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## 5. The results for Wales

Between 2003 and 2023, the 2003 based national population projections for Wales indicate:

- Wales's population projected to increase by
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## 6. Sub-national results

- Of the four regions, South East Wales is projected to have the greatest increase in population between 2003 and 2023 at 7.8 per cent. The smallest projected increase is in the North Wales region at 3.6 per cent.
- Net inward migration will be highest in South West Wales and lowest in Mid Wales.
- Natural change is projected to be negative for all regions except South East Wales, where it will reach a peak of 3,600 in 2016 before falling but remaining positive.

**Table 2 Projected population change and its components; Regional groupings (a)**

### North Wales

*Thousands*

Year:	Population	Components of population change					Population at end of period	Percentage change over year
	at start of period	Total change	Births	Deaths	Natural Change	Net migration and other changes		
2003	670.8	4.2	7.0	7.8	-0.8	5.0	675.0	0.6
2004	675.0	3.2	7.0	7.8	-0.8	4.0	678.3	0.5
2005	678.3	2.2	6.9	7.7	-0.8	3.0	680.5	0.3
2006	680.5	1.1	6.9	7.7	-0.8	1.9	681.6	0.2
2007	681.6	1.1	6.8	7.6	-0.8	1.9	682.7	0.2
2008	682.7	1.1	6.7	7.6	-0.9	2.0	683.8	0.2
2009	683.8	1.1	6.7	7.6	-0.9	2.0	684.9	0.2
2010	684.9	1.1	6.7	7.5	-0.9	2.0	686.0	0.2
2011	686.0	1.1	6.6	7.5	-0.9	2.0	687.0	0.1
2012	687.0	1.0	6.6	7.6	-1.0	2.0	688.1	0.2
2013	688.1	1.0	6.6	7.6	-1.0	2.0	689.0	0.1
2014	689.0	0.9	6.6	7.6	-1.0	2.0	690.0	0.1
2015	690.0	0.9	6.5	7.6	-1.1	2.0	690.9	0.1
2016	690.9	0.8	6.5	7.6	-1.1	2.0	691.7	0.1
2017	691.7	0.8	6.5	7.7	-1.2	2.0	692.5	0.1

## Mid Wales

Thousands

Year:	Population		Components of population change				Population at end of period	Percentage change over year
	at start of period	Total change	Births	Deaths	Natural change	Net migration and other changes		
2003	206.4	1.9	1.9	2.3	-0.4	2.3	208.3	0.9
2004	208.3	1.4	1.9	2.3	-0.4	1.9	209.7	0.7
2005	209.7	1.0	1.8	2.3	-0.5	1.4	210.7	0.5
2006	210.7	0.5	1.8	2.3	-0.5	1.0	211.2	0.2
2007	211.2	0.5	1.8	2.3	-0.5	1.0	211.6	0.2
2008	211.6	0.4	1.8	2.3	-0.5	1.0	212.1	0.2
2009	212.1	0.4	1.8	2.3	-0.6	1.0	212.5	0.2
2010	212.5	0.4	1.8	2.3	-0.6	1.0	212.9	0.2
2011	212.9	0.4	1.7	2.3	-0.6	1.0	213.3	0.2
2012	213.3	0.4	1.7	2.4	-0.6	1.0	213.6	0.1
2013	213.6	0.3	1.7	2.4	-0.6	1.0	214.0	0.2
2014	214.0	0.3	1.7	2.4	-0.7	1.0	214.3	0.1
2015	214.3	0.3	1.7	2.4	-0.7	1.0	214.6	0.1
2016	214.6	0.3	1.7	2.4	-0.7	1.0	214.9	0.1
2017	214.9	0.3	1.7	2.4	-0.7	1.0	215.2	0.1
2018	215.2	0.2	1.7	2.5	-0.8	1.0	215.4	0.1
2019	215.4	0.2	1.7	2.5	-0.8	1.0	215.6	0.1
2020	215.6	0.2	1.7	2.5	-0.8	1.0	215.8	0.1
2021	215.8	0.2	1.6	2.5	-0.9	1.1	216.0	0.1
2022	216.0	0.1	1.6	2.6	-0.9	1.1	216.1	0.0

(a) Mid Wales contains the following local authorities: Powys & Ceredigion.

