

Population estimates, 2018

	Wales	Wales (% of total)	UK (% of total)
Aged 0 to 15	562,709	18%	19%
Aged 16 to 64	1,923,929	61%	63%
Aged 65 and over <i>of which:</i>	651,993	21%	18%
Aged 65 to 74	359,535	11%	10%
Aged 75 to 84	210,040	7%	6%
Aged 85 and over	82,418	3%	2%
Total	3,138,631	100%	100%

Source: ONS

Household estimates, 2018

	Wales	% of households
1 person	434,567	32%
2 person (no children)	424,143	31%
2 person (1 adult, 1 child)	54,108	4%
3 person (no children)	91,731	7%
3 person (2 adults, 1 child)	85,876	6%
3 person (1 adult, 2 children)	25,367	2%
4 person (no children)	33,218	2%
4 person (2+ adults, 1+ children)	120,722	9%
4 person (1 adult, 3 children)	9,206	1%
5+ person (no children)	11,211	1%
5+ person (2+ adults, 1+ children)	65,079	5%
5+ person (1 adult, 4+ children)	3,526	0%
All households	1,358,755	100%

2011 Census household composition

These household estimates above are the preferred estimates for the current number of households in Wales. However the 2011 Census data below provide comparisons with household structure across the UK and is the only source of estimates of households by age.

Household Composition	United Kingdom	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
One family only: All aged 65 and over	2,131,191	1,789,465	115,928	178,972	46,826
Other household types: All aged 65 and over	75,044	61,715	4,452	5,598	3,279
Total numbers of households with all aged 65 and over	5,500,133	4,576,776	298,714	496,437	128,206

	United Kingdom	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
% single	30.6%	30.2%	30.8%	34.7%	27.9%
% lone parents with dep children	7.2%	7.1%	7.5%	7.2%	9.1%
% with dep children over 65 hh	28.9%	29.1%	28.2%	26.0%	33.9%
	20.8%	20.7%	22.9%	20.9%	18.2%

Unpaid carers

	Number providing unpaid care	% providing unpaid care
United Kingdom	6,506,457	10.3%
England	5,430,016	10.2%
Wales	370,230	12.1%
Scotland	492,231	9.3%
Northern Ireland	213,980	11.8%

Number providing unpaid care by age, Wales

Age	Age 0 to 24	Age 25 to 49	Age 50 to 64	Age 65 and over
Carer				
Provides unpaid care: Total	28,647	122,246	131,120	87,173
Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	20,858	74,770	81,283	34,745
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	4,338	18,095	18,919	12,584
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	3,451	29,381	30,918	39,844

Source: 2011 Census

% providing unpaid care by age

(note may differ slightly from above table as based on different Census analysis – given urgency no time to investigate further)

	Under 16	16 To 64	Over 65	All Ages
Wales	1.4%	14.2%	15.5%	12.1%
England	1.1%	12.0%	13.8%	10.2%
<i>Source: 2011 census</i>				

Social Care

Adults receiving care and support by age group, 2017-2018

	Aged 18-64	Aged 65-74	Aged 75-84	Aged 85 and over	Total aged 18 and over
Domiciliary care	4,894	3,787	8,047	11,868	28,596
Day Care	3,429	731	1,326	1,787	7,273
Respite Care	1,261	601	1,519	2,484	5,865
Reablement	829	1,482	3,694	4,896	10,901
Equipment	3,238	2,289	3,740	4,175	13,442
Adaptations	2,073	1,443	2,297	1,796	7,609
Direct Payments	4,000	692	676	894	6,262
Supported Accommodation	2,649	510	270	227	3,656
Sheltered Accommodation	259	468	516	433	1,676
Adult Placements	404	60	37	35	536
Adult care home (without nursing)	1,796	1,082	3,045	6,483	12,406
Adult care homes with nursing	290	731	1,813	2,990	5,824
Telecare	2,027	1,891	4,455	6,408	14,781
Advocacy (b)	679	109	132	114	1,034
Recreational, leisure and lifelong learning opportunities	1,796	164	80	33	2,073
Other (c)	1,206	395	741	1,139	3,481
Total of services (volume)	30,830	16,435	32,388	45,762	125,415
Total number of adults supported (count)	18,863	9,854	19,336	27,688	75,741

Source: Adults receiving care and support

(a) Data is based on 21 local authorities; Caerphilly was unable to provide data.

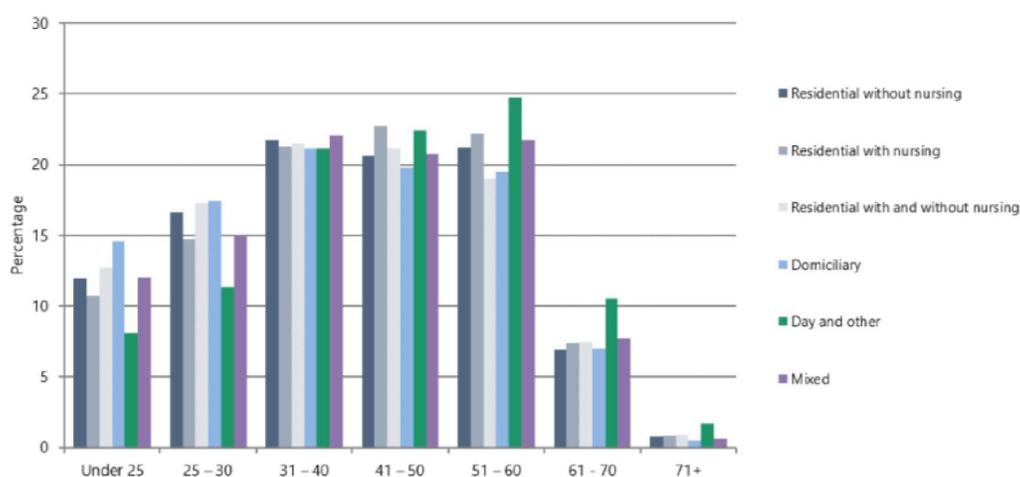
(b) Conwy and Merthyr Tydfil were unable to provide data.

