

DEMOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

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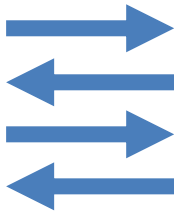


2021 CENSUS TOPIC RESEARCH

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is continuing to research and test the following topics for the 2021 Census.

- marital and legal partnership status,
- household and family relationships,
- type of central heating,
- main language used,
- qualifications,
- economic activity,
- year last worked,
- supervisory status.

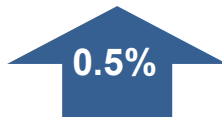
There are no plans to include questions on income.
More details of the ONS topic research can be found [here](#).



LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

On 30 November 2017 ONS published the [Migration Statistics Quarterly Report](#). The MSQR series brings together statistics on migration that are published by the Home Office, the Department for Work and Pensions, and ONS.

The [International Passenger Survey](#) estimates for long-term international migration (that is, over 12 months) show that for Wales in 2016 there were 21,000 in-migrants and 8,000 out-migrants.



2015 - 2016

2016 MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES

The [2016 mid-year estimates](#) of the population for UK countries were published in June 2017 by ONS.

The 2016 mid-year estimate of the population of Wales was 3,113,200.

There were estimated to be more people aged 65 and over living in Wales (635,000) than children aged 0 to 15 (557,000).

The 2016 mid-year estimate of the UK population was 65,648,000; an increase of 0.8 per cent compared with the mid-2015 estimate (this growth rate is similar to the average annual growth rate since 2005). The annual population growth varied across the UK: in England it was 0.9 per cent, Wales 0.5 per cent, Scotland 0.6 per cent, and Northern Ireland 0.6 per cent.

The ONS Release Calendar currently gives June 2018 as the release date of the *Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland: Mid-2017*.



NATIONAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS (2016-BASED)

The statistical bulletin [National Population Projections, 2016-based](#) was published by ONS on 26 October 2017.

It showed that in Wales:

- The population is projected to increase by 3.1 per cent to 3.21 million by 2026 and by 4.6 per cent to 3.26 million by 2041.
- The number of children aged under 16 is projected to increase to 568,000 by 2026 before decreasing between 2026 and 2041, with a population of 549,000 in 2041. Overall, the number of children is projected to decrease by 1.5 per cent between 2016 and 2041.
- The number of people aged 16-64 is projected to decrease by 81,000 (4.2 per cent) between 2016 and 2041.
- The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase by 232,000 (36.6 per cent) between 2016 and 2041.



ELECTORAL STATISTICS

ONS have delayed the publication of the 2017 electoral statistics from 28 February until 22 March 2018.

Two tables of [UK Electoral Statistics](#) reflecting the number of electors registered to vote in the UK on 1 December 2015 were published by the Office for National Statistics on 24 February 2016.

Data for the National Assembly for Wales constituency areas has been published on [StatsWales](#).



NATIONAL SURVEY FOR WALES

The National Survey for Wales is a study of over 10,000 adults across Wales. Headline and more in-depth results are published [here](#).

The most up-to-date figures are based on interviews carried out from April 2016 to March 2017.

The statistical bulletin *National Survey for Wales, 2016-17 Childcare* was published on 30 January 2018.

Edge Analytics released a new version of POPGROUP (version 4.1) on 30 January 2018.

The new version includes a migration analysis utility that allows the analysis of migration outputs by age and sex, as well as allowing users to use alternative migration assumptions for subsequent projections.

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