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1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Keynes designated and Milton Keynes Development Corporation (MKDC) established to plan and implement growth. • *Population of designated area 40,000 (60,000 MK Borough)
1968	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand plan for Milton Keynes underway
1969	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Open University moves to its new headquarters in Walton Hall • First house on Lakes Estate opened in April. • Construction starts on first 'new town' flats in Simpson.
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK City reaches 45,000 (65,000 MK Borough) • The Plan for Milton Keynes approved • First section of new city grid road system (H2 from V4 Watling Street) • The Stables held its first concert • Open University formally opened by Earl Mountbatton
1971	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First major housing scheme (Galley Hill) • Site of roman villa is discovered at Bancroft • First televised OU lecture by the BBC
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First health centre opens at Water Eaton. • UK first active solar power house was built in Bradville.
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey Bushes Museum of Industry and Rural Life (now known as Milton Keynes Museum) was founded.
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stantonbury Campus opens • First major grid road (V8 Marlborough Street connects Bletchley to Stantonbury (for New Bradwell and Wolverton) • Work begins on shopping building (now thecentre:mk) • Milton Keynes Borough Council created (as a district of Buckinghamshire until 1997)
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First office building in CMK opens (Lloyds Court)
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephenson House, Bletchley was built
1978	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concrete Cows were unveiled to the public by Liz Leyh • Volkswagon/Audi Group headquarters opens
1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping building opened by Margaret Thatcher • First concert held at The Bowl (Desmond Dekker/Geno Washington) • Civic Offices opened by HM The Queen
1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK City reaches 91,000 (111,300 MK Borough)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5D opens, bypassing Watling Street • Peace Pagoda dedicated at Willen Lake • National Badminton Centre opened
1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willen Hospice opened • CMK Library opened • Homeworld Exhibition opened at Bradwell Common
1982	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record number of 2,966 homes built in year 1981-1982 • Crownhill Crematorium opened • Saxon Court opened – home to MKDC in 1984 • CMK railway station officially opened by HRH Prince of Wales
1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willen Lake complete • Caldecotte balancing lake ready
1984	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First phase of MK General Hospital opened in Sept by HRH the Duchess of Kent • A421 road connects to M1 motorway at Junction 13 • Campbell Park opened by Lord Campbell • Divisional Police headquarters opened • Living Archive Project formally established.
1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Point (first multiplex cinema) opens • Houses built for private purchase reaches record total of 10,000 homes (10,000th house built at Giffard Park) • Overseas companies located in MK reaches 150
1986	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy World Exhibition of energy efficient housing opens • New county courts appears on the judicial circuit • Forte Crest Hotel (now Holiday Inn) opens • Gyosei school opens to new boarding pupils (closed in March 2002)
1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woughton Marina opens • Food Hall was opened by Princess Anne • The City Discovery Centre is formed
1989	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Holm Fire Station opened by Prince Andrew • Furzton Lake complete • Bradwell aqueduct (first aqueduct on Grand Union in over 100 years) completed • HMH the Duchess of York opens Health & Leisure Centre at the Winter Gardens • Launch of National Energy Foundation
1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK City reaches 143,250 (171,750 MK Borough) • Leisure Plaza opens • Construction starts on Solstice House, CMK (50th office block)

1991	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magistrate Courts completed • De Montfort University opens (closed 2003) • First wine from Woughton grapes is ready to drink
1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK Development Corporation wound up (replaced by Commission for New Towns) • Woodhill Prison opened in July • Christ the Cornerstone church was opened by HM The Queen • Kingston District Centre complete • Second phase of MK General Hospital opened in Oct, again by HRH the Duchess of Kent • The City Discovery Centre adopted the heritage site of Bradwell Abbey as its permanent base • UK's first kerbside recycling collection started
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campbell Park Pavilion opens • Westcroft District Centre completed • Bletchley Park Museum opened by HRH the Duke of Kent
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1967 50,000 new homes have been built in the city
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hockey Stadium opens
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough of Milton Keynes becomes unitary authority
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work starts on new shopping centre based around old oak tree (Midsummer Place)
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulliver's Land opens • MK Theatre opened in Oct • MK Gallery opened in Oct • Commission for New Towns merges with English Partnerships
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK City reaches 169,370(205,370 MK Borough) • Midsummer Place opens • Xscape opened in Nov • National Cycle Network links MK with Winslow and Oxford
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMK Development Framework adopted to guide the development of CMK over the next 30 years
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middleton Primary school opens • Wimbledon F.C moves to the National Hockey Stadium
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolverton Outdoor Pool celebrated 40th anniversary • Development Framework for the Northern Expansion Area is adopted (proposes 455 homes) • Wimbledon F.C re-named and re-launched as Milton Keynes Dons F.C

