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Key statistics

Equality group	Description	Conwy CBC	Wales	Reference population	Source & date	
	0-15	16.0%	17.8%		0000 11	
Ago	16-64	56.2%	61.2%	All poople	2020 mid year population	
Age	65+	27.9%	21.1%	All people	estimates, Office for National Statistics	
	85+	4.4%	2.7%		rvational otalistics	
	Limiting long term illness	24.3%	23.7%	All people	Census 2011	
Disability	Work-limiting disabled		24.9%	Working age	Annual Population Survey 2021	
	Single	28.9%	33.5%			
	Married	48.3%	46.6%			
Marital and civil	Civil partnership	0.2%	0.2%	All people	Census 2011	
partnership status	Separated	2.3%	2.2%	aged 16+	0011000 2011	
	Divorced	10.6%	9.7%			
	Widowed	9.7%	7.9%	_		
Pregnancy and	Maternities	75.3	66.6	1,000	2020 births data,	
maternity	Births	56.7	50.9		ONS	
	White British	95.4%	93.2%	All people	Census 2011	
Ethnicity	Non-white	2.4%	4.8%	All people C	Census 2011	
Limiting	White UK national		92.5%	All people	Annual Population	
	Non-white		4.9%	All people	Survey 2021	
Nationality	Born in Wales	54.4%	72.7%	All people	Census 2011	
Religion / belief	Christian	64.7%	57.6%	All people	Census 2011	
	No religion	26.1%	32.1%	7 til poopio		
	Males	48.7%	49.3%	A.II	2020 mid year population	
Sex	Females	51.3%	50.7%	All people	estimates, Office for National Statistics	
Sexual orientation	Heterosexual		94.4%	All people	Annual Population	
COAGGI CHICHIGH	Gay / lesbian / bisexual		2.9%	aged 16+	Survey 2019	
	Welsh speakers	27.4%	19.0%	All people	Census 2011	
Welsh language	No knowledge of Welsh	60.6%	73.3%	aged 3+	0011003 2011	
.	Welsh speakers		29.5%	All people aged 3+	Annual Population Survey 2021	

Note: the Annual Population Survey produces figures at Conwy CB level, but because of the limited sample size, they are not considered a robust source of data at this level. They are therefore not recommended for use at Conwy CB level and are not included in this bulletin. Wales figures have been included as they are considered robust.



Introduction

This is the latest monitor in a series which is produced on an annual basis by the Corporate Research and Information Unit. The monitor looks at key equality indicators for Conwy County Borough, presenting the latest data and providing some commentary on what the data shows. It focusses on the protected characteristics described in the Equality Act 2010, and also includes statistics about the Welsh language. New data sources will be added to the monitor as they become available.

The depth of data analysis represents the level of reliable data available, not the importance of the subject. The bulletin is used to support the Council's equality impact assessments / integrated impact assessments.

Data gaps

- There is no comprehensive source of data about disability. The 2011 Census
 provides information on limiting long term illness and unpaid carers in Conwy CB.
 There is a register of physical and / or sensory impaired people and people with
 learning disabilities who use social services, but this only captures information
 about those people who use the Council's services.
- There is no data available about people who are transgender at either unitary authority or national level.
- The only source of data about marital status, national identity and religious affiliation in Conwy CB is the 2011 Census.
- Data about pregnancy and maternity is limited to conception and births data.
- The most reliable data for ethnicity figures for all the population of Conwy County Borough is the 2011 Census. More up-to-date figures are available at an all-Wales level. The School Census provides more recent ethnicity data for school pupils only.
- Data about sexual orientation is not available at unitary authority level, and the national data is considered to be an under count of orientations other than heterosexuality.
- The 2011 Census has detailed data on the Welsh language. It provides data about Welsh language skills, and a breakdown of Welsh speakers by age, nationality and geographically. The School Census provides data about pupils in Conwy CB who attend Welsh medium schools and about pupils in all schools who speak Welsh.

The impacts of Covid-19 on equalities monitoring data

It is still too early to know how Covid-19 will influence population dynamics and the resultant impacts of this. There is no reliable data yet available and some of our key indicators might not be available until 2023 or later – internal migration data usually has a 12 month data lag, for example and it will not be until we see 2021 population estimates (currently expected to be released in autumn 2022) that we will start to see what happened to population flows in the summer and autumn of 2020.



Even then, we cannot rely on data from 2020/21 to help us model the medium-term future, as we will not know what behavioural changes are likely to be long term, and which are just blips in the trajectory before returning to pre-pandemic patterns. Therefore it is best to remain mindful yet cautious when trying to plan for the post-Covid future.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also meant that some key data sources were not collected and/or reported on as they had been before March 2020 (Welsh Government's data collection from disabilities registers for example, or the Council's reporting of the school census). Other data sources have been temporarily impacted by changes in legislation or changes in behaviours. These disruptions need to be considered when interpreting the data in this bulletin.



Section 1: age

Population estimates

The median age (the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) of Conwy County Borough's population is 50.0 years. The current median age for Wales is 42.4 and 40.4 for the UK. This means our population is significantly older than for Wales and for the UK. The median age has increased from 46.6 to 50.0 years over the last decade.

Population data which includes age breakdown is produced every year and is available at small area level. It is possible to use this data widely as a denominator for many indicators, as it is a robust national statistic.

Table 1.1: population in Conwy CB, Wales and UK (2020)

Source: mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics

	Conwy CB		Wales	UK
	Number	Number %		%
All ages	118,200		3,169,600	67,081,250
0-15	18,850	16.0%	17.8%	19.0%
16-64	66,400	56.2%	61.2%	62.4%
65+	32,950	27.9%	21.1%	18.6%
85+	5,150	4.4%	2.7%	2.5%

Table 1.2: median age and dependency ratios (2020)

Source: mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics

	Conwy CB	Wales	UK
Median age	50.0	42.4	40.4
Dependency ratio	78.0	63.5	60.3
Old age dependency ratio	49.6	34.5	29.9

Definitions

Median age. – the age at which half the population is older and half is younger.

