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The 20th century has seen several marked changes in Welsh population trends. At the beginning of the century population was rapidly increasing. The first decade in particular saw a spectacular rise of 20 per cent through a combination of resilient natural increase (i.e. excess of births over deaths) and large inward migration (mostly from the agricultural counties of Southern and South West England into the South Wales coalfield). Although from about 1914 onwards the migration flow was reversed, the continuing natural increase was sufficient to sustain an overall rise in population till 1925. Thereafter the flood of outward migration swamped a still strong natural increase with the result that, not just the rate of growth, but the actual, absolute population of Wales was falling for most of the second quarter of the century. The trend was again reversed from c 1950: the next two decades saw a modest population increase mostly because the outward migration fell to levels which were lower than the continuing natural increase. (Digest of Welsh Historical Statistics, vol.1.)

The overall gently rising population trend has continued in the recent decades covered in the present volume. But there has been a marked change in the relative importance of the components of that growth: in the 1970s and 1980s inward migration contributed more than natural increase. (Table 1.3). The shift seems to represent a significant change. The relatively high rate of natural increase which had been a consistent feature of Welsh population change since this first became measurable with reasonable reliability in 1841 almost disappeared in the 1970s and was still very low in the 1980s. On the other hand migration which had been negative in every decade between 1911 and 1971 became positive in the two decades between 1971 and 1991. Equally interesting was the broad geographic pattern of these recent trends within Wales. Broadly speaking the more rural areas (Dyfed, Gwynedd, Powys and West Clwyd), which had been losing population through migration for the previous century, now became the main recipients of inward migration whilst at the same time exhibiting

natural decrease. In the industrial areas natural change has been just positive while migration continues, though at a very modest level (Table 1.3).

These broad demographic trends underpin much of what has governed the economic, social and cultural nature of late twentieth century Wales. It needs therefore to be asked: how well-founded are they? Essentially this means questioning the statistical base on which they rest. In this respect it is possible to be pretty confident about the trends so far mentioned (Tables 1.1 to 1.3). The information is drawn from the decennial censuses which, based on statutory requirement and an experience stretching back over nearly two centuries, had become pretty finely honed by the last quarter of the twentieth century. None the less they are not totally problem-free: some accommodation might not be identified or some households in a building not be known, whilst some of the information could be incorrectly given or incorrectly processed. Normally these make for very minor errors: for the 1981 census careful checks suggested that there was a net under-estimate of the population present on census night of about a half per cent for most areas of England and Wales, but this rose to about 2.5 per cent for inner London. This exceptionally high degree of accuracy has become the norm for the UK census: it is thus necessary to notice that there was a slight shortfall from this standard for one of the years covered in this volume. The 1991 census was estimated to have missed 2.2 per cent of the resident population of Great Britain: but for Wales the 1991 Report for Wales (part 1) p.13 gives a smaller estimated under count of 1.6 per cent (47,000 in total). It is likely that the increased under-coverage reflected the attempts, especially by the more mobile elements of the population, to evade paying the unpopular local Poll Tax, a likelihood

increased by the fact that the estimated under-coverage rose in Inner London and other metropolitan areas and was given as about 9 per cent for men in their twenties. In Wales, with its lack of metropolitan areas, the discrepancy in the figure for young males was probably less. A further possible source of error for county figures on migration would result from boundary shifts between the counties: details of these are given in the census volumes for each county and fortunately for Wales during these years the small boundary adjustments involved tiny numbers of people. The largest net changes discovered related to a movement of 238 persons from Gwent to Mid Glamorgan between 1974 and 1981 (the only shift in those years), and although there were several tiny moves between 1981 and 1991, the largest of these removed 169 persons from West Glamorgan to Mid Glamorgan.

These comments apply to most of the tables in this section which are drawn from the census results; they are also pertinent for the tables (1.3, 1.5 and 1.6) based on the Registrar General's annual estimates since these use the most recent census as a base and use registered births and deaths and estimated migration to estimate the annual population until the next census benchmark is available. Because of problems of availability and consistency, the figures on Welsh language (Table 1.8) are confined to numbers speaking Welsh and do not include the ability to read and write in Welsh. This table has also involved a greater degree of recalculation both to translate the 1971 census results on to the basis of the new

counties, and to limit the age categories to manageable proportions. The table provides some support for both those who are pessimistic and those who are optimistic about the future health of the language: the former will note the ominous fact that in each county the highest proportion of Welsh speakers is found amongst the elderly; the latter that in each county the proportion of the youngest group able to speak Welsh has risen over these three censuses. Those aged 16 to 44 in 1991 represented the lost generation of Welsh speakers. Throughout the table only Welsh speakers in Wales are included: no similar language question was included in the census forms distributed in England.

The information on births, marriages and deaths are specific and reliable because of the compulsory requirement to register these events (Tables 1.9 to 1.12). Causes of death (Table 1.11) are necessarily more subjective, and from 1993 changes were made to the rules for coding of deaths including those to bring England and Wales more into line with international practice. Table 1.13 on divorce petitions in Welsh county courts is derived from the Lord Chancellor's department and can be accepted as reasonably accurate within the constraints imposed by (for the years 1983-93) being drawn from a sample of just two months in each year. The abortion statistics (Tables 1.14 and 1.15) may be taken as a reliable indicator of the abortions legally performed in hospitals, which during these years would cover the vast majority, but not all, abortions.

1.1 Census population bases (a)

		1971	1981	1991
1	Present residents	enumerated but not identifiable	2,718,086	2,719,223
2	Visitors	enumerated but not identifiable	enumerated but not identifiable	92,642
3	Absent residents (part of household present)	not enumerated	enumerated but not identifiable	47,614
4	Absent residents (wholly absent household - enumerated)	not enumerated	not enumerated	35,733
5	Absent residents (wholly absent household - imputed)	not enumerated	not enumerated	32,503
	Persons present: 1971 base (1+2)	2,731,204	2,790,500	2,811,865
	Residents: 1981 base (1+3)	..	2,749,640	2,766,837
	Residents: 1991 base (1+3+4+5)	..	..	2,835,073

(a) The table presents comparable data from the three censuses, though each has a different 'base' - see figures in bold.

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1.2 Population and intercensal change by sex, census years (a)

Census date	Population (number)			Inter-censal change						Females per thousand males
	Males	Females	Total	Number			Percentage			
				Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Clwyd:										
1971	172,046	186,535	358,581	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,084
1981	187,864	203,217	391,081	15,818	16,682	32,500	9.2	8.9	9.1	1,082
1991	193,067	209,860	402,927	5,203	6,643	11,846	2.8	3.3	3.0	1,087
Dyfed:										
1971	153,679	162,733	316,412	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,059
1981	160,058	170,120	330,178	6,379	7,387	13,766	4.2	4.5	4.4	1,063
1991	165,689	177,263	342,952	5,631	7,143	12,774	3.5	4.2	3.9	1,070
Gwent:										
1971	217,740	223,639	441,379	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,027
1981	215,088	224,787	439,875	-2,652	1,148	-1,504	-1.2	0.5	-0.3	1,045
1991	210,652	223,592	434,244	-4,436	-1,195	-5,631	-2.1	-0.5	-1.3	1,061
Gwynedd:										
1971	104,578	115,957	220,535	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,109
1981	110,033	120,015	230,048	5,455	4,058	9,513	5.2	3.5	4.3	1,091
1991	114,873	125,297	240,170	4,840	5,282	10,122	4.4	4.4	4.4	1,091
Mid Glamorgan:										
1971	259,756	271,853	531,609	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,047
1981	261,819	276,655	538,474	2,063	4,802	6,865	0.8	1.8	1.3	1,057
1991	255,953	271,642	527,595	-5,866	-5,013	-10,879	-2.2	-1.8	-2.0	1,061
Powys:										
1971	49,449	49,724	99,173	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,006
1981	54,894	55,661	110,555	5,445	5,937	11,382	11.0	11.9	11.5	1,014
1991	57,654	59,147	116,801	2,760	3,486	6,246	5.0	6.3	5.6	1,026
South Glamorgan:										
1971	188,619	201,650	390,269	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,069
1981	185,032	199,010	384,042	-3,587	-2,640	-6,227	-1.9	-1.3	-1.6	1,076
1991	186,420	202,156	388,576	1,388	3,146	4,534	0.8	1.6	1.2	1,084
West Glamorgan:										
1971	181,640	191,606	373,246	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,055
1981	177,851	189,747	367,598	-3,789	-1,859	-5,648	-2.1	-1.0	-1.5	1,067
1991	172,578	186,022	358,600	-5,273	-3,725	-8,998	-3.0	-2.0	-2.4	1,078
Wales:										
1971	1,327,507	1,403,697	2,731,204	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,057
1981	1,352,639	1,439,212	2,791,851	25,132	35,515	60,647	1.9	2.5	2.2	1,064
1991	1,356,886	1,454,979	2,811,865	4,247	15,767	20,014	0.3	1.1	0.7	1,072

Sources: Office for National Statistics and Welsh Office

(a) 1991 and 1981 figures are from the 1991 Census Report for Wales, and the 1971 figures are from 1975 Digest of Welsh Statistics.

