



# 2011 Census bulletin: key population characteristics

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## Introduction

This is the second bulletin in a series which will be produced by the Corporate Research and Information Unit to coincide with the phased release of 2011 Census results. It looks at the key statistics about the characteristics of the population of the County Borough, which were published by the Office for National Statistics on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012. These census results include statistics about age, household type, ethnicity, national identity, Welsh language skills, health and religion. Where appropriate we have compared the 2011 Census results with data from the last census in 2001, to show how the characteristics of Conwy County Borough's population have changed over the last 10 years.

More data will be released in phases over the next 18 months and will include detailed data at small area level about people, households and living arrangements, work and housing/amenities.

As well as providing analysis of the Census data, the Corporate Research and Information team was closely involved in co-ordinating Conwy CBC's work to support the Office for National Statistics (ONS) who undertook the decennial survey. We helped to ensure that we counted all residents in Conwy CB wherever they were living.

## The key results

- The age profile of Conwy County Borough is older in 2011 than in 2001. There are fewer children; 16.6% of the population in 2011 compared with 18.4% in 2001. The proportion of retired in the County Borough increased from 23.1% in 2001 to 24.4% in 2011. This is much higher than the Wales average of 18.4% in 2011.
- One person households made up over one third of all households (33.8%). This is a slight increase since 2001 (32.8%) and was three percent higher than for Wales as a whole (30.8%). Sole pensioner households made up 17.1% of all households (19.2% in 2001).
- The proportion of households with dependent children fell slightly to 24.5% (26% in 2001). This was despite small increases in the proportions of lone-parent and co-habiting couple households with dependent children. For Wales, 28.1% of all households contained dependent children, though this proportion has fallen since 2001.
- The proportion of households made up of only pensioners in Conwy County Borough has decreased. However, they still make up a significant proportion of households; 29.2% in 2011.
- The proportion of owner occupier households has fallen since 2001, from 72.2% to 69.4% in 2011. There has been a drop across Wales as a whole to 67.4% in 2011. There has been an increase in households who rent privately in Conwy County Borough – 15.1% of households, compared to 11.4% in 2001. There has also been an increase across Wales to 12.7% in 2011. The proportion of households in social rented accommodation has remained stable.
- The proportion of residents aged 3 and over who speak Welsh has fallen slightly to 27.4% in 2011 (29.2% spoke Welsh in 2001). This is a drop of 2.2%. There was a drop of 1.75% across Wales as a whole.
- The percentage of the population of Conwy CB who were white British in 2011 was 95.4%, a drop of 1.4% from 2001 (96.8%). In Wales, 93.2% were white British in 2011. It was 96.0% in 2001; which is a drop of 2.8%.
- The percent of residents born in Wales has increased slightly to 54.4% in 2011. This is lower than the Welsh average (72.7%). Altogether, 95.7% of residents were born in the UK, compared with 94.5% in Wales.
- 2.5% of residents were born elsewhere, and have lived in the UK for over 10 years. Only 0.4% of residents were born outside the UK and had lived here for less than two years in 2011.
- The proportion of residents in Conwy County Borough of working age who had no limiting long-term illness was 83.5%. This is higher than in 2001, which implies a slightly healthier population in 2011.
- The proportion of Christians in the County Borough has decreased to 64.7% of all residents. This was 77.7% in 2001. This is higher than the Welsh average for 2011, which is 57.6%.
- The proportion of residents with no religion has increased from 14% in 2001 to 26.1% in 2011. The Wales average in 2011 was 32.1%.

## Population

The age profile of Conwy County Borough is older in 2011 than in 2001. There are fewer children; 16.6% of the population compared with 18.4% in 2001. The Welsh average decreased to 18.2% in 2011. The proportion of working age residents in Conwy County Borough has increased slightly from 58.5% in 2001 to 59.0% in 2011. This is lower than the Welsh average of 63.5% in 2011. The proportion aged 65+ in the County Borough increased from 23.1% in 2001 to 24.4% in 2011. This is much higher than the Wales average of 18.4% in 2011.

The median age (the age at which half the population is older and half is younger) in Conwy County Borough was 46 in 2011, compared to 43 in 2001. Across Wales as a whole, it was 41 in 2011 and 39 in 2001. This is because of the larger proportion of older residents and smaller proportion of children in Conwy County Borough.