Dependency ratio – number of people within the population who are not of working age for each 100 people of working age. Working age population is defined as those aged 16 to 64.

Old age dependency ratio – number of people within the population who are aged 65+ for each 100 people of working age. Working age population is defined as those aged 16 to 64.

Conwy County Borough's 16.0% of the population aged under 16 compares to 17.8% in Wales as a whole and 19.0% across the UK.

There were 66,400 people of working age (16-64) in Conwy County Borough in 2020. This makes up 56.2% of the population, compared to 61.2% in Wales and 62.4% in the UK. The number of people in the working age population group in the County Borough is particularly affected by the out-migration of young adults in the 18-24 age group.



The proportion of people of working age in Conwy CB is relatively low, and leads to a high dependency ratio – that is, the ratio of people of working age to those who are theoretically 'dependent' on that working age population. In 2020 the dependency ratio in Conwy CB was 100:78.0. In Wales this was 100:63.5 (UK ratio is 100:60.3). A high dependency ratio can put strain on the local economy and on the resources needed to provide social care.

Table 1.3: population in Conwy County Borough (2020)

Source: mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics

	Males	Females	Persons
All ages	57,600	60,600	118,200
0-4	2,750	2,500	5,250
5-9	3,150	3,000	6,150
10-14	3,200	3,100	6,300
15-19	3,000	2,750	5,700
20-24	3,000	2,650	5,600
25-29	3,000	2,850	5,800
30-34	3,000	2,950	5,950
35-39	2,850	3,050	5,900
40-44	2,850	2,850	5,650
45-49	3,300	3,600	6,900
50-54	4,000	4,400	8,400
55-59	4,350	4,750	9,150
60-64	4,100	4,450	8,550
65-69	3,850	4,250	8,100
70-74	4,250	4,450	8,700
75-79	3,050	3,300	6,350
80-84	2,000	2,600	4,600
85-89	1,250	1,800	3,050
90+	700	1,450	2,100
0-15	9,750	9,100	18,850
16-64	32,800	33,600	66,400
65+	15,100	17,850	32,950
85+	1,900	3,250	5,150

In 2020 there were 32,950 people aged 65 and over in Conwy County Borough. Conwy County Borough's 27.9% of the population aged 65 and over compares to 21.1% in Wales as a whole and 18.6% across the UK. Similar high proportions of the post-retirement age population are only found in areas known to be retirement locations, such as the south west coast of England. The high proportion of elderly within our



population also leads to the proportions of children (aged 0-15) and residents of working age (aged 16-64) being significantly below Wales and UK averages. The large proportion of people aged over 65 is mainly due to two factors; firstly improvements in mortality rates mean people are living longer; and secondly the ageing on of the large 'baby boom' cohort born after the Second World War.

Very elderly are defined as those in the population aged 85 and over (also included in the 65+ age group). There were 5,150 people aged 85 and over in the County Borough in 2020. Conwy County Borough's 4.4% of the population aged 85 and over compares to 2.7% in Wales as a whole and 2.5% across the UK.

The Population Bulletin produced by the Corporate Research and Information Unit provides more details on age breakdown.



Section 2: disability

There are few data sources that give accurate and reliable information about the number of people with disabilities, partly because there is no clear definition of what 'a disability' means. For this reason, proxy measures are used to provide indicators. The Corporate Research and Information Unit does not, therefore, recommend a single source of data for disability, as each source has uses in certain circumstances. We recommend you contact us to discuss which is the most appropriate source.

Limiting long-term illness

Limiting long term illness data from the 2011 Census is widely used to give an estimate of disability. The term 'limiting long-term illness' covers a self-assessment of whether or not a person has a limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability which limits their daily activities or the work they can do, including problems that are due to old age.

There are limitations when using this data set: it is self-defining and so some people may be missing from the count.

The proportion of all residents in Conwy CB reporting a limiting long-term illness is comparable to the Welsh figure. In the 65+ age group, there is a lower percentage than for Wales as a whole.

Table 2.1: limiting long-term illness and age (2011)

Source: Census 2011 table KS301EW

	Conwy County Borough		Wales	England & Wales	
	Number	%	%	%	
All people	115,228		3,063,456	56,075,912	
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	13,896	12.1%	11.9%	8.5%	
Day-to-day activities limited a little	14,019	12.2%	10.8%	9.4%	
Day-to-day activities not limited	87,313	75.8%	77.3%	82.1%	
Aged 16-64	67,940				
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	5,209	7.7%	8.3%	5.8%	
Day-to-day activities limited a little	5,982	8.8%	8.6%	7.2%	
Day-to-day activities not limited	56,749	83.5%	83.1%	87.0%	



Disability

The Annual Population Survey (APS) contains disability figures, but as stated previously data from this survey are not robust at local authority level, due to the sample size. According to the 2021 APS, 24.9% of people of working age in Wales were disabled to a level that would limit their ability to work.

Table 2.2: persons with learning, sensory and / or physical disabilities in Conwy County Borough (2018/19)

Source: register of physically / sensory disabled persons; register of persons with learning disabilities, personal social services, Welsh Government

	Conwy	Wales	
	No.	%	%
All people (2018)	117,200		3,138,650
Sight impaired and / or deaf, and / or physically disabled	279	0.2%	0.4%
Physical disability only	49	0.0%	0.3%
Deaf and hard of hearing only	6,371	5.4%	0.9%
Total placements of persons with learning disability	620	0.5%	0.4%
Total with any disability	7,319	6.2%	2.1%

Note: these figures are an undercount of people with disabilities.

