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Population estimates

Source - calculated from 'Mid-2020 Population Estimates for 2020 Wards in England and Wales by Single Year of Age and Sex', Office for National Statistics

	Total Population in 2020	Percentage of County Population
Anglesey	70,440	
Gwynedd	125,171	
Aethwy and Seiriol	12,573	18%
Bro Aberffraw and Bro Rhosyr	8,819	13%
Caergybi and Ynys Cybi	14,133	20%
Canolbarth Môn and Llifon	15,006	21%
Lligwy and Twrcelyn	13,438	19%
Talybolion	6,471	9%
Bangor	30,519	24%
Caernarfon	33,798	27%
Dolgellau	10,558	8%
Ffestiniog	6,470	5%
Llŷn	19,441	16%
Penllyn	4,716	4%
Porthmadog	12,184	10%
Tywyn	7,485	6%

Population estimates – By Well-being Area

Source – Gwynedd Council Research Service

Population	Gwynedd 2019	Gwynedd 2043	% change
Total Population	124,560	132,200	6.10%
- under 15	19,595	20,127	2.70%
- 15 – 24 years old	17,322	18,263	5.40%
- 25 – 39 years old	21,751	23,181	6.60%
- 40 – 64 years old	37,512	36,596	-2.40%
- 65 – 74 years old	15,030	15,065	0.20%
- 75 +	13,350	18,968	42.10%

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Population	Bangor Area 2019	Bangor Area 2043	% change
Total Population	30,240	29,132	-3.70%
- under 15	4,553	3,604	-20.80%
- 15 – 24 oed	7,853	7,991	1.80%
- 25 – 39 oed	5,757	4,539	-21.20%
- 40 – 64 oed	7,624	7,179	-5.80%
- 65 – 74 oed	2,370	2,574	8.60%
- 75 + oed	2,083	3,245	55.80%

Population	Caernarfon Area 2019	Caernarfon Area 2043	% change
Total Population	33,566	39,660	18.20%
- o dan 15 years old	5,974	7,146	19.60%
- 15 – 24 years old	3,695	4,347	17.60%
- 25 – 39 years old	6,463	8,187	26.70%
- 40 – 64 years old	10,413	11,166	7.20%
- 65 – 74 years old	3,787	3,829	1.10%
- 75 +	3,234	4,985	54.10%

Population	Dolgellau Area 2019	Dolgellau Area 2043	% change
Total Population	10,495	10,193	-2.90%
- Under 15	1,420	1,216	-14.30%
- 15 – 24 years old	935	788	-15.70%
- 25 – 39 years old	1,551	1,456	-6.10%
- 40 – 64 years old	3,508	3,168	-9.70%
- 65 – 74 years old	1,640	1,687	2.80%
- 75 +	1,441	1,878	30.30%

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Population	Ffestiniog Area 2019	Ffestiniog Area 2043	% change
Total Population	6,491	6,937	6.90%
- Under 15	1,094	1,213	11.00%
- 15 – 24 years old	738	776	5.10%
- 25 – 39 years old	1,127	1,263	12.10%
- 40 – 64 years old	2,108	2,056	-2.50%
- 65 – 74 years old	777	729	-6.20%
- 75 +	647	900	39.10%

Population	Llŷn Area 2019	Llŷn Area 2043	% change
Total Population	19,441	20,845	7.20%
- Under 15	3,077	3,183	3.40%
- 15 – 24 years old	1,948	1,942	-0.30%
- 25 – 39 years old	3,106	3,594	15.70%
- 40 – 64 years old	6,240	5,821	-6.70%
- 65 – 74 years old	2,692	2,824	4.90%
- 75 +	2,378	3,481	46.40%

Population	Penllyn Area 2019	Penllyn Area 2043	% change
Total Population	4,681	5,526	18.10%
- Under 15	805	921	14.40%
- 15 – 24 years old	470	608	29.40%
- 25 – 39 years old	875	1,096	25.20%
- 40 – 64 years old	1,510	1,528	1.20%
- 65 – 74 years old	545	624	14.50%
- 75 +	476	749	57.50%

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Population	Porthmadog Area 2019	Porthmadog Area 2043	% change
Total Population	12,199	12,161	-0.30%
- Under 15	1,766	1,791	1.50%
- 15 – 24 years old	1,163	1,216	4.50%
- 25 – 39 years old	1,845	1,940	5.10%
- 40 – 64 years old	3,727	3,396	-8.90%
- 65 – 74 years old	1,914	1,620	-15.40%
- 75 +	1,784	2,198	23.20%