**Table 1: age structure (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS102EW & mid year population estimates (MYE) 2001

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 MYE	2011 Census	2001 MYE
	No.	%	%	%	%
All people	115,228				
0-15	19,126	16.6%	18.4%	18.2%	20.2%
Age 16-64	67,940	59.0%	58.5%	63.5%	62.4%
Age 65+	28,162	24.4%	23.1%	18.4%	17.4%
Median age*	46		43	41	39

\* the age at which half the population is older and half is younger

The 2001 mid year population estimate (MYE) has been used for comparison in this table, as the Office for National Statistics (who conduct the Census) acknowledge that there was an undercount in the 2001 Census. This was partially allowed for in the population estimate for 2001.

## Households

A household is defined as one person living alone, or a group of people (not necessarily related) living at the same address who share cooking facilities and share a living room or sitting room or dining area. A household must contain at least one person.

One person households made up over one third of all households in Conwy County Borough (33.8%) in 2011. This is a slight increase since 2001 (32.8%) and was three percent higher than across Wales as a whole (30.8%). Sole pensioner households made up 17.1% of all households (19.2% in 2001).

The proportion of households with dependent children fell slightly to 24.5% (26% in 2001). This was despite small increases in the proportions of lone-parent and co-habiting couple households that contained dependent children. For Wales, 28.1% of all households contained dependent children, though this proportion has fallen since 2001.

The proportion of pensioner-only households in Conwy County Borough has decreased, for single pensioner, pensioner couple and other pensioner-only households. However,

they still make up a significant proportion of households in the County Borough; 29.2% in 2011. Proportions across Wales also decreased, but are lower than in Conwy County Borough at 22.9%.

**Table 2: household composition (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS105EW & Census 2001 table KS020

	Conwy CB		Wales		
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All households	51,177				
<b>One person households</b>					
pensioners only	8,748	17.1%	19.2%	13.7%	15.5%
other	8,549	16.7%	13.6%	17.1%	13.7%
<b>One family only households</b>					
all pensioners	5,952	11.6%	12.7%	8.9%	9.6%
married or same-sex civil partnership couple: no children	6,648	13.0%	13.3%	12.6%	13.1%
married or same-sex civil partnership couple: dependent children	6,135	12.0%	15.0%	13.9%	17.5%
married or same-sex civil partnership couple: all children non-dependent	2,725	5.3%	5.2%	6.3%	6.6%
cohabiting couple: no children	2,236	4.4%	3.7%	4.6%	3.8%
cohabiting couple: dependent children	2,133	4.2%	3.2%	4.5%	3.3%
cohabiting couple: all children non-dependent	229	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%
lone parent: dependent children	3,194	6.2%	6.0%	7.5%	7.3%
lone parent: all children non-dependent	1,781	3.5%	2.9%	3.8%	3.4%
<b>Other households</b>					
with dependent children	1,051	2.1%	1.8%	2.2%	2.1%
all full-time students	4	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%
all pensioners	253	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
other	1,539	3.0%	2.6%	3.3%	2.9%
All one person households	17,297	33.8%	32.8%	30.8%	29.2%
All households with dependent children	12,513	24.5%	26.0%	28.1%	30.2%
All pensioner-only households	14,953	29.2%	32.5%	22.9%	25.6%

A dependent child is a person aged 0-15 in a household (whether or not in a family) or aged 16-18 in full-time education and living in a family with his or her parent(s). It does not include any children who have a spouse, partner or child living in the household.

The proportion of owner occupier households has fallen since 2001, from 72.2% to 69.4% in 2011. There has been a drop across Wales as a whole to 67.4% in 2011. There has been an increase in households who rent privately in Conwy County Borough – 15.1% of households, compared to 11.4% in 2001. There has also been an increase across Wales to 12.7% in 2011. The proportion of households in social rented accommodation has remained stable.

