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Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2024 (ONS MYE)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2024	56,700		693,950	3,167,350	66,605,800
Males	27,550	48.4%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	29,300	51.6%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	9,400	16.6%	16.7%	17.1%	18.1%
Aged 16-29	7,800	13.7%	14.7%	16.7%	17.4%
Aged 30-44	10,000	17.5%	17.6%	18.9%	20.4%
Aged 45-65	16,600	29.2%	28.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Aged 66-84	11,350	19.9%	19.6%	17.7%	15.4%
Aged 85+	1,750	3.1%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2024 (persons/ha)		3.21	1.13	1.54	2.94
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2014 (10 years)	55,950	1.6%	1.1%	3.7%	7.3%
Mid-year population 2023 (last year)	56,700	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	28,859	51.0%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,150	3.8%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	54,373	96.1%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,125	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	467	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	590	1.0%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	29,442	52.1%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	631	1.1%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	22,901	40.5%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	7,431	13.5%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	43,048	78.1%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	10,342	18.3%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	5,411	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales
Any mental health condition	13,500	25.5%	26.5%	24.0%
Any chronic condition	7,700	14.5%	15.5%	14.8%
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	9,050	17.1%	17.9%	16.3%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	5,250	11.9%	14.8%	14.4%
Asthma	3,950	7.4%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,300	7.5%	8.3%	8.4%
Cancer	2,400	4.5%	4.3%	3.7%
Coronary heart disease	1,850	3.5%	3.6%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,100	2.1%	2.7%	2.3%
Dementia	350	0.7%	0.9%	0.8%
Learning disability	250	0.4%	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)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	**24,718**		**301,374**	**1,347,114**	**24,783,199**
Household composition					
All one person households	7,148	28.9%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	3,709	15.0%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	6,576	26.6%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	1,529	6.2%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	6,911	28.0%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	56,193	99.4%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.27	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	178	0.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	640	2.6%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	2,928	11.8%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	19,093	77.2%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	2,738	11.1%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	2,886	11.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2024)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	26,320	100%	335,220	1,478,110
Band A	960	3.7%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	1,970	7.5%	18.1%	20.7%
Band C	6,630	25.2%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	5,700	21.7%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	5,090	19.4%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	3,920	14.9%	8.5%	8.3%
Band G	1,630	6.2%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	310	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	110	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	South Flintshire	North Wales	Wales	E & W
Median (All house types)	£ 215,000	£ 194,000	£ 200,000	£ 275,000
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 170,000	£ 145,813	£ 140,000	£ 180,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)	5.1	5.3	5.4	6.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)	7.1	6.9	6.7	7.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2025)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	3,140	100%	59,780	288,965	5,918,480
- housing benefit	855	27.2%	29.6%	27.3%	27.0%
- Universal Credit housing element	2,285	72.8%	70.4%	72.7%	73.0%
- social rented	2,095	66.1%	67.2%	68.9%	64.5%
- private rented	1,045	33.0%	31.4%	29.8%	33.4%
- households with children	1,295	41.2%	39.7%	39.3%	40.9%
- single person aged 16-65	1,030	32.8%	33.9%	36.3%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	595	18.9%	18.9%	17.1%	16.2%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2024/25	3,165	55.65	76.20	81.45	85.91
Violence against the person	1,510	26.55	35.96	33.72	31.39
Theft & handling	479	8.42	12.76	14.14	19.15
Criminal damage & arson	373	6.56	8.29	8.32	7.50

**annual crime rate per 1,000 population*

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	**26,782**		**313,304**	**1,368,454**	**27,773,661**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	326	1.2%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	499	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	3,576	13.4%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	2,334	8.7%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,852	14.4%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	984	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,010	3.8%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,958	7.3%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	1,339	5.0%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	1,198	4.5%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	2,089	7.8%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	2,719	10.2%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	3,821	14.3%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	1,077	4.0%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	6,872	25.7%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	6,979	14.9%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	15,851	33.8%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	**46,918**		**568,242**	**2,559,416**	**48,566,373**
Managerial & professional	16,826	35.9%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	13,961	29.8%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	10,977	23.4%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	5,154	11.0%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2025)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
November 2025	765	3.0%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
August 2025 (previous quarter)	800	3.1%	3.7%	4.1%	4.9%
November 2024 (previous year)	780	3.0%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
November 2020 (5 years ago)	1,520	5.1%	7.1%	7.4%	7.7%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Nov-25)*	160	20.9%	21.7%	23.0%	19.7%
Claimants aged 50+ (Nov-25)*	215	28.1%	24.0%	21.2%	22.4%

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

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Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2024)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
	£	%			
Median income (annual)	42,400		36,850	36,900	42,700
Lower quartile	24,100		21,050	21,000	23,650
Households below 60% GB median (=<£25,613)		24.1%	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.

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB / E & W
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	555	5.9%	7.8%	7.5%	7.4%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	4,560	13.3%	18.8%	19.6%	17.9%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	85	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	930	2.7%	3.7%	4.2%	2.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	25	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	2,795	8.1%	10.5%	11.3%	8.0%
Carers' Allowance	755	2.2%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	13,295				
Pension Credit	1,065	8.1%	11.9%	12.5%	11.5%
Attendance Allowance	2,035	15.5%	18.3%	18.9%	15.5%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	450	3.4%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	600	4.6%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
Carers' Allowance	375	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	South Flintshire		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	1,885	20.0%	20.4%	20.0%	18.4%
Children in out-of-work families	975	10.4%	8.7%	9.8%	8.4%
Total	**2,860**	**30.4%**	**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)

	South Flintshire		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	35		417	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	**10%**	**25%**	**10%**	**25%**
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	1	2	25	73
Income	1	3	30	80
Employment	1	2	24	69
Health	2	2	32	77
Education	1	3	23	72
Access to services	2	7	58	125
Housing	2	6	50	113
Community safety	0	3	8	39
Physical environment	0	1	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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