

2011 Census: First Results for Ethnicity, National Identity, and Religion for Wales

The 2011 Census form had a short set of questions for each household and a longer set for everyone living in the household. The following analysis is based on the answers to some of these questions for individuals (as distinct from the household questions) on the 2011 Census form. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) recently published the first outputs in the second wave of results from the 2011 Census. A set of Key Statistics tables, at local authority level, were published on the ONS website.

The subjects covered include.

- ethnicity, religion, international migration (from one year earlier), national identity, country of birth and passports held, main language;
- Welsh language skills;
- household composition, marital and civil partnership status;
- dwellings, housing tenure, housing size (rooms) and central heating;
- health status, adults with long-term health problems or disability, carers;
- qualifications, employment, industry, and occupation.

This statistical bulletin presents a summary of this first 2011 Census data relating to ethnicity, religion, and national identity for local authorities in Wales.

- Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales describing their ethnic group as White British fell from 96.0 per cent to 93.2 per cent.
- Non-white (including mixed) ethnic groups represented 4.0 per cent of the population in 2011, up from 2.1 per cent in 2001.
- Those describing their ethnic group as Asian are the second largest ethnic group in Wales. Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales describing their ethnic group as Asian doubled from 1.1 per cent (32,000) to 2.3 per cent (71,000).
- Nearly two-thirds (66 per cent, 2.0 million) of the residents of Wales expressed their national identity as Welsh in 2011. Of these 218,000 also reported that they considered themselves to be British.
- A third of the population of Wales (34.1 per cent) said that they had no Welsh identity.
- Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales giving their religion as Christian fell from 71.9 per cent to 57.6 per cent.
- Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales saying that they had no religion increased by nearly half a million (from 18.5 per cent to 32.1 per cent).

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Ethnicity

Question 16 on the 2011 Census asked:
“What is your ethnic group?”

The summary results are shown in Table 1 and Chart 1. The more detailed results (including change between 2001 and 2011) are shown in Table 2, and the results for local authorities in Wales in Table 3.

Table1
minority ethnic population of Wales, 2011

| ethnic group | percentage of the population |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Asian or Asian British | 2.3 |
| Mixed | 1.0 |
| Black or Black British | 0.6 |
| other ethnic group | 0.5 |