1.3 Components of population change (a)

Thousands

	1961-1971			1971-1981			1981-1991		
	Total change	Natural change	Migration and other (b)	Total change	Natural change	Migration and other (b)	Total change	Natural change	Migration and other (b)
Clwyd	38.7	12.6	26.1	31.7	-1.0	32.7	19.9	-0.1	20.0
Dyfed	-0.8	2.3	-3.1	17.4	-6.4	23.8	16.4	-3.5	19.9
Gwent	18.4	25.0	-6.6	-0.4	4.3	-4.7	6.8	8.4	-1.5
Gwynedd	7.1	0.8	6.3	11.3	-4.0	15.3	8.1	-3.0	11.1
Mid Glamorgan	12.9	22.4	-9.5	9.1	6.8	2.3	1.0	11.4	-10.4
Powys	-2.6	1.3	-3.9	11.6	-1.8	13.4	7.9	-1.3	9.3
South Glamorgan	8.2	23.2	-15.0	-5.0	5.6	-10.6	18.8	12.2	6.6
West Glamorgan	6.4	10.6	-4.2	-2.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	0.9	-1.9
Wales	88.3	98.2	-9.9	73.2	2.1	71.1	78.0	25.0	53.0

Source: Office for National Statistics and Welsh Office

- (a) The 1961-1971 figures are from the 1983 Digest of Welsh Statistics; the 1971-1981 and 1981-1991 figures are from the 1994 Digest of Welsh Statistics. The figures are based on the Registrar General's Mid-Year Estimates.
- (b) The 'other' changes include changes in the armed forces stationed in the area as well as reconciliation adjustments.

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1.4 Marital status by age and sex (a)

Age last birthday	All persons	Males					Females					Number
		Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	
1971 census												
0-4	214,790	109,965	109,965	.	.	.	104,825	104,825	.	.	.	
5-9	225,240	115,730	115,730	.	.	.	109,510	109,510	.	.	.	
10-14	207,025	106,325	106,325	.	.	.	100,700	100,700	.	.	.	
15-19	188,885	96,235	94,085	2,145	-	-	92,650	84,125	8,505	15	5	
20-24	197,685	100,535	62,200	38,125	25	180	97,150	36,590	59,900	100	560	
25-29	167,615	84,555	20,980	62,745	70	760	83,060	9,400	71,925	245	1,490	
30-34	153,960	78,365	11,340	65,780	110	1,135	75,595	5,370	68,105	425	1,690	
35-39	152,355	76,780	9,365	65,935	250	1,225	75,575	4,840	68,175	925	1,640	
40-44	163,060	81,630	9,790	70,000	560	1,280	81,430	5,585	72,030	2,150	1,660	
45-49	181,635	90,180	10,440	77,205	1,175	1,355	91,460	6,795	78,315	4,395	1,955	
50-54	168,705	82,000	8,435	70,560	1,780	1,225	86,700	7,155	69,945	7,950	1,655	
55-59	168,635	81,100	8,070	68,935	3,060	1,035	87,540	8,030	63,950	14,155	1,405	
60-64	162,605	75,510	7,225	62,790	4,660	830	87,100	9,845	54,355	21,800	1,095	
65-69	142,710	63,020	5,840	49,990	6,685	510	79,690	10,310	39,525	29,155	700	
70-74	107,070	42,550	3,685	30,895	7,725	250	64,520	8,565	23,115	32,525	315	
75-79	68,970	24,630	2,075	15,500	6,950	105	44,340	6,005	10,295	27,915	130	
80-84	38,755	12,355	975	6,260	5,085	35	26,400	3,765	3,590	19,000	45	
85+	21,500	6,045	505	2,060	3,465	10	15,460	2,175	1,000	12,265	20	
All ages	2,731,205	1,327,505	587,040	688,935	41,595	9,940	1,403,695	523,595	692,725	173,015	14,365	
1981 census												
0-4	166,962	85,855	85,855	.	.	.	81,107	81,107	.	.	.	
5-9	185,919	95,701	95,701	.	.	.	90,218	90,218	.	.	.	
10-14	220,202	112,331	112,331	.	.	.	107,871	107,871	.	.	.	
15-19	225,654	115,048	113,533	1,494	3	18	110,606	104,748	5,795	13	50	
20-24	190,226	96,698	69,383	26,521	24	770	93,528	46,060	45,223	112	2,133	
25-29	175,889	88,249	27,091	57,912	78	3,168	87,640	13,731	68,262	263	5,384	
30-34	199,734	100,557	15,223	80,413	156	4,765	99,177	6,893	84,890	523	6,871	
35-39	172,044	86,535	9,377	72,593	259	4,306	85,509	4,328	74,348	792	6,041	
40-44	156,133	79,043	7,608	66,959	436	4,040	77,090	3,682	66,600	1,590	5,218	
45-49	151,280	75,832	7,308	64,128	827	3,569	75,448	3,906	64,249	3,146	4,147	
50-54	158,903	78,769	8,106	65,872	1,637	3,154	80,134	4,782	65,462	6,301	3,589	
55-59	170,912	83,059	8,600	68,885	2,991	2,583	87,853	5,953	66,530	12,126	3,244	
60-64	153,183	71,334	6,649	58,812	4,032	1,841	81,849	6,332	54,287	18,728	2,502	
65-69	143,547	64,829	5,899	51,610	5,997	1,323	78,718	7,023	42,475	27,339	1,881	
70-74	120,396	50,400	4,485	37,595	7,547	773	69,996	7,727	27,940	33,196	1,133	
75-79	84,725	31,253	2,787	20,694	7,438	334	53,472	6,886	13,918	32,123	545	
80-84	46,982	14,367	1,235	7,774	5,239	119	32,615	4,338	4,789	23,290	198	
85+	26,949	6,463	544	2,384	3,495	40	20,486	2,870	1,322	16,217	77	
All ages	2,749,640	1,336,323	581,715	683,646	40,159	30,803	1,413,317	508,455	686,090	175,759	43,013	
1991 census:												
0-4	186,743	95,561	95,561	.	.	.	91,182	91,182	.	.	.	
5-9	181,661	92,872	92,872	.	.	.	88,789	88,789	.	.	.	
10-14	174,355	89,792	89,792	.	.	.	84,563	84,563	.	.	.	
15-19	185,186	94,701	94,223	430	11	37	90,485	88,815	1,546	42	82	
20-24	197,759	98,241	85,044	12,423	25	749	99,518	71,964	25,341	114	2,099	
25-29	202,750	100,058	48,659	46,957	55	4,387	102,692	32,768	61,552	265	8,107	
30-34	190,180	93,656	22,758	63,677	132	7,089	96,524	14,096	70,842	466	11,120	
35-39	181,493	89,770	13,330	67,725	269	8,446	91,723	7,428	71,847	738	11,710	
40-44	205,117	102,345	10,803	81,283	457	9,802	102,772	5,532	83,084	1,579	12,577	
45-49	175,289	87,410	7,721	71,074	728	7,887	87,879	3,837	71,687	2,533	9,822	
50-54	157,569	78,974	6,621	64,561	1,223	6,569	78,595	3,427	63,267	4,426	7,475	
55-59	151,362	74,610	6,357	60,757	2,260	5,236	76,752	3,623	58,930	8,530	5,669	
60-64	154,997	74,677	6,761	59,910	3,918	4,088	80,320	4,588	55,588	15,616	4,528	
65-69	157,165	73,118	6,401	56,978	6,849	2,890	84,047	5,377	49,465	25,673	3,532	
70-74	126,488	54,248	4,239	40,770	7,684	1,555	72,240	5,386	32,665	31,903	2,286	
75-79	98,646	38,480	2,850	26,300	8,469	861	60,166	5,223	18,505	35,105	1,333	
80-84	64,507	21,064	1,691	12,339	6,706	328	43,443	4,614	8,090	30,136	603	
85+	43,806	10,527	852	4,457	5,102	116	33,279	4,198	2,885	25,919	277	
All ages	2,835,073	1,370,104	596,535	669,641	43,888	60,040	1,464,969	525,410	675,294	183,045	81,220	

Source: Office for National Statistics

(a) Figures are taken from 1971 Census, Great Britain; Age and Marital Condition, General Tables; 1981 Census Report for Wales; 1991 Census Report for Wales (Part 1).

