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Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2024 (ONS MYE)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2024	19,000		693,950	3,167,350	66,605,800
Males	9,400	49.2%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	9,750	50.8%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	2,650	13.7%	16.7%	17.1%	18.1%
Aged 16-29	2,300	12.0%	14.7%	16.7%	17.4%
Aged 30-44	2,850	14.9%	17.6%	18.9%	20.4%
Aged 45-65	5,900	30.7%	28.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Aged 66-84	4,700	24.5%	19.6%	17.7%	15.4%
Aged 85+	800	4.2%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2024 (persons/ha)		0.18	1.13	1.54	2.94
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2014 (10 years)	19,250	-0.4%	1.1%	3.7%	7.3%
Mid-year population 2023 (last year)	19,000	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	10,287	54.8%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	684	3.6%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	17,980	95.8%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	443	2.4%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	178	0.9%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	169	0.9%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	9,562	50.9%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	288	1.5%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	7,524	40.1%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	9,748	53.0%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	6,829	37.1%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	3,703	19.7%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	1,748	9.3%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales
Any mental health condition	4,350	22.4%	26.5%	24.0%
Any chronic condition	3,600	18.5%	15.5%	14.8%
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	3,800	19.6%	17.9%	16.3%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	2,700	15.9%	14.8%	14.4%
Asthma	1,450	7.5%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	1,600	9.5%	8.3%	8.4%
Cancer	1,100	5.7%	4.3%	3.7%
Coronary heart disease	850	4.4%	3.6%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	650	3.5%	2.7%	2.3%
Dementia	200	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Learning disability	150	0.7%	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 Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	**8,913**		**301,374**	**1,347,114**	**24,783,199**
Household composition					
All one person households	3,372	37.8%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	1,768	19.8%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	1,709	19.2%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	434	4.9%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	2,900	32.5%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	18,482	98.5%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.07	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	346	3.9%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	181	2.0%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	1,546	17.3%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	6,009	67.4%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	1,218	13.7%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	1,668	18.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2024)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	11,460	100%	335,220	1,478,110
Band A	1,590	13.9%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	2,730	23.8%	18.1%	20.7%
Band C	2,220	19.4%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	1,940	16.9%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	1,710	14.9%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	830	7.2%	8.5%	8.3%
Band G	340	3.0%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	80	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	20	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	South Meirionnydd	North Wales	Wales	E & W
Median (All house types)	£ 186,625	£ 194,000	£ 200,000	£ 275,000
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 140,000	£ 145,813	£ 140,000	£ 180,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)	5.6	5.3	5.4	6.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)	7.2	6.9	6.7	7.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2025)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	1,360	100%	59,780	288,965	5,918,480
- housing benefit	480	35.2%	29.6%	27.3%	27.0%
- Universal Credit housing element	880	64.8%	70.4%	72.7%	73.0%
- social rented	870	63.6%	67.2%	68.9%	64.5%
- private rented	490	35.7%	31.4%	29.8%	33.4%
- households with children	430	31.7%	39.7%	39.3%	40.9%
- single person aged 16-65	475	35.1%	33.9%	36.3%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	335	24.8%	18.9%	17.1%	16.2%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2024/25	1,196	62.43	76.20	81.45	85.91
Violence against the person	586	30.59	35.96	33.72	31.39
Theft & handling	174	9.08	12.76	14.14	19.15
Criminal damage & arson	143	7.47	8.29	8.32	7.50

**annual crime rate per 1,000 population*

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	**8,299**		**313,304**	**1,368,454**	**27,773,661**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	600	7.2%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	151	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	571	6.9%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	833	10.0%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	1,042	12.6%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	246	3.0%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	875	10.5%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	287	3.5%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	316	3.8%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	399	4.8%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	511	6.2%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	795	9.6%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	1,210	14.6%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	463	5.6%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	2,257	27.2%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	2,940	18.3%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	5,206	32.4%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	**16,063**		**568,242**	**2,559,416**	**48,566,373**
Managerial & professional	4,588	28.6%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	5,508	34.3%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	4,143	25.8%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	1,824	11.4%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2025)

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
November 2025	275	8.4%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
August 2025 (previous quarter)	280	8.6%	3.7%	4.1%	4.9%
November 2024 (previous year)	320	9.8%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
November 2020 (5 years ago)	550	5.7%	7.1%	7.4%	7.7%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Nov-25)*	45	16.4%	21.7%	23.0%	19.7%
Claimants aged 50+ (Nov-25)*	85	30.9%	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)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	33,350		36,850	36,900	42,700
Lower quartile	19,450		21,050	21,000	23,650
Households below 60% GB median (=<£25,613)		33.4%	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 Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB / E & W
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	120	4.6%	7.8%	7.5%	7.4%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	1,695	15.4%	18.8%	19.6%	17.9%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	0	-	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	390	3.5%	3.7%	4.2%	2.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	25	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	940	8.5%	10.5%	11.3%	8.0%
Carers' Allowance	255	2.3%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	5,425				
Pension Credit	585	10.7%	11.9%	12.5%	11.5%
Attendance Allowance	910	16.6%	18.3%	18.9%	15.5%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	150	2.7%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	265	4.8%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
Carers' Allowance	135	2.5%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	South Meirionnydd		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	560	21.4%	20.4%	20.0%	18.4%
Children in out-of-work families	170	6.4%	8.7%	9.8%	8.4%
Total	**730**	**27.8%**	**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 Meirionnydd		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	12		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	1	23	72
Access to services	6	8	58	125
Housing	0	1	50	113
Community safety	1	4	8	39
Physical environment	5	8	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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