source: 2011 Census of Population

Chart 1: Minority Ethnic Population of Wales, 2011

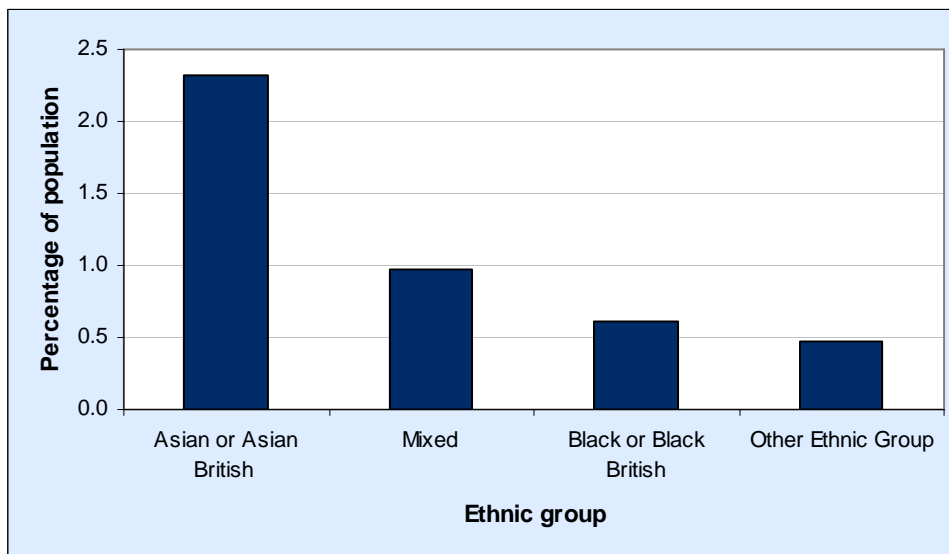


Table 2
ethnicity in Wales, 2011 compared with 2001

| Ethnic Group | 2011 | | 2001 | | change between 2001 and 2011 | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| White Total | 2,929,636 | 95.6 | 2,841,505 | 97.9 | 88,131 | -2.2 |
| British | 2,855,656 | 93.2 | 2,786,605 | 96.0 | 69,051 | -2.8 |
| Irish | 14,089 | 0.5 | 17,689 | 0.6 | -3,600 | -0.1 |
| Gypsy or Irish Traveller | 2,809 | 0.1 | * | * | * | * |
| Other White | 57,082 | 1.9 | 37,211 | 1.3 | 19,871 | 0.6 |
| Mixed Total | 29,754 | 1.0 | 17,661 | 0.6 | 12,093 | 0.4 |
| White and Black Caribbean | 11,118 | 0.4 | 5,996 | 0.2 | 5,122 | 0.2 |
| White and Black African | 4,452 | 0.1 | 2,413 | 0.1 | 2,039 | 0.1 |
| White and Asian | 9,727 | 0.3 | 5,001 | 0.2 | 4,726 | 0.1 |
| Other Mixed | 4,457 | 0.1 | 4,251 | 0.1 | 206 | 0.0 |
| Asian or Asian British Total | 71,072 | 2.3 | 31,715 | 1.1 | 39,357 | 1.2 |
| Indian | 17,547 | 0.6 | 8,261 | 0.3 | 9,286 | 0.3 |
| Pakistani | 12,311 | 0.4 | 8,287 | 0.3 | 4,024 | 0.1 |
| Bangladeshi | 10,708 | 0.3 | 5,436 | 0.2 | 5,272 | 0.2 |
| Chinese | 13,799 | 0.5 | 6,267 | 0.2 | 7,532 | 0.2 |
| Other Asian | 16,707 | 0.5 | 3,464 | 0.1 | 13,243 | 0.4 |
| Black or Black British Total | 18,567 | 0.6 | 7,069 | 0.2 | 11,498 | 0.4 |
| African | 13,246 | 0.4 | 3,727 | 0.1 | 9,519 | 0.3 |
| Black Caribbean | 3,961 | 0.1 | 2,597 | 0.1 | 1,364 | 0.0 |
| Other Black | 1,360 | 0.0 | 745 | 0.0 | 615 | 0.0 |
| Other Ethnic Group Total | 14,427 | 0.5 | 5,135 | 0.2 | 9,292 | 0.3 |
| Arab | 10,004 | 0.3 | * | * | * | * |
| Other Ethnic Group | 4,423 | 0.1 | 5,135 | 0.2 | -712 | 0.0 |
| Total Black and Minority Ethnic | 133,820 | 4.4 | 61,580 | 2.1 | 72,240 | 2.2 |
| All Groups | 3,063,456 | 100.0 | 2,903,085 | 100.0 | 160,371 | 0.0 |

source: 2011 Census of Population

Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales describing their ethnic group as White British fell from 96.0 per cent to 93.2 per cent. This is based on their answers to question 16 (What is your ethnic group?) as distinct from their answers to question 15 (What is your national identity?). Across the England regions and Wales, Wales was the least diverse area, followed by the South East and the North East.

In the 2011 Census respondents who said they were White were able say whether they were British, Irish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, or White but not in any of those categories. Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales describing their ethnic group as one of the ones listed under White fell from 97.9 per cent to 95.6 per cent (although the number of people in this group increased from 2.84 million to 2.93 million).

Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales describing their ethnic group as Asian doubled from 1.1 per cent (32,000) to 2.3 per cent (71,000).

