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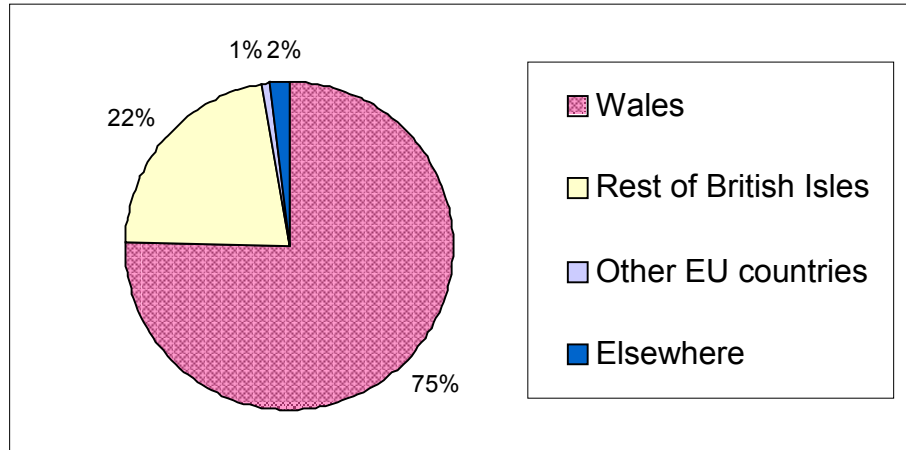
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2001 CENSUS OF POPULATION: FIRST RESULTS ON COUNTRY OF BIRTH

Background

The census question asked: What is your country of birth? - answered by ticking one of six boxes, for five specific countries (Wales, England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland) and Elsewhere (with the country being written in). The Census results show the proportion of the resident population according to these countries and whether in another EU country or elsewhere (see table 1).

Main results



- 75 per cent - or some 2,188,800 people - resident in Wales were born in Wales; the equivalent proportion in the 1991 census was 77 per cent
- 22 per cent (some 634,800 people) were born elsewhere in the British Isles, the majority (some 589,800 people) in England
- Less than 1 per cent - or some 23,700 people - stated that they were born in 'Other EU countries' whilst just under 2 per cent - or some 55,900 people - stated 'Elsewhere'

Table 1

Country of Birth	Thousands	Per cent
Total residents	2,903.1	100.0
Born in:		
Wales	2,188.8	75.4
England	589.8	20.3
Scotland	24.4	0.8
Northern Ireland	7.9	0.3
Republic of Ireland	12.7	0.4
Other EU countries (a)	23.7	0.8
Elsewhere	55.9	1.9

(a) Including Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Source: 2001 Census, Key Statistics table 5 published 13 Feb 2003

Local authority data - table 2

- local authority areas with the highest proportion of their population born in Wales were mainly in the south. Of those, Blaenau Gwent and Merthyr Tydfil had the highest proportion with 92 per cent each. In comparison Flintshire had the lowest proportion with 51 per cent.
- overall, people born in 'Other EU countries' or 'Elsewhere' comprised just less than 3 per cent of the Welsh population. Corresponding figures for the majority of the 22 local authorities were around 3 per cent or lower. However, Cardiff and Newport were the exceptions with just under 7 and 4 per cent respectively. These two authorities also have the highest concentration of ethnic minorities though many will have been born in this country.

Comparison with 1991 Census data^(a) - table 3 and chart 1

- for the majority of the local authorities the proportion of people born in Wales according to the 1991 Census was equal to or higher than the corresponding figures from the 2001 Census. The exceptions were Denbighshire, Conwy and Torfaen.
- the authorities showing the greatest difference in the proportions, between 1991 and 2001, were Ceredigion (from 64 per cent to 59 per cent) and Powys (from 60 per cent to 56 per cent).
- the local authority in 1991 with the highest proportion of its population born in Wales was Blaenau Gwent (93 per cent), as in 2001, whilst the authorities with the lowest proportions were Flintshire and Conwy (53 per cent).

