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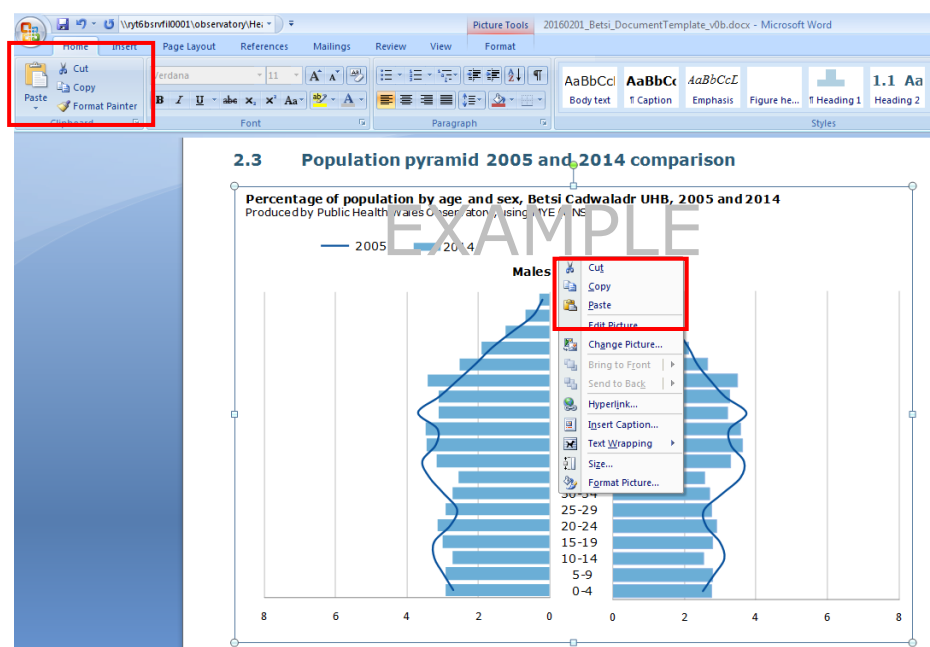
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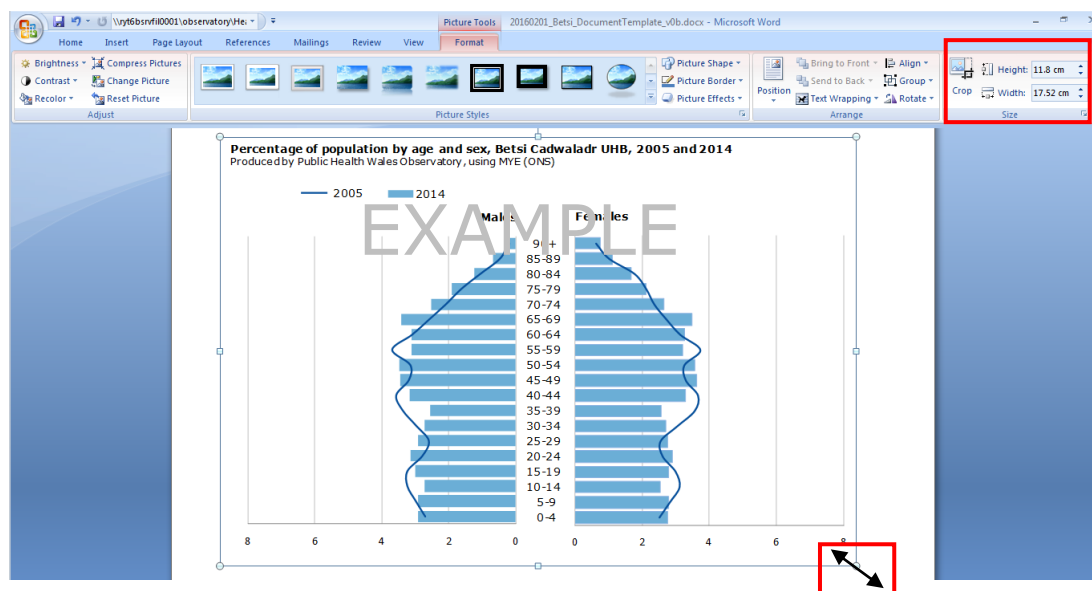
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1 Introduction

This Wales summary document provides national level information on the indicators contained in the publication *Demography 2016*. It includes *selected* charts, tables and small area maps for Wales and is designed to complement the health board summary documents.

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Note

It has recently come to light that the population aged 85+ has been underestimated in some areas by the Office for National Statistics population estimates. In most parts of Wales the impact of this issue will be small. Further details are available from the Demography 2016 [webpage](#)

2 Population estimates

Population estimates are produced annually by the Office for National Statistics. The estimates are based on the most recent Census (2011) from which births are added, deaths are subtracted and an estimate is made of net migration.

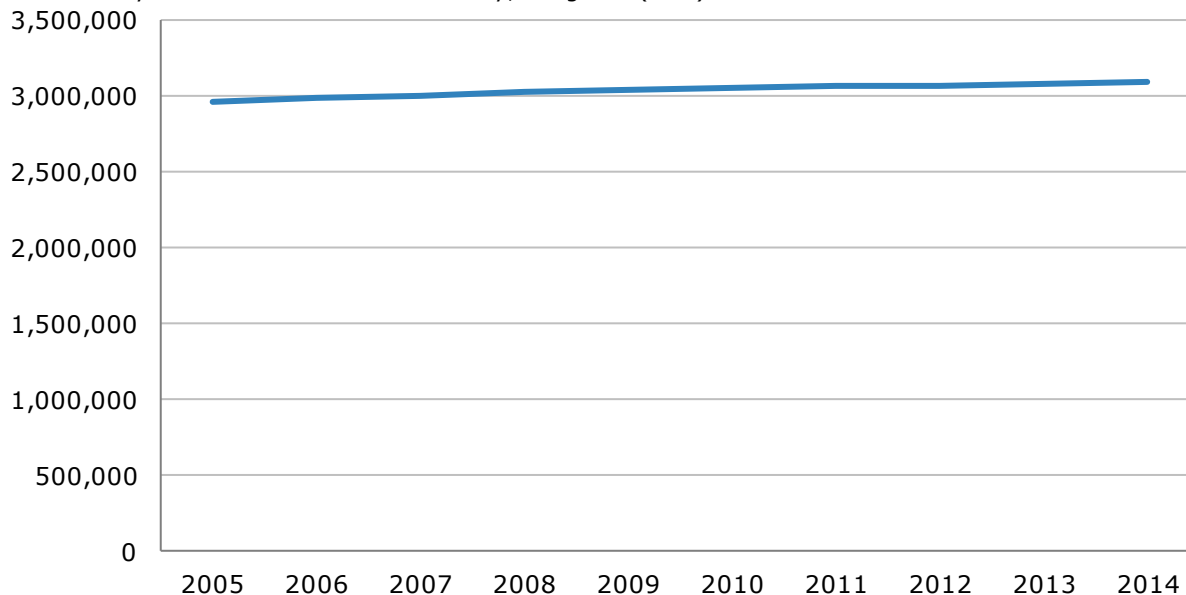
2.1 Key messages

- Over the last 10 years (2005 to 2014), the population of Wales has increased by over 4% from around 2.97 million to 3.09 million (5.1% and 3.2% increase for males and females, respectively)
- In 2014, an estimated 49% of the population were male and 51% female in Wales
- The largest increase (10.4%) in population was seen in Cardiff which increased from around 320,000 in 2005 to 350,000 in 2014
- Ceredigion saw the only decrease (-0.1%) in population from 2005 to 2014
- In 2014, 1 in 5 Welsh residents were aged over 65 years (20%), 6 in every 10 (62%) were of working age (16 to 64 years) and nearly 1 in 5 (18%) were aged under 16
- The population aged under 16 in Wales has decreased by over 2% between 2005 and 2014, from around 568,000 to 555,000
- The population in Wales aged 85+ has increased by over a quarter (27%) between 2005 and 2014, from an estimated 62,000 to 79,000