Table 3a
ethnicity by local authority in Wales, 2011

| local authority | All residents | White | | Black and Minority Ethnic | | Mixed | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| | persons | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 69,751 | 68,549 | 98.3 | 1,202 | 1.7 | 451 | 0.6 |
| Gwynedd | 121,874 | 117,607 | 96.5 | 4,267 | 3.5 | 936 | 0.8 |
| Conwy | 115,228 | 112,587 | 97.7 | 2,641 | 2.3 | 838 | 0.7 |
| Denbighshire | 93,734 | 91,301 | 97.4 | 2,433 | 2.6 | 707 | 0.8 |
| Flintshire | 152,506 | 150,239 | 98.5 | 2,267 | 1.5 | 772 | 0.5 |
| Wrexham | 134,844 | 130,698 | 96.9 | 4,146 | 3.1 | 948 | 0.7 |
| Powys | 132,976 | 130,846 | 98.4 | 2,130 | 1.6 | 718 | 0.5 |
| Ceredigion | 75,922 | 73,497 | 96.8 | 2,425 | 3.2 | 657 | 0.9 |
| Pembrokeshire | 122,439 | 120,167 | 98.1 | 2,272 | 1.9 | 699 | 0.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 183,777 | 180,369 | 98.1 | 3,408 | 1.9 | 982 | 0.5 |
| Swansea | 239,023 | 224,824 | 94.1 | 14,199 | 5.9 | 2,015 | 0.8 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 139,812 | 137,109 | 98.1 | 2,703 | 1.9 | 855 | 0.6 |
| Bridgend | 139,178 | 136,188 | 97.9 | 2,990 | 2.1 | 889 | 0.6 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 126,336 | 121,893 | 96.5 | 4,443 | 3.5 | 1,618 | 1.3 |
| Cardiff | 346,090 | 293,425 | 84.8 | 52,665 | 15.2 | 9,624 | 2.8 |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff | 234,410 | 228,350 | 97.4 | 6,060 | 2.6 | 1,361 | 0.6 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 58,802 | 57,419 | 97.6 | 1,383 | 2.4 | 431 | 0.7 |
| Caerphilly | 178,806 | 175,921 | 98.4 | 2,885 | 1.6 | 1,082 | 0.6 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 69,814 | 68,780 | 98.5 | 1,034 | 1.5 | 360 | 0.5 |
| Torfaen | 91,075 | 89,251 | 98.0 | 1,824 | 2.0 | 573 | 0.6 |
| Monmouthshire | 91,323 | 89,546 | 98.1 | 1,777 | 1.9 | 572 | 0.6 |
| Newport | 145,736 | 131,070 | 89.9 | 14,666 | 10.1 | 2,666 | 1.8 |
| Wales | 3,063,456 | 2,929,636 | 95.6 | 133,820 | 4.4 | 29,754 | 1.0 |

continued

The local authorities in Wales with the lowest proportion of the population describing their ethnic group as White were Cardiff (84.8 per cent) and Newport (89.9 per cent). The highest were Flintshire (98.5 per cent), Blaenau Gwent (98.5 per cent), Powys (98.4 per cent), and Caerphilly (98.4 per cent).

Table 3b
ethnicity by local authority in Wales, 2011

| local authority | Asian/Asian British | | Black or Black British | | Other ethnic Group | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 344 | 0.5 | 79 | 0.1 | 328 | 0.5 |
| Gwynedd | 1,271 | 1.0 | 290 | 0.2 | 1,770 | 1.5 |
| Conwy | 888 | 0.8 | 204 | 0.2 | 711 | 0.6 |
| Denbighshire | 1,123 | 1.2 | 158 | 0.2 | 445 | 0.5 |
| Flintshire | 889 | 0.6 | 142 | 0.1 | 464 | 0.3 |
| Wrexham | 1,930 | 1.4 | 634 | 0.5 | 634 | 0.5 |
| Powys | 1,006 | 0.8 | 133 | 0.1 | 273 | 0.2 |
| Ceredigion | 776 | 1.0 | 274 | 0.4 | 718 | 0.9 |
| Pembrokeshire | 998 | 0.8 | 177 | 0.1 | 398 | 0.3 |
| Carmarthenshire | 1,575 | 0.9 | 281 | 0.2 | 570 | 0.3 |
| Swansea | 5,772 | 2.4 | 1,989 | 0.8 | 4,423 | 1.9 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 1,114 | 0.8 | 311 | 0.2 | 423 | 0.3 |
| Bridgend | 1,223 | 0.9 | 318 | 0.2 | 560 | 0.4 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 1,540 | 1.2 | 489 | 0.4 | 796 | 0.6 |
| Cardiff | 24,022 | 6.9 | 8,423 | 2.4 | 10,596 | 3.1 |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff | 2,008 | 0.9 | 1,315 | 0.6 | 1,376 | 0.6 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 587 | 1.0 | 142 | 0.2 | 223 | 0.4 |
| Caerphilly | 874 | 0.5 | 248 | 0.1 | 681 | 0.4 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 375 | 0.5 | 95 | 0.1 | 204 | 0.3 |
| Torfaen | 789 | 0.9 | 171 | 0.2 | 291 | 0.3 |
| Monmouthshire | 733 | 0.8 | 151 | 0.2 | 321 | 0.4 |
| Newport | 7,436 | 5.1 | 2,543 | 1.7 | 2,021 | 1.4 |
| Wales | 57,273 | 1.9 | 18,567 | 0.6 | 28,226 | 0.9 |