(c) 'The 'other' category includes categories such as meals-on-wheels, meals at Home, meals provided at Day-care, short term service, community support, professional support and transport costs.

Social care workforce

There are estimated to be 53,000 people working for commissioned care providers in Wales in 2018¹, with around 48% in residential care and a further 30% in domiciliary care. 63% provided services for older people (65+). The chart below shows the age breakdown of the 53,000:

Figure 11: Percentage of staff employed by commissioned care providers by age and provider type, Wales, 2018



There were a further 21,100 directly employed social services staff in Wales as of 31st March 2019². 13,500 of those worked in adult services. The table below shows the age breakdown of care staff on the Social Care Wales register as of 1st April 2019:

Registered care workforce, April 2019

	61 or over	All ages	% aged 61 or over
Domiciliary care managers	84	773	11%
Adult care home managers	190	1,304	15%
Social workers	695	6,263	11%
Residential child care managers	8	231	3%
Residential child care workers	106	2,894	4%
Total	1,083	11,465	9%

Source: Social Care Wales

Note these figures will include some registered but working outside of Wales and may include some counted in more than one category.

¹ https://socialcare.wales/cms_assets/file-uploads/SCWWDP_commissioned-services_2018_eng_Final.pdf

² <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2019-10/local-authority-social-services-staff-numbers-31-march-2019-081.pdf>

Rurality

In 2011, 20% of the Welsh population (around 600,000 people) lived in built up areas of less than 2,000 people.

Around 60 per cent of the population were in settlements of at least 10,000 people, compared with around 80 per cent in England.

Welsh population by size of Built Up Area, 2011

	People ('000)		Share	
	Contig	Wider	Contig	Wider
Under 2,000	622	579	20%	19%
2,000 to 9,999	617	427	20%	14%
10,000 to 24,999	580	403	19%	13%
25,000 to 99,999	602	600	20%	20%
At least 100,000	643	1,054	21%	34%
Total	3,063	3,063	100%	100%

Source: ONS classification of Built Up Areas at Output Area level with usual resident population from Census of Population, 2011

Poverty

Children in relative income poverty, by number of children in the household

After Housing Costs, Wales, 2007/08-2017/18

Number of Children	Percentage in relative income poverty		Number
	2015/16-2017/18	2015/16-2017/18	
One child	28%		50,000
Two children	24%		60,000
Three or more children	40%		70,000
All households	29%		180,000

Population in relative income poverty, by family type

After Housing Costs, Wales, 2017/18

Family Type	Percentage in relative income poverty		Number
	2015/16-2017/18	2015/16-2017/18	
Pensioner couple	18		80,000
Single male pensioner	23		20,000
Single female pensioner	22		40,000
Couple with children	23		240,000
Couple without children	15		90,000
Single male - no children	28		90,000
Single female - no children	32		70,000
Single with children	44		110,000
All households	24		730,000

Yellow cells indicate data is considered low quality

Source; Households below average income dataset

Employee jobs (number) – excludes self-employed

	England	Wales	Scotland
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	156,500	15,000	41,000
Production and construction industries	3,599,000	229,500	381,500
All service industries	22,220,500	1,028,500	2,086,000
Selected services:			
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	3,983,500	177,500	343,500
Transportation and storage	1,278,500	42,500	106,000
Accommodation and food service activities	1,936,000	101,000	199,500
Information and communication	1,150,000	25,500	80,000
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,325,000	71,500	175,000
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1,029,500	90,000	156,500
Education	2,312,500	115,000	193,000
Human health and social work activities	3,306,000	212,500	389,500
Tourism industries (also included in categories above)	2,876,500	140,000	292,000

Employee jobs (percentage of jobs)

	England	Wales	Scotland
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1%	1%	2%
Production and construction industries	14%	18%	15%
All service industries	86%	81%	83%
Selected services:	0%	0%	0%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	15%	14%	14%
Transportation and storage	5%	3%	4%
Accommodation and food service activities	7%	8%	8%
Information and communication	4%	2%	3%
Professional, scientific and technical activities	9%	6%	7%
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	4%	7%	6%
Education	9%	9%	8%
Human health and social work activities	13%	17%	16%
Tourism industries (also included in categories above)	11%	11%	12%

Sources: <https://statswales.gov.wales/v/HYTB>

Public sector employment

	Persons employed in the public sector	Persons employed in the private sector	Percentage of persons employed in the public sector
United Kingdom	6,951,700	25,427,200	21.5
Wales	385,900	1,074,200	26.4

Source: <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Business-Economy-and-Labour-Market/People-and-Work/Employment/Persons-Employed/publicprivatesectoremployment-by-welshlocalauthority-status>

Self-employed and zero hours

At September 2019, 14% of workforce jobs in Wales were self-employed compared with 12.9% in the UK as a whole.

Latest ONS statistics for October-December 2019 estimate that 50,000 people aged 16 or over were on zero-hours contracts, 3.4 per cent of people in employment. This is slightly higher than the UK at 3.0 per cent but is unlikely to be a statistically significant difference (this has not been tested).

Sources: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2020-02/key-economic-statistics-february-2020-439.pdf>

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