2.2 Population trends

Population estimates, count, persons, Wales, 2005-2014

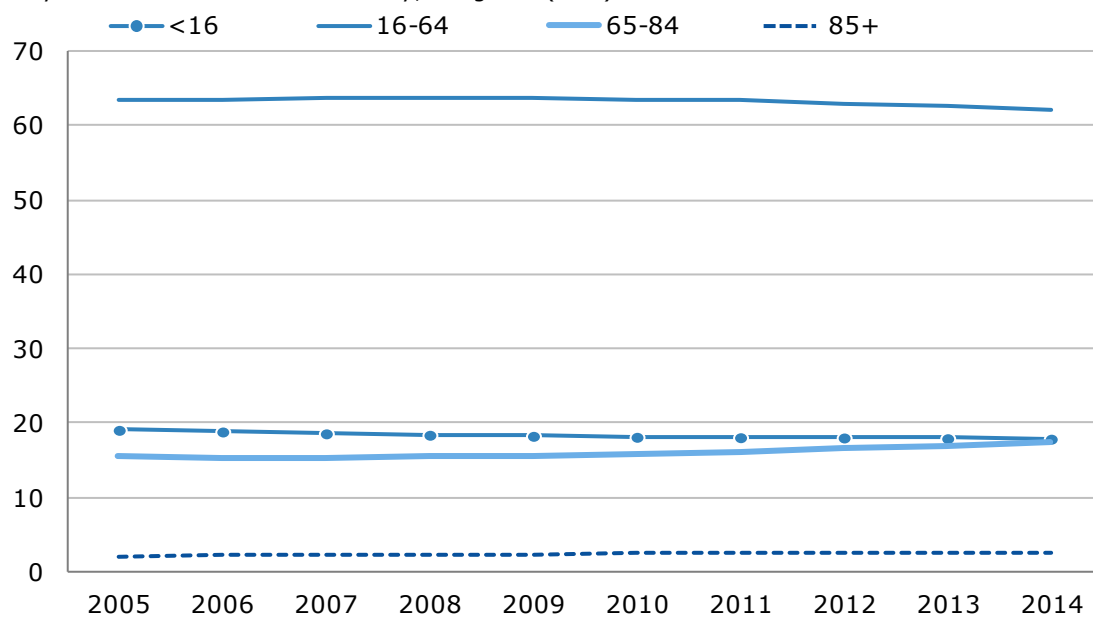
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2.3 Population trends by age

Population estimates by age group, percentage, persons, Wales, 2005-2014

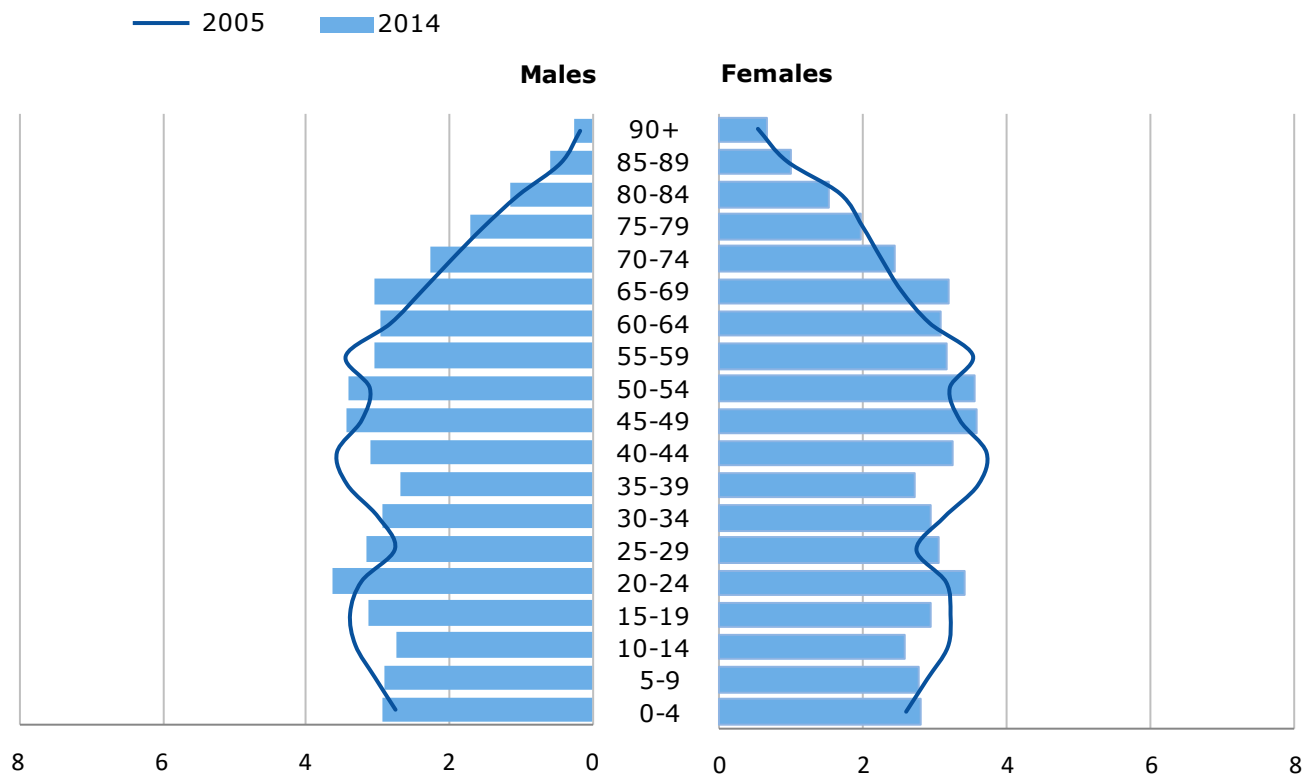
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2.4 Population pyramid 2005 and 2014 comparison