source: 2011 Census of Population

The areas with the highest proportions of minority ethnic groups were Cardiff (15.2 per cent), Newport (10.1 per cent) and Swansea (5.9%). In each of these areas ethnic minority populations have more than doubled in the decade to 2011 with the biggest relative increase in Swansea where the ethnic minority population rose from 4,800 to 14,200.

The local authorities in Wales with the highest proportion of the population describing their ethnic group as Black were Cardiff (15.2 per cent Black and minority ethnic, 2.4 per cent Black or Black British) and Newport (10.1 per cent Black and minority ethnic, 1.7 per cent Black or Black British). Apart from Swansea (5.9 per cent Black and minority ethnic, 0.8 per cent Black or Black British) the proportions for all other local authorities in Wales were under 5 per cent.

National Identity

Question 15 on the 2011 Census asked:

“How would you describe your national identity?”

The possible answers were: Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish, British, other.

More than one answer could be picked.

The results are shown in Tables 4a and 4b

Table 4a
national identity by local authority in Wales

| local authority | All Residents | | Welsh only identity | | Welsh and British only identity | |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 69,751 | | 38,184 | 54.7 | 3,257 | 4.7 |
| Gwynedd | 121,874 | | 71,931 | 59.0 | 4,874 | 4.0 |
| Conwy | 115,228 | | 47,930 | 41.6 | 5,009 | 4.3 |
| Denbighshire | 93,734 | | 41,372 | 44.1 | 4,722 | 5.0 |
| Flintshire | 152,506 | | 54,757 | 35.9 | 8,081 | 5.3 |
| Wrexham | 134,844 | | 70,090 | 52.0 | 9,189 | 6.8 |
| Powys | 132,976 | | 57,630 | 43.3 | 6,859 | 5.2 |
| Ceredigion | 75,922 | | 35,412 | 46.6 | 3,366 | 4.4 |
| Pembrokeshire | 122,439 | | 65,779 | 53.7 | 7,856 | 6.4 |
| Carmarthenshire | 183,777 | | 119,167 | 64.8 | 11,292 | 6.1 |
| Swansea | 239,023 | | 145,560 | 60.9 | 20,007 | 8.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 139,812 | | 100,383 | 71.8 | 11,521 | 8.2 |
| Bridgend | 139,178 | | 93,640 | 67.3 | 11,807 | 8.5 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 126,336 | | 71,312 | 56.4 | 10,834 | 8.6 |
| Cardiff | 346,090 | | 174,391 | 50.4 | 28,360 | 8.2 |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff | 234,410 | | 171,816 | 73.3 | 19,090 | 8.1 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 58,802 | | 43,055 | 73.2 | 4,823 | 8.2 |
| Caerphilly | 178,806 | | 127,292 | 71.2 | 15,291 | 8.6 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 69,814 | | 50,575 | 72.4 | 5,710 | 8.2 |
| Torfaen | 91,075 | | 60,289 | 66.2 | 7,544 | 8.3 |
| Monmouthshire | 91,323 | | 40,210 | 44.0 | 6,326 | 6.9 |
| Newport | 145,736 | | 80,898 | 55.5 | 12,062 | 8.3 |
| Wales | 3,063,456 | | 1,761,673 | 57.5 | 217,880 | 7.1 |

