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**2003-Based National and Sub-National Household
Projections for Wales****Introduction**

This release summarises the results of the latest national and sub-national household projections for Wales. The projections use the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2003 mid-year population estimates (MYEs) of the usually resident population as their base.

Background

Professor David King, of Anglia Ruskin University, carried out on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government, the production of sub-national household projections for Wales. The model used remains unchanged from that used for the previous 1998-based sub-national household projections, details of which are available in the document "1998-based Household Projections for Wales: Sources of Data and Methodology":

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/keypubstatisticsforwales/content/publication/population/2001/sb32-2001sources.doc>

A key input into the model is the sub-national population projections. The latest 2003-based sub-national population projections were derived by ONS from the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) national population projections.

It should be noted that both the population and household projections do not make allowances for the effects of local or central government policies on future population levels, distribution and change. They are merely an indication of what would happen if certain assumptions were realised.

Regional Groupings

The sub-national household projections, like the population projections, are presented for four regional groupings of unitary authorities (UAs) rather than individual unitary authorities.

These groupings are based on the National Assembly regions, as they existed prior to April 2005. These were deemed to be the groupings with the most potential use for policy makers and other customers. As it was not possible to split Gwynedd between the North Wales and Mid Wales regions, the whole of Gwynedd has been allocated to the "North Wales Authorities". For full details of how the unitary authorities have been split into regions, please see Annex A.

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Wales (Tables 1 & 2)

Between 2003 and 2026, the 2003-based household projections for Wales indicate:

- The total number of households is projected to increase by 242,900 (20 per cent) to 1,478,500.
- The number of households is expected to increase by more than the private household population, which is projected to increase by nearly 7 per cent to 3,084,400. This is due to changes in the age structure of the population and changes in the behaviour which both lead to a relative increase in the number of one person households. In 2026 the proportion of one person households is projected to account for 37 per cent of households compared to 30 per cent in 2003.
- The average household size is expected to continue to fall from 2.34 persons to 2.09.
- The number of married couple households are projected to fall by 8 per cent from 2003 to 2026. Therefore whilst married couples accounted for 47 per cent of all households in 2003, by 2026 it is projected that they will only account for 36 per cent of all households. In comparison, cohabiting couples are projected to increase.
- The number of single parent households is expected to increase by 20 per cent from 103,200 to 124,000. However in general the proportion of households which are single parent households remains roughly the same.

Table 1 – Household projections by type of household 2003-2026, Wales (Numbers)

	2003	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	Percentage change 2003-2026
Type of household:							
Married couple	585.8	576.9	562.9	554.3	547.5	538.2	-8.1
Cohabiting couple	98.2	114.3	134.5	150.1	161.1	169.2	72.3
Lone parent	103.2	109.7	116.3	120.3	122.7	124.0	20.1
One person	368.6	392.6	433.9	477.8	519.0	554.1	50.3
Other multi-person	79.8	81.5	84.7	88.2	91.0	93.1	16.6
All households	1,235.6	1,274.9	1,332.3	1,390.8	1,441.3	1,478.5	19.7
Private household population	2,894.0	2,935.0	2,973.2	3,016.4	3,056.7	3,084.4	6.6
Average household size	2.34	2.30	2.23	2.17	2.12	2.09	-10.9
Concealed families:							
Married couple	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	-43.3
Cohabiting couple	1.8	2.3	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.5	99.8
Lone parent	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	-23.6

Table 2 – Household projections by type of household 2003-2026, Wales (Per cent)

	2003	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026
Type of household:						
Married couple	47.4	45.3	42.3	39.9	38.0	36.4
Cohabiting couple	8.0	9.0	10.1	10.8	11.2	11.4
Lone parent	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.4
One person	29.8	30.8	32.6	34.4	36.0	37.5
Other multi-person	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3
All households	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Sub-national (Table 3)

Between 2003 and 2026, the 2003-based household projections for sub-national regions of Wales indicate:

- The number of households in all four regions of Wales are expected to increase, with the largest increase in South East Wales (22 per cent) and the smallest in North Wales (16 per cent).
- The average household size is projected to fall across Wales with the biggest fall expected in Mid Wales (nearly 12 per cent). Of all the regions only South East Wales is projected to have an average household size greater than the average for Wales (2.09) in 2026.
- Whilst on average single parent households are projected to increase by 20 per cent, in Mid Wales a decrease of 2 per cent is expected.