Percentage of population by age and sex, Wales, 2005 and 2014

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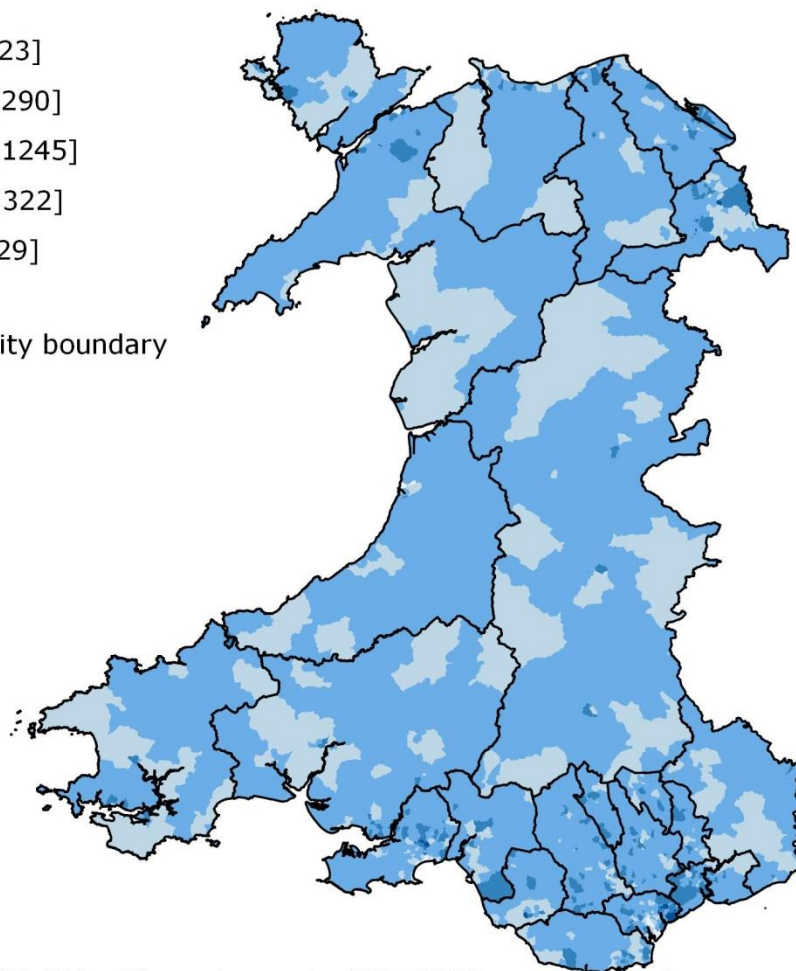
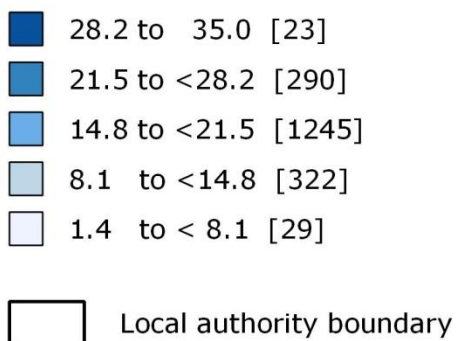


2.5 Population estimates by Lower Super Output Area

Under 16

Estimated population aged under 16, Wales, 2014

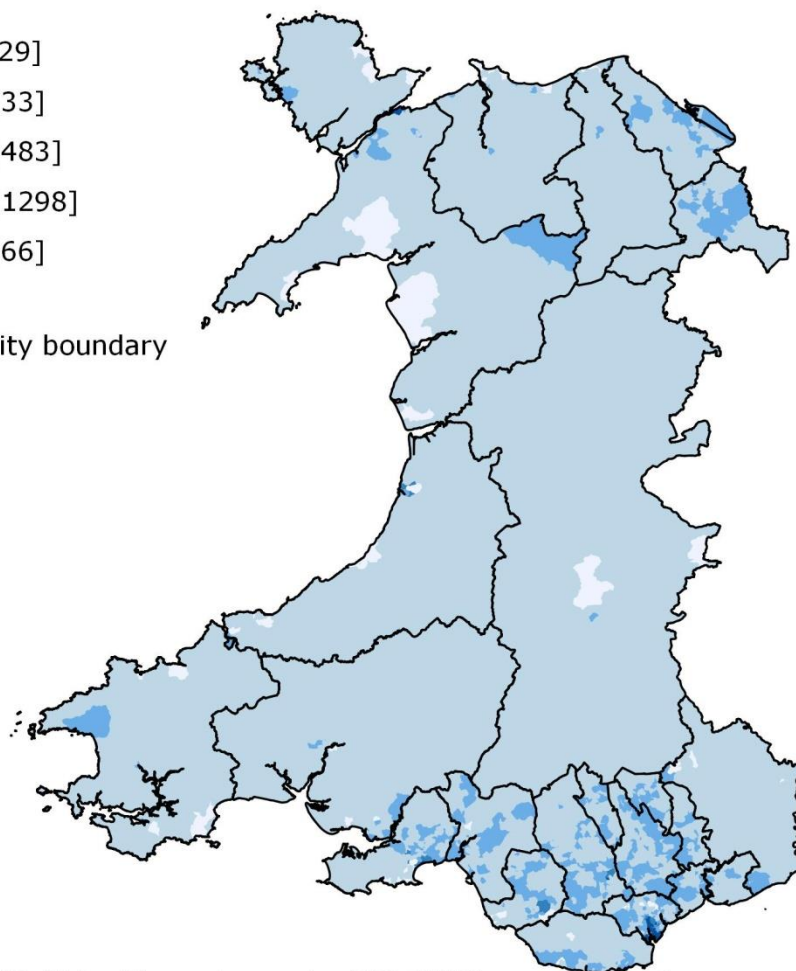
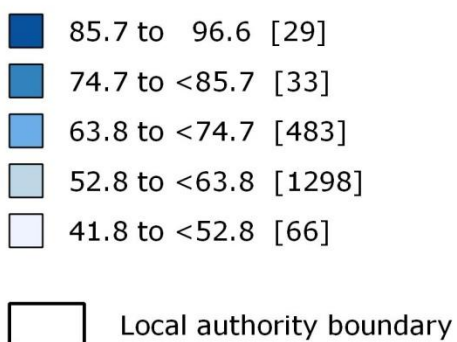
LSOA, percentage



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16 – 64 years**Estimated population aged 16 - 64 years, Wales, 2014**