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Nearly two-thirds (66 per cent, 2.0 million) of the residents of Wales expressed their national identity as Welsh in 2011. Of these 218,000 also reported that they considered themselves to be British. Over half the population of Wales (57.5 per cent) described themselves as Welsh only. The proportions describing themselves as Welsh only were highest (just over 70 per cent) in parts of the South Wales Valleys: Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, and Blaenau Gwent. The proportion was lowest (just over one third) in Flintshire. The proportions were also low (41 per cent to 44 per cent) in Conwy, Powys, Monmouthshire, and Denbighshire.

Table 4b
national identity by local authority in Wales

| local authority | Other Welsh combined background identity | | No Welsh identity | |
|-----------------------|--|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 1,445 | 2.1 | 26,865 | 38.5 |
| Gwynedd | 2,503 | 2.1 | 42,566 | 34.9 |
| Conwy | 1,903 | 1.7 | 60,386 | 52.4 |
| Denbighshire | 1,660 | 1.8 | 45,980 | 49.1 |
| Flintshire | 2,291 | 1.5 | 87,377 | 57.3 |
| Wrexham | 2,031 | 1.5 | 53,534 | 39.7 |
| Powys | 2,302 | 1.7 | 66,185 | 49.8 |
| Ceredigion | 1,471 | 1.9 | 35,673 | 47.0 |
| Pembrokeshire | 1,734 | 1.4 | 47,070 | 38.4 |
| Carmarthenshire | 2,712 | 1.5 | 50,606 | 27.5 |
| Swansea | 2,517 | 1.1 | 70,939 | 29.7 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 1,284 | 0.9 | 26,624 | 19.0 |
| Bridgend | 1,127 | 0.8 | 32,604 | 23.4 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 1,207 | 1.0 | 42,983 | 34.0 |
| Cardiff | 4,171 | 1.2 | 139,168 | 40.2 |
| Rhondda, Cynon, Taff | 1,811 | 0.8 | 41,693 | 17.8 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 442 | 0.8 | 10,482 | 17.8 |
| Caerphilly | 1,432 | 0.8 | 34,791 | 19.5 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 583 | 0.8 | 12,946 | 18.5 |
| Torfaen | 836 | 0.9 | 22,406 | 24.6 |
| Monmouthshire | 1,123 | 1.2 | 43,664 | 47.8 |
| Newport | 1,543 | 1.1 | 51,233 | 35.2 |
| Wales | 38,128 | 1.2 | 1,045,775 | 34.1 |

source: 2011 Census of Population

A third of the population of Wales (34.1 per cent) described themselves as having no Welsh identity.

Flintshire was the local authority in Wales with the highest proportion of the population (57.3 per cent) describing themselves as having no Welsh identity. The proportions were also high in Conwy (52.4 per cent), Powys (49.8 per cent), and Denbighshire (49.1 per cent).

Religion

Question 20 on the 2011 Census asked:

“What is your religion?”

The possible answers were: no religion, Christian (all denominations), Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, any other religion (where respondents were able to write in a particular religion).

This question was voluntary.

The results are shown in Tables 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d; and the change between 2001 and 2011 in Table 5.