Table 3 – Household projections by type of household 2003-2026, Regional groupings (a)

	2003	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	Percentage change 2003-2026
North Wales authorities							
Married couple	136.4	135	132	129.7	127.5	124.6	-8.7
Cohabiting couple	23.7	27.2	31.2	34.2	36.3	37.7	59.1
Lone parent	20.4	21.4	22	22	21.6	21.1	3.5
One person	87.9	93.3	102.4	112	121.3	129.1	46.8
Other multi-person	16.7	16.9	17.3	17.8	18.2	18.4	10.3
All households	285.2	293.9	304.8	315.7	324.8	330.9	16.0
Private household population	660.2	669.7	674.9	679.4	682.2	681.3	3.2
Average household size	2.32	2.28	2.21	2.15	2.10	2.06	-11.1
Mid Wales authorities							
Married couple	42.3	42.1	41.2	40.4	39.6	38.4	-9.3
Cohabiting couple	7.2	8.3	9.6	10.7	11.6	12.3	69.8
Lone parent	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.2	5.1	5	-2.1
One person	27	28.8	31.7	34.7	37.6	40.1	48.7
Other multi-person	6.4	6.7	7.1	7.6	7.9	8.2	27.7
All households	87.9	91.2	95	98.7	101.7	103.9	18.1
Private household population	202.0	206.1	208.2	209.7	210.8	210.9	4.4
Average household size	2.30	2.26	2.19	2.13	2.07	2.03	-11.6
South West Wales							
Married couple	133	131	128	126.2	124.6	122.4	-8.0
Cohabiting couple	19	22.1	26	29.1	31.4	33.2	74.2
Lone parent	23.4	24.8	26	26.6	27	27.3	16.6
One person	85.7	91.2	100.6	110.4	119.6	127.4	48.7
Other multi-person	17.7	17.9	18.2	18.9	19.5	20.1	13.5
All households	278.8	286.9	298.9	311.2	322.1	330.3	18.5
Private household population	643.4	651.7	659.9	669.2	677.7	683.6	6.3
Average household size	2.31	2.27	2.21	2.15	2.10	2.07	-10.3
South East Wales							
Married couple	274.2	268.8	261.7	257.9	255.8	252.9	-7.8
Cohabiting couple	48.3	56.6	67.7	76.2	81.9	86.1	78.4
Lone parent	54.3	58.2	62.9	66.5	69	70.6	30.0
One person	168	179.2	199.2	220.6	240.5	257.5	53.3
Other multi-person	39	40	42	44	45.4	46.4	19.0
All households	583.7	602.9	633.5	665.2	692.6	713.4	22.2
Private household population	1,388.4	1,407.5	1,430.3	1,458.1	1,486.0	1,508.5	8.7
Average household size	2.38	2.34	2.26	2.19	2.15	2.11	-11.1

(a) A full breakdown of the regional groupings can be found in Annex A.

Annex A - Regional groupings used in this publication

North Wales Authorities

Isle of Anglesey
Gwynedd
Conwy
Denbighshire
Flintshire
Wrexham

Mid Wales Authorities

Powys
Ceredigion

South West Wales

Pembrokeshire
Carmarthenshire
Swansea
Neath Port Talbot

South East Wales

Bridgend
The Vale of Glamorgan
Cardiff
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff
Merthyr Tydfil
Caerphilly
Blaenau Gwent
Torfaen
Monmouthshire
Newport