

North Wales area profiles 2023

Conwy County Borough

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2022 (ONS MYE)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2022	114,300		688,200	3,131,650	60,238,050
Males	55,400	48.5%	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	58,850	51.5%	51.0%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	18,150	15.9%	17.2%	17.5%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	14,500	12.7%	14.5%	16.4%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	17,900	15.7%	17.1%	18.3%	20.1%
Aged 45-65	33,750	29.5%	28.8%	27.4%	26.6%
Aged 66-84	25,500	22.3%	19.4%	17.6%	15.2%
Aged 85+	4,500	3.9%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2022 (persons/ha)		1.02	1.12	1.51	3.99
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2012 (10 years)	115,450	-1.0%	-0.1%	2.0%	6.5%
Mid-year population 2021 (last year)	114,800	-0.4%	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	63,723	55.5%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	5,939	5.2%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	107,926	94.1%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	3,250	2.8%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	1,254	1.1%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	2,313	2.0%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	58,283	50.8%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	2,188	1.9%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	46,946	40.9%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	29,000	25.9%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	69,159	61.9%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	25,944	22.6%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	11,640	10.1%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	20,900	17.9%	17.0%	15.7%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	10,100	10.5%	11.5%	11.8%
Asthma	8,550	7.3%	7.4%	7.2%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	7,950	8.4%	7.9%	8.0%
Coronary heart disease	4,900	4.2%	3.6%	3.5%
Cancer	5,150	4.4%	4.0%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	2,900	2.5%	2.5%	2.2%
Stroke	2,900	2.5%	2.2%	2.2%
Heart failure	1,550	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%
Mental health	1,300	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	1,000	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	900	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%

* 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 County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	52,235		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199
Household composition					
All one person households	17,909	34.3%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	9,318	17.8%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	12,010	23.0%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	3,504	6.7%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	16,093	30.8%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	112,917	98.4%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.16	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	830	1.6%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	1,681	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	9,676	18.5%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	36,017	69.0%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	6,257	12.0%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	9,920	19.0%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2023)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	58,030	100%	333,200	1,469,150
Band A	5,420	9.3%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	8,300	14.3%	18.2%	20.8%
Band C	15,550	26.8%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	11,920	20.5%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	9,250	15.9%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	5,080	8.8%	8.5%	8.2%
Band G	1,920	3.3%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	430	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	160	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	£		£	£	£
Median (All house types)	£ 200,000		£ 190,000	£ 190,000	£ 272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 150,000		£ 143,000	£ 136,000	£ 175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		6.2	6.0	6.1	7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		8.1	7.9	7.6	8.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2023)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Total claimants	9,760	100%	57,670	278,650	5,687,480
- housing benefit	4,725	48.4%	44.3%	44.7%	41.7%
- Universal Credit housing element	5,035	51.6%	55.7%	55.3%	58.3%
- social rented	5,385	54.7%	65.5%	67.7%	63.6%
- private rented	4,375	44.4%	33.6%	31.4%	35.0%
- households with children	3,475	35.6%	38.6%	38.3%	40.1%
- single person aged 16-65	3,545	36.3%	34.0%	36.4%	36.5%
- single person aged 66+	1,925	19.7%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2022/23	11,492	100.55	92.47	88.04	92.71
Violence against the person	5,663	49.55	43.45	37.14	35.08
Theft & handling	1,518	13.28	13.48	13.35	17.31
Criminal damage & arson	1,264	11.06	10.26	9.95	8.81

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	48,723		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,166	2.4%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	901	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	2,201	4.5%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	4,205	8.6%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	7,396	15.2%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	1,519	3.1%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	4,087	8.4%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	2,534	5.2%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	2,137	4.4%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	2,218	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	4,122	8.5%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	4,622	9.5%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	9,272	19.0%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	2,343	4.8%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	11,381	23.4%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	17,998	18.7%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	31,232	32.4%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	96,364		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	29,876	31.0%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	29,244	30.3%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	24,591	25.5%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	12,653	13.1%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
October 2023	2,230	3.4%	3.0%	3.2%	3.7%
July 2023 (previous quarter)	2,220	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
October 2022 (previous year)	2,180	3.3%	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%
October 2018 (5 years ago)	1,500	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Oct-23)*	425	19.1%	19.4%	20.8%	18.0%
Claimants aged 50+ (Oct-23)*	600	26.9%	24.3%	21.6%	22.6%

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

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Income and benefits

Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2023)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	33,750		33,400	33,650	39,300
Lower quartile	19,500		19,200	19,200	21,900
Households below 60% GB median (= < £23,572)		33.0%	33.6%	33.5%	28.1%

Benefits (DWP, May 2023)

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 County Borough		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,260	6.9%	6.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	10,140	15.3%	14.8%	15.1%	14.2%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	175	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	3,655	5.5%	4.9%	5.8%	3.8%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	175	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	6,330	9.6%	9.0%	9.9%	6.7%
Carer's Allowance	2,160	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	29,805				
Pension Credit	3,705	12.4%	12.4%	12.9%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	5,215	17.4%	16.4%	16.7%	14.0%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,330	4.4%	5.1%	6.7%	4.1%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	1,530	5.1%	5.3%	6.8%	4.6%
Carer's Allowance	1,035	3.4%	3.7%	3.9%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	Conwy County Borough		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	4,315	23.8%	21.9%	21.6%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	930	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	5,245	28.9%	27.0%	27.1%	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 County Borough		North Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	71		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	4	11	23	65
Income	5	14	25	71
Employment	5	15	20	59
Health	3	10	25	64
Education	1	9	26	79
Access to services	9	18	53	134
Housing	6	17	44	101
Community safety	0	5	3	15
Physical environment	6	16	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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