1.5 Population by County and District, quinquennially (a)

	1974	1979	1984	1989	1994
	<i>Thousands</i>				
Clwyd:	378.6	390.8	395.8	409.8	417.4
Alyn and Deeside	69.5	72.9	73.1	73.9	75.3
Colwyn	46.8	48.5	49.9	55.1	57.4
Delyn	62.2	65.3	65.5	66.8	70.0
Glyndŵr	40.3	40.2	40.1	41.9	42.3
Rhuddlan	50.5	52.0	53.1	55.9	55.0
Wrexham Maelor	109.3	111.9	114.2	116.1	117.4
Dyfed:	324.4	332.2	333.5	348.0	352.9
Carmarthen	50.2	51.5	52.8	55.6	56.8
Ceredigion	57.8	59.9	61.1	67.1	69.7
Dinefwr	36.9	37.4	37.1	38.7	38.9
Llanelli	77.5	76.4	74.4	74.4	73.4
Preseli Pembrokeshire	64.4	68.5	70.2	70.3	71.7
South Pembrokeshire	37.6	38.5	38.0	41.8	42.5
Gwent:	443.9	441.4	439.2	446.2	452.2
Blaenau Gwent	84.9	81.4	78.4	76.9	77.3
Islwyn	66.6	65.3	65.5	66.1	66.8
Monmouth	67.7	70.7	73.7	76.7	80.2
Newport	134.9	133.5	131.3	135.2	137.4
Torfaen	89.8	90.5	90.4	91.3	90.6
Gwynedd:	226.7	230.6	232.2	239.2	240.3
Aberconwy	51.3	51.3	51.7	53.5	54.9
Arfon	53.8	54.9	54.2	55.4	57.3
Dwyfor	26.4	25.8	26.2	27.6	27.2
Meirionnydd	31.5	31.6	31.8	32.8	32.4
Ynys Môn	63.7	67.0	68.4	69.9	68.4
Mid Glamorgan:	542.6	542.0	533.8	538.3	544.5
Cynon Valley	70.1	68.5	66.3	65.5	65.2
Merthyr Tydfil	61.6	61.1	59.1	58.9	59.5
Ogwr	128.8	129.8	130.3	134.4	135.3
Rhondda	88.0	83.7	80.5	78.8	77.6
Rhymney Valley	104.4	105.9	103.9	104.3	104.3
Taff-Ely	89.7	93.0	93.7	96.4	102.7
Powys:	103.0	109.4	110.6	116.3	120.2
Brecknock	38.2	40.4	40.7	40.9	41.3
Montgomeryshire	45.0	47.8	48.4	52.1	54.7
Radnorshire	19.8	21.2	21.6	23.3	24.2
South Glamorgan:	391.7	390.6	394.0	402.9	414.6
Cardiff	287.5	282.4	282.5	288.1	300.0
Vale of Glamorgan	104.2	108.2	111.5	114.7	114.6
West Glamorgan:	374.3	373.1	366.6	368.8	371.0
Port Talbot (Afan)	58.2	55.9	52.8	51.3	51.4
Lliw Valley	57.7	59.5	60.1	62.7	64.6
Neath	67.0	66.8	65.5	66.2	66.2
Swansea	191.4	190.9	188.2	188.6	188.8
Wales	2,785.2	2,810.1	2,805.8	2,869.4	2,913.0

Source: Office for National Statistics and Welsh Office

- (a) Registrar General's mid-year estimates of resident population: i.e. all those usually resident in the area whatever their nationality. Members of HM. and non-UK armed forces are taken to be resident at stationed address and students at their term-time address. 1984 and 1989 figures are taken from the Digest of Welsh Statistics; 1974 and 1979 are taken from Local Authority Vital Statistics, England and Wales.

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1.6 Estimated mid-year population by county and sex (a)

	Clwyd			Dyfed			Gwent			Gwynedd			Mid Glamorgan		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1974	378.6	182.3	196.3	324.4	157.0	167.4	443.9	217.6	226.3	226.7	108.4	118.3	542.6	263.5	279.1
1975	382.3	184.3	198.0	327.9	159.4	168.5	444.3	218.0	226.3	228.5	109.5	119.0	543.6	264.3	279.3
1976	383.6	185.1	198.5	328.8	160.0	168.8	443.5	217.4	226.1	229.6	110.2	119.4	542.6	263.9	278.7
1977	384.9	185.6	199.3	329.5	160.4	169.1	442.7	216.8	225.9	230.3	110.6	119.7	542.5	263.9	278.6
1978	387.8	186.8	201.0	331.0	161.0	170.0	441.8	216.2	225.6	230.1	110.4	119.7	542.1	263.7	278.4
1979	390.8	188.2	202.6	332.2	161.5	170.7	441.4	215.9	225.5	230.6	110.7	119.9	542.0	263.5	278.5
1980	392.8	189.1	203.7	333.8	162.1	171.7	441.9	216.2	225.7	231.2	111.0	120.2	542.4	263.7	278.7
1981	393.6	189.2	204.4	333.6	161.7	171.9	441.7	216.0	225.7	231.2	110.9	120.3	540.8	262.8	278.0
1982	394.1	189.4	204.7	332.9	161.3	171.6	440.0	214.7	225.3	231.5	111.0	120.5	538.7	261.7	277.1
1983	395.0	189.9	205.0	334.3	162.0	172.3	439.7	214.5	225.2	231.7	111.3	120.4	536.3	260.6	275.7
1984	395.8	190.4	205.4	333.5	161.7	171.8	439.2	214.3	224.9	232.2	111.7	120.6	533.8	259.6	274.2
1985	397.4	191.3	206.1	333.9	161.9	172.0	439.8	214.7	225.1	233.1	112.1	121.0	533.7	259.7	274.0
1986	399.0	192.3	206.7	336.4	163.4	173.0	441.4	215.7	225.7	233.9	112.6	121.3	534.5	260.4	274.1
1987	401.8	193.8	208.0	339.9	165.2	174.7	442.5	216.2	226.2	235.2	113.3	121.9	534.6	260.7	274.0
1988	405.8	195.7	210.1	344.5	167.3	177.1	444.7	217.3	227.4	237.7	114.5	123.2	536.0	261.4	274.6
1989	409.8	197.7	212.1	348.0	169.0	179.0	446.2	218.1	228.1	239.2	115.1	124.1	538.3	262.7	275.7
1990	410.3	198.0	212.3	348.8	169.3	179.5	447.0	218.5	228.5	239.3	115.0	124.3	540.2	263.8	276.4
1991	413.5	199.5	214.0	350.0	170.2	179.9	448.5	219.5	229.0	239.3	115.3	124.0	541.8	264.7	277.2
1992	414.6	200.0	214.6	351.2	170.7	180.4	449.4	220.0	229.3	239.7	115.7	124.1	542.8	265.2	277.6
1993	415.9	200.9	215.0	351.5	170.8	180.7	450.3	220.7	229.6	240.2	116.1	124.0	544.3	266.2	278.1
1994	417.4	201.7	215.6	352.9	172.0	180.9	452.2	221.6	230.6	240.3	116.3	124.0	544.5	266.3	278.2
1995	418.3	202.5	215.7	353.3	172.3	180.9	452.6	222.0	230.5	240.4	116.6	123.8	544.0	266.3	277.7

(a) Figures taken from Digest of Welsh Statistics and Registrar General's annual reports, taking into account revisions to historic estimates in the light of later census information.

