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This document has been prepared by Pembrokeshire County Council, using data from Stats Wales Annual Population Surveys.

Please note: the Census is the key source of information about the number of people who can speak Welsh but information from the latest Census (March 2021) will not be available for some time. We have therefore take figures from Stats Wales' Annual Population Survey. The survey collects information about respondents' Welsh speaking ability and also includes a question on how often people speak Welsh. APS results are published every quarter. The APS estimates of Welsh language ability are historically higher than those produced by the Census. **ABILITY TO SPEAK WELSH**

Wales 2016	Wales 2020
Year ending September 2016 Population of 2,973,500 (aged 3 and over) 833,200 speak Welsh (percentage = 28.0) 2,138,100 don't	Year ending September 2020 Population of 3,035,800 (aged 3 and over) 872,200 speak Welsh (percentage = 28.8) 2,160,800 don't 2016 – 2020 Additional 39,000 = 0.8% growth
Pembrokeshire 2016	Pembrokeshire 2020
Year ending September 2016 Population of 119,800 (aged 3 and over) 34,500 speak Welsh (percentage = 28.8) 85,300 don't	Year ending September 2020 Population of 122,200 (aged 3 and over) 35,700 speak Welsh (percentage = 29.3) 86,300 don't 2016 – 2020 Additional 1,200 = 0.5% growth

- Ability to speak Welsh in Pembrokeshire remains very slightly above the national average.
- Growth is very slightly behind the national figure.

ABILITY TO READ, WRITE AND UNDERSTAND SPOKEN WELSH

Wales 2016	Wales 2020
Year ending September 2016 Read Welsh – 26.2% Write Welsh – 23.5% Understand spoken Welsh – 32.8%	Year ending September 2020 Read Welsh – 25.8% Write Welsh – 23.5% Understanding spoken Welsh – 33%
Pembrokeshire 2016	Pembrokeshire 2020
Year ending September 2016 Read Welsh – 25.6% Write Welsh – 22.5% Understand spoken Welsh – 35.5%	Year ending September 2020 Read Welsh – 24.5% Write Welsh – 22.3% Understand spoken Welsh – 36.0%

- Ability to read Welsh in Pembrokeshire remains very slightly behind the national average.
- Ability to understand spoken Welsh in Pembrokeshire remains slightly above the national average.

FREQUENCY OF SPEAKING WELSH

Wales 2016	Wales 2020
Year ending September 2016	Year ending September 2020
Daily – 15.9%	Daily – 16.2%
Weekly – 4.6%	Weekly – 4.8%
Less often – 6.3%	Less often – 6.2%
Pembrokeshire 2016	Pembrokeshire 2020
Year ending September 2016	Year ending September 2020
Daily – 16.3%	Daily – 15.7%
Weekly – 4.1%	Weekly – 3.9%
Less often – 6.9%	Less often – 8.4%

▪ There has been a small growth in Pembrokeshire in speaking Welsh less often than weekly, a slight fall in speaking Welsh weekly and a slightly larger fall in speaking Welsh daily. This would be consistent with Welsh being spoken in more formal, less domestic settings.

Breakdown by Age (Extrapolation)

PEMBROKESHIRE ABILITY TO SPEAK WELSH BY AGE

Year ending September 2016			Year ending September 2020		
Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	9,600 (54%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	10,214 (56.6%)
Age 16 – 24	11,861	4,032 (34%)	Age 16 – 24	10,962	4,012 (36.6%)
Age 25 – 34	12,898	3,083 (23.9%)	Age 25 – 34	13,362	3,340 (25%)
Age 35 – 44	12,523	2,905 (23.2%)	Age 35 – 44	12,177	2,849 (23.4%)
Age 45 – 54	17,557	3,599 (20.5%)	Age 45 – 54	16,705	3,708 (22.2%)
Age 55 – 64	17,123	3,493 (20.4%)	Age 55 – 64	18,432	3,631 (19.7%)
Age 65+	30,919	6,431 (20.8%)	Age 65+	32,738	6,384 (19.5%)
Total	120,659	33,143 (27.4%)	Total	122,422	34,138 (27.8%)

▪ There has been a small growth in the ability to speak Welsh in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 55, with small declines / maintenance of status quo in older age groups

PEMBROKESHIRE ABILITY TO READ WELSH BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	8,089 (45.5%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	8,554 (47.4%)
Age 16 – 24	11,861	3,926 (33.1%)	Age 16 – 24	10,962	3,848 (35.1%)
Age 25 – 34	12,898	2,863 (22.2%)	Age 25 – 34	13,362	3,127 (23.4%)
Age 35 – 44	12,523	2,742 (21.9%)	Age 35 – 44	12,177	2,545 (20.9%)
Age 45 – 54	17,557	3,494 (19.9%)	Age 45 – 54	16,705	3,307 (19.8%)
Age 55 – 64	17,123	3,407 (19.9%)	Age 55 – 64	18,432	3,133 (17.0%)
Age 65+	30,919	6,555 (21.2%)	Age 65+	32,728	6,120 (18.7%)
Total	120,659	31,076 (25.7%)	Total	122,422	30,634 (25%)

▪ There has been a small growth in the ability to read Welsh in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 34, with small declines among 35-54, and slightly larger declines among those 55 and over

