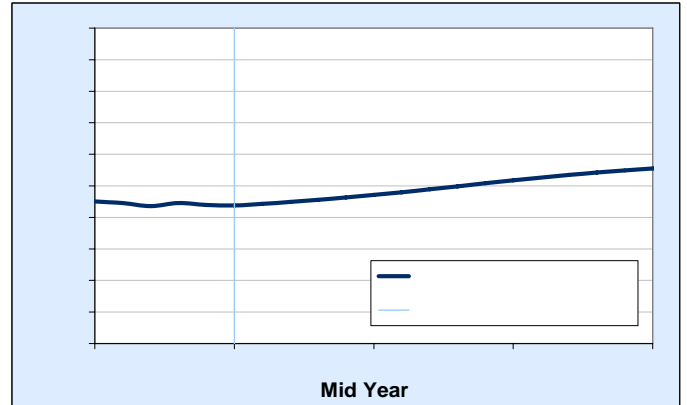


# Blaenau Gwent

## Chart 1: Total Population

The total population of Blaenau Gwent is projected to increase by 2,300 (or 3.4 per cent) by mid-2023. This is the third lowest population growth to mid-2023 of all local authorities in Wales.

The population is projected to continue increasing until mid-2031, before experiencing a very small decline in the last two years of the projection period.



Population as at June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

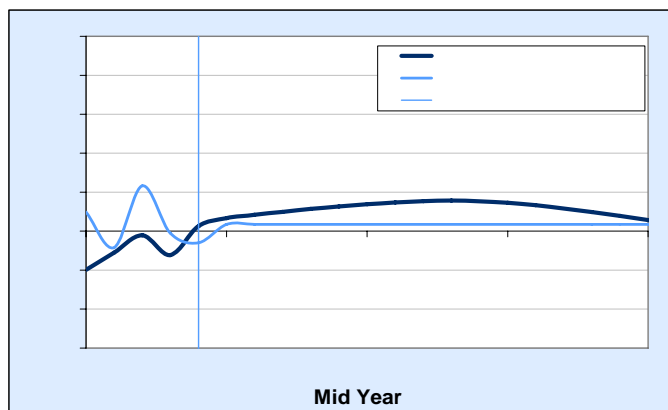
## Chart 2: Population by Gender

In Blaenau Gwent it is projected that there will be more females than males in the population throughout the projection period.

From mid-2008 to mid-2023 it is projected that the male and female population will grow at the same rate (3.4 per cent).

#### Chart 4: Natural Change and Net Migration

There were more deaths than births in Blaenau Gwent from 2003/04 to 2006/07, but in 2007/08 natural change became positive. Natural change is projected to increase until 2016/17 reaching 160 more births than deaths, mainly as a result of decreasing death numbers. From here onwards natural change is projected to decrease as a result of decreasing births and increasing deaths, and is projected to become negative in 2027/28.

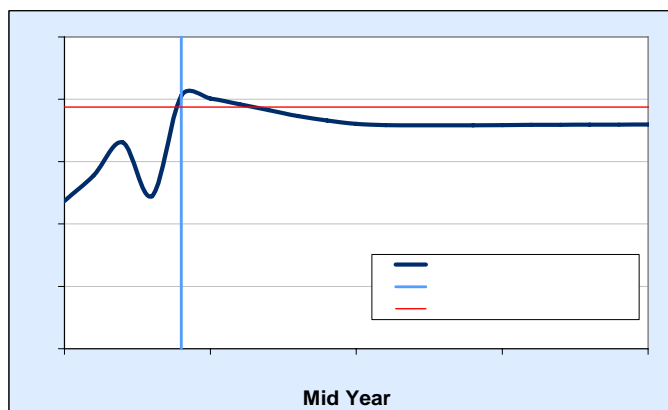


Events plotted against start of mid-year period.

#### Chart 5: Total Fertility Rate

The most recent actual data shows that the TFR in Blaenau Gwent was below replacement level fertility (2.08) from 2003/04 to 2006/07, rising above replacement level in 2007/08. The TFR is expected to follow the general pattern seen across local authorities in Wales – i.e. a projected initial decline before levelling out.

Replacement level fertility is the level of fertility required for the population to replace itself in size given constant mortality rates and the absence of migration.

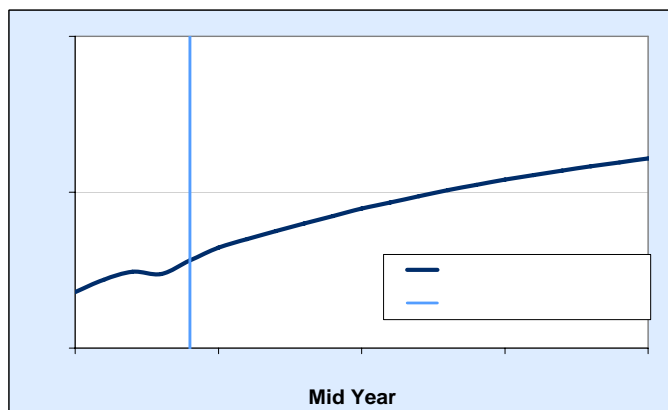


Events plotted against start of mid-year period.

#### Chart 6: Expectation of Life

The most recent actual data shows that expectation of life in Blaenau Gwent generally increased to 2007/08.

Over the projection period, expectation of life in Blaenau Gwent is expected to increase from 78.2 in 2008/09 to 81.0 in 2022/23. This increase is projected to continue over the last ten years of the projection period.



Events plotted against start of mid-year period.



**Table 3: Components of Change, key years**



