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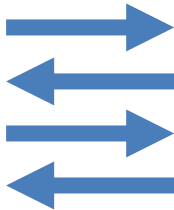


THE 2017 CENSUS TEST

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

The 2017 Census Test Follow-up is an evaluation survey of the 2017 Census Test. A sample of the households that have been selected for the census test (including some in Powys) will be invited to take part in the survey.

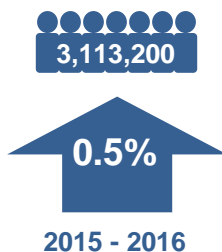
The survey aims to gather data to help ONS gauge the public's understanding, ability, willingness, and attitudes towards completing the census test online, which in turn will help ONS improve its content, and the coverage and quality of responses to the 2021 Census.



LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

In August 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 2015 there were 10,000 in-migrants from the EU and 8,000 in-migrants from non-EU countries; and 3,000 out-migrants to the EU and 1,000 out-migrants to non-EU countries.



2016 MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES

The [2016 mid-year estimates](#) of the population for UK countries were published in June 2017 by ONS.

The 2016 mid-year estimate of the population of Wales was 3,113,200; an increase of 0.5 per cent on the mid-2015 estimate. There were estimated to be more people aged 65 and over living in Wales (635,000) than children aged 0 to 15 (557,000).

The 2016 mid-year estimate of the UK population was 65,648,000; an increase of 0.8 per cent compared with the mid-2015 estimate (this growth rate is similar to the average annual growth rate since 2005).

The ONS Release Calendar currently gives June 2018 as the release date of the *Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland: Mid-2017*.



NATIONAL PARKS POPULATION PROJECTIONS

The statistical First Release [2014-based Population Projections for National Parks in Wales](#) was published on 26 July 2017.

It showed that between 2014 and 2029:

- the populations of the Pembrokeshire Coast and Snowdonia national parks are projected to decrease and the Brecon Beacons national park to increase (the 2013-based projections estimated population decreases for all three national parks);
- the total population living in a national park in Wales (81,800 in 2014) is estimated to decrease by 4.9 per cent to 77,900;
- the Brecon Beacons population (33,600 in 2014) is estimated to increase by 1.9 per cent;
- the Pembrokeshire Coast population (22,700 in 2014) is estimated to fall by 12.3 per cent;
- the Snowdonia population (25,500 in 2014) is estimated to fall by 6.6 per cent;
- the number of people under the age of 74 living in the three national parks is projected to decrease, and the number of people aged 74 or over is projected to increase.



NATIONAL PARKS HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

The statistical First Release [2014-based Household Projections for National Parks in Wales](#) was published on 26 July 2017.

It showed that in Wales between 2014 and 2029:

- the 2014-based national parks household projections were higher than the previously published 2013-based household projections for both the numbers of households and the numbers of people living in them;
- in the Brecon Beacons the number of households is projected to increase by 5 per cent. The numbers of households in the other two national parks are projected to decrease, Pembrokeshire Coast by 10 per cent) and Snowdonia by 5 per cent.
- average household size in the three national parks is projected to decrease steadily from 2.14 persons per household to 2.05.



The statistical First Release *Household Estimates for Wales, mid-2016* is being published at the end of September 2017. These estimates are based on the population estimates for mid-2016 which were published in June 2017.

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