Table 5
religion in Wales, 2011 compared with 2001

| Religion | 2011 | | 2001 | | Change between 2001 and 2011 | |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage points |
| Christian | 1,763,299 | 57.6 | 2,087,242 | 71.9 | -323,943 | -14.3 |
| Buddhist | 9,117 | 0.3 | 5,407 | 0.2 | 3,710 | 0.1 |
| Hindu | 10,434 | 0.3 | 5,439 | 0.2 | 4,995 | 0.2 |
| Jewish | 2,064 | 0.1 | 2,256 | 0.1 | -192 | 0.0 |
| Muslim | 45,950 | 1.5 | 21,739 | 0.7 | 24,211 | 0.8 |
| Sikh | 2,962 | 0.1 | 2,015 | 0.1 | 947 | 0.0 |
| Any Other Religion | 12,705 | 0.4 | 6,909 | 0.2 | 5,796 | 0.2 |
| No Religion | 982,997 | 32.1 | 537,935 | 18.5 | 445,062 | 13.6 |
| Religion not stated | 233,928 | 7.6 | 234,143 | 8.1 | -215 | -0.4 |
| All Welsh residents | 3,063,456 | 100.0 | 2,903,085 | 100.0 | 160,371 | 0.0 |

source :2011 Census of Population

Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales giving their religion as Christian fell from 71.9 per cent to 57.6 per cent. Christianity, however, remains the largest religion in Wales.

The second largest religious group were Muslims with nearly 46,000 people (1.5 per cent of the population)

Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales giving their religion as Buddhist, Hindu, or Muslim roughly doubled, although the percentages are still quite small (ranging from 0.3 per cent to 1.5 per cent).

Between 2001 and 2011 the percentage of the population of Wales saying that they had no religion increased by nearly half a million (from 18.5 per cent to 32.1 per cent).

Table 6a
religion by local authority in Wales, 2011

| Local Authority | All residents | Christian | | Buddhist | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| | persons | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 69,751 | 45,400 | 65.1 | 165 | 0.2 |
| Gwynedd | 121,874 | 72,503 | 59.5 | 426 | 0.3 |
| Conwy | 115,228 | 74,506 | 64.7 | 347 | 0.3 |
| Denbighshire | 93,734 | 60,129 | 64.1 | 266 | 0.3 |
| Flintshire | 152,506 | 101,298 | 66.4 | 344 | 0.2 |
| Wrexham | 134,844 | 85,576 | 63.5 | 351 | 0.3 |
| Powys | 132,976 | 82,120 | 61.8 | 567 | 0.4 |
| Ceredigion | 75,922 | 43,981 | 57.9 | 355 | 0.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 122,439 | 77,162 | 63.0 | 422 | 0.3 |
| Carmarthenshire | 183,777 | 113,534 | 61.8 | 420 | 0.2 |
| Swansea | 239,023 | 131,451 | 55.0 | 856 | 0.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 139,812 | 80,646 | 57.7 | 312 | 0.2 |
| Bridgend | 139,178 | 76,625 | 55.1 | 357 | 0.3 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 126,336 | 73,384 | 58.1 | 356 | 0.3 |
| Cardiff | 346,090 | 177,743 | 51.4 | 1,690 | 0.5 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 234,410 | 118,388 | 50.5 | 518 | 0.2 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 58,802 | 32,948 | 56.0 | 124 | 0.2 |
| Caerphilly | 178,806 | 90,669 | 50.7 | 278 | 0.2 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 69,814 | 34,805 | 49.9 | 112 | 0.2 |
| Torfaen | 91,075 | 50,472 | 55.4 | 222 | 0.2 |
| Monmouthshire | 91,323 | 57,101 | 62.5 | 269 | 0.3 |
| Newport | 145,736 | 82,858 | 56.9 | 360 | 0.2 |
| Wales | 3,063,456 | 1,763,299 | 57.6 | 9,117 | 0.3 |

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Flintshire was the local authority in Wales with the highest proportion of the population (66.4 per cent) giving their religion as Christian. The proportions were also high in the Isle of Anglesey (65.1 per cent), Conwy (64.7 per cent), and Denbighshire (64.1 per cent).

The proportion was lowest (49.9 per cent) in Blaenau Gwent). The proportions were also low (41 per cent to 44 per cent) in Conwy, Powys, Monmouthshire, and Denbighshire.

