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South Wrexham

Population characteristics

Population, age and gender 2024 (ONS MYE)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
	Number	%			
Mid-year population 2024	48,950		693,950	3,167,350	66,605,800
Males	24,200	48.9%	48.9%	49.0%	49.0%
Females	25,250	51.1%	51.1%	51.0%	51.0%
Aged 0-15	8,500	17.2%	16.7%	17.1%	18.1%
Aged 16-29	7,100	14.4%	14.7%	16.7%	17.4%
Aged 30-44	8,750	17.7%	17.6%	18.9%	20.4%
Aged 45-65	14,300	28.9%	28.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Aged 66-84	9,350	18.9%	19.6%	17.7%	15.4%
Aged 85+	1,450	2.9%	3.1%	2.7%	2.5%
Population density 2024 (persons/ha)		1.15	1.13	1.54	2.94
		Change	Change	Change	Change
Mid-year population 2014 (10 years)	50,050	-1.2%	1.1%	3.7%	7.3%
Mid-year population 2023 (last year)	48,950	1.0%	0.5%	0.6%	1.1%

Population characteristics (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Born in Wales	33,328	68.5%	59.7%	70.9%	4.5%
Born outside the UK	2,062	4.2%	5.8%	6.9%	16.8%
Ethnicity - white British	46,321	95.2%	93.3%	90.6%	74.4%
Other white	1,252	2.6%	3.5%	3.3%	7.3%
Mixed ethnic group	398	0.8%	1.1%	1.6%	2.9%
Other ethnic groups	684	1.4%	2.1%	4.6%	15.4%
Religion - Christian	23,559	48.4%	49.8%	43.6%	46.2%
Other religion	694	1.4%	1.8%	3.6%	10.6%
No religion	21,217	43.6%	41.7%	46.5%	37.2%
(of persons aged 3+)					
Speak Welsh	6,790	14.4%	29.1%	17.8%	-
No skills in Welsh	36,155	76.5%	61.3%	74.8%	-

Health

Health and provision of care (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
People with limiting long term illness	10,119	20.8%	20.7%	21.6%	17.5%
People providing unpaid care	4,932	10.1%	9.7%	10.0%	8.4%

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

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
Any mental health condition	14,350	27.1%	26.5%	24.0%
Any chronic condition	8,050	15.2%	15.5%	14.8%
Hypertension (high blood pressure)	9,950	18.8%	17.9%	16.3%
Obesity (patients aged 16+)	7,450	16.8%	14.8%	14.4%
Asthma	4,250	8.1%	7.6%	7.1%
Diabetes mellitus (patients aged 17+)	3,600	8.2%	8.3%	8.4%
Cancer	2,150	4.1%	4.3%	3.7%
Coronary heart disease	2,000	3.8%	3.6%	3.4%
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease*	1,400	2.7%	2.7%	2.3%
Dementia	400	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%
Learning disability	200	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 Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
Total households	**21,201**		**301,374**	**1,347,114**	**24,783,199**
Household composition					
All one person households	6,447	30.4%	32.2%	31.9%	30.2%
- one person; aged 66+	3,194	15.1%	15.8%	14.6%	12.9%
All households with dependent children	5,813	27.4%	25.5%	26.5%	28.4%
- lone parents with dependents	1,755	8.3%	7.2%	7.6%	6.9%
All households of only pensioners	5,438	25.6%	27.2%	24.9%	22.2%
Population in private households	48,227	99.1%	98.3%	98.2%	98.3%
Average household size		2.27	2.24	2.27	2.36
Household facilities					
No central heating	219	1.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Overcrowded	688	3.2%	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%
No car	3,586	16.9%	17.3%	19.4%	23.3%
Tenure					
Owner occupied	13,587	64.1%	67.4%	66.4%	62.5%
Rented from social landlord	4,442	21.0%	15.6%	16.5%	17.1%
Other rented	3,119	14.7%	16.6%	17.0%	20.3%

Dwellings by council tax band (VOA, March 2024)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales
	Number	%		
Total dwellings	22,860	100%	335,220	1,478,110
Band A	1,880	8.3%	9.7%	14.5%
Band B	5,060	22.2%	18.1%	20.7%
Band C	6,070	26.7%	26.3%	21.8%
Band D	3,550	15.6%	18.4%	16.2%
Band E	2,730	12.0%	14.3%	13.5%
Band F	1,960	8.6%	8.5%	8.3%
Band G	1,120	4.9%	3.6%	3.7%
Band H	330	1.4%	0.7%	0.9%
Band I	160	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%

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

	South Wrexham	North Wales	Wales	E & W
Median (All house types)	£ 185,500	£ 194,000	£ 200,000	£ 275,000
Lower quartile (All house types)	£ 140,000	£ 145,813	£ 140,000	£ 180,000
Ratio income:houseprice (median)	5.2	5.3	5.4	6.4
Ratio income:houseprice (lower quartile)	6.9	6.9	6.7	7.5