1.6 (continued) Estimated mid-year population by county and sex (a)

Powys			South Glamorgan			West Glamorgan			Wales			
Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
103.0	51.0	52.0	391.7	190.4	201.3	374.3	181.7	192.6	2,785.2	1,351.9	1,433.3	1974
104.7	52.0	52.7	390.4	189.9	200.5	373.7	181.4	192.3	2,795.4	1,358.8	1,436.6	1975
106.2	52.7	53.5	391.1	190.0	201.1	373.9	181.7	192.2	2,799.3	1,361.0	1,438.3	1976
107.3	53.3	54.0	389.7	189.0	200.7	373.7	181.6	192.1	2,800.6	1,361.2	1,439.4	1977
108.3	53.8	54.5	390.1	189.1	201.0	373.1	181.2	191.9	2,804.3	1,362.2	1,442.1	1978
109.4	54.4	55.0	390.6	189.4	201.2	373.1	181.1	192.0	2,810.1	1,364.7	1,445.4	1979
110.0	54.6	55.4	391.1	189.8	201.3	372.6	180.8	191.8	2,815.8	1,367.3	1,448.5	1980
110.7	55.1	55.6	389.8	189.0	200.9	372.0	180.3	191.8	2,813.5	1,365.1	1,448.4	1981 (b)
110.5	54.9	55.6	389.5	188.6	201.0	368.7	178.2	190.5	2,806.0	1,359.7	1,446.3	1982
110.6	55.1	55.5	391.4	189.3	202.0	367.7	177.7	190.1	2,806.7	1,360.5	1,446.2	1983
110.6	55.2	55.5	394.0	191.0	203.0	366.6	177.2	189.4	2,805.8	1,361.2	1,444.6	1984
111.3	55.4	55.8	394.3	191.3	203.0	366.8	177.6	189.3	2,810.3	1,364.0	1,446.2	1985
112.1	55.7	56.4	395.1	192.1	203.0	367.1	177.7	189.3	2,819.6	1,370.0	1,449.6	1986
112.9	56.0	57.0	398.7	194.3	204.4	367.5	178.2	189.3	2,833.1	1,377.6	1,455.4	1987
114.4	56.7	57.8	402.4	195.8	206.6	368.0	178.5	189.5	2,853.6	1,387.2	1,466.3	1988
116.3	57.5	58.7	402.9	195.6	207.2	368.8	179.0	189.8	2,869.4	1,394.6	1,474.8	1989
116.8	57.6	59.2	405.4	196.9	208.5	369.9	179.8	190.2	2,877.8	1,399.0	1,478.8	1990
118.6	58.7	59.9	408.6	198.6	210.0	371.0	180.5	190.6	2,891.5	1,407.0	1,484.5	1991
119.2	59.0	60.2	410.4	199.7	210.8	371.2	180.7	190.5	2,898.5	1,411.0	1,487.6	1992
119.9	59.4	60.4	413.2	201.6	211.7	371.2	180.9	190.3	2,906.5	1,416.6	1,489.8	1993
120.2	59.6	60.6	414.6	202.8	211.8	371.0	181.2	189.8	2,913.0	1,421.6	1,491.5	1994
120.7	60.0	60.8	417.3	204.6	212.7	370.2	181.1	189.1	2,916.8	1,425.5	1,491.3	1995

Source: Office for National Statistics and Welsh Office

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1.7 Population by country of birth, census years (a)

	All countries	United Kingdom	Wales	England	Scotland
Clwyd:					
1971	358,580	350,320	237,740	108,175	3,125
1981	385,581	376,874	239,408	132,267	3,690
1991	408,090	398,268	243,204	149,267	4,393
Dyfed:					
1971	316,410	308,825	263,925	41,745	2,335
1981	323,040	315,347	257,883	53,833	2,647
1991	343,543	334,309	256,417	74,036	2,942
Gwent:					
1971	441,140	430,545	369,200	57,290	2,845
1981	436,500	426,609	359,721	62,747	2,921
1991	442,212	431,654	361,916	65,377	3,274
Gwynedd:					
1971	220,535	214,615	160,145	51,835	1,875
1981	222,291	217,005	157,561	56,865	1,843
1991	235,452	229,170	158,577	67,766	2,118
Mid Glamorgan:					
1971	531,845	523,145	477,515	42,225	2,450
1981	533,770	525,464	478,527	43,232	2,661
1991	534,101	525,086	476,536	44,726	2,863
Powys:					
1971	99,175	97,435	75,840	20,775	585
1981	108,121	106,000	73,469	31,352	846
1991	117,467	114,804	71,100	42,369	992
South Glamorgan:					
1971	390,270	371,420	307,770	58,400	3,830
1981	376,718	358,655	299,681	53,940	3,678
1991	392,780	372,308	307,319	59,632	4,024
West Glamorgan:					
1971	373,245	364,655	326,285	34,865	2,660
1981	363,619	355,742	318,731	33,764	2,430
1991	361,428	352,458	312,630	36,527	2,511
Wales:					
1971	2,731,200	2,660,960	2,218,420	415,310	19,705
1981	2,749,640	2,681,696	2,184,981	468,000	20,716
1991	2,835,073	2,758,057	2,187,699	539,700	23,117

(a) Figures taken from Census 1971 Summary for Wales and selected tables for New Counties; Census 1981 report for Wales; Census 1991 Report for Wales (Part 1).

(b) Member states at the time; excluding Irish Republic in 1981 and 1991 - shown separately.

1.7 (continued) Population by country of birth, census years (a)

Thousands

Rest of United Kingdom	Irish Republic	Commonwealth	European Community (b)	Other Europe	
					Clwyd:
1,280	1,760	1,775	1,525	1,045	1971
1,509	2,101	2,692	1,898	840	1981
1,404	2,304	2,902	2,225	618	1991
					Dyfed:
820	1,570	1,555	1,710	765	1971
984	1,634	2,051	1,915	611	1981
914	1,732	2,643	2,322	504	1991
					Gwent:
1,210	1,905	2,740	1,680	1,150	1971
1,220	2,030	3,172	1,821	853	1981
1,087	1,931	4,188	2,080	589	1991
					Gwynedd:
760	1,270	1,330	780	650	1971
736	1,444	1,600	841	504	1981
709	1,555	1,953	1,147	466	1991
					Mid Glamorgan:
955	1,615	1,660	1,575	1,375	1971
1,044	1,572	2,729	1,740	1,088	1981
961	1,415	3,286	2,088	806	1991
					Powys:
235	265	450	370	155	1971
333	362	687	519	133	1981
343	392	904	691	119	1991
					South Glamorgan:
1,420	2,640	5,820	2,125	2,755	1971
1,356	2,646	7,018	2,785	1,331	1981
1,333	2,527	9,064	3,627	735	1991
					West Glamorgan:
845	1,590	1,715	1,480	940	1971
817	1,630	2,377	1,511	643	1981
790	1,586	3,123	1,913	514	1991
					Wales:
7,525	12,615	17,045	11,245	8,835	1971
7,999	13,419	22,326	13,030	6,003	1981
7,541	13,442	28,063	16,093	4,351	1991

Source: Office for National Statistics

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1.8 Number and proportion speaking Welsh by age and county, census years