## South West Wales

Thousands

Year:	Population		Components of population change				Population at end of period	Percentage change over year
	at start of period	Total change	Births	Deaths	Natural change	Net migration and other changes		
2003	652.3	3.4	6.7	7.9	-1.2	4.6	655.7	0.5
2004	655.7	2.9	6.7	7.8	-1.1	4.0	658.5	0.4
2005	658.5	2.2	6.7	7.8	-1.1	3.3	660.8	0.3
2006	660.8	1.6	6.7	7.7	-1.0	2.7	662.4	0.2
2007	662.4	1.6	6.7	7.7	-1.0	2.6	664.0	0.2
2008	664.0	1.7	6.7	7.6	-1.0	2.7	665.7	0.3
2009	665.7	1.8	6.7	7.6	-0.9	2.7	667.5	0.3
2010	667.5	1.8	6.7	7.6	-0.9	2.7	669.3	0.3
2011	669.3	1.8	6.7	7.6	-0.8	2.7	671.1	0.3
2012	671.1	1.9	6.8	7.5	-0.8	2.7	673.0	0.3
2013	673.0	1.9	6.8	7.5	-0.8	2.7	674.9	0.3
2014	674.9	1.9	6.8	7.6	-0.7	2.7	676.8	0.3
2015	676.8	1.9	6.8	7.6	-0.7	2.7	678.8	0.3
2016	678.8	1.9	6.8	7.6	-0.8	2.7	680.7	0.3
2017	680.7	1.9	6.8	7.6	-0.8	2.7	682.6	0.3
2018	682.6	1.8	6.8	7.7	-0.8	2.7	684.4	0.3
2019	684.4	1.8	6.8	7.7	-0.9	2.7	686.2	0.3
2020	686.2	1.7	6.8	7.8	-1.0	2.7	687.9	0.2
2021	687.9	1.6	6.7	7.8	-1.1	2.7	689.5	0.2
2022	689.5	1.5	6.7	7.9	-1.2	2.7	691.0	0.2

(a) South West Wales contains the following local authorities: Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea & Neath Port Talbot.

## South East Wales

Thousands

Year:	Population at start of period	Components of population change					Net migration and other changes	Population at end of period	Percentage change over year
		Total change	Births	Deaths	Natural change				
2003	1,408.5	7.6	16.1	15.0	1.1	6.5	1,416.1	0.5	
2004	1,416.1	6.5	16.3	14.9	1.4	5.1	1,422.7	0.5	
2005	1,422.7	5.4	16.3	14.7	1.6	3.8	1,428.1	0.4	
2006	1,428.1	4.2	16.4	14.6	1.8	2.4	1,432.3	0.3	
2007	1,432.3	4.4	16.5	14.5	2.0	2.4	1,436.7	0.3	
2008	1,436.7	4.7	16.7	14.4	2.2	2.4	1,441.4	0.3	
2009	1,441.4	4.9	16.8	14.3	2.5	2.4	1,446.3	0.3	
2010	1,446.3	5.1	17.0	14.3	2.7	2.4	1,451.4	0.4	
2011	1,451.4	5.3	17.2	14.2	2.9	2.4	1,456.7	0.4	
2012	1,456.7	5.5	17.3	14.2	3.1	2.4	1,462.3	0.4	
2013	1,462.3	5.7	17.5	14.2	3.3	2.4	1,467.9	0.4	
2014	1,467.9	5.8	17.6	14.2	3.4	2.4	1,473.7	0.4	
2015	1,473.7	5.9	17.7	14.2	3.5	2.3	1,479.6	0.4	
2016	1,479.6	5.9	17.8	14.2	3.6	2.3	1,485.5	0.4	
2017	1,485.5	5.9	17.8	14.3	3.6	2.3	1,491.4	0.4	
2018	1,491.4	5.8	17.8	14.3	3.5	2.3	1,497.2	0.4	
2019	1,497.2	5.7	17.8	14.4	3.4	2.3	1,502.9	0.4	
2020	1,502.9	5.5	17.7	14.5	3.2	2.3	1,508.3	0.4	
2021	1,508.3	5.3	17.6	14.6	3.0	2.2	1,513.6	0.4	
2022	1,513.6	5.1	17.5	14.7	2.8	2.2	1,518.7	0.3	