Population	Tywyn Area 2019	Tywyn Area 2043	% change
Total Population	7,447	7,744	4.00%
- Under 15	906	1,051	15.90%
- 15 – 24 years old	520	594	14.30%
- 25 – 39 years old	1,027	1,106	7.70%
- 40 – 64 years old	2,382	2,282	-4.20%
- 65 – 74 years old	1,305	1,178	-9.70%
- 75 +	1,307	1,533	17.30%

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Welsh Language Skills (as % of the population aged 3 and over)

Source – 2011 Census Data – ONS, Nomis Tabl KS207WA

	No Welsh skills	Only able to understand spoken Welsh	Able to speak Welsh	Able to speak, but unable to read or write Welsh	Able to speak and read, but not able to write Welsh	Able to speak, read and write Welsh	Another combination of Welsh skills
Anglesey	30.4	10.7	57.2	7	4.3	45.6	1.9
Gwynedd	26.5	6.9	65.4	5.8	3.4	56	1.5
Wales	73.3	5.3	19	2.7	1.5	14.6	2.5
Aethwy and Seiriol	30.4	10.8	57	7.4	4.5	44.9	1.9
Bro Aberffraw and Bro Rhosyr	23.7	7.9	67.1	6.4	4.5	55.9	1.6
Caergybi and Ynys Cybi	37.3	18.5	41.5	9.3	5	26.9	3
Canolbarth Môn and Llifon	26	8.1	64.6	6.3	4.1	53.9	1.6
Lligwy and Twrcelyn	34.6	9.2	54.8	6.2	3.8	44.5	1.7
Talybolion	26.1	6.7	66.3	5.4	3.8	57	1
Bangor	38.1	9.3	50.6	5.9	3.4	41	2.2
Caernarfon	13.3	5.4	80.4	6.5	3.6	69.9	1.2
Dolgellau	35.7	8.6	54	6.3	3.6	43.9	1.9
Ffestiniog	17.2	4.6	77.2	5.8	3.1	68.2	1.1
Llŷn	21	5.3	72.9	5.2	3	64.5	1
Penllyn	17.7	5.4	75.8	5.9	3.5	66.3	1.2
Porthmadog	25.8	6.6	66.6	5.3	3	58	1.3
Tywyn	51	8.7	38.6	4	3.4	31	1.9

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Welsh Language Skills (as % of the population aged 3 and over)

Source- Census Data 1981-2011 – Office for National Statistics

	1981	1991	2001	2011
Anglesey	61.6	62.0	60.1	57.2
Gwynedd	76.2	72.1	69.0	65.4
Wales	19.0	18.7	20.8	19.0
Aethwy and Seiriol	54.8	59.2	59.9	57.0
Bro Aberffraw and Bro Rhosyr	78.3	70.6	70.5	67.1
Caergybi and Ynys Cybi	51.5	51.4	46.2	41.5
Canolbarth Môn and Llifon	67.0	70.6	68.6	64.6
Lligwy and Twrcelyn	60.0	58.6	56.3	54.8
Talybolion	71.0	68.7	66.0	66.3
Bangor	66.1	64.5	58.3	50.6
Caernarfon	84.6	81.6	80.2	80.4
Dolgellau/Tywyn	59.1	53.0	51.4	47.6
Ffestiniog	86.6	82.4	80.0	77.2
Llŷn	82.5	76.4	74.4	72.9
Penllyn	85.3	80.6	77.7	75.8
Porthmadog	78.3	72.9	70.2	66.6

**the areas of Dolgellau and Tywyn had to be combined due to significant changes to boundaries over the decades*

Welsh Language Skills (population aged 16 and over)

Source – National Survey for Wales, 2019-20

	% who use the Welsh language in their everyday life
Anglesey	50
Gwynedd	61
Wales	10

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Use of the Welsh Language in the school yard - Percentage of Primary pupils

Source - Language Charter - Autumn Term 2019

	Always and Often	Never and Very Rarely	Sometimes
Gwynedd	64%	18%	19%
Bangor	46%	31%	22%
Caernarfon	84%	5%	11%
Dolgellau	23%	42%	35%
Ffestiniog	75%	6%	19%
Llŷn	72%	10%	18%
Penllyn	87%	2%	11%
Porthmadog	65%	14%	21%
Tywyn	7%	63%	30%

Use of the Welsh Language in the school yard - Percentage of Secondary pupils

Source - Language Charter - Autumn Term 2019

	Always and Often	Never and Very Rarely	Sometimes
Gwynedd	42%	40%	17%
Bangor	18%	65%	17%
Caernarfon	78%	8%	14%
Dolgellau	25%	51%	24%
Ffestiniog	78%	10%	12%
Llŷn	65%	17%	19%
Penllyn	55%	24%	21%
Porthmadog	42%	34%	24%
Tywyn	5%	83%	12%