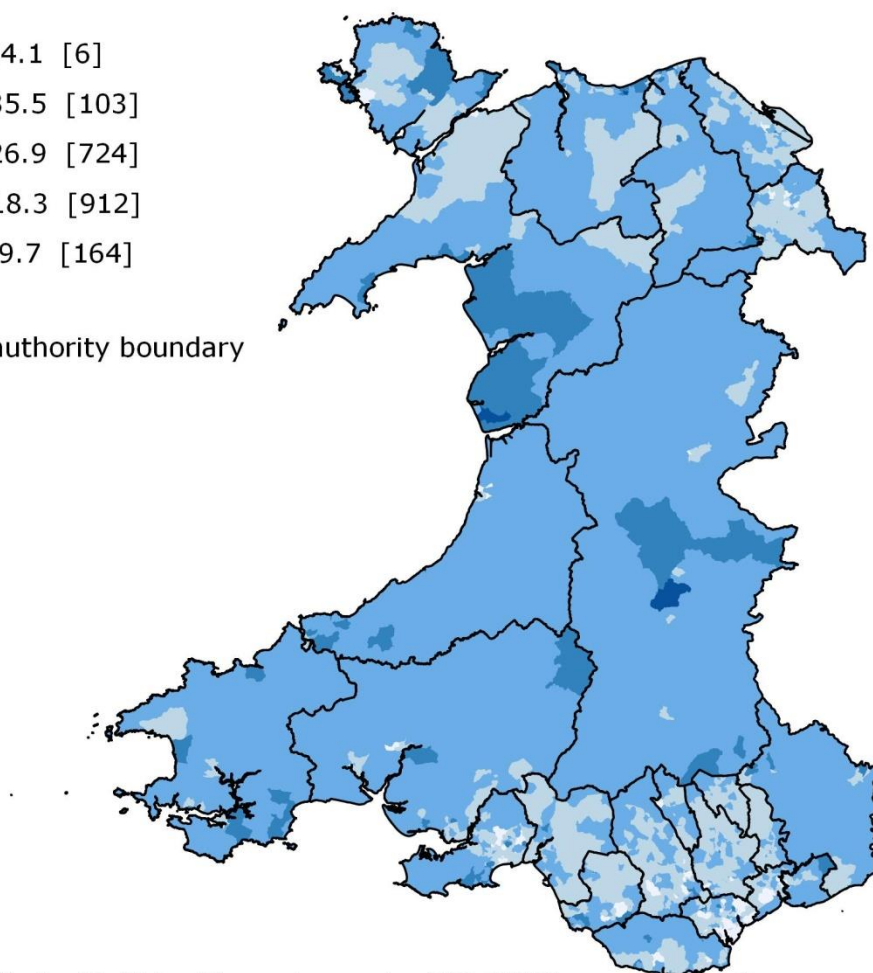
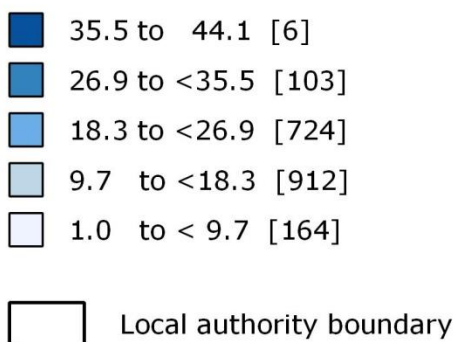
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65 – 84 years**Estimated population aged 65 - 84 years, Wales, 2014**






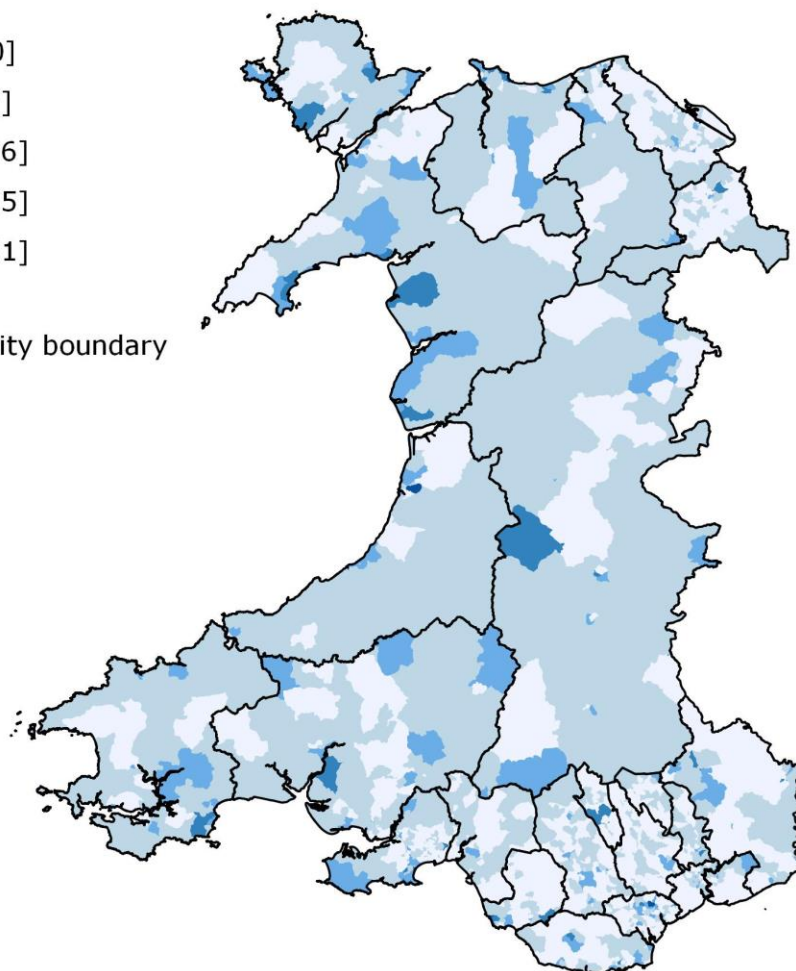
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85+ years**Estimated population aged 85+, Wales, 2014**

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3 Population projections

Population projections provide estimates of the size of the future population and are based on assumptions about births, deaths and migration which are based on past trends.

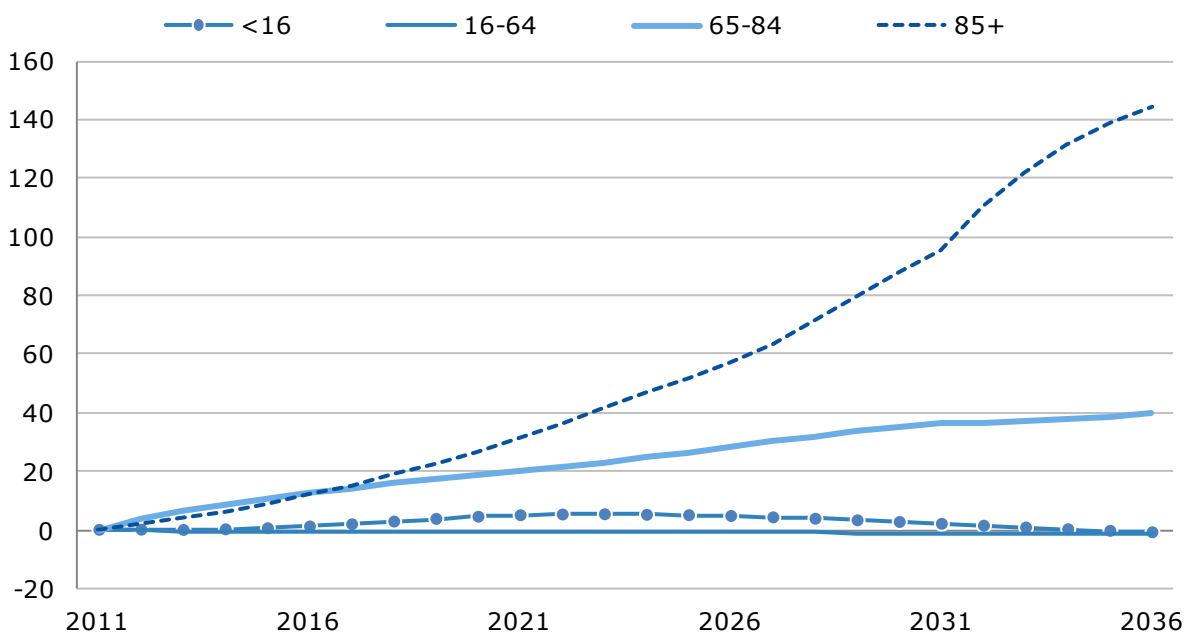
3.1 Key messages

- The population of Wales is projected to increase by almost 9%, from around 3.1 million in 2011 to over 3.3 million in 2036
- The 65 to 84 and 85+ age groups are projected to have the largest increase by 2036, when an estimated 1 in 4 people in Wales will be aged 65 and over
- By 2036, it is estimated that the number of people aged 85 and over in Wales will increase by nearly 145% (from around 75,000 in 2011 to over 184,000 in 2036), with the largest increase seen in Flintshire (approximately 220%)
- It is estimated that there will be a small decline of just over 1% in the number of people aged under 65 living in Wales by 2036, with the largest decrease seen in Powys (approximately 17%)
- The largest projected population increase at the local authority level is in Cardiff which is projected to increase by around a third, from an estimated 345,000 in 2011 to over 455,000 in 2036
- Three local authority areas are projected to have a decrease in the population in 2036 (Isle of Anglesey, Blaenau Gwent and Monmouthshire), with the largest decline of nearly 7% seen in Blaenau Gwent (from around 70,000 in 2011 to 65,000 in 2036)

