Figure 0.1: Age pyramid of actual and projected population, 2010 and 2035, United Kingdom

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The projection has the following features:

- The population is projected to continue ageing with the median age of the population expected to rise from 39.7 years in 2010 to 42.2 years by 2035.

- The number of children aged under 16 is projected to increase by 12 per cent from 11.6 million in 2010 to 13.0 million by 2035 (see Table 0.1).

- The number of people of working age\(^1\) is projected to rise from 38.5 million in 2010 to 44.7 million in 2035, a total increase of 16 per cent between 2010 and 2035.