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Conwy East

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2021 (Census 2021)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%	%	%	%
Population 2011	54,050	Change	Change	Change	Change
Population 2021	54,200	0.3%	-0.1%	1.4%	6.3%
Males	26,250	48.4%	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%
Females	27,950	51.6%	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	9,000	16.6%	17.3%	17.6%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	7,150	13.2%	14.8%	16.6%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	8,400	15.5%	16.8%	18.0%	19.9%
Aged 45-65	15,550	28.7%	28.9%	27.7%	26.9%
Aged 66-84	12,000	22.2%	19.3%	17.5%	15.1%
Aged 85+	2,150	3.9%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%
Population density 2021 (persons/ha)		3.69	1.12	1.50	3.95

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	28,497	52.6%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,687	5.0%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	51,001	94.0%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,233	2.3%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	630	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	1,364	2.5%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	27,064	49.9%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	1,208	2.2%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	22,451	41.4%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	9,942	18.8%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	37,175	70.4%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	13,317	24.6%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	5,893	10.9%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

Patients with chronic illness, by GP cluster (General Medical Services QAIF, September 2022)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	9,450	18.0%	16.9%	15.8%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	4,350	10.0%	9.5%	10.1%
Asthma	4,050	7.7%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,900	9.1%	7.8%	6.1%
Coronary heart disease	2,400	4.5%	3.8%	3.6%
Cancer	2,350	4.5%	3.7%	3.1%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,300	2.5%	2.7%	2.4%
Stroke	1,300	2.4%	2.2%	2.1%
Heart failure	700	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%
Mental health	650	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	500	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	400	1.0%	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)								
	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W			
	Number	%						
Total households	24,496		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199			
Household composition								
All one person households	8,368	34.2%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%			
- one person; aged 66+	4,313	17.6%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%			
All households with dependent children	5,814	23.7%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%			
- lone parents with dependents	1,776	7.3%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%			
All households of only pensioners	7,529	30.7%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%			
Population in private households	53,267	98.2%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%			
Average household size		2.17	2.24	2.27	2.36			
Household facilities								
No central heating	337	1.4%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%			
Overcrowded	829	3.4%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%			
No car	4,687	19.1%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%			
Tenure								
Owner occupied	16,714	68.2%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%			
Rented from social landlord	2,941	12.0%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%			
Other rented	4,813	19.6%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%			
Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2022)								
	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales				
	Number	%						
Total dwellings	26,730	100%	332,210	1,462,660				
Band A	2,730	10.2%	9.7%	14.5%				
Band B	4,050	15.2%	18.2%	20.8%				
Band C	7,700	28.9%	26.3%	21.8%				
Band D	5,330	20.0%	18.4%	16.2%				
Band E	4,000	15.0%	14.3%	13.5%				
Band F	1,900	7.1%	8.5%	8.2%				
Band G	800	3.0%	3.6%	3.7%				
Band H	180	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%				
Band I	40	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%				
House prices (Land Registry, 2022; CACI PayCheck, 2022)								
	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W			
Median (All house types)	£	188,750	£	190,000	£	190,000	£	272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£	144,963	£	143,000	£	136,000	£	175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		6.1		6.0		6.1		7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		8.1		7.9		7.6		8.5
Housing related benefits (DWP, February 2023)								
	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	GB			
Total claimants	5,180	100%	57,605	277,905	5,642,300			
- housing benefit	2,575	49.7%	45.7%	46.2%	43.2%			
- Universal Credit housing element	2,605	50.3%	54.3%	53.8%	56.8%			
- social rented	2,595	49.7%	64.7%	67.1%	63.3%			
- private rented	2,585	49.5%	34.5%	32.1%	35.4%			
- households with children	1,830	35.3%	38.3%	38.1%	39.9%			
- single person aged 16-65	1,905	36.7%	34.1%	36.5%	36.6%			
- single person aged 66+	955	18.4%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%			

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2021/22	4,149	76.52	79.97	86.64	89.46
Violence against the person	2,030	37.44	38.04	37.39	35.26
Theft & handling	407	7.51	14.02	17.74	25.14
Criminal damage & arson	480	8.85	9.20	10.09	8.91

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	22,009		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	237	1.1%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	382	1.7%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	1,093	5.0%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	1,933	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,442	15.6%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	750	3.4%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,566	7.1%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,201	5.5%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	901	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	1,038	4.7%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,938	8.8%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,971	9.0%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	4,505	20.5%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	1,052	4.8%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	4,647	21.1%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	9,032	20.0%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	13,895	30.7%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	45,230		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	13,540	29.9%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	13,309	29.4%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	11,888	26.3%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	6,493	14.4%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
July 2023	1,230	4.2%	3.4%	3.4%	3.8%
April 2023 (previous quarter)	1,335	4.5%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%
July 2022 (previous year)	1,230	4.2%	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%
July 2018 (5 years ago)	760	2.6%	2.2%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Apr-23)*	265	21.5%	18.6%	19.8%	17.2%
Claimants aged 50+ (Apr-23)*	320	26.0%	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)	30,800		31,450	31,350	36,700
Lower quartile	17,800		18,050	17,900	20,350
Households below 60% GB median (= £22,021)		33.8%	33.1%	33.4%	27.8%

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.

