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Dwyfor & North Meirionnydd

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2024 (ONS MYE)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2024	40,450		693,950	3,167,350	66,605,800
Males	19,900	49.0%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	20,750	51.0%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	6,200	15.2%	16.7%	17.1%	18.1%
Aged 16-29	5,450	13.4%	14.7%	16.7%	17.4%
Aged 30-44	6,450	15.8%	17.6%	18.9%	20.4%
Aged 45-65	11,850	29.1%	28.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Aged 66-84	9,000	22.2%	19.6%	17.7%	15.4%
Aged 85+	1,700	4.2%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2024 (persons/ha)		0.38	1.13	1.54	2.94
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2014 (10 years)	41,650	-2.4%	1.1%	3.7%	7.3%
Mid-year population 2023 (last year)	40,450	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	26,878	67.2%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	1,422	3.6%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	38,333	95.8%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	982	2.5%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	336	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	342	0.9%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	19,541	48.9%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	536	1.3%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	17,052	42.6%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	26,795	68.7%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	9,097	23.3%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	7,713	19.3%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	3,519	8.8%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

Patients with chronic illness, by GP cluster (Digital Health and Care Wales disease registers, April 2025)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales
Any mental health condition	9,250	24.4%	26.5%	24.0%
Any chronic condition	6,150	16.2%	15.5%	14.8%
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	7,600	20.0%	17.9%	16.3%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	4,300	13.3%	14.8%	14.4%
Asthma	2,900	7.6%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	2,650	8.3%	8.3%	8.4%
Cancer	1,900	5.0%	4.3%	3.7%
Coronary heart disease	1,300	3.4%	3.6%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,050	2.8%	2.7%	2.3%
Dementia	350	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Learning disability	200	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%

* lung diseases including chronic bronchitis and emphysema

Based on clusters of GP surgeries as identified by local health boards. The health boards have formally developed arrangements for small groups of GP practices to work collaboratively to develop services in the community, serving populations of between 30 and 50 thousand patients. Clusters are best fit to the sub areas and do not exactly match the same boundaries.

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Housing and living arrangements

Households (Census 2021)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	**18,103**		**301,374**	**1,347,114**	**24,783,199**
Household composition					
All one person households	6,504	35.9%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	3,365	18.6%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	3,928	21.7%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	934	5.2%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	5,621	31.1%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	39,431	98.6%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.18	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	705	3.9%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	460	2.5%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	2,756	15.2%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	12,497	69.0%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	2,639	14.6%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	2,922	16.1%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2024)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	23,280	100%	335,220	1,478,110
Band A	3,800	16.4%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	5,230	22.5%	18.1%	20.7%
Band C	3,850	16.6%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	4,180	18.0%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	3,740	16.1%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	1,860	8.0%	8.5%	8.3%
Band G	550	2.4%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	50	0.2%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	20	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%

House prices (Land Registry, 2024; CACI PayCheck, 2024)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd	North Wales	Wales	E & W
Median (All house types)	£ 190,000	£ 194,000	£ 200,000	£ 275,000
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 137,860	£ 145,813	£ 140,000	£ 180,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)	5.3	5.3	5.4	6.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)	6.7	6.9	6.7	7.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2025)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	2,840	100%	59,780	288,965	5,918,480
- housing benefit	875	30.8%	29.6%	27.3%	27.0%
- Universal Credit housing element	1,965	69.2%	70.4%	72.7%	73.0%
- social rented	1,950	67.5%	67.2%	68.9%	64.5%
- private rented	890	30.7%	31.4%	29.8%	33.4%
- households with children	1,035	36.5%	39.7%	39.3%	40.9%
- single person aged 16-65	945	33.3%	33.9%	36.3%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	610	21.5%	18.9%	17.1%	16.2%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2024/25	2,357	57.98	76.20	81.45	85.91
Violence against the person	1,135	27.92	35.96	33.72	31.39
Theft & handling	354	8.71	12.76	14.14	19.15
Criminal damage & arson	260	6.40	8.29	8.32	7.50

**annual crime rate per 1,000 population*

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	**17,615**		**313,304**	**1,368,454**	**27,773,661**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	994	5.6%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	518	2.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	893	5.1%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	2,033	11.5%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	2,445	13.9%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	482	2.7%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,848	10.5%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	720	4.1%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	638	3.6%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	912	5.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,177	6.7%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,610	9.1%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	2,411	13.7%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	934	5.3%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	4,235	24.0%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	5,925	17.7%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	10,866	32.5%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	**33,473**		**568,242**	**2,559,416**	**48,566,373**
Managerial & professional	9,510	28.4%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	11,280	33.7%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	8,813	26.3%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	3,870	11.6%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2025)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
November 2025	635	3.4%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
August 2025 (previous quarter)	555	3.0%	3.7%	4.1%	4.9%
November 2024 (previous year)	555	3.0%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
November 2020 (5 years ago)	1,135	4.8%	7.1%	7.4%	7.7%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Nov-25)*	130	20.5%	21.7%	23.0%	19.7%
Claimants aged 50+ (Nov-25)*	190	29.9%	24.0%	21.2%	22.4%

*Rounded to nearest 5. * % is of all claimants.*

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Income and benefits

Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2024)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	£	%			
Median income (annual)	35,500		36,850	36,900	42,700
Lower quartile	20,700		21,050	21,000	23,650
Households below 60% GB median (=<£25,613)		30.5%	29.6%	29.7%	24.9%

Benefits (DWP, May 2025)

There is a discontinuity in the benefits data, as Universal Credit is rolled out and starts to replace older awards systems.
% is of all in that age group.