Table 6b
religion by local authority in Wales, 2011

| local authority | Hindu | | Jewish | | Muslim | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 45 | 0.1 | 40 | 0.1 | 250 | 0.4 |
| Gwynedd | 238 | 0.2 | 55 | 0.0 | 1,378 | 1.1 |
| Conwy | 206 | 0.2 | 62 | 0.1 | 583 | 0.5 |
| Denbighshire | 167 | 0.2 | 32 | 0.0 | 469 | 0.5 |
| Flintshire | 158 | 0.1 | 70 | 0.0 | 482 | 0.3 |
| Wrexham | 504 | 0.4 | 58 | 0.0 | 860 | 0.6 |
| Powys | 324 | 0.2 | 80 | 0.1 | 235 | 0.2 |
| Ceredigion | 197 | 0.3 | 64 | 0.1 | 521 | 0.7 |
| Pembrokeshire | 230 | 0.2 | 50 | 0.0 | 425 | 0.3 |
| Carmarthenshire | 351 | 0.2 | 82 | 0.0 | 625 | 0.3 |
| Swansea | 780 | 0.3 | 159 | 0.1 | 5,415 | 2.3 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 144 | 0.1 | 39 | 0.0 | 573 | 0.4 |
| Bridgend | 270 | 0.2 | 33 | 0.0 | 529 | 0.4 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 269 | 0.2 | 90 | 0.1 | 785 | 0.6 |
| Cardiff | 4,736 | 1.4 | 802 | 0.2 | 23,656 | 6.8 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 401 | 0.2 | 87 | 0.0 | 1,061 | 0.5 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 80 | 0.1 | 4 | 0.0 | 197 | 0.3 |
| Caerphilly | 174 | 0.1 | 69 | 0.0 | 391 | 0.2 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 72 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.0 | 179 | 0.3 |
| Torfaen | 241 | 0.3 | 16 | 0.0 | 238 | 0.3 |
| Monmouthshire | 162 | 0.2 | 65 | 0.1 | 239 | 0.3 |
| Newport | 685 | 0.5 | 99 | 0.1 | 6,859 | 4.7 |
| Wales | 10,434 | 0.3 | 2,064 | 0.1 | 45,950 | 1.5 |

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Cardiff was the local authority in Wales with the highest proportion of the population (6.8 per cent) giving their religion as Muslim.

The proportions were also higher than average in Newport (4.7 per cent) and Swansea (2.3 per cent).

Apart from Gwynedd (1.1 per cent) the proportions were under 1 per cent in all other local authorities in Wales.

Table 6c
religion by local authority in Wales, 2011

| local authority | Sikh | | Any other religion | |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 43 | 0.1 | 257 | 0.4 |
| Gwynedd | 39 | 0.0 | 637 | 0.5 |
| Conwy | 17 | 0.0 | 478 | 0.4 |
| Denbighshire | 8 | 0.0 | 345 | 0.4 |
| Flintshire | 29 | 0.0 | 362 | 0.2 |
| Wrexham | 87 | 0.1 | 310 | 0.2 |
| Powys | 49 | 0.0 | 798 | 0.6 |
| Ceredigion | 30 | 0.0 | 742 | 1.0 |
| Pembrokeshire | 36 | 0.0 | 648 | 0.5 |
| Carmarthenshire | 125 | 0.1 | 945 | 0.5 |
| Swansea | 278 | 0.1 | 1,042 | 0.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 113 | 0.1 | 533 | 0.4 |
| Bridgend | 46 | 0.0 | 495 | 0.4 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 75 | 0.1 | 528 | 0.4 |
| Cardiff | 1,317 | 0.4 | 1,406 | 0.4 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 183 | 0.1 | 870 | 0.4 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 52 | 0.1 | 221 | 0.4 |
| Caerphilly | 152 | 0.1 | 665 | 0.4 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 39 | 0.1 | 253 | 0.4 |
| Torfaen | 56 | 0.1 | 316 | 0.3 |
| Monmouthshire | 47 | 0.1 | 391 | 0.4 |
| Newport | 141 | 0.1 | 463 | 0.3 |
| Wales | 2,962 | 0.1 | 12,705 | 0.4 |

