

Demography newsletter Welsh Government, December 2020

Household estimates, mid-2019

The statistical release [Household Estimates: mid-2019](#) was published on Tuesday 29 September. The report includes information about the estimated numbers of households by household type, population and average household size. These estimates are based on the 2019 mid-year population estimates, which were first published on Wednesday 6 May.

Between mid-2018 and mid-2019, the estimated number of households in Wales increased by around 9,950 (or 0.7%), to 1.37 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.

At a Wales level, the estimated private household population has increased by around 13,800 between mid-2018 and mid-2019. The estimated average household size for Wales has been steadily decreasing. In mid-2019 the estimated average household size for Wales was 2.26 persons per household compared to of 2.52 persons in mid-1991.

2018-based national park population and household projections

The 2018-based national park population and household projections are planned to be published in early 2021 (to be confirmed).

2021 Census webinars

The 2021 Census in England and Wales will be held on Sunday 21 March 2021.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has recently kicked off a series of webinars providing an in-depth look at specific aspects of delivering the 2021 Census. These sessions include:

- Designing for Quality in Census 2021
- Addressing for Census 2021
- Maximising Response in Census 2021
- Estimation and Adjustment in Census 2021
- Quality Assuring the Census 2021 results
- Census 2021 Outputs

For further information please see the [ONS website](#).

2021 Census Geography consultation

The ONS is finalising plans for the dissemination of Census statistics and have a proposed Census geography policy. The geography policy focusses largely on plans for maintaining small area geographies - Output Areas, Lower Layer Super Output Areas, and Middle Layer Super Output Areas, but also sets out a change in approach for producing ward and parish outputs. They are also setting out plans for producing geography products and services to support the census. They would like to give census users an opportunity to comment and help shape their plans through this consultation exercise.

The [consultation is available online](#) and runs from 5 November 2020 to 18 December 2020. As part of the consultation, there is a supporting consultation document that sets out the proposed Census 2021 Output Geography Policy for England and Wales, and the proposed geography products and services to support the census. The ONS would very much welcome your views and comments on their proposals.

Long-term international migration

The ONS recently announced that the publication of [Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: November 2020](#) had been cancelled. Following the suspension of the International Passenger Survey (IPS) as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ONS is in the process of developing international migration statistics based on alternative administrative data sources.

These new migration estimates are in development and further information is available in the latest [Population and migration statistics system transformation update](#).

A separate article brings together a range of data sources on [international migration and mobility patterns since the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#).

The ONS has also published final UK long-term international migration statistics for 2019.

Welsh language

The Welsh Government recently conducted a survey of Welsh language community groups in Wales with the aim of understanding the impact of Covid-19 on their activities. Survey findings will be published on the Welsh Government website on Thursday 10 December.

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