The 2019/20 and 2020/21 updates for this dataset was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was not available at the time this bulletin was published.

Unitary authorities in Wales keep a register of social service clients with learning, physical or sensory disabilities. However as the registers only contain people who have accessed services, they are an undercount of people with disabilities. Table 2.2 shows the latest published data for Conwy CB.

Table 2.3: people receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment benefits, August 2021

Source: DWP benefits data, NOMIS & Stat-Xplore

	Conwy CB		Wales	GB
	No. as % age group		as % age group	as % age group
All people	14,617	12.4%	12.0%	8.6%
Aged under 16	1,062	5.6%	4.9%	4.6%
Aged 16-66	5,681	8.2%	8.4%	6.2%
Aged 67+	7,874	26.5%	30.9%	22.7%

Note: these figures are an undercount of people with disabilities.



There is also some information available through the Department of Works and Pension (DWP) benefits data about people who receive Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment or Attendance Allowance benefits.

This is not a complete count of all people with disabilities as not everyone will claim benefits (for example if they are working), and some people who are disabled may not be entitled to payments. This data is available by main reason for claim and duration of claim as well as by age group.

Though not a measurement of disability, data is also available about people with entitlement to out-of-work benefits due to medical or incapacity reasons (Employment Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefits). In August 2021 the figure for Conwy CB was 4,133 claimants. A breakdown of this figure by medical reason for entitlement is available.

It is not yet possible to use the statistics published for Universal Credit to identify claimants with entitlement to out-of-work benefits due to medical or incapacity reasons, but this information will be added to this bulletin when available.

Carers

When looking at figures for disability and limiting long term illness, it is useful to look at the provision of unpaid care. The best source of data for this is the 2011 Census. It defines 'unpaid care' as any unpaid help, looking after or supporting family members, friends, neighbours or others because of long-term physical or mental ill-health or disability or problems related to old age. In Conwy CB, there were 13,605 unpaid carers.

Table 2.4: unpaid carers (2011)

Source: Census 2011, table KS301EW

	Conwy County Borough		Wales	England & Wales
	Number	%	%	%
All people in households*	107,247		3,063,456	56,075,912
Provides no care	101,623	88.2%	87.9%	89.7%
Provides 1 to 19 hours of care	7,813	6.8%	6.9%	6.5%
Provides 20 to 49 hours of care	1,814	1.6%	1.8%	1.4%
Provides 50+ hours of care	3,978	3.5%	3.4%	2.4%

^{*}does not include people living in communal establishments



Section 3: gender identity and gender reassignment

No data about people who are transgender is currently available at unitary authority or national level. Administrative sources cannot provide this data either.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) plans to identify options for meeting the user requirement for data and make a recommendation on how to take forward work on gender identity across ONS. However, there are public acceptability issues related to asking a question on this topic. Privacy concerns are especially relevant in the context of gender identity because those who have legally changed their sex from that assigned at birth are not obliged to reveal their gender history. ONS will consider with stakeholders the impact of this on the quality of any data that could be collected and whether the positive impacts of collecting data would be greater than the negative impacts.



Section 4: marriage and civil partnership

Marital status

The only comprehensive information we have on marital and civil partnership status at the County Borough level is from the 2011 Census. This data is now seven years old, and not wholly reliable. It should be used with caution.

There are no statistics about same-sex marriage available at the unitary authority level. The first same-sex marriages did not take place until 2014 and the data we have is from 2011.

Table 4.1: marital and civil partnership status, 2011

Source: Census 2011 table KS103EW

	Conwy County Borough		Wales	Vales England & Wales	
	Number	%	%	%	
All aged 16+	96,102		2,507,160	45,496,780	
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	27,729	28.9%	33.5%	34.6%	
Married	46,379	48.3%	46.6%	46.6%	
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	197	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	2,229	2.3%	2.2%	2.6%	
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	10,215	10.6%	9.7%	9.0%	
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	9,353	9.7%	7.9%	7.0%	

The Office for National Statistics produce annual estimates of marital status for Wales. The latest data (for 2020) estimates that:

- 34.6% of the population are single
- 49.2% are married (including same-sex marriage)
- 0.2% are in a civil partnership
- 7.7% are divorced
- 8.3% are widowed



Section 5: pregnancy and maternity

Data about births, fertility and conceptions are produced every year. They are robust national statistics.

Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics suggest that 82% of women will have given birth to at least one child by the time they are 45¹.

Conceptions

Conception and birth statistics do not count the same thing. Not all conceptions result in a live birth. Some conceptions result in multiple births. Data for any given year will also be counting different people, as a conception in 2020, for example, may not result in a birth until the following calendar year.

However, conceptions data give the best available estimate of the number of women who became pregnant in that year.

Table 5.1: conceptions, 2020 Source: vital statistics table VS1, ONS

	Conwy CB	Wales	England and Wales
Total conceptions	1,300	37,500	817,500
Conception rate	75.3	66.6	73.4

Conception rate = per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44.

Maternities, births and fertility

In 2020 950 babies were born to residents of Conwy County Borough.

After a long period of decline, fertility levels in England and Wales started to rise in the early 2000s. However, in the past few years they started to fall again, and it is thought the period of increase may have been a one-off blip caused by the cultural shift of a generation of women choosing to delay child bearing until their late 20s/early 30s.

Fertility levels in Conwy CB have broadly followed this trend, and it is estimated that with the current pattern of fertility the "average" woman will have 1.69 children in her lifetime. This is above the Welsh and England & Wales averages, but is well below the level at which the population naturally replaces itself (2.07 TFR).