(a)

## Between 2003 and 2023, the 2003-based population projections by broad age group for regional areas in Wales indicate

- The number of people aged 0 to 4 to decrease in North Wales (9.9 per cent) and Mid Wales (11.3 per cent) between 2003 and 2023. The opposite is projected to happen in the other two regions, with an increase in both South West Wales (0.3 per cent) and South East Wales (10.4 per cent).
- A decrease in the number of people aged 5 to 15 and 16 to 24 in all four regions over the next twenty years.
- Population of people aged 25 to 44 to increase by 6.2 per cent in South East Wales whilst falling elsewhere.
- An increase in the number of people aged 45 and above in all four regions, with the largest increase in the oldest age group - 75 and over, reflecting improvements to life expectancy.

### North Wales

Thousands

Year:	All ages	0-4	5-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over
2003	670.8	36.2	92.6	69.8	171.9	175.9	64.5	59.9
2004	675.0	35.9	92.4	70.9	171.9	178.1	65.3	60.5
2005	678.3	35.7	91.9	71.3	171.9	180.4	66.1	61.1
2006	680.5	35.4	91.2	71.6	171.0	182.6	67.1	61.6
2007	681.6	35.4	89.7	72.4	169.0	184.7	68.4	62.1
2008	682.7	35.4	88.1	73.1	166.6	186.4	70.5	62.5
2009	683.8	35.1	87.2	73.1	164.5	188.1	72.7	63.0
2010	684.9	34.7	86.4	72.3	163.1	189.7	74.8	63.8
2011	686.0	34.5	85.6	72.1	161.4	190.9	76.8	64.7
2012	687.0	34.2	84.8	71.7	159.9	190.0	80.5	65.9
2013	688.1	34.1	83.8	71.4	158.5	189.5	83.5	67.3
2014	689.0	33.9	83.0	70.9	157.0	189.7	85.8	68.7
2015	690.0	33.8	82.1	70.3	155.7	190.4	87.6	70.1
2016	690.9	33.7	81.4	69.4	154.5	191.4	89.0	71.6
2017	691.7	33.5	80.7	68.3	153.6	192.3	89.8	73.4
2018	692.5	33.4	80.5	67.2	153.1	192.4	90.2	75.8
2019	693.2	33.3	80.3	66.1	153.1	191.7	90.4	78.2
2020	693.8	33.2	79.8	65.5	153.3	191.2	90.2	80.6
2021	694.4	33.0	79.3	64.9	153.7	190.3	90.1	83.1
2022	694.7	32.8	78.9	64.1	154.0	189.3	88.5	87.1
2023	695.0	32.6	78.6	63.4	154.2	188.1	87.4	90.6
Percentage change 2003-2023	3.6	-9.9	-15.1	-9.2	-10.3	6.9	35.5	51.3

(a) North Wales contains the following local authorities: Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire & Wrexham.



