

Statistics Wales Quarterly Update

February 2017

This is the fourth 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](#)

Social Justice and Equality

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

In October we [asked users](#) what they think about the timing for the next edition of WIMD. We are reviewing the responses and options, and will update you when we have more information on our plans. In December we published an update to [WIMD indicator data](#) on StatsWales and updated [guidance for analysing indicator data](#). We plan to update the police-recorded crime indicators soon.

Households Below Average Income

Also in December we published new Welsh Government analysis of the Households Below Average Income datasets, "[Children in relative income poverty](#)".

Crime Severity Score for England and Wales

In November 2016, ONS published a [research article](#) and [data tool](#) relating to the development of a Crime Severity Score for England and Wales.

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Health

Health state life expectancies, UK: 2013 to 2015

In November 2016, ONS published [a bulletin which reports variations in health state life expectancy for the UK during 2013 to 2015](#). It is the first such release to include all UK local areas.

Social Services publications

Several social services outputs have been published:
Local authority child protection registers
Local authority registers of people with disabilities
Private fostering
Adoptions, outcomes and placements for children looked after by local authorities

[Statistics for Wales website: Health and social care.](#)

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Transport

We have published releases on Road Traffic, Motoring Offenders, Road Lengths and Conditions and Drink Driving; and are continuing to increase the number of datasets on StatsWales (motoring offenders, road lengths and conditions and road traffic).

We are currently developing average speed statistics for Motorways. These statistics are based on speed data from a commercial dataset (TrafficMaster). As part of contract we have included scope to pass data onto local authorities. This, however, isn't an easy task; given the size and structure of the dataset. We are hoping to have this process complete during April. We will update WSLC when we have further information.

The Welsh Government will hold a consultation on transport statistical outputs in the coming months. This will be available on the [Welsh Government website](#).

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Demographic statistics

As part of the question development for the 2021 Census for England and Wales the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have commissioned IPSOS-Mori to conduct research into the public acceptability of including questions on sexual identity and gender identity in the next census.

As part of the question development for the 2021 Census for England and Wales ONS has included a question on volunteering (for the first time).

The 2014-based population and household projections for National Parks in Wales and Household Projections for Local Authorities (in Wales) are due to be published on 23 March 2017.

The ONS Release Calendar currently gives the provisional release date of the *Population Estimates for UK, England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland: Mid-2016* as June 2017.

Education & Skills

The [My Local School](#) website has now been updated with all data for the 2015/16 academic year including primary and secondary school categorisation.

There are currently two open Welsh Government consultations around education data:-

A consultation with regard to the data collection of individual-level information on the **school workforce** in Wales was launched on 13 January 2017. The consultation is on proposed draft statutory regulations which would:

- require schools and local authorities to provide more detailed information on the school workforce
- require the Education Workforce Council to provide data on the school workforce from their Register of Education Practitioners
- streamline existing data collections to provide higher quality information and reduce the burden on data providers.

The consultation closes on **3 March 2017**.

A consultation on the approach to **measuring the outcomes of post-16 learning** in school sixth forms and further education colleges was issued on 30 January 2017. Current measures of learner outcomes in the sixth form and FE sectors are entirely separate, and the consultation seeks views on a new consistent approach across post-16. This consultation closes on **1 May 2017**.

Both [consultation documents are available on the Welsh Government website](#).

Economy and Labour Market

HMRC have made two methodological changes when producing trade data. Firstly, data is now collated on a special trade basis instead of a general trade basis. More information can be found [here](#).

Under the special trade system, goods imported into customs warehouses and free zones are now only recorded once they enter free circulation or certain other special customs procedures.

Secondly, the method to disaggregate imports and exports data to UK countries and regions has changed from being based where the location of headquarters of a business to the proportion of employment of the business in the region. This change has caused the percentage of exports to the EU from Wales to increase from 39 per cent to 67 per cent for the year ending in June 2016. The latest data is available on [StatsWales](#).

These changes have also caused there to be discrepancies between the HMRC dissemination tool and StatsWales. A revised time-series to 2013Q1, using the new methodology, has been published on StatsWales but not on the HMRC tool.

The Welsh Government will hold a consultation on economy and labour market statistical outputs in the coming months. This will be available on the [Welsh Government website](#)

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National Survey

Results and analysis

- Bulletins presenting 2014-15 results on [Parental support with literacy and numeracy](#) and on [Pet welfare](#) have recently been published.
- Reports on two re-contact surveys, asking a subsample of survey respondents more in-depth questions on [health](#) and [education](#) services, were published Autumn 2016.

National Survey – 2016-17

- From 2016-17, the National Survey covers topics previously included in the Welsh Health Survey, the Arts in Wales Survey, the Welsh Outdoor Recreation Survey and the Active Adults Survey. This change may lead to discontinuities in time series for some topics. We have commissioned a project to identify these and the findings will be published Spring 2017.
- In June 2017, we will publish the first results from the 2016-17 survey. We consulted with survey users about our reporting plans in September 2016. A report presenting the [summary of the feedback](#) received so far has recently been published.

National Survey – 2017-18

- A pilot for the 2017-18 survey has recently been carried out. The [topics](#) planned for inclusion in 2017-18 have been published on our website.

More information about the survey can be found on the [National Survey website](#) or by contacting surveys@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Environment & Housing

A [written statement](#) in December announced plans to invest in improved data on housing conditions and the energy efficiency of homes in Wales. The Chief Statistician published a [blog](#) on this recently. The three year programme will include:

- A survey of housing conditions across Wales in 2017-18
- Modelling and analysis work on housing conditions and fuel poverty
- Modelling the development and maintenance of a 'dwelling spine', which will bring together existing anonymised data from a wide range of sources about housing in Wales; in order to provide a sound evidence base for decision making. There are also plans to link to other major data developments, including those in the Office for National Statistics.

The annual release 'Affordable Housing Provision in Wales 2015-16' was published on 19 October 2016. A new target to deliver 20,000 affordable homes which will include support via the Help to Buy scheme has been announced. We are currently reviewing the affordable housing data collection.

In August 2016, we published the first annual release relating to statutory homelessness under the new homelessness legislation. On 1 February 2017 we will publish the second in a series of annual releases covering the National Rough Sleeper Count carried out in November 2016. This will be presented as experimental statistics and we will be approaching users for feedback following publication.

The following housing research reports have recently been published:

- **Understanding the economics of the park home industry in Wales** was published October 2016.
- The first (baseline) report from the **Evaluation of Rent Smart Wales** (the registering and licensing of landlords in Wales) was published November 2016.

The following projects are currently underway:

- Evaluation of **Extra Care in Wales**. The final report is expected to be published Spring 2017.
- Evaluation of the **Homelessness Legislation** (Housing (Wales) Act 2014) is also underway. The first report from this evaluation is expected to be published Spring 2017.
- The **Supporting People Administrative Data Project** is now underway. This is a three year project and the first report is expected in 2017.

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