

North Wales area profiles 2023

Gwynedd

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2021 (ONS MYE)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%	%	%	%
Mid-year population 2011	121,500	Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2021	117,050	-3.7%	-0.2%	1.4%	5.9%
Males	57,400	49.0%	48.9%	48.9%	48.9%
Females	59,700	51.0%	51.1%	51.1%	51.1%
Aged 0-15	19,400	16.6%	17.2%	17.6%	18.3%
Aged 16-29	20,350	17.4%	14.8%	16.4%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	18,500	15.8%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	32,950	28.1%	28.8%	27.7%	27.0%
Aged 66-84	22,100	18.9%	19.3%	17.6%	15.2%
Aged 85+	3,800	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		0.46	1.12	1.50	2.84

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	78,220	66.6%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	6,365	5.4%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	109,548	93.3%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	3,439	2.9%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	1,333	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	3,072	2.6%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	54,249	46.2%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	2,693	2.3%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	51,941	44.2%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	73,561	64.4%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	29,977	26.2%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	22,511	19.2%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	9,988	8.5%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	20,500	16.1%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	8,850	8.5%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	9,200	7.2%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	7,600	7.4%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	4,200	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	4,700	3.7%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	3,500	2.8%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	2,550	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	1,350	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	1,150	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	800	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	900	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)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	51,105		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199
Household composition					
All one person households	17,664	34.6%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	8,472	16.6%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	12,110	23.7%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	3,202	6.3%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	13,902	27.2%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	113,682	96.8%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.22	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	1,648	3.2%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	1,498	2.9%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	9,027	17.7%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	33,578	65.7%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	8,557	16.7%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	8,865	17.3%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	61,350	100%	332,210	1,462,660
Band A	9,080	14.8%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	15,590	25.4%	18.2%	20.8%
Band C	12,450	20.3%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	10,580	17.3%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	8,190	13.4%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	3,930	6.4%	8.5%	8.2%
Band G	1,230	2.0%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	210	0.3%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	90	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W			
Median (All house types)	£	189,000	£	190,000	£	190,000	£	272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£	135,000	£	143,000	£	136,000	£	175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		6.4		6.0		6.1		7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.8		7.9		7.6		8.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	9,020	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300
- housing benefit	4,315	47.9%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%
- Universal Credit housing element	4,700	52.1%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%
- social rented	6,450	71.2%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%
- private rented	2,565	28.3%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%
- households with children	3,145	34.9%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%
- single person aged 16-65	3,270	36.2%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	1,880	20.8%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	8,160	69.70	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	3,667	31.32	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	1,409	12.04	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	1,080	9.23	9.20	10.09	8.91

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	51,810		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	2,000	3.9%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	1,286	2.5%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	2,678	5.2%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	5,009	9.7%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	6,914	13.3%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	1,509	2.9%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	4,419	8.5%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	2,412	4.7%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	1,858	3.6%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	2,217	4.3%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	4,345	8.4%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	5,902	11.4%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	8,579	16.6%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	2,682	5.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	12,259	23.7%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	15,937	16.3%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	33,807	34.5%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	97,969		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	28,256	28.8%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	28,997	29.6%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	24,210	24.7%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	16,506	16.8%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
April 2023	2,115	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
January 2023 (previous quarter)	2,100	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
April 2022 (previous year)	2,135	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
April 2018 (5 years ago)	1,315	1.7%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	385	18.2%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	560	26.5%	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)	29,700		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	17,400		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (= < £22,021)		35.2%	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.

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	830	4.3%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	8,815	12.0%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	155	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	3,300	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	160	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	4,830	6.6%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	1,660	2.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	25,680				
Pension Credit	3,465	13.4%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	4,355	16.8%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,195	4.6%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	1,075	4.1%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	895	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	Gwynedd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children in in-work families	4,745	24.5%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	940	4.8%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	5,685	29.3%	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)

	Gwynedd		North Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	73		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	2	4	23	65
Income	3	4	25	71
Employment	2	3	20	59
Health	1	3	25	64
Education	1	3	26	79
Access to services	20	40	53	134
Housing	5	12	44	101
Community safety	1	2	3	15
Physical environment	16	34	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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