Despite higher fertility rates amongst women of child bearing age, the crude birth rate (birth rate compared to total population) in Conwy CB is well below the national averages, due to the older age structure overall within the County Borough.

¹ Childbearing for women born in different years, England and Wales: 2020, ONS, January 2022



Table 5.2: maternities, births and fertility 2020

Source: birth characteristics statistics, ONS

	Conwy CB	Wales	England and Wales
Total maternities	1,000	29,400	633,100
% maternities which took place at home	2.2%	2.7%	2.1%
Maternity rate	60.2	52.8	56.9
Total live births	1,000	29,700	640,350
M:F ratio	1.14	1.05	1.06
Crude birth rate	8.6	9.4	10.8
GFR	61.0	53.3	57.5
TFR	1.83	1.54	1.65

Definitions

A maternity is a pregnancy resulting in the birth of one or more children, including stillbirths.

Maternity rate = maternities per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44.

Crude birth rate = per 1,000 residents.

General Fertility Rate (GFR) is the number of live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44. The GFRs have been calculated using the 2019 mid-year population estimates.

Total Fertility Rate (TFR) is the average number of live children that a group of women would bear if they experienced the age-specific fertility rates of the calendar year.



Section 6: ethnicity and national identity

Ethnicity

The most robust source of data for ethnicity at local authority level is the 2011 Census. White British is the largest group by far and is of a similar proportion within the total population to the national figure.

A breakdown of ethnic groups by age is available on request.

Table 6.1: ethnic groups (2011)

Source: Census 2011 table KS201EW

	Conwy County Borough		Wales	England & Wales	
	Number	%	%	%	
All people	115,228		3,063,456	56,075,912	
White British	109,911	95.4%	93.2%	80.5%	
Gypsy or Irish traveller	65	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	
Other white	2,573	2.2%	2.3%	5.3%	
Mixed	894	0.8%	1.0%	2.2%	
Asian or Asian British	876	0.8%	2.3%	7.5%	
Black or black British	199	0.2%	0.6%	3.3%	
Chinese	376	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	
Other ethnic group	334	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%	

The Annual Population Survey (APS) publishes annual figures which estimate the number of white and non-white people in the population of Conwy CB. However, this survey is sample based and so is subject to sampling variability, particularly at local authority level, where the sample size is small. This causes numbers to fluctuate from year to year. There are concerns about how robust and accurate these statistics are, so we recommend using Census figures for ethnicity at local authority level.

It is possible to obtain a figure for national level data from the APS, as the sample size is much more robust. The APS only provides figures for two categories – people from a white background or people from a non-white background. In 2020, 5.6% of people in Wales were from non-white background.



Ethnicity in schools

Schools monitor the ethnicity (and nationality in some instances) of their pupils. The latest available data for schools in Conwy CB has been grouped in the table below using the Census categories. Data has also been provided for new 'EU accession countries'.

The proportion of white British pupils is slightly lower than the 2011 Census figure for the whole population.

These figures are for school pupils educated in Conwy County Borough by the Local Education Authority and so do not include children resident in the County who are educated outside of Conwy CB, or children in private schools. The figures also include some children who live outside the area but are educated in Conwy CB's LEA schools.

Table 6.2: ethnic groups in Conwy County Borough schools

Source: Pupil	Level A	ınnual S	School (Census
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	2022		2011		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
All pupils	15,742		16,012		15,496	
White British	14,491	92.1%	15,181	94.8%	14,898	96.1%
Gypsy / Traveller	30	0.2%	12	0.1%	9	0.1%
Other white	355	2.3%	171	1.1%	156	1.0%
Mixed	430	2.7%	267	1.7%	146	0.9%
Asian or Asian British	149	0.9%	137	0.9%	57	0.4%
Black or black British	38	0.2%	20	0.1%	16	0.1%
Chinese or Chinese British	54	0.3%	33	0.2%	26	0.2%
Other ethnic group	73	0.5%	35	0.2%	25	0.2%
Unknown	122	0.8%	156	1.0%	163	1.1%
*EU accession countries	128	0.8%	30	0.2%	-	-

^{*}This sub-groups is also included in the 'other white' category and includes countries joining the EU since 2004: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia. This data was not collected in 2004.



National identity

47.6% of residents in Conwy County Borough consider themselves to be Welsh, compared to 65.8% in Wales. 28.5% of Conwy County Boroughs residents are English, compared to 13.8% across Wales. Only 2.5% of Conwy County Boroughs residents have an identity from outside the UK and Ireland.

Table 6.3: national identity (2011)

Source: Census 2011 table KS202EW

		Conwy County Borough		England & Wales
	Number	%	%	%
All people	115,228		3,063,456	56,075,912
British				
British only identity	25,056	21.7%	16.9%	19.1%
British and any other identity	9,053	7.9%	9.4%	10.1%
No British identity	81,119	70.4%	73.7%	70.9%
Welsh				
Welsh only identity	47,930	41.6%	57.5%	3.7%
Welsh and British only identity	5,009	4.3%	7.1%	0.5%
Other Welsh combined background identity	1,903	1.7%	1.2%	0.2%
No Welsh identity	60,386	52.4%	34.1%	95.7%
Other				
English*	32,811	28.5%	13.8%	67.1%
Scottish**	1,023	0.9%	0.6%	1.0%
Northern Irish***	268	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
Irish****	621	0.8%	0.5%	0.9%
At least one of English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British identities only	111,973	97.2%	96.1%	91.0%
Other identities only	2,845	2.5%	3.4%	8.1%

^{*} includes English only, English & British and other combined English identity

The Census also provides details on country of birth, and this can be used as a good indicator of national identity. Just over half of the population in Conwy CB was born in Wales, compared with 73% for Wales as a whole. Two fifths of the population in the County Borough were born in England, compared with just one fifth nationally in Wales.

