

Demography newsletter

Welsh Government, March 2019

Long-term international migration

In February the Office for National Statistics (ONS) published the [Migration Statistics Quarterly Report](#) (MSQR). 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 (that is, over 12 months) international migration show that for Wales in 2017 there were 5,000 in-migrants from the EU and 16,000 in-migrants from non-EU countries; and 3,000 out-migrants to the EU and 4,000 out-migrants to non-EU countries.

ONS' population and migration statistics transformation journey: a research engagement report

In January, the ONS provided an [update](#) on their GSS [Migration Statistics Transformation programme](#), building on previous research delivered through this and the ONS [Administrative Data Census](#) project

This report brings together transformation work on population and migration, building on knowledge and investigating how the administrative data sources now available to ONS can be used, alongside surveys, to improve the way they measure population stocks and flows in the future.

2021 Census white paper, help shape out future: the 2021 Census of population and housing in England and Wales

In December, the UK government published the [2021 Census White Paper](#). The White Paper sets out the UK Statistics Authority's detailed proposals for the 2021 Census in England and Wales.

It is proposed that, subject to UK Parliamentary approval, the next census of population should be taken in England and Wales on **21 March 2021**.

The White Paper sets out the strategic aims for the census, explains the need for it, sets out the content and how it will be conducted and deals with matters of public interest such as data security and confidentiality. The White Paper also sets out the UK Statistics Authority's proposals for the future of population statistics after 2021.

2019 Census rehearsal in Ceredigion

As part of the preparations for the 2021 Census, the ONS will be holding a [census rehearsal in autumn 2019](#).

The rehearsal will take place in four selected local authority areas and all households in these areas will be invited to take part by filling in a census rehearsal questionnaire. The rehearsal is an important way for ONS to test that all their processes, systems and services are effective and working as they should before the 2021 Census.

The local authority area in Wales that has been selected is Ceredigion. The other rehearsal areas in England are Carlisle, Hackney and Tower Hamlets.

ONS 2021 Census roadshow

ONS is holding five regional roadshows in March 2019. At these roadshows, they will be sharing the latest news on plans for the 2021 Census, as well as wider updates on Population and Public Policy transformation.

The roadshows will give user another opportunity to hear about recommendations on topics to be included in the 2021 Census. The ONS will also be sharing findings from the census outputs consultation held last year, and plans for the field operation, public support and stakeholder engagement.

Roadshow venues and dates

Bristol: Tuesday 12 March 2019

Leeds: Tuesday 19 March 2019

Nottingham: Wednesday 20 March 2019

Wrexham: Thursday 21 March 2019

London: Wednesday 27 March 2019 [SOLD OUT]

You can book your place via [Eventbrite](#). Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please email the 2021 Census Partnerships team at 2021Census.LA.Liaison@ons.gov.uk .

Welsh language use survey

The Welsh Government has recently been engaging with users about what they would like to see in the next Welsh Language Use Survey. If you are interested in data about Welsh language use and have not yet had the chance to respond to the user engagement, please contact the WelshLanguageData@gov.wales with your views.

Estimates of housing need in Wales at a national and regional level (2018-based)

The Welsh Government published a [statistical article](#) presenting the 2018-based estimates of overall additional housing need in Wales from 2018/19 to 2037/38 on Wednesday 30 January. Estimates of housing need are key to future planning at a national and regional level and will be used to inform the National Development Framework and housing policy development.

It was estimated that on average, between 6,700 and 9,700 additional housing units will be required annually during the first five years with a central estimate of 8,300 (central estimates of housing need are calculated from 2014-based principal household projections). These figures include an annual average of 1,100 additional housing units to clear those in existing unmet need

Contact

Tel: 0300 025 0373

E-mail: Stats.PopCensus@gov.wales