3.2 Projection trends by age

Population projections by age group, percentage change since 2011, Wales, 2011 - 2036

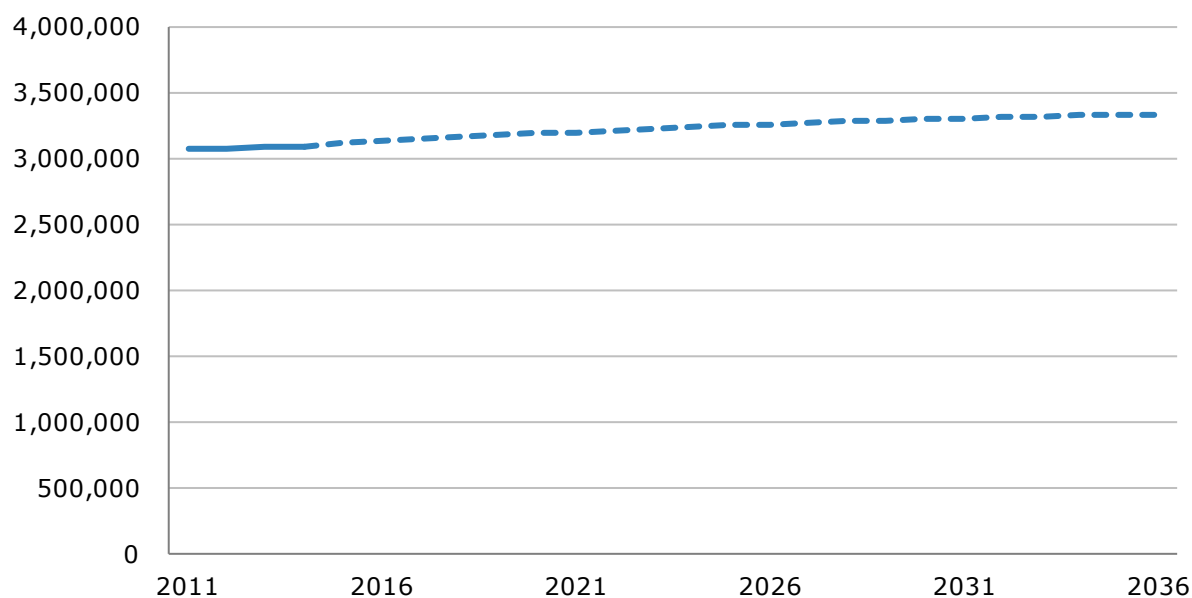
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3.3 Past trends and projections

Population estimates and projections*, count, Wales, 2011 to 2036

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*Data from 2011 to 2014 are based on mid-year population estimates (—); data for 2015 to 2036 are based on population projections (---)

4 Mortality

The main measure of mortality used in this profile is the European age-standardised rate which accounts for differences in the population age structure between areas and over time.

4.1 Key messages

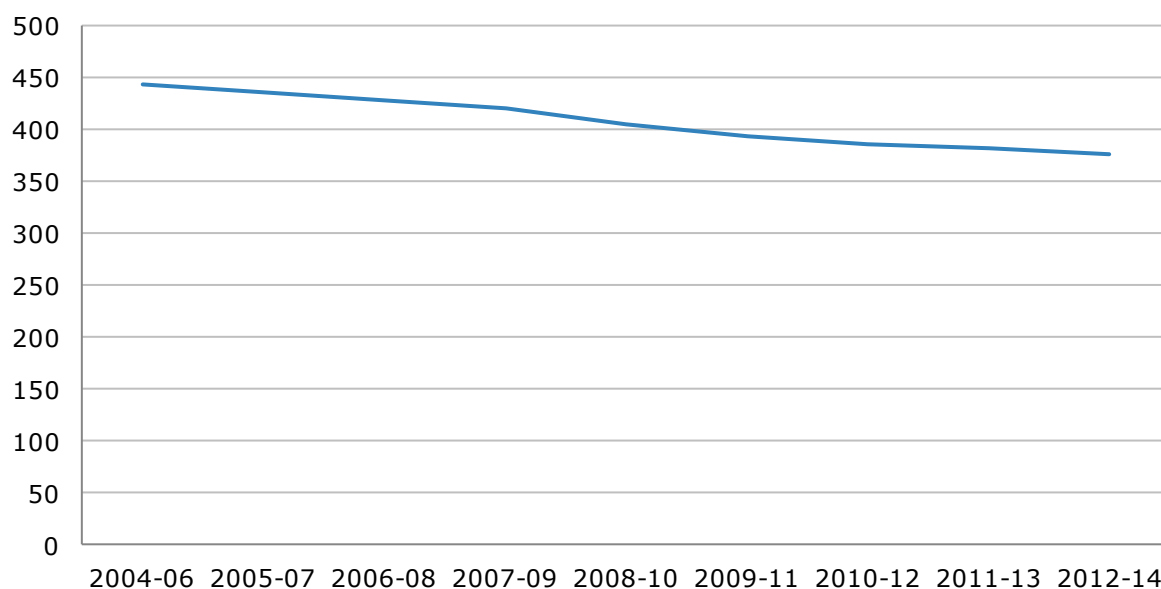
- All-cause mortality rates for under 75s and all ages have generally decreased in Wales between 2004-06 and 2012-14
- Over the last 10 years in Wales, there has been a 16.5% decrease in all-cause mortality rates in males aged under 75 and nearly 14% decrease in females aged under 75
- In 2012-2014 the all-cause mortality rate for under 75s in Wales was 34% higher in males than females
- There has been a 12.4% decrease in all-cause mortality rates for persons of all ages between 2004-06 and 2012-14 in Wales (13.5% and 11.9% decrease for males and females, respectively)
- In 2012-14, Blaenau Gwent had the highest all-cause mortality rate for persons aged under 75 and all ages whilst Monmouthshire had the lowest all-cause mortality rate for persons aged under 75 and all ages
- Wales had a higher all-cause mortality rate compared to England for both persons aged under 75 (10.4%) and all ages (7%) in 2012-14

4.2 All-cause mortality trends

Under 75

All-cause mortality, European age-standardised rate per 100,000, persons, under 75, Wales, 2004-06 to 2012-14

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All-cause mortality, European age-standardised rate per 100,000, average annual count and crude rate, persons, under 75, Wales, 2004-06 to 2012-14

