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Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2022 (ONS MYE)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
Mid-year population 2022	688,200		3,131,650	60,238,050
Males	337,050	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	351,150	51.0%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	118,100	17.2%	17.5%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	100,050	14.5%	16.4%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	117,500	17.1%	18.3%	20.1%
Aged 45-65	198,000	28.8%	27.4%	26.6%
Aged 66-84	133,500	19.4%	17.6%	15.2%
Aged 85+	21,100	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2022 (persons/ha)		1.12	1.51	3.99
		Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2012 (10 years)	689,200	-0.1%	2.0%	6.5%
Mid-year population 2021 (last year)	687,050	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
Born in Wales	410,219	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	39,765	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	641,186	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	23,961	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	7,241	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	14,528	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	341,972	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	12,535	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	286,722	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)				
Speak Welsh	194,295	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	409,647	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
People with limiting long term illness	142,235	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	66,663	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	North Wales		Wales
	Number	%	
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	120,950	17.0%	15.7%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	67,800	11.5%	11.8%
Asthma	52,450	7.4%	7.2%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	45,850	7.9%	8.0%
Coronary heart disease	25,950	3.6%	3.5%
Cancer	28,250	4.0%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	18,000	2.5%	2.2%
Stroke	15,550	2.2%	2.2%
Heart failure	8,250	1.2%	1.2%
Mental health	7,300	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	5,500	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	5,400	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)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
Total households	301,374		1,347,114	24,783,199
Household composition				
All one person households	97,002	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	47,676	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	76,924	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	21,621	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	82,101	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	675,094	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities				
No central heating	4,858	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	9,702	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	52,072	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure				
Owner occupied	203,113	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	47,157	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	50,081	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2023)

	North Wales		Wales
	Number	%	
Total dwellings	333,200	100%	1,469,150
Band A	32,360	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	60,470	18.2%	20.8%
Band C	87,640	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	61,230	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	47,710	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	28,380	8.5%	8.2%
Band G	12,000	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	2,420	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	990	0.3%	0.4%

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

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

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2023)

	North Wales		Wales	GB
	Number	%		
Total claimants	57,670	100%	278,650	5,687,480
- housing benefit	25,555	44.3%	44.7%	41.7%
- Universal Credit housing element	32,115	55.7%	55.3%	58.3%
- social rented	38,100	65.5%	67.7%	63.6%
- private rented	19,570	33.6%	31.4%	35.0%
- households with children	22,240	38.6%	38.3%	40.1%
- single person aged 16-65	19,580	34.0%	36.4%	36.5%
- single person aged 66+	11,120	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*		
All crime incidences 2022/23	63,635	92.47	88.04	92.71
Violence against the person	29,903	43.45	37.14	35.08
Theft & handling	9,277	13.48	13.35	17.31
Criminal damage & arson	7,059	10.26	9.95	8.81

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	306,201		1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	6,963	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	6,137	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	31,172	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	26,779	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	45,110	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	11,468	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	18,548	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	16,386	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	12,251	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	13,978	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	23,548	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	28,676	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	52,003	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	13,182	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	66,359	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	106,341	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	176,740	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	North Wales		Wales	E & W
	Number	%		
All aged 16 and over	568,242		2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	168,012	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	166,471	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	154,247	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	79,512	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	North Wales		Wales	GB
October 2023	12,385	3.0%	3.2%	3.7%
July 2023 (previous quarter)	12,595	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
October 2022 (previous year)	12,175	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%
October 2018 (5 years ago)	9,410	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Oct-23)*	2,405	19.4%	20.8%	18.0%
Claimants aged 50+ (Oct-23)*	3,010	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)

	North Wales		Wales	GB
	£	%		
Median income (annual)	33,400		33,650	39,300
Lower quartile	19,200		19,200	21,900
Households below 60% GB median (= < £23,572)		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.

	North Wales		Wales	GB
	Number	%		
Children (aged 0-15)				
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	7,230	6.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Working age (aged 16-65)				
Universal Credit	61,505	14.8%	15.1%	14.2%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	1,000	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	20,210	4.9%	5.8%	3.8%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,030	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	37,215	9.0%	9.9%	6.7%
Carer's Allowance	12,795	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)				
State Pension	154,120			
Pension Credit	19,155	12.4%	12.9%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	25,350	16.4%	16.7%	14.0%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	7,925	5.1%	6.7%	4.1%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	8,180	5.3%	6.8%	4.6%
Carer's Allowance	5,705	3.7%	3.9%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	North Wales		Wales	GB
	Number	%		
Children in in-work families	25,905	21.9%	21.6%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	6,035	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	31,940	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)

	North Wales		Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	423		1,909	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	23	65	191	477
Income	25	71	191	477
Employment	20	59	191	477
Health	25	64	191	477
Education	26	79	191	477
Access to services	53	134	191	477
Housing	44	101	191	477
Community safety	3	15	191	477
Physical environment	39	107	191	477

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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