**Table 3: tenure (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS402EW & Census 2001 table KS018

	Conwy CB		Wales		
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households	51,177				
Owned outright	20,409	39.9%	38.1%	35.4%	29.5%
Owned with a mortgage or loan	15,092	29.5%	34.1%	32.0%	38.8%
Shared ownership*	378	0.7%	1.1%	0.3%	0.6%
Social rented: from the Council**	-	-	7.8%	9.8%	13.2%
Social rented: housing association / registered social landlord	5,946	11.6%	4.1%	6.6%	5.9%
Private rented: private landlord or letting agency***	7,729	15.1%	11.4%	12.7%	8.7%
Private rented: other****	805	1.6%	3.3%	1.5%	3.2%
Living rent free	818	1.6%		1.6%	

\*Pays part rent and part mortgage

\*\*Conwy County Borough Council transferred all its housing stock to Cartrefi Conwy in 2008

\*\*\*Also includes Housing Co-operative and Charitable Trust

\*\*\*\*Includes employer of a household member and relative or friend of a household member

## Welsh language

The proportion of residents in Conwy County Borough who speak Welsh has fallen slightly to 27.4% in 2011. 29.2% of residents spoke Welsh in 2001. This is a drop of 2.2%. There was a drop of 1.75% across Wales as a whole.

The proportion of residents in Conwy County Borough with no knowledge of Welsh has only increased slightly (0.3%).

**Table 4: knowledge of Welsh (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS207WA & Census 2001 table KS025

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All aged 3+	111,724				
No knowledge of Welsh	67,716	60.6%	60.3%	73.3%	71.6%
Understands spoken Welsh only	10,655	9.5%	7.8%	5.3%	4.9%
All Welsh speakers	30,600	27.4%	29.2%	19.0%	20.5%
Speaks, reads and writes Welsh	23,063	20.6%	23.2%	14.6%	16.3%

## Ethnicity

The percentage of the population of Conwy CB who were white British in 2011 was 95.4%, a drop of 1.4% from 2001 (96.8%). In Wales, 93.2% were white British in 2011. It was 96.0% in 2001; which is a drop of 2.8%.

There has been some growth in all ethnic minority groups in Conwy County Borough. The mixed group is now the largest ethnic minority group; 894 people. This is different to Wales as a whole where Asian or Asian British is the largest ethnic group.

**Table 5: ethnic groups (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS201EW & Census 2001 table KS006

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All people	115,228				
White British	109,911	95.4%	96.8%	93.2%	96.0%
White Gypsy or Irish traveller	65	0.1%	-	0.1%	-
Other white	2,573	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	1.9%
Mixed	894	0.8%	0.4%	1.0%	0.6%
Asian or Asian British	876	0.8%	0.3%	2.3%	1.8%
Black or black British	199	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	0.2%
Chinese	376	0.3%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
Other ethnic group	334	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%

## Country of birth

There has been no big change in the distribution of country of birth for residents of Conwy County Borough. The percent of residents born in Wales has increased slightly to 54.4% in 2011. It was 54.0% in 2001. This remains lower than the Welsh average; in 2011 72.7% of all residents of Wales were Welsh-born.

95.7% of residents in Conwy County Borough were born in the UK, compared with 94.5% across Wales as a whole.

0.6% of Conwy County Borough residents in 2011 were from the new EU accession countries. This was 0.9% in Wales. There is no available data for 2001.

**Table 6: country of birth (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS204EW & Census 2001 table KS005

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All people	115,228				
People born in Wales	62,720	54.4%	54.0%	72.7%	75.4%
People born in England	45,798	39.7%	41.2%	20.8%	20.3%
People born in Scotland	1,306	1.1%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%
People born in Northern Ireland	432	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
People born in Republic of Ireland	790	0.7%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%
People born in other EU countries, members 2001*	917	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%
People born in other EU countries, accession countries**	741	0.6%		0.9%	
Poland	455	0.4%		0.6%	
People born elsewhere	2,507	2.2%	1.6%	3.3%	1.9%

\*Countries included: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

\*\*EU Accession countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

2.5% of residents were born elsewhere and have lived in the UK for over 10 years. Only 0.4% or 485 residents of Conwy County Borough were born outside the UK and had lived here for less than two years in 2011.

