

North Wales area profiles 2023

Wrexham

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2022 (ONS MYE)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2022	135,400		688,200	3,131,650	60,238,050
Males	67,000	49.5%	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	68,400	50.5%	51.0%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	24,700	18.2%	17.2%	17.5%	18.5%
Aged 16-29	20,500	15.2%	14.5%	16.4%	17.1%
Aged 30-44	25,850	19.1%	17.1%	18.3%	20.1%
Aged 45-65	38,050	28.1%	28.8%	27.4%	26.6%
Aged 66-84	22,800	16.9%	19.4%	17.6%	15.2%
Aged 85+	3,500	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2022 (persons/ha)		2.69	1.12	1.51	3.99
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2012 (10 years)	135,600	-0.1%	-0.1%	2.0%	6.5%
Mid-year population 2021 (last year)	135,150	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	1.0%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	91,793	67.9%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	10,643	7.9%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	122,547	90.7%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	7,130	5.3%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	1,558	1.2%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	3,887	2.9%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	66,880	49.5%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	2,919	2.2%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	56,477	41.8%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	15,953	12.2%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	104,953	80.1%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	27,625	20.4%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	12,858	9.5%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	24,850	16.9%	17.0%	15.7%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	16,300	13.4%	11.5%	11.8%
Asthma	10,850	7.4%	7.4%	7.2%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	9,000	7.5%	7.9%	8.0%
Coronary heart disease	5,050	3.4%	3.6%	3.5%
Cancer	5,400	3.7%	4.0%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	3,400	2.3%	2.5%	2.2%
Stroke	3,100	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%
Heart failure	1,600	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%
Mental health	1,700	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Dementia	1,200	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
Epilepsy (patients aged 18+)	1,100	0.9%	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)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	57,914		301,374	1,347,114	24,783,199
Household composition					
All one person households	17,662	30.5%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	8,042	13.9%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	16,432	28.4%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	4,887	8.4%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	13,837	23.9%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	132,182	97.8%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.28	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	560	1.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	2,181	3.8%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	11,033	19.1%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	36,218	62.5%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	12,161	21.0%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	9,166	15.8%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2023)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	61,330	100%	333,200	1,469,150
Band A	4,380	7.1%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	12,770	20.8%	18.2%	20.8%
Band C	17,130	27.9%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	10,210	16.6%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	8,180	13.3%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	5,110	8.3%	8.5%	8.2%
Band G	2,540	4.1%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	720	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	290	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	Wrexham		North Wales		Wales		E & W	
	£		£		£		£	
Median (All house types)	£	180,000	£	190,000	£	190,000	£	272,500
Lower quartile (All house types)	£	135,000	£	143,000	£	136,000	£	175,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)		5.9		6.0		6.1		7.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)		7.7		7.9		7.6		8.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2023)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Total claimants	12,835	100%	57,670	278,650	5,687,480
- housing benefit	5,195	40.5%	44.3%	44.7%	41.7%
- Universal Credit housing element	7,640	59.5%	55.7%	55.3%	58.3%
- social rented	9,800	75.7%	65.5%	67.7%	63.6%
- private rented	3,035	23.5%	33.6%	31.4%	35.0%
- households with children	5,455	42.5%	38.6%	38.3%	40.1%
- single person aged 16-65	4,075	31.7%	34.0%	36.4%	36.5%
- single person aged 66+	2,285	17.8%	19.3%	17.3%	16.6%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2022/23	14,690	108.50	92.47	88.04	92.71
Violence against the person	6,678	49.32	43.45	37.14	35.08
Theft & handling	2,586	19.10	13.48	13.35	17.31
Criminal damage & arson	1,577	11.65	10.26	9.95	8.81

*annual crime rate per 1,000 population

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	61,801		313,304	1,368,454	27,773,661
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	947	1.5%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	1,038	1.7%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	9,791	15.8%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	4,965	8.0%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	8,977	14.5%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	2,454	4.0%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	2,566	4.2%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	3,312	5.4%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	2,256	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	3,091	5.0%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	4,139	6.7%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	5,316	8.6%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	10,546	17.1%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	2,403	3.9%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	11,277	18.2%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	23,095	20.9%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	32,037	29.1%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	110,274		568,242	2,559,416	48,566,373
Managerial & professional	30,121	27.3%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	30,918	28.0%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	33,235	30.1%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	16,000	14.5%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2023)

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
October 2023	2,430	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	3.7%
July 2023 (previous quarter)	2,440	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
October 2022 (previous year)	2,330	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%
October 2018 (5 years ago)	2,245	2.7%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Oct-23)*	475	19.5%	19.4%	20.8%	18.0%
Claimants aged 50+ (Oct-23)*	495	20.4%	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)	32,200		33,400	33,650	39,300
Lower quartile	18,350		19,200	19,200	21,900
Households below 60% GB median (=< £23,572)		35.5%	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.

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,670	6.8%	6.1%	5.8%	5.3%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	13,455	15.9%	14.8%	15.1%	14.2%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	125	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	4,025	4.8%	4.9%	5.8%	3.8%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	220	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	7,945	9.4%	9.0%	9.9%	6.7%
Carer's Allowance	2,805	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.5%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	26,255				
Pension Credit	3,315	12.6%	12.4%	12.9%	11.9%
Attendance Allowance	4,255	16.2%	16.4%	16.7%	14.0%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	1,655	6.3%	5.1%	6.7%	4.1%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	1,570	6.0%	5.3%	6.8%	4.6%
Carer's Allowance	1,075	4.1%	3.7%	3.9%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	5,255	21.3%	21.9%	21.6%	17.5%
Children in out-of-work families	1,250	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	7.3%
Total	6,505	26.3%	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)

	Wrexham		North Wales	
	10%	25%	10%	25%
Total LSOAs in area	85		423	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	10%	25%	10%	25%
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	6	17	23	65
Income	6	17	25	71
Employment	3	10	20	59
Health	6	20	25	64
Education	10	27	26	79
Access to services	6	19	53	134
Housing	16	32	44	101
Community safety	0	0	3	15
Physical environment	5	15	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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