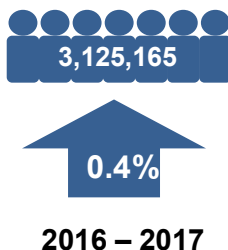


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POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR UK, ENGLAND AND WALES, SCOTLAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND: MID-2017

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 3,125,000; 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 66,040,229; 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.



ESTIMATES OF WELSH SPEAKERS FROM THE ANNUAL POPULATION SURVEY

Estimates of the number of Welsh speakers from the Annual Population Survey (APS) are published every three months.

The data is published on [StatsWales](#) and is available by local authority and time period.

The latest data, published on Thursday 20 September, estimated that there were 874,700 Welsh speakers aged three and over in Wales, around 29.3 per cent of the population. This varied from 76.4 per cent in Gwynedd to 17.4 per cent in Blaenau Gwent and Bridgend.

However, the census continues to be the key source of information about the number of people who can speak Welsh. Further statistics on the Welsh language can also be found on [StatsWales](#).

The next estimates from the APS will be published in January.

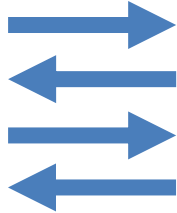
NATIONAL SURVEY FOR WALES, 2017-18

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 will be published on 10 October 2018. This will focus on people's attitudes towards the Welsh language and confidence to speak the language.



LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

In August ONS published the [Migration Statistics Quarterly Report](#). The MSQR series brings together statistics on migration that is 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 2016 there were 5,000 in-migrants from the EU and 11,000 in-migrants from non-EU countries; and 1,000 out-migrants to the EU and 2,000 out-migrants to non- EU countries.

HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FOR WALES: MID-2017



The Welsh Government will publish the household estimates for Wales for mid-2017 on Thursday 28 September.

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This document is also available in Welsh.