**Table 7: length of residence in the UK (2011)**

Source: Census 2011 table QS803EW

	Conwy CB		Wales
	Number	Percent	Percent
All people	115,228		
Born in the UK	110,273	95.7%	94.5%
Resident in UK:			
less than 2 years	485	0.4%	0.9%
2 years or more but less than 5 years	659	0.6%	1.0%
5 years or more but less than 10 years	885	0.8%	1.2%
10 years or more	2,926	2.5%	2.5%

## Limiting long-term illness

The proportion of residents in Conwy County Borough aged 16-64 (working age) who had no limiting long-term illness in 2011 was 83.5%. This is higher than in 2001, which implies a slightly healthier population in 2011.

In 2001 the census question on limiting long-term illness did not ask about the degree to which day-to-day activity affected, so comparisons about degree of severity are not possible.

**Table 8: limiting long-term illness (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS301EW & Census 2001 table KS008

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All people	115,228				
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	13,896	12.1%	23.5%	11.9%	23.3%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	14,019	12.2%		10.8%	
Day-to-day activities not limited	87,313	75.8%	76.5%	77.3%	76.7%
Aged 16-64	67,940				
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	5,209	7.7%	18.2%	8.3%	19.3%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	5,982	8.8%		8.6%	
Day-to-day activities not limited	56,749	83.5%	81.8%	83.1%	80.7%

There has been a very slight fall in the proportion of people who provide unpaid care. The proportion of those providing 50+ hours of unpaid care a week has increased by half a percent.

**Table 9: unpaid carers (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS301EW & Census 2001 table KS008

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	Number	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All people	115,228				
Care provision					
No unpaid care	101,623	88.2%	88.8%	87.9%	88.3%
1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week	7,813	6.8%	6.9%	6.9%	7.2%
20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week	1,814	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%	1.5%
50 or more hours unpaid care a week	3,978	3.5%	3.0%	3.4%	3.1%

## Religion

The proportion of Christians in Conwy County Borough in 2011 has decreased to 64.7% of all residents. This was 77.7% in 2001. This is higher than the Welsh average for 2011, which is 57.6%.

The proportion of residents with no religion has increased from 14% in 2001 to 26.1% in 2011. The Wales average in 2011 was 32.1%.

There has been little change in the proportion of other religions within the County Borough.

**Table 10: religion (2011 & 2001)**

Source: Census 2011 table KS209EW & Census 2001 table KS007

	Conwy CB			Wales	
	2011 Census		2001 Census	2011 Census	2001 Census
	No.	%	%	%	%
All people	115,228				
Christian	74,506	64.7%	77.7%	57.6%	71.9%
Buddhist	347	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Hindu	206	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Jewish	62	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Muslim	583	0.5%	0.3%	1.5%	0.8%
Sikh	17	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Other religion	478	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%
No religion	30,017	26.1%	14.0%	32.1%	18.5%
Religion not stated	9,012	7.8%	7.4%	7.6%	8.1%

## Data release schedule

**Table 11: release schedule for 2011 Census and related population data**

Key Census data, phased by geography top level details about population and household characteristics and employment)	December 2012-February 2013
Revised mid-year population estimates for 2002-2010	Spring 2013
Detailed Census data	March-October 2013
2011-based population projections (Welsh Government statistics)	Autumn 2013
2011-based household projections	2014

This bulletin presents key statistics which were released at local authority level only. Key statistics for small areas (including lower super output areas, electoral divisions (wards) and community council level data) will be released at the end of January 2013. More data will be released in phases over the next 18 months and will include detailed cross-tabulated data at small area level about people, households and living arrangements, work and housing/amenities. The release schedule for this data and related population data updates is above.

As data from the 2011 Census becomes available, the Corporate Research and Information Unit will be publishing key results and providing analysis on our website

<http://www.conwy.gov.uk/2011census>

## About the Census

The Census was held on Sunday 27th March 2011. It captured information about people usually resident in England and Wales and is a major, important source of information about the population and households. It provides detailed information about the population as a whole and for small geographical areas and small populations.

ONS have also published a range of supporting data with this release.

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-286262>

A statistical bulletin summarising the key results for Wales is available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/key-statistics-for-unitary-authorities-in-wales/stb-2011-census-key-statistics-for-wales.html>

The 2011 Census prospectus, which gives details of the full data release schedule is available at:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/index.html>