^{**} includes Scottish only, Scottish & British and other combined Scottish identity

^{***} includes Northern Irish only, Northern Irish & British and other combined Northern Irish identity

^{****} includes Irish only, Irish & British and other combined Irish identity



Table 6.4: country of birth (2011) Source: Census 2011 table KS204EW & QS203EW

	Conwy County Borough		Wales	England & Wales
	Number	%	%	%
All people	115,228		3,063,456	56,075,912
People born in Wales	62,720	54.4%	72.7%	4.9%
People born in England	45,798	39.7%	20.8%	80.0%
People born in Scotland	1,306	1.1%	0.8%	1.3%
People born in Northern Ireland	432	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
People born in Republic of Ireland	790	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%
People born in other EU countries, members 2001*	917	0.8%	0.9%	1.6%
People born in other EU countries, accession countries**	741	0.6%	0.9%	2.0%
Poland	455	0.4%	0.6%	1.0%
People born elsewhere	2,507	2.2%	3.3%	9.0%

^{*}Countries included: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

The Annual Population Survey (APS) includes figures on nationality by local authority. As mentioned previously, this survey is based on a sample and the small number surveyed can cause fluctuations in the data, raising concerns regarding how robust it is at local level, so we recommend using Census figures for national identity at local authority level.

In 2021, it was estimated that 95.6% of people in Wales were UK nationals.

^{**}EU Accession countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia



Section 7: religion / belief

Religion

The only reliable source of data about religious affiliation is the 2011 Census. The table below shows that 'Christian' is the main religion in Conwy CB.

Table 7.1: religion (2011) Source: Census 2011 table KS209EW

	Conwy CB		Wales	England & Wales	
	Number	%	%	%	
All people	115,228		3,063,456	56,075,912	
Christian	74,506	64.7%	57.6%	59.3%	
Buddhist	347	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	
Hindu	206	0.2%	0.3%	1.5%	
Jewish	62	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	
Muslim	583	0.5%	1.5%	4.8%	
Sikh	17	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	
Any other religion	478	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	
No religion	30,017	26.1%	32.1%	25.1%	
Religion not stated	9,012	7.8%	7.6%	7.2%	



Section 8: sex

Population estimates

The size of the resident population in Conwy County Borough at 30 June 2020 was estimated to be 118,200 people. Just over half of these were women. Population data which includes gender breakdown is produced every year and is available at small area level. It is possible to use this data widely as a denominator for many indicators, as it is robust data with official National Statistic status.

Table 8.1: population by gender (2020)

Source: mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics

	Conwy CB		Wale	s	UK		
	Number*	%**	Number*	%**	Number*	%**	
Total population	118,200		3,169,600		67,081,250		
Males	57,600	48.7%	1,563,500	49.3%	33,145,700	49.4%	
Females	60,600	51.3%	1,606,050	50.7%	33,935,550	50.6%	

^{*}numbers are rounded to the nearest 50.

Male:female ratios

Table 8.2: male:female ratios (2020)

Source: mid-year population estimates, Office for National Statistics

	Conwy	Wales	UK
Male:female ratio	105.2	102.8	102.5
Aged 0-15	93.7	95.2	95.1
Aged 16-64	102.6	100.6	100.5
Aged 65+	118.2	116.8	118.9
Aged 85+	170.1	171.5	171.6

Definition

Male:female ratio – number of females in the population for every 100 males

The males:females ratio for Conwy County Borough is 100:105. The Wales ratio is 100:103 (UK ratio is also 100:103). This means we have a greater proportion of women in our population than the national averages.

- Males:females ratio for children in Conwy County Borough is 100:93.7. This is comparable to the ratios for Wales and the UK. This ratio is not quite equal, as more baby boys are born than baby girls.
- Males:females ratio for this age group is 100:102.6; for Wales as a whole and for the UK the ratio is 100:100.6 and 100:100.5 respectively.

^{**}percentage is calculated from unrounded data.



- Males:females ratio for this age group is 100:118.2. This is slightly lower than the rate for the UK (100:118.9) and higher than that for Wales as a whole (100:116.8).
- Males:females ratio for the very elderly in Conwy County Borough is 100:170.1
 For Wales the ratio is 100:171.5 and for the UK 100:171.6. The longer life expectancy of women is the cause of this imbalance.

Births, deaths and life expectancy

More boys than girls are born each year in Conwy CB. This is the same as the trend in Wales.

The overall death rate in the County Borough is higher than the Wales average, which is explained by the older age structure of our population (see section 1 for more details). When age structures are taken into account, Conwy CB has a lower death rate than the Welsh average.

At all levels there is a difference in life expectancy between men and women. Life expectancy has improved in the last ten years, but a difference between men and women remains. The gap is narrowed once the population is aged over 65.

Table 8.3: life expectancy

Source: period life expectancy tables, ONS

	Conwy CB		Wales		United Kingdom	
	2008- 2010	2018- 2020	2008- 2010	2018- 2020	2008- 2010	2018- 2020
Male - at birth	77.9	78.4	77.5	78.3	78.0	79.0
Male - at age 65	18.3	19.0	17.4	18.1	17.8	18.5
Female - at birth	81.8	83.1	81.7	82.1	82.1	82.9
Female - at age 65	20.9	21.8	20.1	20.5	20.4	21.0
Difference between male and female at birth	3.9	4.7	4.1	3.8	4.1	3.8
Difference between male and female at age 65	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.4

Note: life expectancy at birth is for babies born in that period, and life expectancy at age 65 is the additional years of life that someone aged 65 would expect to have.

The Population Bulletin produced by the Corporate Research and Information Unit has more information on this topic.