	Average annual count	Crude rate	EASR (95% CI)
2004-06	11,068	407	444 (439 to 449)
2005-07	11,021	403	436 (432 to 441)
2006-08	10,971	398	428 (424 to 433)
2007-09	10,931	395	420 (416 to 425)
2008-10	10,714	385	406 (402 to 411)
2009-11	10,538	378	395 (391 to 399)
2010-12	10,440	373	387 (382 to 391)
2011-13	10,481	374	383 (379 to 387)
2012-14	10,448	372	376 (372 to 381)

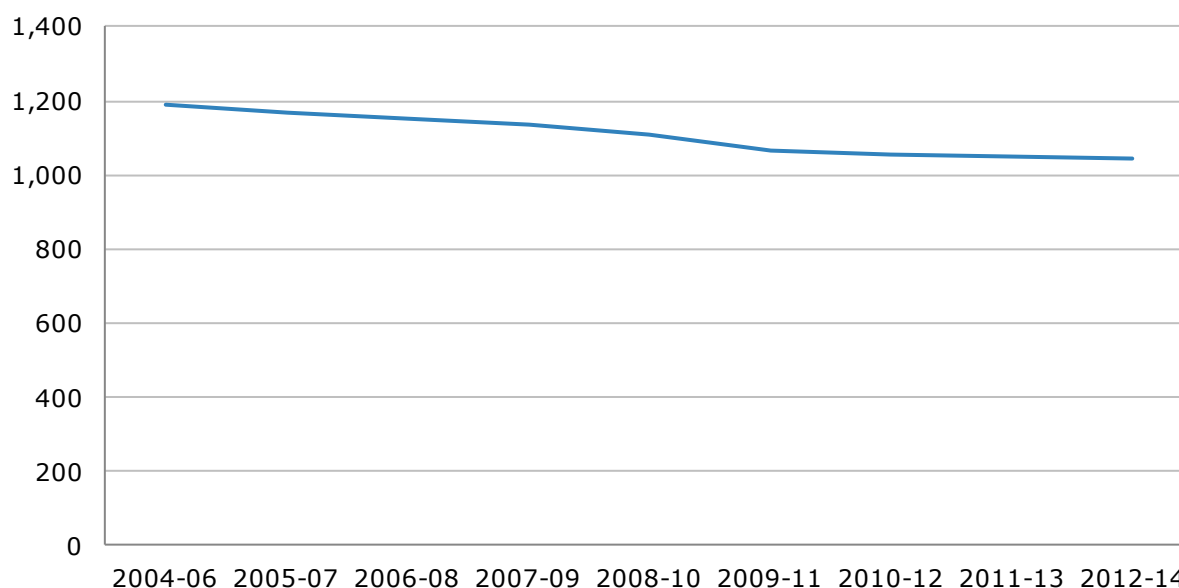
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EASR = European age-standardised rate

CI = confidence interval

All ages**All-cause mortality, European age-standardised rate per 100,000, persons, all ages, Wales, 2004-06 to 2012-14**

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**All-cause mortality, European age-standardised rate per 100,000, average annual count and crude rate, persons, all ages, Wales, 2004-06 to 2012-14**

	Average annual count	Crude rate	EASR (95% CI)
2004-06	31,854	1,072	1,189 (1,181 to 1,196)
2005-07	31,797	1,064	1,170 (1,163 to 1,178)
2006-08	31,765	1,057	1,153 (1,146 to 1,161)
2007-09	31,739	1,050	1,136 (1,128 to 1,143)
2008-10	31,422	1,034	1,107 (1,100 to 1,114)
2009-11	30,875	1,012	1,068 (1,062 to 1,075)
2010-12	31,041	1,014	1,055 (1,048 to 1,062)
2011-13	31,354	1,020	1,049 (1,042 to 1,055)
2012-14	31,693	1,028	1,042 (1,036 to 1,049)

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EASR = European age-standardised rate

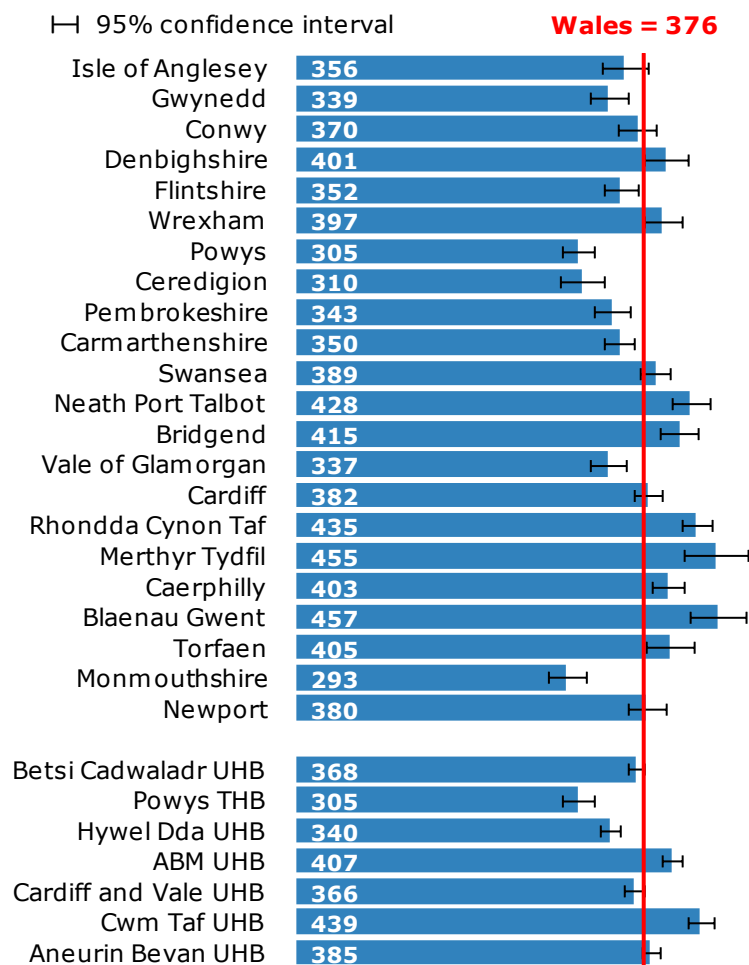
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4.3 All-cause mortality 2012-14

