

Demography newsletter Welsh Government, February 2021

2021 Census

The 2021 Census is scheduled to take place on Sunday 21 March in Wales.

The UK Statistics Authority and its executive office, the ONS, are responsible for carrying out the census in England and Wales. Welsh Government officials work closely with the ONS on all aspects of the census in Wales.

The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd issued a [Written Statement](#) about the 2021 Census on Friday 12 February, to coincide with the launch of the 2021 Census publicity campaign.

For further information about the Census, please visit the [2021 Census](#) website. You can also follow the 2021 Census on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

The ONS is also currently recruiting census field officers. Further information can be found on the [Census Jobs website](#).

Electoral roll statistics, March 2020

Electoral registrations are usually collected at December every year. However, this collection of electoral statistics at 2 March 2020 was produced to support the UK Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review due to finish in July 2023.

The Release [Electoral Statistics for the UK: March 2020](#) was published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on Tuesday 5 January. It gives data on people registered to vote in parliamentary and local government elections as recorded in the electoral registers as at 2 March 2020 (for Wales, England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland).

The total number of UK Parliamentary electors in Wales is 2,322,700, a slight increase of 0.4% between 1 December 2019 and 2 March 2020. This increase, compared to December 2019, reflects the full uplift due to the most recent General Election.

The total number of local government electors in Wales is 2,358,100, a slight increase of 0.4% between 1 December 2019 and 2 March 2020.

The total number of UK Parliamentary electoral registrations in March 2020 was the highest ever recorded, at 47,558,400, an increase of 483,600 (1.0%) compared to December 2019.

Population estimates by output areas, electoral, health and other geographies, England and Wales: mid-2019

On 9 September 2020, the ONS published population estimates by output areas, electoral, health and other geographies, for Wales and England for mid-2019.

[Small area population estimates](#) and [national park population estimates](#) for Wales have been published on the StatsWales website.

Office for National Statistics' national population projections: user feedback

Between 15 October and 12 November 2020, the ONS invited users to provide feedback on how they may approach the publication and timing of the next national population projections and subnational population projections.

On 17 December, the [ONS published an update to the engagement exercise](#). In total 65 user engagement responses were received from across the UK including four from Wales.

The ONS plans to publish a summary of the responses in early 2021.

Welsh language

From 14 September to 9 October 2020, the Welsh Government conducted a survey of Welsh language community groups in Wales, with the aim of understanding the impact of COVID-19 on their activities since the first lockdown in March 2020. The [survey findings](#) were published on the Welsh Government website on 10 December.

On Tuesday 12 January, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\) results on the Welsh language for the year from October 2019 to September 2020](#) were published. Due to a change in how the survey is being carried out since March 2020 (now over the phone only), the ONS has found that a slightly different type of respondent is participating in the survey. They have therefore changed how they weight the survey to account for this, and have revised their survey estimates for the previous two quarters, [July 2019 to June 2020](#) and [April 2019 to March 2020](#).

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