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	695	7.7%	5.9%	5.7%	5.1%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	5,205	16.7%	14.0%	14.5%	13.6%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	90	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	2,010	6.5%	4.9%	5.8%	3.9%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	85	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	3,340	10.7%	8.5%	9.5%	6.4%
Carer's Allowance	1,285	4.1%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	13,915				
Pension Credit	1,925	13.6%	12.6%	13.1%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	2,585	18.3%	16.1%	16.5%	13.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	830	5.9%	5.5%	7.1%	4.3%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	800	5.6%	5.0%	6.5%	4.3%
Carer's Allowance	595	4.2%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	Conwy East		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children in in-work families	2,160	24.0%	21.9%	21.7%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	450	5.0%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	2,610	29.1%	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)

	Conwy East		North Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	34		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	3	9	23	65
Income	4	10	25	71
Employment	4	11	20	59
Health	2	8	25	64
Education	1	6	26	79
Access to services	1	4	53	134
Housing	3	12	44	101
Community safety	0	3	3	15
Physical environment	3	5	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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Key messages for primary care clusters from the Population Needs Assessment

- **Children and young people:** Numbers projected to decline but need for support may increase with, for example, the impact of Covid-19 on mental health or an increase in children with complex needs surviving early childhood due to improvements in health care. Priorities include early years, children receiving care and support, disabled children, young carers and young refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Older people:** The increasing number and proportion of older people in population over the next 10 years will likely lead to an increase in the number of people with dementia and changes to the amount and type of care needed to support increasingly complex needs, including nursing needs. Priorities include working together to support people to remain at home, supporting people to live well with dementia, falls prevention, supporting people to be more active (such as more inclusive leisure services) and, housing and accommodation (new and adapted homes suitable for changing needs).
- **Disabled people (physical and sensory impairment):** Priorities include accessibility of public services, spaces and information and a commitment to working with disabled people to remove barriers to health and care services.
- **People with learning disabilities:** The population is expected to increase, particularly in the 65 and over age group due to increased life expectancy. Priorities include inclusive communities, accommodation, assistive technology, and employment opportunities. Also need to reduce health inequalities through reasonable adjustments to services and annual health checks by GPs.
- **Autistic people:** The population is expected to increase as assessment is more widely available. Priorities include implementing the code of practice for autism services, raising awareness, mental health and well-being, education, and employment.
- **Mental health:** Priorities include early intervention before people reach crisis point and addressing wider determinants which influence mental health.
- **Unpaid carers:** Issues within wider social care workforce recruitment and retention are leading to additional demands on unpaid carers. Priorities include early identification and awareness raising, opportunities for breaks from caring (respite) and improving unpaid carer assessments.
- **Veterans:** Priorities include the Armed Forces Covenant, see [health care toolkit](#).
- **Refugees and asylum seekers:** Priorities are mental health support and partnership working between health, various council departments, voluntary and community organisations and other public services.

Cross-cutting themes affecting all population groups: recruitment and retention of the workforce, socio-economic disadvantage (including an increase in poverty leading to increase in demand for services), digital inclusion, Welsh language 'Active Offer', equality and human rights, housing, loneliness and isolation, social value, co-production and citizen voice, prevention and early intervention, safeguarding, reduction of health inequalities, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence and Covid-19.

More information

- [North Wales Population Needs Assessment](#): information about the care and support needs of people in North Wales and the support needs of carers.
- Prevention and early intervention includes tackling the wider determinants of health including poverty, housing and environment as well as timely access to health and social care. For more information see the [early intervention and prevention evidence map](#) and [Public Services Board Well-being Assessments](#).
- [Regional Partnership Board](#): more information about work underway to address these needs.
- Local Development Plans. Where any new large-scale housing developments or future population growth would cause capacity problems, planning policy teams may be able to help access funding from housing developers towards medical centres.

Local feedback

Gwynedd

Challenges include lack of nursing placements and the cost of placements.

Conwy

Challenges include:

- Need for services to support teenagers
- Supporting older people upon discharge from hospital to recover at home. Often people are being placed in care homes because of the lack of support available by the local authority, family, or local providers.
- Availability of hospital beds and ambulance and A&E waiting times.

Priorities include supporting disabled people into employment and to maintain employment.

Denbighshire

Local priorities include deepening poverty and deprivation giving potential increase in demand for services while local authority income is reduced.

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