

This project supports the strategic framing of the policy discussion around both our population ageing and responding to our ageing societies. We explore our shared backstory and the structural conditions underpinning our options.



EN GU IM IR  
JE NI SC WA

## Population-Ageing-Society

### Our backstory

*how we got here...*

### Our populations are growing

Overall, from the late 1940s, all BIC Member Administrations have seen their populations grow, influenced by changes in fertility, mortality and inward and outward migration



### Our populations are ageing

In that time, median age and life expectancy have increased resulting in a larger proportion of older people in our populations

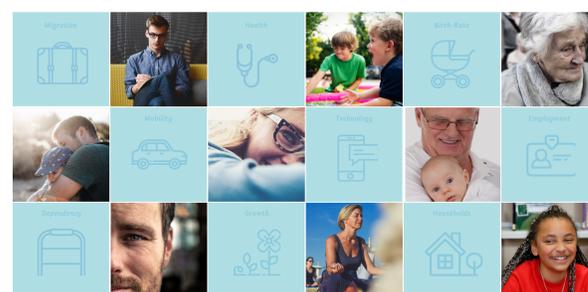


### How we live is changing

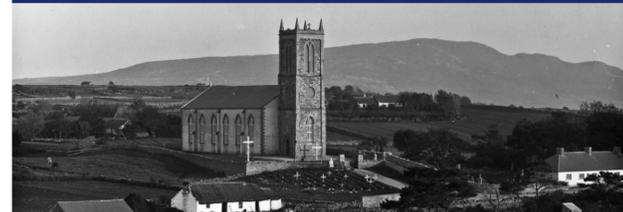
BIC members have more but smaller households with more people living alone. Care demands and responsibilities are shifting



### Reflecting on...



### 1940s



Late 1940's - Jersey & Guernsey welcome back evacuees who left the islands in 1940

1947 - spike in the number of births. 881,026 babies born in England & Wales alone



1948 - Empire Windrush arrives at Tilbury Docks, London. Beginning of large scale immigration into the UK

### 1950s

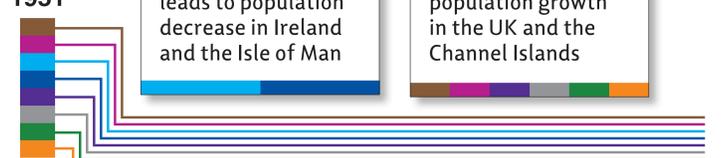


### Birth rates are rising (until mid-1960s)

53,388,051  
Total BIC population 1951

High out-migration leads to population decrease in Ireland and the Isle of Man

High birth rates and positive net migration lead to population growth in the UK and the Channel Islands

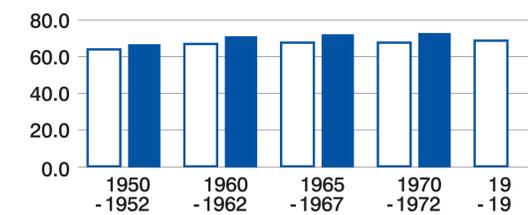


### Median age

EN	N/A
GU	35.2
IM	38.8
IR	29.0
JE	36.1
NI	29.0
SC	32.4
WA	N/A

### Median age is rising steadily

Life expectancy in Ireland (1950 - 1987)



“Growing up and living in a society where younger people are in a majority is fundamentally different to growing up in a society where the majority of people are in older age groups”

(Foresight, Future of an Ageing Population report, 2016)

1946 National Insurance Act (UK)



1948 National Health Service (UK and the Isle of Man)

Number of one person households in Ireland was six times lower in 1946 than in 2011

1949 White Paper on Social Security (Ireland)

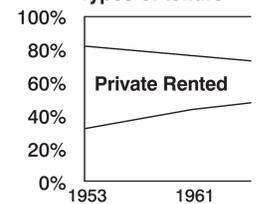
1951 Social Security Policy (Jersey)

Average household sizes (1951)

3.37 in Guernsey  
3.17 in Jersey  
3.91 in Northern Ireland

### Home ownership is

Types of tenure



Our demography story is shaped by mortality, fertility and migration patterns. These are embedded within broader socio-economic factors and developments, which impact people's attitudes and expectations, changing the ways in which we live, and framing our demographic experience.