Housing related benefits (DWP, August 2025)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Total claimants	4,655	100%	59,780	288,965	5,918,480
- housing benefit	1,350	29.0%	29.6%	27.3%	27.0%
- Universal Credit housing element	3,305	71.0%	70.4%	72.7%	73.0%
- social rented	3,615	76.7%	67.2%	68.9%	64.5%
- private rented	1,040	22.1%	31.4%	29.8%	33.4%
- households with children	1,980	42.5%	39.7%	39.3%	40.9%
- single person aged 16-65	1,305	28.1%	33.9%	36.3%	36.6%
- single person aged 66+	940	20.2%	18.9%	17.1%	16.2%

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Community safety

Crime incidences (North Wales Police)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
(year end 31st March)	Number	Rate*			
All crime incidences 2024/25	3,784	76.57	76.20	81.45	85.91
Violence against the person	1,851	37.45	35.96	33.72	31.39
Theft & handling	466	9.43	12.76	14.14	19.15
Criminal damage & arson	491	9.93	8.29	8.32	7.50

**annual crime rate per 1,000 population*

Economy and employment

Industry of employment (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All in employment (aged 16 and over)	**22,193**		**313,304**	**1,368,454**	**27,773,661**
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	621	2.8%	2.3%	1.8%	0.9%
Mining, quarrying, energy, water	430	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Manufacturing	3,101	14.0%	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%
Construction	1,957	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.7%
Wholesale & retail	3,040	13.7%	14.7%	14.5%	15.0%
Transport & storage	908	4.1%	3.7%	3.8%	5.0%
Accommodation & food services	1,009	4.5%	6.1%	5.2%	4.9%
Communication, finance, property	1,059	4.8%	5.4%	6.9%	9.9%
Professional, scientific, technical	890	4.0%	4.0%	4.4%	6.6%
Administrative & support services	1,149	5.2%	4.6%	4.2%	5.2%
Public administration & defence	1,464	6.6%	7.7%	9.2%	5.9%
Education	1,977	8.9%	9.4%	9.6%	9.8%
Health & social work	3,646	16.4%	17.0%	17.0%	14.7%
Other	942	4.2%	4.3%	4.2%	4.6%
Work mainly at or from home	4,406	19.9%	21.7%	25.6%	31.2%
No qualifications (all aged 16+)	8,332	20.9%	18.7%	19.9%	18.2%
Level 4+ qualification	11,496	28.8%	31.1%	31.5%	33.8%

Social class (Census 2021)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	E & W
	Number	%			
All aged 16 and over	**39,900**		**568,242**	**2,559,416**	**48,566,373**
Managerial & professional	11,002	27.6%	29.6%	29.6%	33.0%
Skilled	11,871	29.8%	29.3%	27.9%	27.4%
Part / unskilled	11,469	28.7%	27.1%	26.3%	23.4%
Students & other	5,558	13.9%	14.0%	16.2%	16.2%

Unemployment (claimant count) (NOMIS, 2025)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
November 2025	785	2.7%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%
August 2025 (previous quarter)	805	2.8%	3.7%	4.1%	4.9%
November 2024 (previous year)	885	3.1%	3.9%	4.4%	5.1%
November 2020 (5 years ago)	1,720	6.9%	7.1%	7.4%	7.7%
Claimants aged 16-24 (Nov-25)*	170	21.7%	21.7%	23.0%	19.7%
Claimants aged 50+ (Nov-25)*	190	24.2%	24.0%	21.2%	22.4%

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

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Household income (CACI PayCheck, 2024)

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	£	%			
Median income (annual)	35,350		36,850	36,900	42,700
Lower quartile	20,200		21,050	21,000	23,650
Households below 60% GB median (=<£25,613)		31.4%	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 Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB / E & W
	Number	%			
Children (aged 0-15)					
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	705	8.3%	7.8%	7.5%	7.4%
Working age (aged 16-65)					
Universal Credit	5,830	19.3%	18.8%	19.6%	17.9%
Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)	25	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)	1,185	3.9%	3.7%	4.2%	2.7%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	50	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	3,315	11.0%	10.5%	11.3%	8.0%
Carers' Allowance	1,060	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%	2.7%
Pensioners (aged 66+)					
State Pension	10,610				
Pension Credit	1,325	12.3%	11.9%	12.5%	11.5%
Attendance Allowance	1,930	17.9%	18.3%	18.9%	15.5%
Disability Living Allowance (DLA)	505	4.7%	4.1%	5.3%	3.2%
Personal Independence Payments (PIP)	835	7.8%	6.5%	8.4%	5.6%
Carers' Allowance	450	4.2%	3.7%	4.0%	2.7%

Poverty and deprivation

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

	South Wrexham		North Wales	Wales	GB
Children in in-work families	2,140	25.2%	20.4%	20.0%	18.4%
Children in out-of-work families	1,175	13.9%	8.7%	9.8%	8.4%
Total	**3,315**	**39.1%**	**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)

	South Wrexham		North Wales	
Total LSOAs in area	31		417	
No. LSOAs in most deprived:	**10%**	**25%**	**10%**	**25%**
In each deprivation domain				
Overall Index	1	6	25	73
Income	1	8	30	80
Employment	1	6	24	69
Health	1	8	32	77
Education	2	6	23	72
Access to services	5	14	58	125
Housing	2	9	50	113
Community safety	0	1	8	39
Physical environment	1	5	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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