Section 9: sexual orientation

Sexual identity

Sexual identity is one part of the umbrella concept of "sexual orientation". Sexual identity does not necessarily reflect sexual attraction or sexual behaviour – these are separate concepts which are not currently measured by official surveys.

Sexual identity estimates are based on social survey data from the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is produced by the Office for National Statistics. The questions collect information on self-perceived sexual identity from the household population aged 16 and over in the UK.

Statistics about sexual identity are not available at Conwy CB level. The APS produces estimates at an all-Wales level, but data are not released for Conwy CB as they are sample based and not considered robust (the sample size is too small to be representative).

Below are the figures for Wales and the UK. It should be noted that the Equality and Human Rights Commission believe these figures are likely to be an undercount.

Note: the 2020 update for this dataset was delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and was not available at the time this bulletin was published.

Table 9.1: sexual identity in Wales (2019)

Source: Annual Population Survey, ONS

	Wale	Ш	
	Number	%	UK
Heterosexual / straight	2,408,000	94.4%	93.7%
Gay / lesbian	48,000	1.9%	1.6%
Bisexual	26,000	1.0%	1.1%
Other	25,000	1.0%	0.7%
Don't know / refusal	43,000	1.7%	3.0%

This is a sensitive issue. Some people will not be happy to share information about their sexual identity and the inclusion of questions about this can put people off answering surveys.

There is no reliable data about the size of the gay, lesbian or bisexual population in the UK. Estimates from various sources range from 0.3% to 10%, but they do not allow for non-reporting or misreporting and so the Equality and Human Rights Commission believe that none of these provide an adequate basis for an estimate.



Section 10: Welsh language

Welsh language ability

The Census is the most reliable and detailed source for data on Welsh speakers. It states that 27.4% of the population aged 3 years old or over are Welsh speakers – considerably higher than the all-Wales figure of 19.0%.

Table 10.1: knowledge of Welsh (2011)

Source: Census 2011 table KS207WA

	Conwy	Wales	
	Number	%	vvales
All aged 3+	111,724		2,955,841
No knowledge of Welsh	67,716	60.6%	73.3%
Understands spoken Welsh only	10,655	9.5%	5.3%
All Welsh speakers	30,600	27.4%	19.0%
Speaks but neither reads nor writes Welsh	4,603	4.1%	2.7%
Speaks and reads but cannot write Welsh	2,706	2.4%	1.5%
Speaks, reads and writes Welsh	23,063	20.6%	14.6%
Other combination of skills	2,981	2.7%	2.5%

Ability to speak Welsh is most prevalent amongst those of school age; 49.2% of 5-15 year olds can speak Welsh in Conwy CB, compared with 40.3% in Wales.

Table 10.2: Welsh speakers by age (2011)

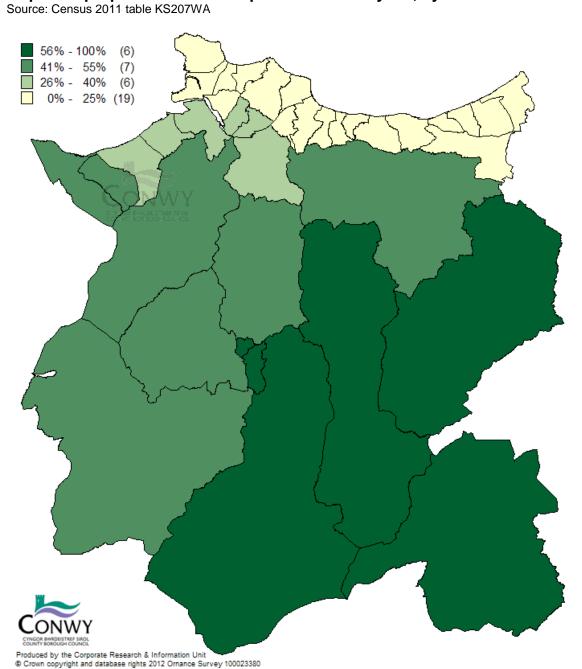
Source: Census 2011

	Conwy County Borough			Wales			
	Total	Speak Welsh	% Speak Welsh	Total	Speak Welsh	% Speak Welsh	
All aged 3+	111,724	30,600	27.4%	2,955,841	562,016	19.0%	
3 - 4	2,335	740	31.7%	70,686	16,495	23.3%	
5 -15	13,287	6,539	49.2%	377,995	152,255	40.3%	
16 - 19	5,239	1,953	37.3%	161,952	43,651	27.0%	
20 - 44	30,281	8,420	27.8%	968,546	150,742	15.6%	
45 - 64	32,420	6,703	20.7%	814,118	107,941	13.3%	
65 - 74	13,966	2,936	21.0%	300,550	45,112	15.0%	
75+	14,196	3,309	23.3%	261,994	45,820	17.5%	



In general, the incidence of Welsh speakers increases towards the west, and as one travels inland from the more highly populated coastal strip. Ability to speak Welsh is at a peak in the rural southern ward of Uwchaled (71% Welsh speaking), and at its lowest in the eastern coastal community of Towyn & Kinmel Bay (less than 12%).

Map 10.1: proportion of Welsh speakers in Conwy CB, by ward



The Annual Population Survey (APS) includes figures on the number of Welsh speakers by local authority. As mentioned previously, this survey is based on a sample and the



small number surveyed can cause fluctuations in the data, raising concerns regarding how robust it is. In 2020, it was estimated that 29.1% of people in Wales aged over 3 speak Welsh. The ONS, who conduct the survey, believe this is higher than the number in the Census because more people with limited knowledge are likely to have been included in the APS count. They state that the figures in the APS should not be directly compared with the Census, as it is likely that both surveys are measuring slightly different things.

