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POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR UK, ENGLAND AND WALES, SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND: MID-2017

The [2017 mid-year estimates](#) of the population for UK countries were published on 28 June 2018 by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The 2017 mid-year estimate of the population of Wales was 3.125 million; an increase of 0.4 per cent on the mid-2016 estimate. There were estimated to be more people aged 65 and over living in Wales (643,000) than children aged 0 to 15 (559,000).

The 2017 mid-year estimate of the UK population was 66.040 million; an increase of 0.6 per cent compared with the mid-2016 estimate (this growth rate is the lowest since mid-2004).

A decrease in net international migration in mid-2017 has affected the rate of population growth in some places more than others, with England's growth rate decreasing more than the other countries of the UK (to 0.64%), and London's rate nearly halving to 0.63%.

[Data](#) is available by administrative area, single year of age, sex and components of population change, including internal migration.

LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

In November 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 (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.

HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FOR WALES: MID-2017

The Welsh Government published household estimates for Wales for mid-2017 on Thursday 28 September.

Since mid-1991 the number of households has increased by 21 per cent from 1.11 million to 1.35 million in mid-2017.

Between mid-2016 and mid-2017 the estimated number of households in Wales increased by 8,300 (0.6 per cent) to 1.35 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.

NATIONAL SURVEY FOR WALES

The National Survey for Wales involves over 11,000 people each year. It runs all year round, across the whole of Wales. The survey covers a wide range of issues affecting people and their local area.

The results of the 2017-18 [National Survey](#) were published on the 20 June 2018.

Headline results for the Welsh language show that 19 per cent of adults aged 16 and over reported that they can speak Welsh. 11 per cent said they can speak Welsh fluently. 12 per cent reported that they can speak more than a few words of Welsh and speak it every day.

A further [update specifically on the Welsh language](#) was published on 10 October 2018. This focussed on people's attitudes towards the Welsh language and confidence to speak the language.

68 per cent of Welsh speakers felt confident speaking Welsh. 72 per cent wanted to speak it with other Welsh speakers and 36 per cent worried they would be judged on how well they spoke it.

86 per cent of people felt the language was something to be proud of. 67 per cent thought more effort needed to be put into supporting the language. 62 per cent of those who couldn't speak Welsh would like to be able to speak it and 85 per cent of those with some ability in Welsh wanted to speak it better.

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