	Total persons	Born in Wales	Percentage born in Wales	Aged 3 and over			Aged 3 to 15		
				Speaking Welsh			Speaking Welsh		
				Total	Number	Per cent	Total	Number	Per cent
Clwyd:									
1971 (a)	343,120	237,740	69.3	340,200	72,800	21.4	68,220	10,535	15.4
1981	385,581	239,408	62.1	371,232	69,578	18.7	74,177	13,822	18.6
1991	408,090	243,204	59.6	392,812	71,405	18.2	65,749	18,335	27.9
Dyfed:									
1971 (a)	303,275	263,925	87.0	303,000	159,100	52.5	55,825	23,255	41.7
1981	323,040	257,883	79.8	311,351	146,213	47.0	57,477	23,177	40.3
1991	343,543	256,417	74.6	331,528	144,998	43.7	54,769	26,086	47.6
Gwent:									
1971 (a)	439,155	369,200	84.1	421,100	8,000	1.9	93,125	825	0.9
1981	436,500	359,721	82.4	419,970	10,550	2.5	83,517	1,880	2.3
1991	442,212	361,916	81.8	423,794	10,339	2.4	73,460	3,558	4.8
Gwynedd:									
1971 (a)	218,155	160,145	73.4	210,700	136,300	64.7	38,740	24,985	67.1
1981	222,291	157,561	70.9	214,230	135,067	63.0	41,537	28,791	69.3
1991	235,452	158,577	67.4	226,862	138,413	61.0	36,546	28,256	77.3
Mid Glamorgan:									
1971 (a)	540,150	477,515	88.4	501,900	52,700	10.5	98,260	5,345	5.4
1981	533,770	478,527	89.7	511,943	42,691	8.3	103,561	8,926	8.6
1991	534,101	476,536	89.2	511,656	43,263	8.5	91,726	14,786	16.1
Powys:									
1971 (a)	114,775	75,840	66.1	95,400	22,600	23.7	21,765	3,190	14.7
1981	108,121	73,469	68.0	104,302	21,358	20.5	19,667	3,288	16.7
1991	117,467	71,100	60.5	113,335	22,871	20.2	18,416	5,517	30.0
South Glamorgan:									
1971 (a)	383,945	307,770	80.2	374,000	18,700	5.0	79,330	3,560	4.5
1981	376,718	299,681	79.6	362,090	20,684	5.7	69,301	5,114	7.4
1991	392,780	307,319	78.2	375,857	24,541	6.5	66,102	7,888	11.9
West Glamorgan:									
1971 (a)	334,635	326,285	97.5	356,700	72,400	20.3	64,640	4,985	7.7
1981	363,619	318,731	87.7	349,996	57,408	16.4	65,205	6,039	9.3
1991	361,428	312,630	86.5	347,779	52,268	15.0	58,878	8,810	15.0
Wales:									
1971 (a)	2,731,205	2,218,425	81.2	2,607,700	542,400	20.8	519,903	77,535	14.9
1981	2,749,640	2,184,981	79.5	2,645,114	503,549	19.0	514,442	91,037	17.7
1991	2,835,073	2,187,699	77.2	2,723,623	508,098	18.7	465,646	113,236	24.3

(a) Data on Welsh speakers in 1971 by age for the eight counties have been derived by adjusting the data for the 1971 administrative areas, using the reworked figures published in the 1991 Census Report on the Welsh Language.

1.8 (continued) Number and proportion speaking Welsh by age and county, census years

Aged 16 to 44			Aged 45 to 64			Aged 65 and over			
Speaking Welsh			Speaking Welsh			Speaking Welsh			
Total	Number	Per cent	Total	Number	Per cent	Total	Number	Per cent	
131,175	24,300	18.5	87,390	22,680	26.6	56,335	16,465	29.2	Clwyd:
148,942	21,932	14.7	83,668	17,460	20.9	64,445	16,364	25.4	1971 (a)
162,252	22,944	14.1	91,756	14,939	16.3	73,055	15,187	20.8	1981
									1991
115,600	55,615	48.1	84,265	50,115	59.5	47,595	30,110	62.3	Dyfed:
121,596	49,805	41.0	78,460	40,928	52.2	53,818	32,303	60.0	1971 (a)
129,198	49,335	38.2	82,461	35,757	43.4	65,100	33,820	52.0	1981
									1991
177,470	3,255	1.8	112,045	2,975	2.7	56,520	2,206	3.9	Gwent:
173,511	3,707	2.1	102,080	2,918	2.9	60,862	2,045	3.4	1971 (a)
178,451	3,466	1.9	100,467	1,859	1.9	71,416	1,456	2.0	1981
									1991
76,653	48,790	63.7	54,320	36,795	67.9	38,565	24,520	63.6	Gwynedd:
81,017	48,343	59.7	50,350	32,436	64.4	41,326	25,497	61.7	1971 (a)
88,627	53,183	60.0	54,972	31,000	56.4	46,717	25,974	55.6	1981
									1991
192,265	10,520	5.5	126,065	17,920	14.2	58,975	18,535	31.7	Mid Glamorgan:
214,143	10,647	5.0	121,301	9,403	7.8	72,938	13,715	18.8	1971 (a)
217,747	12,954	5.9	118,091	5,722	4.8	84,092	9,801	11.7	1981
									1991
43,305	7,875	18.2	29,885	7,730	25.9	10,060	5,120	50.9	Powys:
41,061	6,900	16.8	25,182	6,151	24.4	18,392	5,019	27.3	1971 (a)
44,812	7,132	15.9	27,861	5,122	18.4	22,246	5,100	22.9	1981
									1991
156,915	7,670	4.9	96,135	4,885	5.1	56,560	3,415	6.0	South Glamorgan:
152,190	7,838	5.2	85,730	4,256	5.0	54,869	3,476	6.3	1971 (a)
165,538	9,957	6.0	81,090	3,668	4.5	63,127	3,028	4.8	1981
									1991
132,185	20,310	15.3	91,480	25,980	28.4	46,395	17,065	36.8	West Glamorgan:
141,335	15,990	11.3	87,507	17,863	20.4	55,949	17,516	31.3	1971 (a)
141,523	13,833	9.8	82,519	13,098	15.9	64,859	16,527	25.5	1981
									1991
1,025,568	178,335	17.4	681,585	169,080	24.8	371,005	117,430	31.6	Wales:
1,073,795	165,162	15.4	634,278	131,415	20.7	422,599	115,935	27.4	1971 (a)
1,128,148	172,804	15.3	639,217	111,165	17.4	490,612	110,893	22.6	1981
									1991

Source: Census Reports on Welsh language in Wales. 1971, 1981, and 1991

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1.9 Births - number and rate

Number

	Live births						Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44	Males born per 1,000 females born	Still births (a)	
	Total	Males	Females	Within marriage	Outside marriage	Number			Rate per	
									1,000 total births	
1974	36,206	18,697	17,509	33,216	2,990	69.5	1,068	425	12	
1975	33,972	17,603	16,369	31,134	2,838	64.8	1,075	372	11	
1976	33,378	17,324	16,054	30,510	2,868	62.9	1,079	360	11	
1977	31,765	16,327	15,438	28,944	2,821	59.2	1,057	308	10	
1978	33,308	17,301	16,007	30,316	2,992	61.1	1,078	313	9	
1979	36,174	18,662	17,512	32,830	3,344	65.4	1,066	307	8	
1980	37,357	19,263	18,094	33,461	3,896	66.5	1,065	245	7	
1981	35,842	18,333	17,509	31,820	4,022	63.1	1,047	264	7	
1982	35,720	18,342	17,378	31,106	4,614	62.3	1,055	205	6	
1983	35,494	18,057	17,437	30,349	5,145	61.3	1,036	213	6	
1984	35,861	18,411	17,450	29,835	6,026	61.7	1,055	209	6	
1985	36,771	18,855	17,916	29,807	6,964	63.0	1,052	214	6	
1986	37,038	19,084	17,954	29,215	7,823	62.9	1,063	209	6	
1987	37,816	19,406	18,410	28,988	8,828	63.8	1,054	196	5	
1988	38,824	19,860	18,964	28,711	10,113	65.1	1,047	186	5	
1989	38,019	19,606	18,413	27,301	10,718	63.7	1,065	176	5	
1990	38,866	19,863	19,003	27,466	11,400	65.4	1,046	180	5	
1991	38,079	19,538	18,541	25,780	12,299	64.3	1,054	177	5	
1992	37,523	19,132	18,391	24,769	12,754	64.3	1,040	153	4	
1993	36,578	18,782	17,796	23,685	12,893	63.3	1,055	215	5	
1994	35,366	18,011	17,355	22,625	12,741	61.6	1,038	209	6	
1995	34,477	17,661	16,816	21,352	13,125	60.0	1,050	175	5	
1996	34,894	17,966	16,928	20,524	14,370	61.1	1,061	172	5	

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics

(a) The legal definition of a still birth changed on 1 October 1992 to include babies born dead between 24 and 27 weeks gestation. Data from 1993 onwards are shown using this definition. Data up to and including the 1992 figure are presented on the former definition of 28 or more completed weeks' gestation. The number of still births for 1992 using the new definition is 167.