The 2018-19 National Survey for Wales, which is again a sample survey, shows that for those aged 16+ 18.1% of respondents for the whole of Wales say they can speak Welsh, with an additional 14.6% saying they have some Welsh speaking ability.

Welsh language in schools

Table 10.3: pupils by school type in Conwy County Borough (2020/21)

,	Source:	Pupii	Levei	Annuai	School	Censi	JS

	Conw	у СВ	Wales
	Number	%	%
All pupils	15,857		
Pupils in Welsh medium schools	2,648	16.7%	16.4%
Pupils in bilingual schools	608	3.8%	5.1%
Pupils in dual stream schools	456	2.9%	1.7%
Pupils in English schools (with significant Welsh)	2,850	18.0%	2.4%
Pupils in English medium schools	9,049	57.1%	73.1%
Not applicable	246	1.6%	1.3%

Definitions

Welsh medium school: Welsh is day to day language of the school.

Bilingual school: at least 80% of subjects, except English and Welsh are taught through Welsh medium and also English medium.

Dual stream school: both Welsh and English are used day to day, depending on curricular provision. English schools (with significant Welsh): both languages are used in teaching, depending on context. English medium school: English is day to day language of the school (Welsh is also used).

Only 12.6% of pupils in Conwy CBC schools are fluent in Welsh. 16.7% of pupils are in Welsh medium schools, which is higher than the proportion of fluent Welsh speakers, and a further 24.7% of pupils are educated in schools which provide significant schooling through the medium of Welsh. More than half of all pupils are in English medium schools.

These figures are for school pupils educated in Conwy County Borough by the Local Education Authority and so do not include children resident in the County who are educated outside of Conwy CB, or children in private schools. The figures also include some children who live outside the area but are educated in Conwy CB's LEA schools.



Table 10.4: Welsh speaking pupils in Conwy County Borough (2020/21) Source: Pupil Level Annual School Census

	Conw	у СВ	Wales
	Number	%	
All pupils	13,538		
Speak Welsh fluently	1,706	12.6%	16.1%
Speak Welsh but not fluently	5,500	40.6%	33.9%
Cannot speak Welsh at all	6,332	46.8%	50.0%



Section 11: equalities statistics for Conwy County Borough sub areas

	West	North	Central	East	South	County Borough		
Age (2020 mid year population estima	Age (2020 mid year population estimates, ONS)							
All ages	28,900	20,600	33,200	22,550	12,900	118,200		
0-15	16.4%	14.0%	17.2%	15.2%	16.2%	16.0%		
16-64	57.6%	56.0%	56.4%	53.3%	57.7%	56.2%		
65+	26.1%	30.1%	26.3%	31.5%	26.1%	27.9%		
85+	3.8%	5.6%	4.5%	4.2%	3.7%	4.4%		
Limiting long term illness (2011 Censu	ıs)							
All people	25,624	20,701	33,947	22,032	12,924	115,228		
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	10.4%	11.9%	12.2%	15.5%	9.4%	12.1%		
Day-to-day activities limited a little	11.3%	12.5%	11.9%	13.7%	11.3%	12.2%		
Day-to-day activities not limited	78.3%	75.5%	75.9%	70.8%	79.3%	75.8%		
Unpaid carers (2011 Census)								
People providing unpaid care	11.7%	11.0%	11.7%	13.6%	10.6%	11.8%		
Marital status (2011 Census)								
All aged 16+	21,449	17,473	27,928	18,470	10,782	96,102		
Single (never married or never registered a same-sex civil partnership)	29.0%	30.1%	29.4%	26.3%	29.5%	28.9%		
Married	48.9%	45.2%	46.6%	51.3%	51.1%	48.3%		
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%		
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	1.5%	2.3%		
Divorced or formerly in a same- sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	10.8%	11.1%	11.3%	9.6%	9.3%	10.6%		
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	9.0%	10.8%	9.9%	10.2%	8.4%	9.7%		
Births (2020 ONS)								
Total live births	210	160	310	190	100	960		
Crude birth rate	7.2	7.6	9.3	8.3	7.7	8.1		

Definition: Crude birth rate = per 1,000 residents.



	West	North	Central	East	South	County Borough
Ethnic group (2011 Census)						
All people	25,624	20,701	33,947	22,032	12,924	115,228
White	98.3%	96.7%	97.0%	98.0%	99.0%	97.7%
Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	96.4%	92.6%	94.7%	96.6%	97.5%	95.4%
Other White	1.9%	4.1%	2.3%	1.4%	1.5%	2.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	0.7%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%
Asian/Asian British	0.7%	1.4%	1.5%	1.1%	0.3%	1.1%
Black/Black Welsh/Black British/ Caribbean/African	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Other ethnic group	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%	0.1%	0.0%	0.3%
Country of birth (2011 Census)					Ţ	
All people	25,624	20,701	33,947	22,032	12,924	115,228
People born in Wales	58.7%	50.8%	53.6%	46.8%	67.1%	54.4%
People born in rest of UK	37.9%	42.4%	41.6%	50.2%	30.2%	41.3%
Born outside the UK	3.4%	6.8%	4.8%	3.0%	2.7%	4.3%
Religion (2011 Census)					ļ	
All people	25,624	20,701	33,947	22,032	12,924	115,228
Christian	63.9%	65.1%	62.6%	67.5%	66.1%	64.7%
Any other religion	1.1%	1.9%	1.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.5%
No religion	27.4%	25.5%	27.5%	23.8%	24.1%	26.1%
Religion not stated	7.6%	7.5%	8.0%	7.5%	8.9%	7.8%
Gender (2020 mid year population esti	mates, ON	S)			_	
Total population	28,900	20,600	33,200	22,550	12,900	118,200
Males	48.8%	48.3%	48.7%	48.6%	49.6%	48.7%
Females	51.2%	51.7%	51.3%	51.4%	50.4%	51.3%
Male:female ratio	104.9	106.9	105.4	105.6	101.8	105.2
Aged 0-15	91.8	97.8	96.3	87.9	95.8	93.7
Aged 16-64	103.7	99.9	99.9	109.3	100.3	102.6
Aged 65+	116.8	126.2	125.6	108.8	109.2	118.2
Aged 85+	175.9	164.0	199.8	149.0	137.9	170.1
Knowledge of Welsh (2011 Census)						
All aged 3+	24,850	20,111	32,863	21,387	12,513	111,724
All Welsh speakers	32.2%	20.3%	20.5%	21.4%	57.6%	27.4%
No knowledge of Welsh	52.4%	67.2%	67.7%	70.2%	31.3%	60.6%