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Table 6d
religion by local authority in Wales, 2011

| local authority | No religion | | Religion not stated | |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | persons | percentage | persons | percentage |
| Isle of Anglesey | 17,797 | 25.5 | 5,754 | 8.2 |
| Gwynedd | 36,163 | 29.7 | 10,435 | 8.6 |
| Conwy | 30,017 | 26.1 | 9,012 | 7.8 |
| Denbighshire | 25,132 | 26.8 | 7,186 | 7.7 |
| Flintshire | 38,726 | 25.4 | 11,037 | 7.2 |
| Wrexham | 36,927 | 27.4 | 10,171 | 7.5 |
| Powys | 37,050 | 27.9 | 11,753 | 8.8 |
| Ceredigion | 23,329 | 30.7 | 6,703 | 8.8 |
| Pembrokeshire | 33,442 | 27.3 | 10,024 | 8.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 53,036 | 28.9 | 14,659 | 8.0 |
| Swansea | 81,219 | 34.0 | 17,823 | 7.5 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 47,265 | 33.8 | 10,187 | 7.3 |
| Bridgend | 51,062 | 36.7 | 9,761 | 7.0 |
| The Vale of Glamorgan | 41,556 | 32.9 | 9,293 | 7.4 |
| Cardiff | 109,960 | 31.8 | 24,780 | 7.2 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | 95,549 | 40.8 | 17,353 | 7.4 |
| Merthyr Tydfil | 21,048 | 35.8 | 4,128 | 7.0 |
| Caerphilly | 73,084 | 40.9 | 13,324 | 7.5 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 28,676 | 41.1 | 5,670 | 8.1 |
| Torfaen | 32,605 | 35.8 | 6,909 | 7.6 |
| Monmouthshire | 26,018 | 28.5 | 7,031 | 7.7 |
| Newport | 43,336 | 29.7 | 10,935 | 7.5 |
| Wales | 982,997 | 32.1 | 233,928 | 7.6 |

source: 2011 Census of Population

The local authorities in Wales with the highest proportions of the population saying that they had no religion were in Blaenau Gwent (41.1 per cent), Caerphilly (40.9 per cent), and Rhondda Cynon Taff (40.8 per cent).

The lowest proportions were in Flintshire (25.4 per cent), the Isle of Anglesey (25.5 per cent), and Conwy (26.1 per cent).

The proportions of the population not answering the religion question did not vary much between local authorities in Wales (between 7 per cent and 9 per cent).

Contextual and Key Quality Information

Policy Context

The Welsh Government's *Programme for Government* (2011-2016) states the Government's commitment to advance the equality of opportunity and to tackle discrimination. The Welsh Government *Strategic Equality Plan* details how the Government is fulfilling the general duty in the Equality Act 2010 and the Wales-specific equality duties. The *Strategic Equality Plan* sets out outcome-focused equality objectives which put the spotlight on the practical differences needed to make to people's lives. The objectives are based on the robust evidence that Welsh public bodies (including the Welsh Government itself) have gathered, and on engagement with organisations and individuals.

Data Source (2011 Census)

ONS is responsible for the Census in England and Wales. The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The latest census in England and Wales took place on 27 March 2011.

Census estimates describe the characteristics of areas down to small geographies, and are used to understand similarities and differences in the population's characteristics locally, regionally and nationally. This information is used for planning and delivering services.

Methodology

Further information about the census estimates, including details about the methodology used and information about how population subgroups are defined and estimated, is available via the 2011 Census home page.

This bulletin is about usual residents in Wales. It does not refer to visitors or short-term residents. A usual resident is anyone who, on census day, was in the UK and had stayed or intended to stay in the UK for a period of 12 months or more, or had a permanent UK address and was outside the UK and intended to be outside the UK for less than 12 months.

This is the link to the ONS website.

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

Further information on the fitness for purpose of the statistics in this release can be found in the [Quality and Methodology Information paper](#)

This document provides a range of information that describes the quality of the output and details any points that should be noted when using the output.

National Statistics

National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

Further Information

Population statistics by local authority, age, and sex can be found on StatsWales:

<http://statswales.wales.gov.uk/index.htm>

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