

## Demography newsletter Welsh Government, December 2019

### Subnational population projections for Wales

The 2017-based subnational population projections, due to be published in October 2019, have been postponed. On 31 October, a statistical article [Subnational population projections for Wales, 2017-based: update](#) was published.

The article sets out two issues that arose during the production of the 2017-based subnational population projections. These meant that we decided to postpone the 2017-based projections and move to publishing 2018-based subnational projections instead. The article follows a [blog from the Chief Statistician](#).

### 2018-based national population projections for the UK

The release [National population projections: 2018-based](#) was published by the ONS on 21 October 2019. It gives data on the potential future size of the UK and its constituent countries (England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland).

The population of Wales is projected to increase by 0.6% to 3.16 million by 2028, but decrease by 0.9% to 3.11 million by 2043. This is the first time a longer-term population decrease has been projected for Wales in recent times.

### Subnational household projections for Wales

The 2017-based subnational household projections, due to be published in October 2019, have also been postponed. The subnational household projections will also be 2018-based to reflect the changes to the subnational population projections.

### Household estimates: Mid 2018

The mid-2018 household estimates that were due to be published in October, will be published on the 17 December 2019.

### Long-term international migration

On 28 November, the ONS published its latest [MSQR](#), for the year ending June 2019. It brings together statistics on migration that are published by the Home Office, the Department for Work and Pensions and the ONS.

## **Welsh language**

A bulletin presenting results from the National Survey for Wales 2018-19 on the [Welsh language in the workplace](#) was published on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Employed Welsh speakers were asked about their use the language with colleagues and people from outside their organisation as part of their role. The survey also asked whether their employer offered staff any opportunities to learn Welsh.

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