1.10 Deaths - number and rate (including infant mortality) (a)

	Persons		Males		Females		Infants	
	Number	Rate per 1,000 living	Number	Rate per 1,000 living	Number	Rate per 1,000 living	Number under one year	Rate per 1,000 live births
1974	35,634	12.8	18,403	13.6	17,231	12.0	617	17
1975	35,610	12.7	18,478	13.6	17,132	11.9	493	15
1976	36,345	13.0	18,744	13.8	17,601	12.2	457	14
1977	35,205	12.6	17,899	13.1	17,306	12.0	430	14
1978	35,963	12.8	18,635	13.7	17,328	12.0	440	13
1979	36,087	12.8	18,399	13.5	17,688	12.2	447	12
1980	35,149	12.5	17,902	13.1	17,247	11.9	426	11
1981	35,010	12.4	17,651	12.9	17,359	12.0	452	13
1982	35,152	12.5	17,664	13.0	17,488	12.1	378	11
1983	35,242	12.6	17,866	13.1	17,376	12.0	379	11
1984	33,652	12.0	16,976	12.5	16,676	11.5	314	9
1985	35,536	12.6	17,702	13.0	17,834	12.3	362	10
1986	34,712	12.3	17,363	12.7	17,349	12.0	352	10
1987	33,919	12.0	16,883	12.3	17,036	11.7	359	10
1988	33,981	11.9	16,772	12.1	17,209	11.7	294	8
1989	35,134	12.2	17,137	12.3	17,997	12.2	304	8
1990	33,963	11.8	16,872	12.1	17,091	11.6	268	7
1991	34,136	11.8	16,733	11.9	17,403	11.7	250	7
1992	33,792	11.7	16,368	11.6	17,424	11.7	225	6
1993	35,904	12.4	17,439	12.3	18,465	12.4	203	6
1994	33,920	11.6	16,509	11.6	17,411	11.7	220	6
1995	35,564	12.2	17,293	12.1	18,271	12.3	203	6
1996	34,608	11.8	16,585	11.6	18,023	12.1	190	5

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics

(a) Data from 1993 are on the basis of the date of occurrence. Previous years on the basis of date of death registration.

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1.11 Deaths by cause and sex (a)

	Tuberculosis (all forms)	Malignant neoplasm of					Diabetes mellitus	Chronic rheumatic heart disease
		Stomach	Trachea, bronchus and lung	Breast	Uterus	Leukaemia		
Males:								
1974	68	485	1,335	-	-	86	118	143
1975	53	461	1,429	-	-	94	102	140
1976	65	487	1,382	-	-	106	107	143
1977	53	438	1,349	-	-	86	145	139
1978	54	461	1,372	-	-	109	105	127
1979	52	464	1,420	-	-	94	129	69
1980	42	448	1,415	-	-	97	109	77
1981	47	442	1,361	-	-	89	138	71
1982	39	464	1,373	-	-	73	122	71
1983	38	445	1,391	-	-	114	115	81
1984	34	461	1,413	-	-	104	155	54
1985	30	400	1,365	-	-	108	168	40
1986	35	440	1,430	-	-	103	205	54
1987	22	388	1,396	-	-	108	203	43
1988	35	390	1,383	-	-	118	159	48
1989	18	362	1,435	-	-	97	220	40
1990	28	379	1,380	-	-	107	185	40
1991	24	369	1,357	-	-	121	206	38
1992	32	355	1,324	-	-	122	226	35
1993	15	343	1,393	-	-	116	156	26
1994	18	344	1,308	-	-	99	162	27
1995	24	341	1,257	-	-	117	183	32
1996	22	308	1,141	-	-	118	170	42
Females:								
1974	29	349	283	617	218	73	211	220
1975	23	345	313	639	218	77	174	266
1976	24	336	295	648	217	81	200	252
1977	29	343	284	704	238	98	160	215
1978	26	331	351	663	248	86	169	205
1979	23	351	367	692	238	92	202	178
1980	17	287	351	713	211	95	197	150
1981	14	331	396	745	223	77	171	161
1982	16	309	456	740	223	84	176	149
1983	19	313	474	748	228	92	140	153
1984	13	321	434	806	221	88	227	138
1985	24	292	505	768	236	82	257	149
1986	26	263	501	774	223	101	269	110
1987	10	250	544	810	242	95	234	121
1988	19	297	576	844	237	98	255	119
1989	24	246	616	856	205	95	289	122
1990	16	234	600	772	223	87	251	110
1991	17	234	598	769	246	109	251	110
1992	17	225	653	824	203	104	285	129
1993	20	208	624	800	197	94	191	99
1994	11	225	658	783	179	98	179	101
1995	18	206	607	745	179	104	220	105
1996	10	172	636	730	172	84	214	99

- (a) Deaths analysed according to the International Classification of Diseases, 9th revision (1975). From 1986 neonatal deaths within 28 days of birth are not recorded in terms of one underlying cause of death and are not included in this table. Typical values range from 58-116. A change in the application of coding rules from 1984 onwards means that data on deaths are not strictly comparable with earlier years; data on deaths due to pneumonia, influenza and diabetes mellitus are especially affected by this change. A further change in coding procedures occurred from 1993 with the introduction of automated cause coding and with it the reversing of the 1984 coding (WHO3) rule change, as well as moving to presenting figures for the number of occurrences rather than registration (of deaths) in each calendar year.
- (b) The statistical definition of suicide has changed. From 1993 the definition uses ICD codes E950-E959, E980-E989 excluding E988.8. In earlier years, codes E950-E959 only were used.

1.11 (continued) Deaths by cause and sex (a)

Number

Hyper- tensive disease	Ischaemic heart disease	Cerebro- vascular disease	Pneumonia	Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	Accidents		Suicide (b)	
						Motor vehicle	Other		
290	5,904	2,022	1,043	1,301	126	259	368	135	Males: 1974
260	6,028	2,004	1,045	1,269	121	231	345	108	1975
265	5,897	1,991	1,234	1,236	119	237	353	130	1976
228	5,991	1,828	1,128	1,071	122	207	296	164	1977
232	6,225	1,908	1,138	1,198	123	275	301	165	1978
199	5,786	1,872	1,309	1,149	123	220	316	140	1979
180	5,746	1,790	1,261	1,036	125	203	308	145	1980
144	5,591	1,725	1,308	916	114	133	346	138	1981
164	5,714	1,721	1,278	835	118	186	265	187	1982
173	5,786	1,625	1,339	819	104	160	254	186	1983
150	5,539	1,736	536	758	124	159	256	167	1984
159	5,852	1,671	567	743	128	199	244	139	1985
128	5,584	1,645	588	618	137	172	272	175	1986
104	5,492	1,581	508	497	114	166	273	180	1987
108	5,419	1,494	503	443	90	137	217	197	1988
109	5,344	1,523	610	430	117	167	239	144	1989
78	5,309	1,476	556	370	98	152	267	174	1990
87	5,242	1,585	540	361	92	176	231	192	1991
83	5,051	1,447	446	370	107	153	237	209	1992
96	5,253	1,373	1,217	338	113	129	254	235	1993
85	4,709	1,297	1,080	281	103	144	243	260	1994
96	4,788	1,424	1,223	299	108	123	271	252	1995
99	4,534	1,390	1,241	264	104	132	297	240	1996
339	4,203	3,136	1,367	367	85	92	386	86	Females: 1974
341	4,194	3,016	1,332	391	63	94	434	77	1975
371	4,285	2,973	1,569	382	81	81	410	76	1976
275	4,118	3,089	1,518	341	101	95	439	105	1977
268	4,183	3,033	1,724	437	87	104	417	84	1978
268	3,978	3,011	1,765	369	110	98	413	92	1979
232	3,960	2,856	1,792	342	93	89	361	91	1980
203	4,020	2,827	1,785	304	129	69	350	75	1981
196	4,133	2,723	1,961	325	116	68	308	84	1982
184	4,094	2,697	1,968	283	100	77	290	70	1983
169	4,188	2,759	875	266	116	74	319	82	1984
176	4,413	2,893	954	309	129	67	290	55	1985
160	4,300	2,771	1,003	280	121	76	317	59	1986
158	4,251	2,724	953	254	119	78	276	52	1987
132	4,233	2,538	987	249	146	48	252	44	1988
146	4,342	2,661	1,079	244	108	66	251	46	1989
124	4,129	2,579	975	221	127	72	216	47	1990
97	4,299	2,595	1,056	232	108	56	261	53	1991
116	4,147	2,614	932	226	135	68	221	53	1992
98	4,423	2,400	2,047	219	115	55	236	62	1993
93	3,902	2,350	1,706	181	116	55	248	71	1994
106	3,951	2,434	1,935	190	112	45	270	65	1995
123	3,828	2,416	1,966	191	125	65	259	52	1996

