

Local Authority Population Projections for Wales (2006-based)

National Statistics on local authority population projections for Wales produced by the Welsh Assembly Government were released on 30 June 2008 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

This is the first time that population projections for the 22 unitary authority areas in Wales have been published. The population projections are based on the 2006 mid-year estimates.

Headline Messages

- The total population of Wrexham is projected to increase by 18,400 to 149,400 (or 14%) by mid-2031.
- This is below the average population growth (14.1 per cent) for Welsh local authorities.
- In Wrexham, it is projected that more growth will be seen in the male population (16%) than in the female population (12%).
- Over the period of the projection, life expectancy is predicted to rise from 79.3 in 2005/06 to 83.1 in 2030/31.

Age ranges¹	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Children	24,800	25,400	26,300	27,300	26,900	26,500
Working age	81,000	81,900	83,900	85,500	88,200	88,500
Pension age	25,100	27,700	29,000	30,200	31,300	34,400
Total	131,000	135,100	139,200	143,000	146,400	149,400

The Summary Report, Local Authority Reports, Guidance Leaflet and Frequently Asked Questions can be found using the following link:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/population/pop-project/popprojla/?lang=en>

¹ Age categories are currently – Children: aged 0-15; Working age: 16-64M/59F; and Pension age: 65M/60F and over. However, between 2010 and 2020, state pension age will change from 65 years for men and 60 years for women, to 65 years for both sexes. Between 2024 and 2046, state pension age will increase in three stages from 65 years to 68 years for both sexes.