

# DEMOGRAPHY NEWSLETTER

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## THE 2017 CENSUS TEST

In preparation for the 2021 Census, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) conducted a test in England and Wales in April 2017. The test invited 100,000 households across 7 local authorities to take part. Powys was one of the areas chosen for the test.

The test will help ONS to assess their systems and potential census questions. The 2021 Census will be conducted mainly online for the first time.

ONS may also be introducing new questions in response to society's changing needs and removing some which are less relevant now. They are testing new questions on sexual identity and volunteering with a view to including them in the Census for the first time. One of the aims of the test is to get an understanding of public attitudes towards, and the acceptability of, these and other potential new questions.

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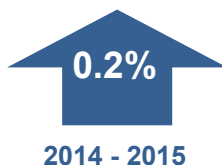


## ELECTORAL STATISTICS

The Release [Electoral Statistics for the UK: 2016](#) was published by ONS on 16 March 2017. It gives data on people registered to vote in parliamentary and local government elections as recorded in the electoral registers published on 1 December 2016 (England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland).

The total number of UK parliamentary electors increased by just over 1 million (2.3 per cent) between December 2015 and December 2016, this partly reflects high levels of public interest in the EU referendum. The number of parliamentary electors in Wales is 2,243,900; an increase of 2.8 per cent between 2015 and 2016.

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## 2015 MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES

The [2015 mid-year estimates](#) of the population for UK countries were published in June 2016 by ONS.

The 2015 mid-year estimate of the population of Wales was 3,099,086; an increase of 0.2 per cent on the 2014 estimate. There were estimated to be more people aged 65 and over living in Wales (625,000) than children aged 0 to 15 (555,000).

The ONS Release Calendar currently gives 22 June 2017 as the release date of the *Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland: Mid-2016*.

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## LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

The statistical First Release [Local Authority Household Projections](#) (in Wales, 2014-based) was published by the Welsh Government on 23 March 2017.

It showed that in Wales between 2014 and 2039:

- the number of households is projected to increase by around 140,000 to 1.47 million by 2039 (that is, by 10.5 per cent);
- the largest local authority percentage increase in the number of households was in Cardiff (a 32 per cent increase);
- there are projected to be increases of 17 per cent in the number of households in Swansea and 15 per cent in Wrexham;
- there is projected to be a 2 per cent decrease in the number of households in Powys, however the projections show a rise to 2026 and then a fall to 2039;
- nearly 2 in 3 households are projected to consist of one or two persons with no children.
- 1-person households are projected to increase from 31 per cent of all households to 36 per cent;
- there is projected to be a 17 per cent increase in the number of lone-parent households;
- average household size is projected to decrease from 2.29 persons per household to 2.17.



## NATIONAL PARKS PROJECTIONS

2014-based population and household projections for National Parks in Wales are due to be published in July 2017.

The statistical First Release [Household Projections for National Parks in Wales, 2013-based](#) was published in March 2016.

It showed that between 2013 and 2028:

- the number of households in the National Parks areas in Wales is projected to decrease slightly but steadily from 37,000 in 2013 to 36,400 in 2028;
- the number people living in households in the National Parks areas in Wales is projected to decrease steadily from 80,200 to 75,100;
- average household size in the National Parks areas in Wales is projected to decrease steadily from 2.16 people to 2.06.

The statistical First Release [Population Projections for National Parks in Wales, 2013-based](#) was published by the Welsh Government in October 2015.

A new Data Module has just been released by Edge Analytics, the organisation which manages the POPGROUP suite of demographic software.

The Derived Forecast Data Module (WG2014HH) is designed to enable users to replicate the Welsh Government 2014-based household projections for local authorities in Wales.

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