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics

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1.12 Marriages

	Total marriages	Persons marrying per 1,000 population aged 15+	Males									
			Single	Widowed	Divorced	Aged:						
						Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55+
1974	21,252	19.9	17,461	867	2,924	2,158	9,598	4,677	1,672	1,421	856	870
1975	20,659	19.2	16,638	879	3,142	1,914	9,152	4,691	1,607	1,512	877	906
1976	19,522	18.1	15,328	911	3,283	1,684	8,565	4,389	1,659	1,464	881	880
1977	19,701	18.1	15,320	819	3,562	1,770	8,319	4,450	1,920	1,512	845	885
1978	20,628	18.8	15,803	826	3,999	1,710	8,641	4,652	2,129	1,711	886	899
1979	20,250	18.3	15,569	779	3,902	1,638	8,486	4,604	2,159	1,663	846	854
1980	21,071	18.9	15,950	777	4,344	1,625	8,655	4,855	2,339	1,882	886	829
1981	19,760	17.7	15,094	710	3,956	1,333	8,168	4,668	2,150	1,827	826	788
1982	19,029	17.0	14,489	688	3,852	1,241	7,759	4,603	2,058	1,817	792	759
1983	19,891	17.7	15,038	680	4,173	1,169	8,004	4,937	2,133	2,025	839	784
1984	19,171	17.0	14,460	643	4,071	918	7,532	4,998	2,154	2,016	828	728
1985	19,148	16.9	14,385	574	4,189	858	7,394	5,118	2,135	2,122	847	674
1986	19,513	17.1	14,482	606	4,425	706	7,109	5,531	2,236	2,258	910	763
1987	19,528	17.0	14,613	548	4,367	662	6,953	5,679	2,441	2,196	895	702
1988	19,309	16.7	14,299	578	4,432	587	6,490	5,714	2,422	2,378	959	759
1989	19,453	16.7	14,256	533	4,664	479	6,063	5,964	2,658	2,520	1,049	720
1990	18,438	15.8	13,426	495	4,517	444	5,372	5,894	2,616	2,394	997	721
1991	16,638	14.3	12,127	467	4,044	324	4,530	5,623	2,444	2,155	899	663
1992	16,602	14.2	11,922	442	4,238	264	4,250	5,402	2,654	2,298	1,031	703
1993	15,871	13.6	11,258	446	4,167	193	3,591	5,288	2,747	2,263	1,103	686
1994	15,538	13.3	10,970	422	4,146	163	3,193	5,254	2,887	2,284	1,066	691
1995	14,668	12.5	10,279	417	3,972	131	2,669	4,939	2,876	2,218	1,161	674

1.12 (continued) Marriages

Females										
Single	Widowed	Divorced	Age							
			Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54		55+
17,427	981	2,844	5,998	8,872	2,836	1,078	1,115	777	576	1974
16,583	965	3,111	5,685	8,426	2,858	1,079	1,195	772	644	1975
15,346	945	3,231	5,117	7,940	2,823	1,124	1,188	719	611	1976
15,409	883	3,409	5,165	7,886	2,874	1,228	1,198	736	614	1977
15,809	915	3,904	5,153	8,399	2,922	1,418	1,382	736	618	1978
15,443	833	3,974	4,941	8,285	2,966	1,477	1,329	678	574	1979
16,161	805	4,105	4,802	8,939	3,136	1,478	1,444	717	555	1980
15,180	730	3,850	4,068	8,653	2,984	1,470	1,413	639	533	1981
14,480	694	3,855	3,902	8,186	3,038	1,331	1,415	661	496	1982
15,184	695	4,012	3,659	8,711	3,370	1,480	1,501	677	493	1983
14,576	645	3,953	3,122	8,478	3,466	1,479	1,528	620	481	1984
14,651	543	3,954	2,676	8,726	3,698	1,461	1,536	631	420	1985
14,720	609	4,184	2,449	8,661	3,963	1,588	1,709	708	435	1986
14,773	587	4,168	2,229	8,600	4,259	1,689	1,658	678	415	1987
14,479	590	4,240	1,940	8,306	4,357	1,715	1,778	737	476	1988
14,367	551	4,535	1,753	7,815	4,757	1,928	1,979	792	429	1989
13,594	498	4,346	1,416	7,242	4,786	1,916	1,867	788	423	1990
12,308	473	3,857	1,148	6,238	4,625	1,857	1,666	715	389	1991
12,011	446	4,145	935	5,905	4,668	2,064	1,834	805	391	1992
11,351	422	4,098	685	5,271	4,693	2,142	1,824	847	409	1993
11,023	393	4,122	624	4,853	4,733	2,249	1,820	876	383	1994
10,161	395	4,112	529	4,026	4,638	2,329	1,869	900	377	1995

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics

1.13 Divorces (a)

	Number											
	Petitions filed for dissolution			Judicial Separations			Nullity			All petitions		
	By Husband	By Wife	Total	By Husband	By Wife	Total	By Husband	By Wife	Total	By Husband	By Wife	Total
1974	1,405	4,525	5,930	2	8	10	25	18	43	1,432	4,551	5,983
1975	1,492	4,429	5,921	3	6	9	25	31	56	1,508	4,454	5,962
1976	1,684	5,251	6,935	.	13	13	26	13	39	1,710	5,277	6,987
1977	1,882	6,750	8,632	3	24	27	9	25	34	1,894	6,795	8,689
1978	1,973	6,391	8,364	.	73	73	13	22	35	1,986	6,486	8,472
1979	1,944	6,474	8,418	19	91	110	9	17	26	1,972	6,582	8,554
1980	2,092	6,872	8,964	25	163	188	8	23	31	2,125	7,058	9,183
1981	1,844	6,969	8,813	20	202	222	23	12	35	1,887	7,183	9,070
1982	1,737	7,284	9,021	25	263	288	.	17	17	1,762	7,564	9,326
1983	1,900	7,210	9,105	60	280	346	10	10	24	1,980	7,500	9,475
1984	3,130	6,460	9,587	200	100	293	40	40	89	3,370	6,600	9,969
1985	2,140	8,320	10,457	20	130	149	.	10	12	2,160	8,460	10,618
1986	2,290	7,590	9,880	40	150	193	10	20	23	2,340	7,762	10,096
1987	1,980	7,700	9,678	50	130	186	.	.	.	2,040	7,830	9,864
1988	2,220	7,750	9,973	10	110	122	.	10	12	2,230	7,880	10,107
1989	2,230	8,230	10,459	10	140	150	10	.	10	2,250	8,380	10,628
1990	..	..	10,607	..	..	161	..	..	17	..	..	10,785
1991	..	..	10,065	..	..	246	..	..	20	..	..	10,331
1992	..	..	10,554	..	..	181	..	..	15	..	..	10,750
1993	..	..	9,906	..	..	160	..	..	16	..	..	10,082
1994	..	..	9,152	..	..	548	..	..	26	..	..	9,726
1995	..	..	9,275	..	..	127	..	..	16	..	..	9,418
1996	..	..	9,618	..	..	43	..	..	12	..	..	9,673

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics (obtained from Lord Chancellor's Department)

- (a) In county courts in Wales. For 1983-93 the breakdown between husband and wife of petitions filed is estimated from a two month sample and the resulting figures rounded to the nearest ten. Figures may not reconcile due to rounding. Breakdown of figures into 'By husband' and 'By wife' not available from 1990. The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (enacted October 1984) meant that petition for divorce was possible after 1 year of marriage, not 3 years as previously.