Under 75

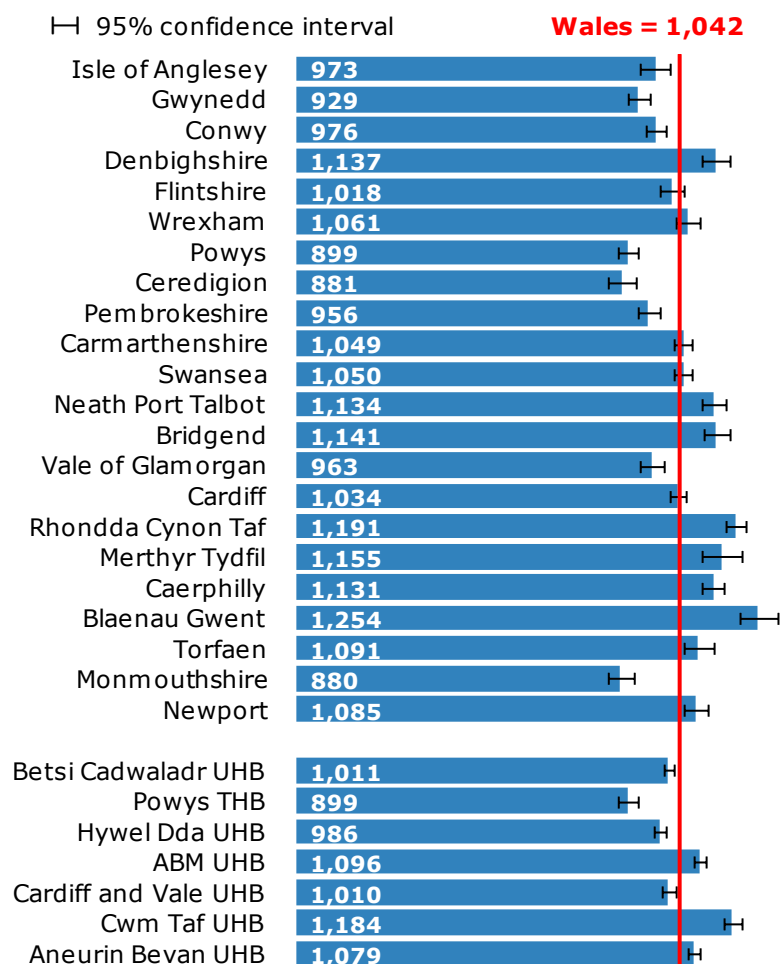
All-cause mortality, European age-standardised rate per 100,000, persons, under 75, Wales local authorities and health boards, 2012-14

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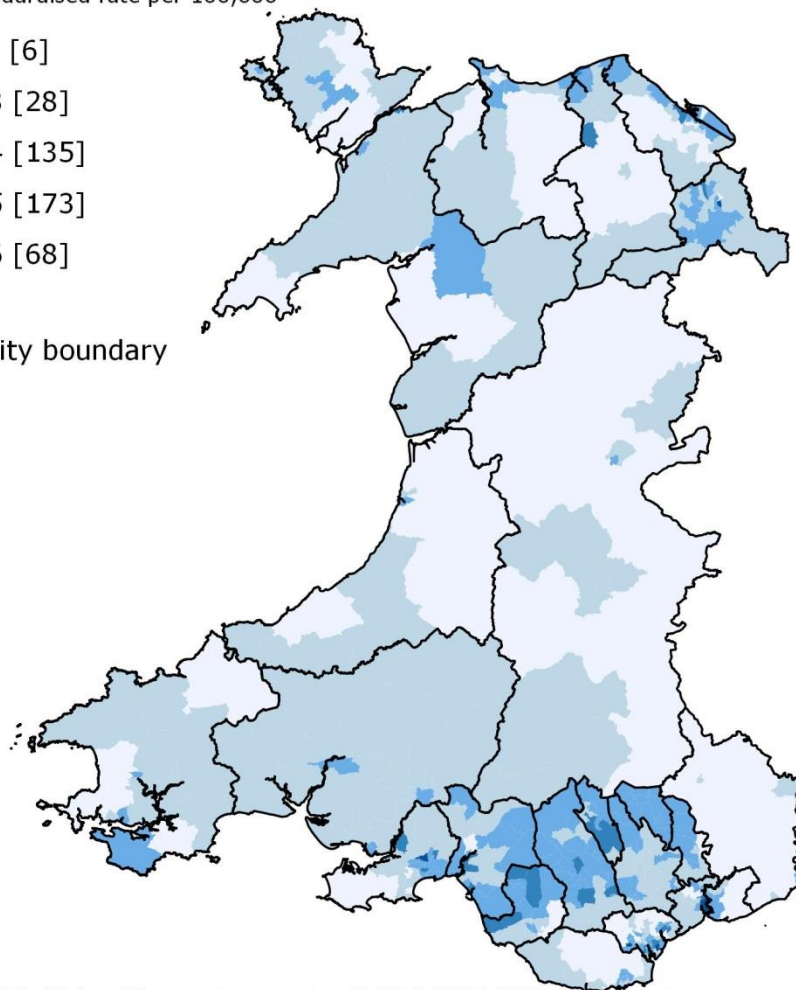
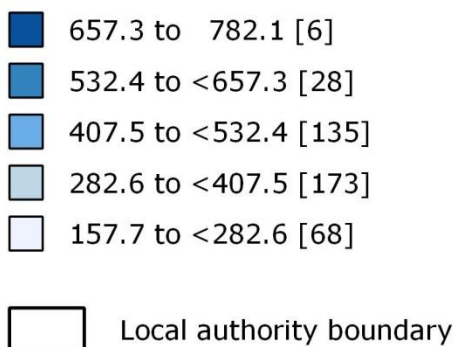


4.4 All-cause mortality by Middle Super Output Area

Under 75

All-cause mortality, persons, under 75, Wales, 2012-2014

MSOA, European age-standardised rate per 100,000



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5 General fertility rate

The general fertility rate is the number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44.

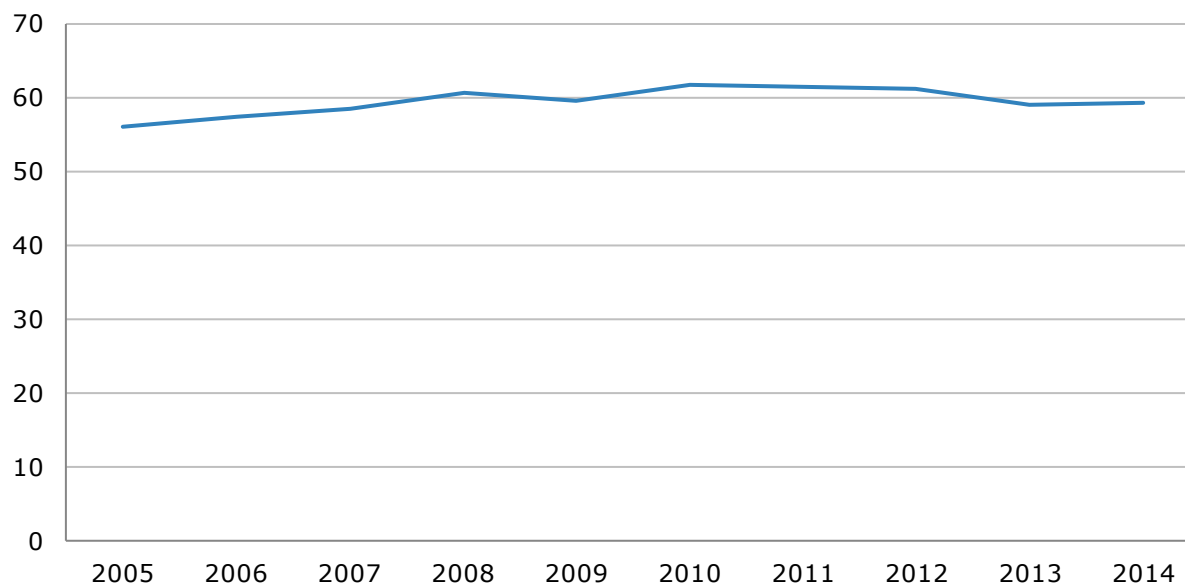
5.1 Key messages

- There were just over 33,500 live births in Wales in 2014
- Over the past 10 years, the fertility rate in Wales has shown little variation with a small increase seen between 2005 and 2014 (56 and 59 live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44, respectively)
- In 2014, the highest fertility rate was in Denbighshire and the lowest in Ceredigion (72 and 44 live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44, respectively)
- The presence of a large student population within a local authority tends to reduce the fertility rate in that area, as students in higher education tend to have below average fertility
- Denbighshire had the largest increase in fertility rate, from 59 per 1,000 females aged 15-44 in 2005 to 72 per 1,000 females aged 15-44 in 2014
- Gwynedd, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen local authorities showed a small decrease in fertility rate between 2005 and 2014