## Mid Wales

Thousands

Year:	All ages	0-4	5-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over
2003	206.4	9.7	27.3	24.3	47.8	56.8	20.8	19.6
2004	208.3	9.6	27.1	25.1	47.4	57.8	21.2	19.9
2005	209.7	9.6	26.9	25.5	47.2	58.6	21.6	20.3
2006	210.7	9.5	26.6	25.5	46.9	59.5	21.9	20.6
2007	211.2	9.5	26.1	25.7	46.2	60.2	22.5	20.9
2008	211.6	9.5	25.5	26.0	45.4	60.8	23.2	21.2
2009	212.1	9.4	25.1	26.1	44.7	61.1	24.2	21.5
2010	212.5	9.3	24.6	26.3	43.9	61.4	25.2	21.9
2011	212.9	9.2	24.3	26.2	43.3	61.7	25.9	22.3
2012	213.3	9.1	23.8	26.1	42.8	61.4	27.2	22.7
2013	213.6	9.0	23.5	25.9	42.4	61.1	28.4	23.2
2014	214.0	9.0	23.2	25.7	41.9	61.1	29.3	23.7
2015	214.3	9.0	23.0	25.4	41.6	60.9	30.1	24.3
2016	214.6	8.9	22.8	25.0	41.3	61.0	30.7	24.8
2017	214.9	8.9	22.6	24.6	41.2	61.0	31.1	25.5
2018	215.2	8.9	22.6	24.1	41.2	60.6	31.4	26.5
2019	215.4	8.8	22.5	23.6	41.3	60.2	31.4	27.5
2020	215.6	8.8	22.4	23.3	41.4	59.9	31.4	28.6
2021	215.8	8.7	22.2	23.0	41.6	59.4	31.4	29.5
2022	216.0	8.7	22.1	22.7	41.9	58.7	31.0	31.0
2023	216.1	8.6	22.0	22.5	42.1	58.0	30.6	32.3
Percentage change 2003-2023	4.7	-11.3	-19.4	-7.4	-11.9	2.1	47.1	64.8

(a) Mid Wales contains the following local authorities: Powys & Ceredigion.

## South East Wales

Thousands

Year:	All ages	0-4	5-15	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over
2003	1408.5	79.7	207.4	170.5	384.1	341.1	118.6	107.1
2004	1416.1	79.2	204.7	176.8	383.5	345.1	119.3	107.6
2005	1422.7	79.3	201.4	180.5	384.2	349.1	119.8	108.4
2006	1428.1	79.8	197.9	183.3	383.6	354.1	120.1	109.3
2007	1432.3	80.8	193.4	186.3	381.4	359.0	121.4	110.0
2008	1436.7	81.3	189.8	188.0	380.1	363.0	123.8	110.6
2009	1441.4	81.8	187.1	188.6	379.0	367.1	126.3	111.5
2010	1446.3	82.3	184.9	187.9	378.6	371.0	128.8	112.6
2011	1451.4	83.0	183.3	186.6	378.9	374.3	131.4	114.0
2012	1456.7	83.7	181.9	184.7	379.5	374.3	137.1	115.4
2013	1462.3	84.5	180.1	183.0	380.9	374.6	142.0	117.1
2014	1467.9	85.3	179.2	180.8	382.2	376.0	145.5	119.0
2015	1473.7	86.1	179.1	178.3	383.8	377.0	148.7	120.8
2016	1479.6	86.8	179.7	174.7	385.5	379.0	151.3	122.6
2017	1485.5	87.4	180.9	171.1	387.7	380.4	153.0	125.0
2018	1491.4	87.9	182.7	167.7	390.3	380.6	154.0	128.1
2019	1497.2	88.3	184.2	165.2	393.3	380.2	154.6	131.4
2020	1502.9	88.5	185.6	163.4	396.5	379.4	154.8	134.8
2021	1508.3	88.5	186.9	161.9	400.1	377.7	155.0	138.3
2022	1513.6	88.3	188.3	160.0	404.5	374.9	153.2	144.4
2023	1518.7	88.0	189.7	158.8	408.0	371.8	152.5	149.9
Percentage change 2003-2023	7.8	10.4	-8.5	-6.9	6.2	9.0	28.6	40.0

(a) South East Wales contains the following local authorities: Bridgend, The Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Rhondda, Cynon, Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire & Newport.

## **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

