

Profile of Wales

Source: 2001 Census

Population

Total	2,903,085
Males	1,403,782
Females	1,499,303

Age Structure (%)

0 - 4 years	5.8
5 - 15 years	14.4
16 - 17 years	2.6
18 - 29 years	14.0
30 - 44 years	20.9
45 - 64 years	24.9
65 years and over	17.4
75 years and over	8.3

Ethnic Group (%)

White	97.9
Mixed	0.6
Asian or Asian British	0.9
Black or Black British	0.2
Chinese	0.2
Other	0.2
% of all people identifying themselves as Welsh	14.4

Marital Status (%)

All people aged 16+	2,315,930
Single (never married)	28.0
Married	44.6
Re-married	7.4
Separated (but still legally married)	1.9
Divorced	8.7
Widowed	9.4

Health and Provision of Unpaid Care

% of people with limiting long term illness	23.3
% of working age with limiting long term illness	18.4
% of people whose health was:	
Good	65.1
Fairly good	22.5
Not good	12.4
All people who provide unpaid care	340,745
% of people who provide unpaid care:	
1 - 19 hours per week	61.1
20 - 49 hours per week	12.6
50 hours or more per week	26.3

Economic Activity

Total males 16 - 74 years	1,014,606
Total females 16 - 74 years	1,060,741

% males 16 - 74 years who are econ. active	67.7
% females 16 - 74 years who are econ. active	54.5

% males 16 - 74 years who are:	
Working full time	46.5
Working part time	3.1
Self employed	11.4
Unemployed	4.7
Full time student	2.0

% females 16 - 74 years who are:	
Working full time	19.1
Working part time	26.3
Self employed	4.1
Unemployed	2.4
Full time student	2.6

Economic Inactivity

% males 16 - 74 years who are econ. inactive	32.3
% females 16 - 74 years who are econ. inactive	45.5

% males 16 - 74 years who are:	
Retired	12.9
Student	5.1
Looking after home/family	1.1
Permanently sick/disabled	10.2
Other	2.9

% females 16 - 74 years who are:	
Retired	16.6
Student	5.2
Looking after home/family	11.4
Permanently sick/disabled	8.3
Other	4.0

Hours Worked (%)

Males:	
15 hours and under	3.2
16 - 30 hours	6.2
31 - 37 hours	16.2
38 - 48 hours	52.0
49 hours or more	22.4

Females:	
15 hours and under	13.4
16 - 30 hours	30.3
31 - 37 hours	23.5
38 - 48 hours	26.5
49 hours or more	6.2

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Industry of Employment (%)

Agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing	2.5
Mining & quarrying	0.3
Manufacturing	17.3
Electricity, gas & water supply	1.0
Construction	7.1
Wholesale & retail, repair of motor vehicles	16.3
Hotels & catering	5.4
Transport, storage & communication	5.5
Financial intermediation	3.3
Real estate, renting & business activities	8.5
Public administration & defence	6.8
Education	8.1
Health & Social Work	13.0
Other industries	4.8

Occupation Groups (%)

Managers & senior officials	12.2
Professional	10.4
Associate professional & technical	12.8
Administrative & secretarial	12.2
Skilled trades	13.4
Personal services	7.4
Sales & customer service	8.0
Process, plant & machine operatives	10.2
Elementary occupations	13.3

Qualifications (%)

No qualifications	33.0
Highest qualification:	
1+ O level passes, 1+ CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ	15.5
5+ O level passes, 5+ CSEs (grade 1), 5+ GCSEs (grade A-C), 1+ A/AS levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ	19.8
2+ A levels, 4+ AS levels, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ	7.1
First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4/5, HNC/D, professional qualifications	17.4
Other qualifications/level unknown	7.2

Travel to Work (%)

Train	1.2
Bus, minibus or coach	5.3
Motorcycle, scooter or moped	0.7
Driving a car or van	61.2
Passenger in a car or van	9.0
Taxi or minicab	0.5
Bicycle	1.4
On foot	10.4
Other	0.5
Work mainly at or from home	9.7

Car/Van Ownership (%)

Households with no car/van	25.9
Households with one car/van	45.5
Households with two cars/vans	22.9
Households with three or more cars/vans	5.6

Household Spaces and Accommodation Type

All household spaces	1,209,048
% Detached house	27.1
% Semi-detached house	31.7
% Terraced house	29.5
% Flat, maisonette or apartment	11.4
% Caravan/other mobile or temporary structure	0.4
% Vacant or second residence/holiday accomm.	5.5

Household Tenure (%)

Owner occupied	71.3
Rented from local authority	13.7
Rented from housing assoc/reg. social landlord	4.2
Rented from private landlord/letting agency	7.4
Other	3.3

Household Composition (%)

One person OAP households	15.5
Households containing only OAPs (more than one)	9.6
One person households	13.7
Married/cohabiting couple households with:	
no children	16.9
dependent children	20.8
all children non-dependent	6.9
Lone parent households with:	
dependent children	7.3
all children non-dependent	3.4
Other households	6.0

Knowledge of Welsh (%)

All people 3 years and over	2,805,701
% people 3 years and over who:	
Understand spoken Welsh only	4.9
Speak but do not read/write Welsh	2.8
Speak and read but do not write Welsh	1.4
Speak, read and write Welsh	16.3
Have another combination of skills	3.0
% with no knowledge of Welsh	71.6