Definition: Male:female ratio – number of females in the population for every 100 males



Section 12: equalities statistics for comparative areas

	County Borough	North West Wales	North East Wales	North Wales	Wales	England & Wales
Age (2020 mid year population estimates, ONS)						
All ages	118,200	410,450	292,900	703,350	3,169,600	59,719,700
0-15	16.0%	16.8%	18.7%	17.6%	17.8%	19.1%
16-64	56.2%	58.0%	60.5%	59.0%	61.2%	62.2%
65+	27.9%	25.3%	20.8%	23.4%	21.1%	18.6%
85+	4.4%	3.5%	2.4%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Limiting long term illness (2011 Census)						
All people	115,228	400,587	287,350	687,937	3,063,456	56,075,912
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	12.1%	11.2%	10.0%	10.7%	11.9%	8.5%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	12.2%	11.5%	10.1%	10.9%	10.8%	9.4%
Day-to-day activities not limited	75.8%	77.3%	80.0%	78.4%	77.3%	82.1%
Unpaid carers (2011 Census)						
People providing unpaid care	11.8%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	12.1%	10.3%
Births (2020 ONS)						
Total live births	960	3,470	2,710	6,180	28,640	613,830
Crude birth rate	8.1	8.5	9.2	8.8	9.0	10.3

Definition: Crude birth rate = per 1,000 residents.



	County Borough	North West Wales	North East Wales	North Wales	Wales	England & Wales
Marital status (2011 Census)						
All aged 16+	96,102	331,696	232,888	564,584	2,507,160	45,496,780
Single (never married or never registered a samesex civil partnership)	28.9%	31.7%	31.4%	31.6%	33.5%	34.6%
Married	48.3%	47.0%	49.1%	47.9%	46.6%	46.6%
In a registered same-sex civil partnership	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Separated (but still legally married or still legally in a same-sex civil partnership)	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.6%
Divorced or formerly in a same-sex civil partnership which is now legally dissolved	10.6%	9.9%	9.8%	9.9%	9.7%	9.0%
Widowed or surviving partner from a same-sex civil partnership	9.7%	9.0%	7.4%	8.3%	7.9%	7.0%
Ethnic group (2011 Census)						
All people	115,228	400,587	287,350	687,937	3,063,456	56,075,912
White	97.7%	97.3%	97.7%	97.5%	95.6%	86.0%
Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	95.4%	95.3%	94.5%	95.0%	93.2%	80.5%
Other White	2.3%	2.0%	3.2%	2.5%	2.4%	5.5%
Mixed/multiple ethnic groups	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	2.2%
Asian/Asian British	1.1%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	2.3%	7.5%
Black/Black Welsh/Black British/Caribbean/African	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	3.3%
Other ethnic group	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%	1.0%
Country of birth (2011 Census)						
All people	115,228	400,587	287,350	687,937	3,063,456	56,075,912
People born in Wales	54.4%	61.1%	59.0%	60.3%	72.7%	4.9%
People born in rest of UK	41.3%	34.6%	35.8%	35.1%	21.9%	81.7%
Born outside the UK	4.3%	4.3%	5.2%	4.7%	5.5%	13.4%



	County Borough	North West Wales	North East Wales	North Wales	Wales	England & Wales
Religion (2011 Census)						
All people	115,228	400,587	287,350	687,937	3,063,456	56,075,912
Christian	64.7%	63.0%	65.0%	63.9%	57.6%	59.3%
Buddhist	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Hindu	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	1.5%
Jewish	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%
Muslim	0.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	1.5%	4.8%
Sikh	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%
Any other religion	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
No religion	26.1%	27.2%	26.3%	26.9%	32.1%	25.1%
Religion not stated	7.8%	8.1%	7.4%	7.8%	7.6%	7.2%
Gender (2020 mid year population estimates, ONS)						
Total population	118,200	410,450	292,900	703,350	3,169,600	59,719,700
Males	48.7%	49.3%	49.7%	49.5%	49.3%	49.5%
Females	51.3%	50.7%	50.3%	50.5%	50.7%	50.5%
Male:female ratio	105.2	103.0	101.1	102.2	102.8	102.1
Aged 0-15	93.7	95.6	95.5	95.6	95.2	95.0
Aged 16-64	102.6	100.7	98.8	99.9	100.6	99.9
Aged 65+	118.2	114.3	113.5	114.0	116.8	118.3
Aged 85+	170.1	169.6	147.0	161.7	171.5	167.6
Knowledge of Welsh (2011 Census)						
All aged 3+	111,724	387,443	276,365	663,808	2,955,841	-
All Welsh speakers	27.4%	43.5%	13.0%	30.8%	19.0%	-
No knowledge of Welsh	60.6%	45.9%	79.1%	59.7%	73.3%	-

Definition: Male:female ratio – number of females in the population for every 100 males