PEMBROKESHIRE ABILITY TO WRITE WELSH BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	7,964 (44.8%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	8,373 (46.4%)
Age 16 – 24	11,861	3,771 (31.8%)	Age 16 – 24	10,962	3,672 (33.5%)
Age 25 – 34	12,898	2,579 (20.0%)	Age 25 – 34	13,362	2,779 (20.8%)
Age 35 – 44	12,523	2,417 (19.3%)	Age 35 – 44	12,177	2,253 (18.5%)
Age 45 – 54	17,557	2,897 (16.5%)	Age 45 – 54	16,705	2,856 (17.1%)
Age 55 – 64	17,123	2,740 (16.0%)	Age 55 – 64	18,432	2,691 (14.6%)
Age 65+	30,919	5,287 (17.1%)	Age 65+	32,738	5,139 (15.7%)
Total	120,659	27,655 (23%)	Total	122,422	27,763 (22.6%)

▪ There has been a small growth in the ability to write Welsh in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 34 and those aged 45 – 54. There have been small declines among 35-44, and slightly larger declines among those aged 55 and over.

PEMBROKESHIRE ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND WELSH BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	9,955 (56.0%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	10,485 (58.1%)
Age 16 - 24	11,861	4,388 (37.0%)	Age 16 - 24	10,962	4,341 (39.6%)
Age 25 - 34	12,898	3,586 (27.8%)	Age 25 - 34	13,362	3,902 (29.2%)
Age 35 - 44	12,523	3,446 (27.5%)	Age 35 - 44	12,177	3,410 (28.0%)
Age 45 - 54	17,557	4,740 (27.0%)	Age 45 - 54	16,705	4,594 (27.5%)
Age 55 - 64	17,123	4,589 (26.8%)	Age 55 - 64	18,432	4,553 (24.7%)
Age 65 +	30,919	8,379 (27.1%)	Age 65 +	32,738	8,152 (24.9%)
Total	120,659	39,083 (32.3%)	Total	122,422	39,437 (32.2%)

▪ There has been a small growth in the ability to understand Welsh in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 54, with small declines among those aged 55 and over.

Frequency of Speaking Welsh (Extrapolation)

PEMBROKESHIRE – DAILY BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	7,058 (39.7%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	7,399 (41.0%)
Age 16 - 24	11,861	1,767 (14.9%)	Age 16 - 24	10,962	1,798 (16.4%)
Age 25 - 34	12,898	1,574 (12.2%)	Age 25 - 34	13,362	1,537 (11.5%)
Age 35 - 44	12,523	1,515 (12.1%)	Age 35 - 44	12,177	1,595 (13.1%)
Age 45 - 54	17,557	1,843 (10.5%)	Age 45 - 54	16,705	1,854 (11.1%)
Age 55 - 64	17,123	1,747 (10.2%)	Age 55 - 64	18,432	1,769 (9.6%)
Age 65 +	30,919	3,370 (10.9%)	Age 65 +	32,738	3,208 (9.8%)
Total	120,659	18,874 (15.6%)	Total	122,422	19,160 (15.6%)

▪ There has been a small growth in speaking Welsh daily in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 24 and those aged 35 - 54, with small declines among those aged 25 – 34 and those aged 55 and over.

PEMBROKESHIRE – WEEKLY BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	1,938 (10.9%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	2,129 (11.8%)
Age 16 - 24	11,861	724 (6.1%)	Age 16 - 24	10,962	723 (6.6%)
Age 25 - 34	12,898	426 (3.3%)	Age 25 - 34	13,362	441 (3.3%)
Age 35 - 44	12,523	401 (3.2%)	Age 35 - 44	12,177	341 (2.8%)
Age 45 - 54	17,557	456 (2.6%)	Age 45 - 54	16,705	568 (3.4%)
Age 55 - 64	17,123	582 (3.4%)	Age 55 - 64	18,432	553 (3.0%)
Age 65 +	30,919	958 (3.1%)	Age 65 +	32,738	949 (2.9%)
Total	120,659	5,485 (4.5%)	Total	122,422	5,704 (4.6%)

▪ There has been a small growth in speaking Welsh weekly in Pembrokeshire, in all age groups under 24 and those aged 45 - 54, with maintenance of status quo for those aged 25 – 34. There has been a small decline among those aged 35 – 44 and those aged 55 and over.

PEMBROKESHIRE – LESS OFTEN BY AGE

Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2016)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2016 (based on mid-term population data)	Age Category	Number in age group (based on mid-term population data for Pembrokeshire 2019)	Application of % of Welsh speakers nationally to no. in age group in Pembrokeshire 2019 (based on mid-term population data)
Age 3 – 15	17,778	551 (3.1%)	Age 3 – 15	18,046	613 (3.4%)
Age 16 - 24	11,861	1,210 (10.2%)	Age 16 - 24	10,962	1,129 (10.3%)
Age 25 - 34	12,898	993 (7.7%)	Age 25 - 34	13,362	1,096 (8.2%)
Age 35 - 44	12,523	814 (6.5%)	Age 35 - 44	12,177	779 (6.4%)
Age 45 - 54	17,557	1,141 (6.5%)	Age 45 - 54	16,705	1,052 (6.3%)
Age 55 - 64	17,123	976 (5.7%)	Age 55 - 64	18,432	1,051 (5.7%)
Age 65 +	30,919	1,670 (5.4%)	Age 65 +	32,738	1,640 (5.0%)
Total	120,659	7,355 (6.1%)	Total	122,422	7,360 (6.0%)

▪ There has been a small growth in speaking Welsh less frequently in Pembrokeshire, among those aged under 34. There has been a small decline among those aged 35 – 54 and those aged 65 and over. The status quo has been maintained for those aged 55 – 64.