

## Statistics Wales Quarterly Update December 2018

This is the latest in a series of quarterly updates for users of Welsh statistics on our latest developments, consultations and plans.

A full list of our most recent publications can be found [on our publication calendar](#)

### Economy and Labour Market

ONS has published its first ever estimates of the [economic value of unpaid childcare provision](#) in Wales. More detailed analysis is included in a follow-up bulletin, which also includes estimates of the [value of all types of unpaid work](#).

As well as the frequent updates to our [key economic statistics](#), other recent updates include statistics on [business demography](#), [research and development expenditure](#), [workplace employment](#), [earnings](#), [Welsh exports](#), [regional economic and labour market profiles](#) and the short term output indicators for [market services](#) and [production and construction](#).

### Education

We have recently published three of our annual statistical releases in a new format with the aim of making the key information more accessible and relevant to users. These releases are [Permanent and fixed-term exclusions from schools](#), [Examination results 2018](#) and [Absenteeism from secondary schools](#). We welcome feedback on these new format outputs.

This year we published [achievement and entitlement to free school meals](#) for Foundation Phase and Key Stages 2/3 in November, a month earlier than usual.

For further information or to provide any feedback, contact us at [school.stats@gov.wales](mailto:school.stats@gov.wales)

### Environment & Housing

#### Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

On 6 December 2018 the first national headline results from the [Welsh Housing Conditions Survey \(WHCS\) 2017-18](#) were published. The release focused on housing stock characteristics and housing conditions. We worked with the Office for Statistics Regulation to ensure that the release was published as National Statistics.

An easy-to-use results viewer was published which allows users to explore results on a range of topics. The viewer currently only contains the key statistics in the First Release, but will be expanded as we do more analysis. For those that are interested in how the information was gathered you'll also find a quality report and a summary technical report on the [WHCS webpage](#).

The non-disclosive set of the WHCS data will be available on the [UK Data Archive](#) soon, with more detailed data available direct from the [WHCS team](#), under special licence.

Now that the headline results have been published, we will start working on more detailed topic specific analysis (at the national level). You can find out more about the planned publications on the [WHCS webpage](#). We will also be looking at estimating/modelling lower level estimates. Headline Fuel Poverty estimates will be available in April 2019, with detailed reporting to follow in the summer.

### **Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)**

An initial proof of concept version of HSAR has been built and the first demonstration statistics extracted. This internal test version includes Energy Performance Certificates (EPC), Rent Smart Wales, Land Registry and Rent Officers data as well as data from Powys Local Authority and Trivallis, one of Wales' largest registered social landlords. Work on HSAR was temporarily scaled back during the Autumn as the focus of the team shifted towards analysis of the Welsh Housing Conditions Survey results but work will resume in the New Year.

### **Housing Statistical Outputs**

Annual releases covering the Welsh Housing Quality Standard as at 31 March 2018 and Affordable Housing Provision in Wales, 2017-18 were published in October 2018. An annual release on Housing Hazards and Licenses, 2017-18 will be published on 18 December 2018. [All releases are available online](#)

### **Homelessness**

The annual National Rough Sleeper count will take place in early November 2018 with results to be published on 5 February 2019.

### **Cross-Government Housing Statistics Group (CGHSG)**

The group last met on 10 September 2018 and a [blog covering the work of the group](#) was published on the Government Statistical Service website on 26 September 2018.

A [CGHSG action plan](#) has been published which will be updated periodically. The first topic report produced collaboratively by the group and covering the private rental sector will be published in January 2019.

### **Estimates of Housing Need and Demand**

The Minister for Housing and Regeneration recently published a [written statement](#) announcing the decision to produce updates estimated of housing need and demand in Wales. Welsh Government will be adopting the housing need and demand tool developed by the Scottish Government with Welsh and Scottish officials working closely together. Approaches taken elsewhere in the UK have also been considered but this approach will best meet the Welsh Government's requirements for up to date estimates.

As well as the written statement, the Chief Statistician has published a [blog](#) explaining Welsh Government's future plans for Housing Need and Demand Estimates. The first results will be published in early 2019 and will be overall estimates of additional housing need at both a national and a regional level. Estimates broken down by tenure will be published in Spring 2019.

## Health

### Social Services statistics

A range of [social services statistics](#) have been published this quarter. There continues to be issues with data quality meaning that some information is not available at a local authority level and some could not submit data. The statistical releases provide more information.

### Interactive health and care statistics tool

To help users find health and care statistics an [interactive tool](#) has been produced. The tool sets out past and present releases covering a wide variety of topics connected to health and care in Wales. It is possible to search by topic, by organisation, geography or by keyword. It is still being developed and we would welcome feedback on it.

[For further information please contact us](#)

## National Survey

A full list of published and forthcoming bulletins is on the [National Survey website](#). We are now finalising the questionnaire for 2019-20. The questions that have already been agreed for inclusion can be viewed on our [question viewer](#). More information can be found on the [National Survey website](#) or [contact us](#).

## Social Justice and Equality

### Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation identifies the most deprived small areas in Wales and will be updated in 2019 (last done in 2014).

There are eight domains in WIMD: Income, Employment, Health, Education, Housing, Access to Services, Community Safety and Physical Environment. The index has a wide range of uses including, but not limited to, targeting policy and resources, building area profiles and exploring the effect of deprivation on various outcomes (e.g. health inequalities).

A [consultation](#) on proposed indicators for WIMD 2019 is closing on Monday 17 December, so get your response in now! [Further information on WIMD is available online](#).

### Community Safety Statistics

Two detailed reports on fires in Wales in 2017-18 were published this autumn, providing information on type of fire, casualties, damage and source:

- An annual [report on grassland fires](#) in Wales in October.
- A biennial [report on deliberate fires](#) in Wales in November.

[Send your feedback to us, or ask for further information](#)

## Transport

### Police Recorded Road accidents

We published an [interactive dashboard on road accident statistics in Wales](#). The dashboard presents the accident and casualty data by various geographical and demographic breakdowns.

Other recent updates include statistics on [road traffic](#), [road freight](#) and [sea transport](#).

## Well-being of Wales

On 20 September 2018 we published the [Well-being of Wales report 2017-18](#), along with a summary report drawing out the key findings about [children's well-being](#).

In 2019, rather than producing another comprehensive annual report, we propose to focus on a shorter update on progress against the goals, and what the latest data are telling us about the well-being of Wales. A full annual report is a major exercise and we propose to publish a full and comprehensive update every four-five years, to a timetable that best meets the needs of users. Read more about our plans in the [Chief Statistician's update](#). Please [contact us](#) if you have any feedback on these.

The UK Statistics Authority is currently assessing the extent to which the Well-being of Wales meets the professional standards set out in the statutory [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). As part of this they are seeking the views of users and potential users. You can find out more about the assessment, their user engagement exercise and how to provide your views on their [website](#).

## Welsh Government Statistics and Research pages

Many of you will be familiar with our current [Statistics and Research](#) pages. The Welsh Government website is gradually moving to a [new platform](#), and in the new year it will be our turn. We have been working closely with our Corporate Digital Team to design and build our statistics and research pages for the new platform. We are still a little way off going live, but prior to us moving we will ensure all our users are informed via social media and the current website. We will be blogging about it too nearer the time.

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