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB / E & W
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	335	5.4%	7.8%	7.5%	7.4%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	3,860	16.3%	18.8%	19.6%	17.9%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	0	-	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	745	3.1%	3.7%	4.2%	2.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	40	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	1,875	7.9%	10.5%	11.3%	8.0%
Carers' Allowance	530	2.2%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	10,560				
Pension Credit	1,225	11.4%	11.9%	12.5%	11.5%
Attendance Allowance	1,890	17.6%	18.3%	18.9%	15.5%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	280	2.6%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	470	4.4%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
Carers' Allowance	300	2.8%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

Children in low income families - relative income poverty (DWP, 2023/24)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	1,530	24.7%	20.4%	20.0%	18.4%
Children in out-of-work families	555	9.0%	8.7%	9.8%	8.4%
Total	**2,085**	**33.7%**	**29.1%**	**29.8%**	**26.8%**

As % all children aged 0-15. 'In work' is working 16 hrs a week or more. Relative income poverty = below 60% of UK median.

Welsh index of multiple deprivation (Welsh Government, 2025)

	Dwyfor/North Meirionnydd		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	25		417	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	**10%**	**25%**	**10%**	**25%**
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	0	1	25	73
Income	0	0	30	80
Employment	0	0	24	69
Health	0	0	32	77
Education	0	0	23	72
Access to services	9	16	58	125
Housing	0	1	50	113
Community safety	0	2	8	39
Physical environment	15	22	56	129

Deprivation data shows how many lower super output areas (LSOAs) in the area are in the 10% and 25% most deprived LSOAs in Wales.

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Key messages for primary care clusters from the Population Needs Assessment

- **Children and young people:** Numbers projected to decline but need for support may increase with, for example, an increase in neurodevelopmental and mental health conditions. Priorities include early years, neurodivergence, children receiving care and support, disabled children, young carers, young refugees and asylum seekers, and implementing the NYTH/NEST framework for mental health and well-being.
- **Older people:** The increasing number and proportion of older people in population over the next 10 years will likely lead to an increase in the number of people with dementia and changes to the amount and type of care needed to support increasingly complex needs, including nursing needs. Priorities include working together to support people to remain at home, supporting people to live well with dementia, falls prevention, supporting people to be more active (such as more inclusive leisure services) and, housing and accommodation (new and adapted homes suitable for changing needs).
- **Disabled people (physical and sensory impairment)**: Priorities include accessibility of public services, spaces and information and a commitment to working with disabled people to remove barriers to health and care services.
- **People with learning disabilities**: The population is expected to increase, particularly in the 65 and over age group due to increased life expectancy. Priorities include inclusive communities, accommodation, assistive technology, and employment opportunities. Also need to reduce health inequalities through reasonable adjustments to services and annual health checks by GPs.
- **Autistic people**: The population is expected to increase as assessment is more widely available. Priorities include implementing the code of practice for autism services, raising awareness, mental health and well-being, education, and employment.
- **Mental health**: Priorities include early intervention before people reach crisis point and addressing wider determinants which influence mental health.
- **Unpaid carers**: Issues within wider social care workforce recruitment and retention are leading to additional demands on unpaid carers. Priorities include early identification and awareness raising, opportunities for breaks from caring (respite) and improving unpaid carer assessments.
- **Veterans:** Priorities include the Armed Forces Covenant, see health care toolkit.
- **Refugees and asylum seekers:** Priorities are mental health support and partnership working between health, various council departments, voluntary and community organisations and other public services.

Cross-cutting themes affecting all population groups: recruitment and retention of the workforce, socio-economic disadvantage (including an increase in poverty leading to increase in demand for services), digital inclusion, Welsh language 'Active Offer', equality and human rights, housing, loneliness and isolation, social value, co-production and citizen voice, prevention and early intervention, safeguarding, reduction of health inequalities, violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence and Covid-19.

More information

- North Wales Population Needs Assessment: information about the care and support needs of people in North Wales and the support needs of carers.
- Prevention and early intervention includes tackling the wider determinants of health including poverty, housing and environment as well as timely access to health and social care. For more information see the early intervention and prevention evidence map and Public Services Board Well-being Assessments.
- Regional Partnership Board: more information about work underway to address these needs.
- Our local authority partners can provide information about priorities in their area and within their services.

- Local Development Plans. Where any new large-scale housing developments or future population growth would cause capacity problems, planning policy teams may be able to help access funding from housing developers towards medical centres.

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