

Demography newsletter Welsh Government, March 2020

2018-based local authority projections for Wales

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The release includes the 2018-based projections for local authorities, including variant population projections, and gives a broad overview of the key results. There will be a separate release, providing more detailed commentary on the projections, as well as including 2018-based population projections for national parks, in March 2020. We also plan to include additional variants.

During the period 2018 to 2028:

- the population is projected to increase in the majority of local authorities
- the local authorities whose populations are projected to increase the most are Newport (by 5.1%), the Vale of Glamorgan (by 3.6%) and Bridgend (by 2.9%)
- the population is projected to decrease in nine of the 22 local authorities
- the local authorities whose populations are projected to decrease the most are Ceredigion (by 6.4%), Wrexham (by 3.2%) and Powys (by 2.8%)

2018-based local authority household projections for Wales

The [2018-based local authority household projections](#) were published on 27 February 2020. The projections provide an indication of the future number of households and their composition in Wales.

The release includes the 2018-based projections for local authorities, including variant household projections, and gives a broad overview of the key results. There will be a separate release, providing more detailed commentary on the projections, as well as including 2018-based household projections for national parks, in March 2020. We also plan to include additional variants.

During the period 2018 to 2028:

- the number of households is projected to increase in the majority of local authorities, while at the Wales level the total number of households is projected to increase by 2.8%
- the local authorities whose numbers of households are projected to increase the most are Newport (by 6.9%), the Vale of Glamorgan (by 6.6%) and Cardiff (by 5.0%)

- the number of households is projected to decrease in five of the 22 local authorities
- the local authorities whose numbers of households are projected to decrease the most are Ceredigion (by 4.8%), the Isle of Anglesey (by 0.7%) and Wrexham (by 0.7%)

Household estimates: mid 2018

The statistical release [Household Estimates: mid-2018](#) was published on 17 December 2019. The report includes information about the estimated numbers of households by household type, population and average household size. These estimates are based on the 2018 mid-year population estimates, which were published in June 2019.

Between mid-2017 and mid-2018 the estimated number of households in Wales increased by 8,800 (or 0.7%), to 1.36 million. The overall increase was mainly due to one-person and two-person households, which remained the most common household types in Wales, based on these estimates.

At a Wales level, the estimated private household population has increased by around 13,200 between mid-2017 and mid-2018. The estimated average household size for Wales has been steadily decreasing; in mid-2018 the estimated average household size for Wales was 2.27 persons per household compared to of 2.52 persons in mid-1991.

Long-term international migration

On 27 February, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published its latest [migration statistics quarterly report](#), for the year ending September 2019. It brings together statistics on migration that are published by the Home Office, the Department for Work and Pensions and the ONS.

Welsh language data from the Annual Population Survey

On 22 January, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\)](#) results on the Welsh language for the year from October 2018 to September 2019 were published on our website.

Exploratory analysis of learner performance including Welsh language characteristics: 2011 to 2018

An exploratory analysis of learner performance by learner-level and school-level characteristics, including Welsh language characteristics was published as a [statistical article](#) on the Welsh Government website on 13 February.

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