5.2 General fertility rate trends

General fertility rate (GFR)*, Wales, 2005-2014

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*GFR is the number of live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44

General fertility rate (GFR)*, Wales, 2005-2014

	Number of live births	GFR* (95% CI)
2005	32,590	56 (55 to 57)
2006	33,623	57 (57 to 58)
2007	34,392	59 (58 to 59)
2008	35,644	61 (60 to 61)
2009	34,938	60 (59 to 60)
2010	35,945	62 (61 to 62)
2011	35,604	61 (61 to 62)
2012	35,238	61 (61 to 62)
2013	33,742	59 (58 to 60)
2014	33,541	59 (58 to 60)

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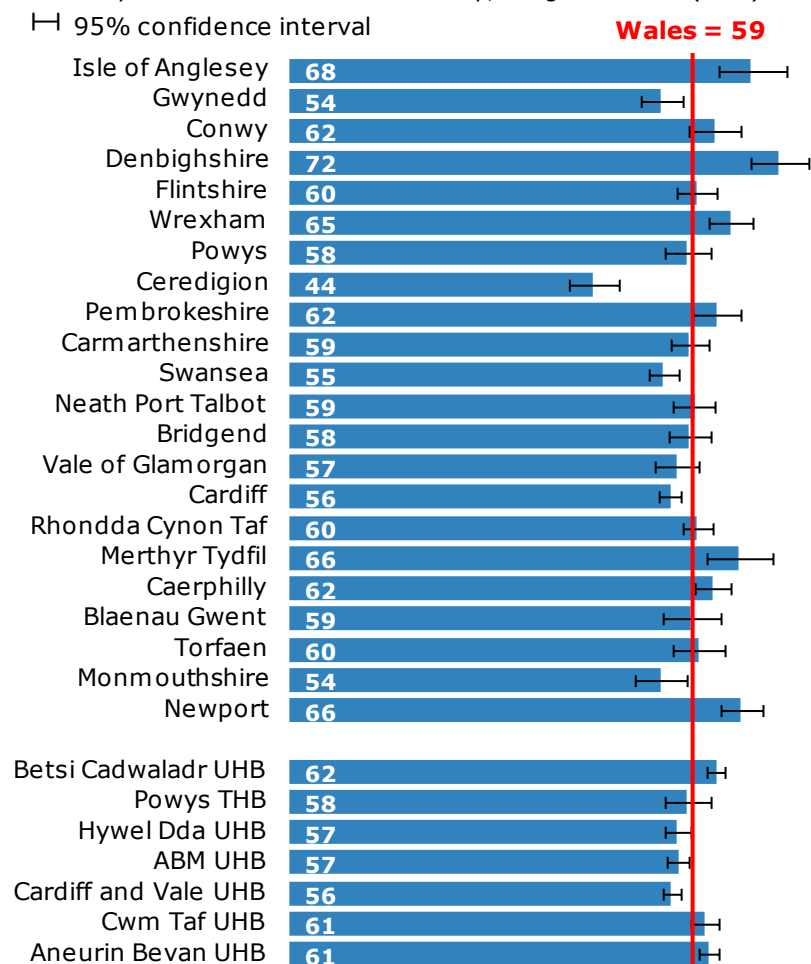
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females aged 15-44

CI=Confidence Interval

5.3 General fertility rate 2014

General fertility rate (GFR)*, Wales, health boards and local authorities, 2014

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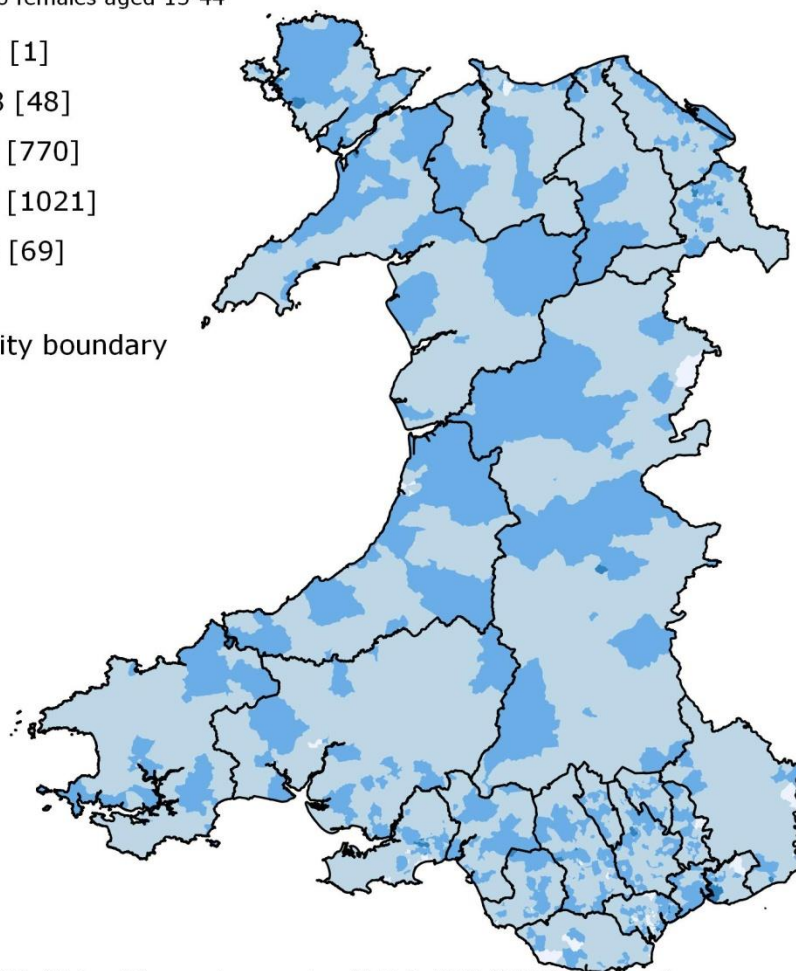
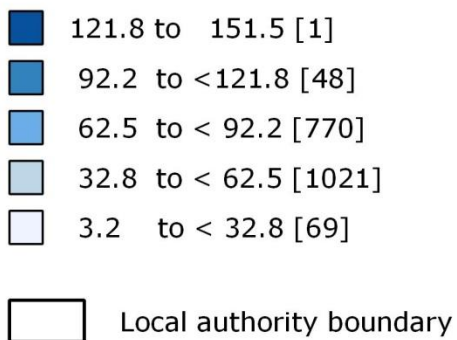


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5.4 General fertility rate by Lower Super Output Area

General fertility rate, Wales, 2014

LSOA, live births per 1,000 females aged 15-44



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