

Appendix 1: People of Conwy

On Census Day 2021, the size of Conwy's usual resident population was estimated to be 114,741, a decrease of -487 (-0.4%) from the census in 2011. Overall, Wales saw a population increase of 1.4% and England and Wales saw an increase of 6.3%.

In terms of ethnicity, the population of Wales has grown increasingly diverse since 2011. In the 2021 Census usual residents in Wales identified as follows:

Ethnic Group	Percentage of Population (2011)	Percentage of Population (2021)	Change (%)
White	95.6	93.8	-1.8
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	2.3	2.9	+0.6
Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	1.0	1.6	+0.6
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	0.6	0.9	+0.3
Other ethnic group	0.5	0.9	+0.4

The latest Census data highlighted the following changes in terms of Conwy's population, with the figure in brackets referring to the change from the 2011 Census data:

- 94.1% White Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British (1.3% decrease)
- 2.8% White Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Roma or White Other (0.5% increase)
- 1.4% Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh (0.3% increase)
- 0.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African (no change)
- 1.1% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups (0.3% increase)
- 0.3% Other ethnic group (no change)

The ethnicity of pupils in school in Conwy in 2022, according to the latest Pupil Level Annual School Census, was as follows:

- 92.1% White Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- 2.5% White Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Roma or White Other

- 1.2% Asian, Asian British or Asian
- 0.2% Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African
- 2.7% Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups
- 0.5% Other ethnic group
- 0.8% Unknown

The Census 2021 data showed that 48.4% of Conwy’s population is male and 51.6% female. This is an increase of 0.3% in terms of the female population in comparison to the 2011 Census data.

In terms of age, there has been an increase in the proportion of people aged 65 years and over in the county, when comparing Census data from 2011 and 2021:

Age	Percentage of Population (2011)	Percentage of Population (2021)	Percentage Change
15 years and under	16.6	16	-0.6
16 to 64 years	59.0	56.6	-2.4
65 years and over	24.4	27.3	+2.9

In 2021, the average (median) age in Conwy was 49 years. This is higher than the median age of 42 years in 2011. The local authorities in Wales with the highest average (median) age were Powys (50 years), Conwy and Monmouthshire (both 49 years). The median age in Wales in 2021 was 42 years, and 40 years in England and Wales.

The 2021 Census provided updated figures around disability in line with the Equality Act definition of disability (people who assessed their day-to-day activities as limited by long-term physical or mental health conditions or illnesses are considered disabled). The data has been age-standardised to account for differences in population size and age structure. In Wales, in 2021, a smaller proportion and a smaller number of people were disabled (21.1%, 670,000), compared with 2011 (23.4%, 696,000).

Within Conwy, the breakdown in terms of people with a long-term health problem or disability, including conditions or illnesses relating to old age in 2021, was as follows:

Disability (age-standardised)	Conwy Population (%)
Disabled under the Equality Act: day-to-day activities limited a lot	9.2
Disabled under the Equality Act: day-to-day activities limited a little	11.3
Not disabled under the Equality Act	79.5

Approximately 10% of Conwy's population provided at least some unpaid care each week according to the 2021 Census (compared to approximately 12% in the 2011 Census). The breakdown, in terms of hours of unpaid care provided per week, was as follows:

Hours of unpaid care provided per week	Conwy Population (%)
Provided no unpaid care	89.8
Provides 19 or less hour unpaid care a week	4.6
Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	2.1
Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week	3.5

There were 950 babies born to residents of Conwy in 2020.

The most accurate data about religious affiliations comes from the 2021 Census. Within Conwy people identify or connect with the following religions 51% Christian (14% decrease from 2011), 41% no religion (15% increase), 0.7% Muslim (0.2% increase), 0.3% Buddhist (no change), 0.2% Hindu (no change), 0.1% Jewish (no change) and 0.5% other religion (0.1% increase). 6.4% of people did not answer the question on religion in 2021, compared to 7.8% in 2011.

The life expectancy of females (at birth) in 2020 was 83.1 compared to males at 78.4 (4.7 years difference). The life expectancy for someone who is 65 is a further 19.0 years for males and 21.8 years for females (a difference of 2.8 years).

The percentage of Welsh speakers in Conwy fell from 27.4% in 2011 to 25.9% in 2021. In 2021, there were around 1,600 fewer Welsh-speaking Conwy residents (over the age of three years) compared with 2011. The number of people who did not speak Welsh increased by 1,700.

In terms of the overall population, the 2021 Census highlighted a decrease of around 23,700 (1.2%) in the number of usual residents in Wales aged three years or older who reported being able to speak Welsh.

The number of people aged three years or older who reported being able to speak Welsh in 2021 was the third lowest recorded in a census ([Census 2021](#)).

The 2021 Census included questions on both sexual orientation and gender identity for the first time. The questions were both voluntary and were only asked of people aged 16 years and over. In Wales 3% of people aged 16 and over identified with an LGB+ orientation (compared to 2.5% in Conwy), and 0.41% of people aged 16 and over reported that their gender identity was different from their sex at birth (compared to 0.27% in Conwy), with a breakdown provided for both Wales and Conwy below.

Sexual Orientation of Population as a percentage, from the 2021 Census

	Conwy (%)	Wales (%)
Straight or heterosexual	89.2	89.4
Gay or lesbian	1.4	1.5
Bisexual	0.9	1.2
Other sexual orientation	0.2	0.3
Not answered	8.3	7.6

Gender Identity of Population as a percentage, from the 2021 Census

	Conwy (%)	Wales (%)
Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth	92.93	93.28
Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given	0.10	0.16
Trans Woman	0.04	0.07
Trans Man	0.06	0.08
Non-binary	0.04	0.06
All other gender identities	0.03	0.04
Not answered	6.81	6.32

An overview of how life changed in Conwy between 2011 and 2021 is available here: [How life has changed in Conwy: Census 2021](#).