

# QS206WA - Welsh language skills

## Overview

Table population All usual residents aged 3 and over

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## Dataset metadata

This dataset provides 2011 estimates that classify usual residents aged 3 and over in Wales by Welsh language skills. The estimates are as at census day, 27 March 2011.

This information helps Welsh public bodies understand the extent to which the Welsh language is used. It is also used for policy development and monitoring and provides data for the allocation of grants to support the Welsh language.

Similar information from the 2001 Census was provided in table UV84

### Statistical Disclosure Control

In order to protect against disclosure of personal information from the 2011 Census, there has been swapping of records in the Census database between different geographic areas, and so some counts will be affected. In the main, the greatest effects will be at the lowest geographies, since the record swapping is targeted towards those households with unusual characteristics in small areas.

More details on the ONS Census disclosure control strategy may be found on the [Statistical Disclosure Control](#) page on the ONS web site.

## Variables

### geography

The following types of geography are available:

built-up areas including subdivisions, built-up areas, national assembly for wales electoral regions 2010, national assembly for wales constituencies 2010, parishes 2011, 2011 local health boards, 2011 wards, 2011 super output areas - middle layer, 2011 super output areas - lower layer, 2011 output areas, local enterprise partnerships (as of April 2017), parliamentary constituencies 2010, former metropolitan counties, local authorities: county / unitary (prior to April 2015), local authorities: district / unitary (prior to April 2015), regions, countries

### Rural Urban

This classification can only be used with the following geographies:

- I Country
- I Region

- | Local Authority: District / Unitary
- | Local Authority: County / Unitary

#### 2011 Rural-Urban Classification (England and Wales)

This classification allows summary outputs to be produced by rural-urban type at local authority, region and country level (it will not work with other geography types).

The outputs are based on a rural-urban classification of output areas. The 2011 classification is a revised version of the one created after the 2001 Census with additional detail in the urban domain.

Output areas are treated as *urban* if they were allocated to a 2011 built-up area with a population of 10,000 or more people. The urban domain is sub-divided into three broad morphological types based on the predominant settlement component. As with the previous version of the classification, the remaining *rural* output areas are grouped into three broad morphological types based on the predominant settlement component.

The classification also categorises output areas based on context - i.e. whether the wider surrounding area of a given output area is sparsely populated or less sparsely populated.

The classification of output areas and a User Guide which provides further details about the methodology can be downloaded from the [Open ONS Geography Portal](#) under the Download Products tab.

The following Rural Urban are available:

- | Total
- | Urban (total)
- | Urban major conurbation
- | Urban minor conurbation
- | Urban city and town
- | Urban city and town in a sparse setting
- | Rural (total)
- | Rural town and fringe
- | Rural town and fringe in a sparse setting
- | Rural village
- | Rural village in a sparse setting
- | Rural hamlet and isolated dwellings
- | Rural hamlet and isolated dwellings in a sparse setting

## Welsh Language Skills

A person aged three and over is classified with skills in Welsh if they can do one or more of the following:

- | understand spoken Welsh,
- | speak Welsh,
- | read Welsh, or
- | write Welsh.

In results that classify people by Welsh language skills a person may appear in more than one category depending on which combination of skills they have.

The following Welsh Language Skills are available:

- | All usual residents aged 3 and over
- | Can understand spoken Welsh
- | Can speak Welsh
- | Can read Welsh
- | Can write Welsh
- | Can speak, read or write Welsh