

North Wales area profiles 2023

Flintshire & Wrexham

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2021 (ONS MYE)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%	%	%	%
Mid-year population 2011	287,750	Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2021	290,200	0.9%	-0.2%	1.4%	5.9%
Males	142,800	49.2%	48.9%	48.9%	48.9%
Females	147,400	50.8%	51.1%	51.1%	51.1%
Aged 0-15	52,100	18.0%	17.2%	17.6%	18.3%
Aged 16-29	43,450	15.0%	14.8%	16.4%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	53,650	18.5%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	83,450	28.8%	28.8%	27.7%	27.0%
Aged 66-84	50,350	17.4%	19.3%	17.6%	15.2%
Aged 85+	7,250	2.5%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		3.08	1.12	1.50	2.84

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	166,042	57.2%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	20,654	7.1%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	266,903	92.0%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	14,006	4.8%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	3,004	1.0%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	6,169	2.1%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	146,729	50.6%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	4,934	1.7%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	119,472	41.2%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	33,379	11.9%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	227,368	80.7%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	57,167	19.7%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	28,120	9.7%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

Patients with chronic illness, by GP cluster (General Medical Services QAIF, September 2020)

	Flintshire & Wrexham	North Wales	Wales	
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	49,450	16.5%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	26,450	11.0%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	22,350	7.4%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	17,950	7.5%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	10,700	3.6%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	10,300	3.4%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	7,250	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	6,000	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	3,200	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	2,850	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	2,000	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	2,150	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%

* lung diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema

Based on clusters of GP surgeries as identified by local health boards. The health boards have formally developed arrangements for small groups of GP practices to work collaboratively to develop services in the community, serving populations of between 30 and 50 thousand patients. Clusters are best fit to the sub areas and do not exactly match the same boundaries.

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Housing and living arrangements

Households (Census 2021)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	124,825		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199
Household composition					
All one person households	37,133	29.7%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	17,681	14.2%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	34,738	27.8%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	9,593	7.7%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	30,860	24.7%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	286,129	98.6%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.29	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	1,116	0.9%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	4,259	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	20,783	16.6%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	84,237	67.5%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	21,875	17.5%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	18,005	14.4%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	131,800	100%	332,210	1,462,660
Band A	8,820	6.7%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	22,290	16.9%	18.2%	20.8%
Band C	37,890	28.8%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	23,380	17.7%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	19,100	14.5%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	12,730	9.7%	8.5%	8.2%
Band G	5,770	4.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	1,310	1.0%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	510	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%

House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	£		£	£	£
Median (All house types)	£ 185,000		£ 190,000	£ 190,000	£ 272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 140,000		£ 143,000	£ 136,000	£ 175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		5.8	6.0	6.1	7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.7	7.9	7.6	8.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Total claimants	24,110	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300
- housing benefit	10,020	41.6%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%
- Universal Credit housing element	14,085	58.4%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%
- social rented	17,180	70.6%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%
- private rented	6,930	28.5%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%
- households with children	10,095	41.9%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%
- single person aged 16-65	7,650	31.7%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	4,470	18.5%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	23,853	82.19	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	11,037	38.03	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	4,586	15.80	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	2,771	9.55	9.20	10.09	8.91

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	135,618		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,729	1.3%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	2,452	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	21,346	15.7%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	11,015	8.1%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	20,764	15.3%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	5,740	4.2%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	5,733	4.2%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	8,243	6.1%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	5,604	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	6,621	4.9%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	9,087	6.7%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	11,706	8.6%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	20,377	15.0%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	5,201	3.8%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	27,546	20.3%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	46,468	19.5%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	69,246	29.1%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	237,853		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	69,080	29.0%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	67,911	28.6%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	69,414	29.2%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	31,448	13.2%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
April 2023	5,525	3.1%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
January 2023 (previous quarter)	5,180	2.9%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
April 2022 (previous year)	5,770	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
April 2018 (5 years ago)	4,280	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	1,030	18.6%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	1,190	21.5%	24.3%	21.9%	23.2%

Rounded to nearest 5. * % is of all claimants.

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Income and benefits

Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2022)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	32,050		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	18,200		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (= < £22,021)		32.6%	33.1%	33.4%	27.8%

For this measure, results at ward level are based on data for Conwy CBC strategic sub areas.

Benefits (DWP, Nov 2022)

There is a discontinuity in the benefits data, as Universal Credit is rolled out and starts to replace older awards systems. % is of all in that age group.

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	3,135	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	26,195	14.3%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	300	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	7,910	4.3%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	450	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	15,175	8.3%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	5,560	3.0%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	58,185				
Pension Credit	6,855	11.9%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	8,770	15.2%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	3,450	6.0%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	3,005	5.2%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	2,170	3.8%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

Children in low income families - relative income poverty (DWP, 2021/22)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	10,160	19.5%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	2,620	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	12,780	24.5%	27.0%	27.2%	24.7%

As % all children aged 0-15. 'In work' is working 16 hrs a week or more. Relative income poverty = below 60% of UK median.

Welsh index of multiple deprivation (Welsh Government, 2019)

	Flintshire & Wrexham		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	177		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	9	33	23	65
Income	8	32	25	71
Employment	4	22	20	59
Health	11	34	25	64
Education	19	48	26	79
Access to services	9	35	53	134
Housing	24	48	44	101
Community safety	1	5	3	15
Physical environment	7	28	39	107

Deprivation data shows how many lower super output areas (LSOAs) in the area are in the 10% and 25% most deprived LSOAs in Wales.

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