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ the Sower Ecumenical Primary school , Grange Farm, opens • Broughton Fields Primary school opens • Tattenhoe Pavilion opens • Milton Keynes Partnership Committee is created by the government to ensure a co-ordination approach to planning and delivery of growth and development in the 'new city'
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Framework for the Western Expansion Area (Area 11 and Area 10.1-10.3) is adopted (proposes about 6,500+ homes) • Development Framework for the Eastern Expansion Area is adopted (proposes about 4,000 homes for the whole area) • St Bernadettes Catholic Primary school opens • Oakgrove Secondary school opens • Hazeley Secondary school opens • Oxley Park Primary school opens • Airkix opened in Oct • Xscape 5 years old and has had over 25 million visitors through its doors so far • Toys R Us opened its store in CMK • ASDA Superstore, Denbigh North, opened in Nov (the biggest ASDA-Wal-Mart in Europe) • IKEA, Denbigh North, opened in Dec (14th store in the UK to open - recorded 22,500 visitors on its first day)
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oakgrove Leisure Centre opens • Jury's Inn and Ramada Encore Hotels in CMK opened
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Keynes celebrates its 40th Birthday • Europe's first Eco Park opened at Newlands (next to Gulliver's Land) • ExtraCare Retirement Village (on site of Gyosei school) opens • Stadium:MK opens and MK Dons F.C move in (Stadium:MK was officially opened in Nov by HM The Queen) • Thehub:MK officially opened in Nov by HM The Queen • Medbourne Pavilion opens • The new Walnuts Special school opens • New multi-storey car park at MK General Hospital opens • The very last Aston Martin car to be produced at the Tickford Street works, Newport Pagnell, rolled off the production line.
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK Extended City reaches 196,330 (232,920 MK Borough)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University Centre Milton Keynes opens • Priory Rise Primary school, Tattenhoe Park, opens • New Sainsbury's Store, CMK, opens • English Partnerships and Housing Corporation merge to become Homes & Communities Agency • Network Rail signs agreement with Milton Keynes Partnership, securing a site for the development of its new, state-of-the-art National Centre in MK (on site of former National Hockey Stadium) • Madcap building celebrates its 100th birthday
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junction 14 improvement works completed • New 300 bus service connecting MK Central Station and city centre with Brooklands, Broughton Gate and Magna Park was launched in April • New distribution centre for John Lewis, at Magna Park, opens • The Pinnacle (first office building in CMK for 25 years) opens • Work starts on new Coach Station at Junction 14 • Academy, Leadenhall opened in Sept (officially opened in Nov by the Duke of Kent) • 100,000th house is built in MK (Ashlands)
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK Expanded City reaches 201,580 (240,990 MK Borough) • New Bletchley Leisure Centre opens January • Work on new (second) chapel at Crownhill Crematorium starts • The Stables (music venue) celebrates its 40th birthday • Tickford Bridge, Newport Pagnell, celebrates its 200th birthday – the oldest traffic carrying cast iron bridge still in daily use. • Brooklands Farm Primary school, (first school on the Eastern Expansion Area) opens Sept • New restaurant quarter, Queens Square, CMK opened in the summer • Oxley Park Community Facility and Children Centre opens • New state-of-the-art Domino's Pizza commissary at West Ashland opens • Work starts on Network Rail's National Centre, CMK • Work starts on second ExtraCare Retirement Village at Shenley Wood • New Coach Station and P&R Facility at Junction 14 opened Dec

2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Population of MK Expanded City expected to reach 207,440 (245,280 MK Borough) • OU celebrates its 40th anniversary of its first lecture broadcast by the BBC. • Emerson Valley Community Sports Facility to open • New second chapel at Crownhill Crematorium due to open • New office and distribution centre at Magna Park for River Island expected to open • Work to start on new station building at Wolverton Railway Station • Work expected to start on new Wolverton Pool
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Timelines – 2012 to 2018

2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New railway station at Wolverton due to open • National Centre for Network Rail expected to open in the autumn • Second ExtraCare Retirement Village at Shenley Wood expected to open
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 25m community indoor pool expected to open in Wolverton
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stantonbury Campus Theatre celebrates its 40th birthday
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population of MK Expanded City expected to reach 225,440 (263,740 MK Borough)
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Keynes will celebrate its 50th Birthday
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population of MK Extended City expected to reach 234,210 (272,740 MK Borough)

**Population figures taken from the Population Bulletin 2010/11*