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2011 Census: Second Release of Data for Wales

The second major release of results from the 2011 Census for England and Wales were published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on 11 December 2012.

They have also released a separate statistical bulletin for Wales. This presents key findings from all Key Statistics tables and nine Quick Statistics tables down to the local and unitary authority level in Wales.

UK statistics will be compiled and published after the relevant data becomes available for all four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

[ONS statistical bulletin for Wales](#)

The key results for Wales are:

- The usually resident population of Wales was 3.1 million in 2011, a five per cent increase since 2001. Nearly one in five (18 per cent, 563,000) of residents were aged 65 or over.
- As was the case in 2001, in 2011 Wales had a higher percentage of residents with a long term health problem or disability, just under a quarter (23 per cent, 696,000), higher than any England region.
- In 2011 nearly two thirds (66 per cent, 2.0 million) of the residents of Wales expressed their national identity as Welsh. Of these 218,000 also reported that they considered themselves to be British.
- The usually resident population of Wales was 96 per cent (2.9 million) White in 2011, a higher percentage than any of the England regions.
- Fifty eight per cent (1.8 million) of residents of Wales stated Christian as their religion in 2011, a 14 percentage point drop since 2001, a larger decrease than any of the England regions. Almost one third (32 per cent, 983,000) of the population in Wales stated they had no religion in 2011, more than any of the England regions.
- In 2011 five per cent (168,000) of people in Wales were born outside the UK, an increase of two percentage points on 2001 (three per cent, 92,000).
- The proportion of people able to speak Welsh decreased from 20.8 per cent in 2001 to 19.0 per cent in 2011.
- In 2011, a higher proportion of households in Wales (67 per cent, 879,000) owned their accommodation than in England (63 per cent, 14.0 million).
- The number of cars and vans available to households in Wales increased from 1.3 to 1.6 million between 2001 and 2011. In 2001 there were on average 11 cars per 10 households whereas in 2011 there were 12 cars per 10 households.
- Nearly all households in Wales reported that they had central heating in 2011 (98 per cent, 1.3 million). This is an increase of six percentage points on 2001 (92 per cent, 1.1 million).
- More people (12 per cent, 370,000) in Wales were caregivers than in any England region in 2011. Wales had higher percentages of people providing care for 20 to 49 hours, and 50 or more hours in 2011, than any England region; two per cent (54,000) and three per cent (104,000) respectively.
- One in four of the usually resident population in Wales aged 16 and over (26 per cent, 651,000) reported having no recognised qualifications in 2011. The second largest qualifications category in Wales in 2011 was Level 4 or above eg Bachelor's degree or above (24 per cent, 614,000).

A number of summary tables for Welsh Local Authorities will also be published on [StatsWales](#) at the beginning of next year.

More detailed analyses of the census estimates are available for some topics via ONS "short stories". These present analyses of international migration, ethnicity and religion. There is also a report on how the labour market statistics differ from those estimated from the Labour Force Survey at the national, regional and local authority level.

The Welsh Government has also released a separate bulletin today on the Welsh Language and will also release a bulletin on ethnicity, national identity and religion on 17 December 2012.

The Census was held on Sunday 27th March 2011. It captured information about people usually resident in England and Wales and is a major, important source of information about the population and households. It provides detailed information about the population as a whole and for small geographical areas and small populations.

There will be further releases of Census data over the next 18 months; information is available online in the [2011 Census prospectus](#).

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