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1.14 Legally induced abortions reported by Welsh hospitals (a)

	By marital status				By age					
	Single	Married	Others (b)	Not stated	Under 16	16-19	20-34	35-44	45 & over	Not stated
1974	1,154	1,813	354	15	97	630	1,888	676	20	25
1975	1,074	1,589	324	-	106	621	1,644	592	23	1
1976	1,048	1,570	320	-	110	614	1,589	595	30	-
1977	1,133	1,578	392	2	120	667	1,649	635	33	1
1978	1,274	1,831	440	7	108	763	1,904	742	31	4
1979	1,294	1,822	497	4	103	735	2,007	739	31	2
1980	1,372	1,632	483	3	112	793	1,850	700	34	1
1981	1,550	1,666	461	7	115	878	1,950	714	27	-
1982	1,593	1,486	508	-	136	838	1,916	669	28	-
1983	1,721	1,449	439	-	138	891	1,880	685	15	-
1984	1,800	1,391	484	-	133	930	1,970	616	26	-
1985	2,048	1,394	534	1	150	1,016	2,149	648	14	-
1986	2,157	1,413	567	9	139	1,007	2,367	617	16	-
1987	2,339	1,272	523	6	156	1,003	2,388	574	19	-
1988	2,427	1,227	562	3	142	1,040	2,464	560	12	1
1989	2,472	1,229	546	7	114	998	2,592	535	15	-
1990	2,698	1,260	589	6	132	1,026	2,768	610	16	1
1991	2,697	1,174	599	17	124	973	2,876	498	16	1
1992	2,636	1,131	507	20	134	888	2,787	475	10	-
1993	2,920	1,158	496	22	119	1,004	2,945	515	13	-
1994	2,970	1,082	429	49	150	917	2,956	495	12	-
1995	2,919	985	400	52	160	888	2,821	469	18	-

(a) Notifications received up to the end of March of the following year.

(b) Widowed, divorced or separated.

(c) The number of previous live births and still births.

(d) Includes hysterectomy.

1.14 (continued) Legally induced abortions reported by Welsh hospitals (a)

Number

By parity (c)							By sterilisation		By gestation time				Total abortions	
0	1	2	3	4	5+	Not stated	Sterilised (d)	Not sterilised	Under 9 weeks	9 and under 13 weeks	13 weeks and over	Not stated		
1,147	397	733	580	267	206	6	489	2,847	326	1,987	938	85	3,336	1974
1,057	373	653	525	221	158	-	393	2,594	320	1,804	849	14	2,987	1975
1,059	340	746	488	183	122	-	395	2,543	290	1,834	812	2	2,938	1976
1,141	384	784	484	209	102	1	388	2,717	349	1,934	794	28	3,105	1977
1,314	501	909	519	217	90	2	428	3,124	429	2,159	930	34	3,552	1978
1,321	466	963	548	227	91	1	496	3,121	506	2,161	908	42	3,617	1979
1,369	515	846	508	173	79	-	446	3,044	577	2,008	872	33	3,490	1980
1,527	463	906	492	196	97	3	472	3,212	656	2,294	725	9	3,684	1981
1,542	502	883	431	161	68	-	400	3,187	673	2,245	669	-	3,587	1982
1,641	516	827	401	136	88	-	328	3,281	684	2,329	596	-	3,609	1983
1,707	533	830	388	160	57	-	302	3,373	688	2,374	613	-	3,675	1984
1,905	617	865	410	134	46	-	298	3,679	611	2,669	697	-	3,977	1985
1,964	639	914	424	157	48	-	322	3,824	635	2,868	643	-	4,146	1986
2,055	652	865	373	140	55	-	267	3,873	610	2,905	625	-	4,140	1987
2,027	707	902	390	124	69	-	238	3,981	612	2,997	610	-	4,219	1988
2,024	754	884	402	133	56	1	276	3,978	748	2,934	572	-	4,254	1989
2,109	787	992	453	146	66	-	300	4,253	824	3,198	531	-	4,553	1990
2,036	909	921	430	135	56	1	267	4,220	774	3,076	616	22	4,488	1991
1,947	815	917	405	146	63	1	209	4,084	865	2,933	496	-	4,294	1992
2,102	918	969	399	145	63	-	225	4,371	1,077	3,066	453	-	4,596	1993
2,090	918	935	407	120	60	-	217	4,313	1,236	2,911	383	-	4,530	1994
2,083	847	827	406	127	64	-	161	4,195	1,202	2,703	451	-	4,356	1995

Source: Digest of Welsh Statistics

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1.15 Legally induced abortions by place of operation and by area of residence of mother (a)

	Place of operation				Place of residence of mother									Number Wales
	Wales	England	Total	Rates	Clwyd	Dyfed	Gwent	Gwynedd	Mid		South	West		
				(b)					Glamorgan	Powys	Glamorgan	Glamorgan		
1974	3,310	1,599	4,909	9.5	506	616	757	392	928	201	621	888	4,909	
1975	2,951	1,881	4,832	9.2	510	561	817	354	846	188	669	887	4,832	
1976	2,932	1,933	4,865	9.2	574	588	730	398	866	207	637	865	4,865	
1977	3,077	1,931	5,008	9.3	664	599	685	398	935	187	660	880	5,008	
1978	3,407	2,209	5,616	10.3	764	634	800	457	1,016	222	856	867	5,616	
1979	3,691	2,518	6,209	11.2	792	709	872	484	1,237	232	832	1,051	6,209	
1980	3,524	2,767	6,291	11.2	840	707	990	474	1,164	240	898	978	6,291	
1981	3,662	2,679	6,341	11.2	832	760	968	558	1,055	235	908	1,025	6,341	
1982	3,621	2,481	6,102	10.6	828	701	923	468	981	223	924	1,054	6,102	
1983	3,477	2,387	5,864	10.1	889	729	811	477	911	233	923	891	5,864	
1984	3,623	2,614	6,237	10.7	915	739	969	514	1,006	245	919	930	6,237	
1985	3,829	2,768	6,597	11.2	1,008	767	1,015	507	1,109	257	1,001	933	6,597	
1986	4,079	2,667	6,746	11.3	1,014	807	921	544	1,192	237	1,040	991	6,746	
1987	4,061	2,744	6,805	11.3	1,000	766	1,011	546	1,134	281	1,051	1,016	6,805	
1988	4,170	3,209	7,379	12.2	1,103	840	1,106	617	1,199	293	1,163	1,058	7,379	
1989	4,215	3,151	7,366	12.1	1,212	790	1,121	649	1,213	245	1,104	1,032	7,366	
1990	4,440	3,000	7,440	12.2	1,166	802	1,061	656	1,204	297	1,147	1,107	7,440	
1991	4,416	2,771	7,187	12.1	1,131	777	1,003	625	1,260	234	1,090	1,067	7,187	
1992	4,262	2,594	6,856	11.7	1,092	734	1,017	603	1,144	224	1,064	978	6,856	
1993	4,554	2,370	6,924	12.0	1,080	746	997	633	1,206	256	1,008	998	6,925	
1994	4,484	2,291	6,775	11.8	1,101	754	921	584	1,183	232	1,053	947	6,775	
1995	4,335	2,105	6,440	11.3	1,023	764	821	550	1,161	230	981	910	6,440	

Sources: Digest of Welsh Statistics, Abortion Statistics England and Wales; Health and Personal Social Services Statistics for Wales

(a) Notifications received to the end of March of the following year, except 1989 when receipts were to the end of April.

(b) Per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44.