(a) The 1991 Census counted students at their home address, whereas the 2001 Census counted them at their term time address. Hence when comparing 1991 and 2001 Census data the 'student' effect for the local authorities with residential colleges needs to be taken into consideration though it cannot be quantified.

Source: Office for National Statistics 2001 Census Key Statistics table KS05 - see:

i. Tables of proportions:

http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/Statistics_By_Subject.asp

ii Tables of the numbers underlying the proportions:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/explorer.asp?CTG=3&SL=4696&D=4697&DCT=32&DT=3#4697>

iii The report, including explanatory notes and tables of proportions only, in PDF form:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=10151>

Further Census information: More detailed results – by gender, age and local area as well as by the various socio-economic characteristics available from the Census – are scheduled to become available in Standard Tables and Census Area Statistics by June 2003; see: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/op14.asp> for the output schedule and <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/census2001/op11.asp> for details of the outputs

Table 2 2001 Census of Population: Country of birth, by local authority area of residence

	Total residents	Wales	Rest of the British Isles (a)	Other EU Countries or Elsewhere (b)
	Thousands	Percentage	Percentage	Percentage
Isle of Anglesey	67	67.6	30.6	1.9
Gwynedd	117	69.8	27.9	2.3
Conwy	110	54.0	43.6	2.4
Denbighshire	93	57.9	39.8	2.3
Flintshire	149	51.1	46.8	2.1
Wrexham	128	71.9	26.0	2.1
Powys	126	55.6	42.1	2.3
Ceredigion	75	58.6	38.3	3.1
Pembrokeshire	114	68.7	28.6	2.7
Carmarthenshire	173	80.1	18.0	1.9
Swansea	223	82.1	14.8	3.1
Neath Port Talbot	134	89.5	9.0	1.5
Bridgend	129	84.7	13.2	2.1
Vale of Glamorgan	119	75.7	21.1	3.3
Cardiff	305	74.9	18.1	6.9
Rhondda Cynon Taff	232	89.9	8.4	1.6
Merthyr Tydfil	56	92.0	6.8	1.2
Caerphilly	170	89.9	8.6	1.4
Blaenau Gwent	70	92.1	6.9	1.0
Torfaen	91	85.5	12.9	1.6
Monmouthshire	85	61.3	35.9	2.8
Newport	137	81.1	15.1	3.8
Wales	2,903	75.4	21.9	2.7
National Park				
Snowdonia	25	62.6	35.4	2.0
Brecon Beacons	33	66.7	30.0	3.3
Pembrokeshire Coast	23	61.7	35.4	2.9

Source: 2001 Census, Key Statistics table 5 published 13 February 2003

(a) Including the whole of Ireland.

(b) Including Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

Table 3 2001 Census of Population: Proportion of Welsh residents born in Wales, by local authority area of residence

	1991 Census	2001 Census
	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Isle of Anglesey	67.7	67.6
Gwynedd	71.8	69.8
Conwy	53.5	54.0
Denbighshire	57.3	57.9
Flintshire	53.0	51.1
Wrexham	73.6	71.9
Powys	60.3	55.6
Ceredigion	64.2	58.6
Pembrokeshire	69.7	68.7
Carmarthenshire	81.8	80.1
Swansea	84.1	82.1
Neath Port Talbot	90.4	89.5
Bridgend	85.2	84.7
Vale of Glamorgan	75.8	75.7
Cardiff	79.1	74.9
Rhondda Cynon Taff	91.1	89.9
Merthyr Tydfil	92.0	92.0
Caerphilly	90.4	89.9
Blaenau Gwent	92.5	92.1
Torfaen	85.1	85.5
Monmouthshire	62.1	61.3
Newport	81.1	81.1
Wales	77.2	75.4

Source: 2001 Census, Key Statistics table 5 published 13 February 2003

Chart 1: Proportion of Welsh residents born in Wales, by local authority area of residence

