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North West Wrexham

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2024 (ONS MYE)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2024	33,000		693,950	3,167,350	66,605,800
Males	16,150	48.7%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	17,000	51.3%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	5,850	17.7%	16.7%	17.1%	18.1%
Aged 16-29	4,700	14.1%	14.7%	16.7%	17.4%
Aged 30-44	6,000	18.2%	17.6%	18.9%	20.4%
Aged 45-65	9,300	28.2%	28.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Aged 66-84	6,350	19.2%	19.6%	17.7%	15.4%
Aged 85+	850	2.6%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2024 (persons/ha)		4.47	1.13	1.54	2.94
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2014 (10 years)	33,250	-0.3%	1.1%	3.7%	7.3%
Mid-year population 2023 (last year)	33,000	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	22,212	68.2%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	1,420	4.4%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	30,830	94.6%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	836	2.6%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	336	1.0%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	576	1.8%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	16,733	51.4%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	501	1.5%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	13,273	40.7%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	3,934	12.4%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	25,341	80.1%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	6,313	19.4%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	3,250	10.0%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
Any mental health condition	10,250	27.3%	26.5%	24.0%
Any chronic condition	5,700	15.3%	15.5%	14.8%
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	6,700	18.0%	17.9%	16.3%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	5,400	17.4%	14.8%	14.4%
Asthma	3,000	8.0%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	2,450	8.0%	8.3%	8.4%
Cancer	1,700	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%
Coronary heart disease	1,300	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	950	2.5%	2.7%	2.3%
Dementia	300	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%
Learning disability	100	0.3%	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)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	**13,927**		**301,374**	**1,347,114**	**24,783,199**
Household composition					
All one person households	3,931	28.2%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	1,934	13.9%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	3,866	27.8%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	958	6.9%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	3,585	25.7%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	32,199	98.8%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.31	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	109	0.8%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	419	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	1,907	13.7%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	10,057	72.2%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	2,254	16.2%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	1,587	11.4%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2024)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	14,880	100%	335,220	1,478,110
Band A	670	4.5%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	1,960	13.2%	18.1%	20.7%
Band C	4,280	28.8%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	2,520	17.0%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	2,400	16.2%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	1,780	12.0%	8.5%	8.3%
Band G	870	5.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	300	2.0%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	100	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	North West Wrexham	North Wales	Wales	E & W
Median (All house types)	£ 225,000	£ 194,000	£ 200,000	£ 275,000
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 169,250	£ 145,813	£ 140,000	£ 180,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)	5.6	5.3	5.4	6.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)	7.5	6.9	6.7	7.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2025)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	2,690	100%	59,780	288,965	5,918,480
- housing benefit	655	24.3%	29.6%	27.3%	27.0%
- Universal Credit housing element	2,035	75.7%	70.4%	72.7%	73.0%
- social rented	2,135	77.4%	67.2%	68.9%	64.5%
- private rented	555	20.1%	31.4%	29.8%	33.4%
- households with children	1,280	47.5%	39.7%	39.3%	40.9%
- single person aged 16-65	750	27.9%	33.9%	36.3%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	450	16.8%	18.9%	17.1%	16.2%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2024/25	1,829	55.23	76.20	81.45	85.91
Violence against the person	893	26.97	35.96	33.72	31.39
Theft & handling	208	6.28	12.76	14.14	19.15
Criminal damage & arson	255	7.70	8.29	8.32	7.50

**annual crime rate per 1,000 population*

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	**15,125**		**313,304**	**1,368,454**	**27,773,661**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	158	1.0%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	232	1.5%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	2,124	14.0%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	1,314	8.7%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	2,112	14.0%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	558	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	559	3.7%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	963	6.4%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	681	4.5%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	630	4.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,104	7.3%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,459	9.6%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	2,625	17.4%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	606	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	3,275	21.7%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	4,908	18.3%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	8,524	31.9%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	**26,756**		**568,242**	**2,559,416**	**48,566,373**
Managerial & professional	8,440	31.5%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	7,742	28.9%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	7,138	26.7%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	3,436	12.8%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2025)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
November 2025	435	2.6%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
August 2025 (previous quarter)	430	2.6%	3.7%	4.1%	4.9%
November 2024 (previous year)	435	2.6%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
November 2020 (5 years ago)	860	5.0%	7.1%	7.4%	7.7%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Nov-25)*	115	26.4%	21.7%	23.0%	19.7%
Claimants aged 50+ (Nov-25)*	85	19.5%	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)

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	£	%			
Median income (annual)	40,000		36,850	36,900	42,700
Lower quartile	22,650		21,050	21,000	23,650
Households below 60% GB median (=<£25,613)		26.6%	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.

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB / E & W
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	490	8.3%	7.8%	7.5%	7.4%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	3,620	18.1%	18.8%	19.6%	17.9%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	10	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	705	3.5%	3.7%	4.2%	2.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	50	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,090	10.4%	10.5%	11.3%	8.0%
Carers' Allowance	665	3.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	7,290				
Pension Credit	720	10.0%	11.9%	12.5%	11.5%
Attendance Allowance	1,245	17.2%	18.3%	18.9%	15.5%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	350	4.8%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	435	6.0%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
Carers' Allowance	245	3.4%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	North West Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	1,235	21.1%	20.4%	20.0%	18.4%
Children in out-of-work families	410	7.0%	8.7%	9.8%	8.4%
Total	**1,645**	**28.1%**	**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)

	North West Wrexham			North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	21			417	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	**10%**	**25%**		**10%**	**25%**
In each deprivation domain					
Overall Index	0	4		25	73
Income	1	5		30	80
Employment	0	5		24	69
Health	3	6		32	77
Education	0	3		23	72
Access to services	0	4		58	125
Housing	1	5		50	113
Community safety	0	1		8	39
Physical environment	0	2		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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