

## Statistics Wales Quarterly Update

June 2017

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](#)

### Social Justice and Equality

#### Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

In March we published a [WIMD Timing Survey Report](#) summarising feedback from the user survey conducted in October 2016. Based on the survey feedback we'll work towards a full Index update in 2019. In the interim we will continue annual indicator updates for 2017 and 2018. In addition, an update to the WIMD community safety [indicator data](#) was published in April.

#### Households Below Average Income

Also in March the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) updated their Households Below Average Income series to 2015-16 data, from which we published [headline data for Wales](#) and updated our [StatsWales tables](#).

#### Review of the Evidence on Inequality in Wales

The second edition of the [Review of the Evidence on Inequality in Wales report](#) was published in April.

For further information please contact [stats.inclusion@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:stats.inclusion@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

### Health

#### NHS Activity and Performance Summary

In April 2017 we published our first combined summary of the monthly NHS activity and performance statistics, with the aim of providing a more coherent set of statistics. Alongside the statistical release we also published our first [interactive tool using PowerBI](#).

#### Health and well-being measures for children

In March we published a new [statistical output covering two of the national indicators for children](#). It gives data at a national level for mental well-being and the number of health lifestyle behaviors for the first time.

All can be found at:

[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 recently developed [a new statistical product, vehicle speeds on Welsh motorways, published on the 17 May 2017](#). These statistics are based on journey time data from a commercial dataset (TrafficMaster). The Data Unit will be contacting local authority WSLC contacts and local authority transport planning colleagues to scope out what data is required and how you would like to receive it.

The Welsh Government will hold a consultation on transport statistical outputs following the UK general election. Further information will be circulated once it's gone live.

### Demographic statistics

The statistical First Release [Local Authority Household Projections](#) (in Wales, 2014-based) was published by the Welsh Government on 23 March 2017. It showed that in Wales:

- the number of households is projected to rise by around 140,000 to 1.47 million by 2039 (that is, by 10.5 per cent);
- 1-person households are projected to increase from 31 per cent of all households to 36 per cent;
- there is projected to be a 17 per cent increase in the number of lone-parent households;
- average household size is projected to decrease from 2.29 persons per household to 2.17

The 2014-based population and household projections for National Parks in Wales are due to be published in July 2017.

In preparation for the 2021 Census, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) conducted a test in England and Wales. It started in April 2017 and invited 100,000 households across 7 local authorities to take part. Powys was one of the areas chosen for the test.

## Education & Skills

The summary statistical release [Further education, work-based learning and community learning](#) was published at the end of March 2017 with final data for the academic year 2015/16. The full data being released through StatsWales in May.

Going forward we are reviewing the format and timing of outputs from this data series. If you have any feedback we would be pleased to hear from you at:

[post16ed.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:post16ed.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

The following statistics have been published in the last quarter:

[Key Education Statistics 2017](#) (April 2017)

[Absenteeism from schools by pupil Characteristics 2015/16](#) (March 2017)

[Academic achievement by pupil characteristics 2015/16](#) (January 2017)

Work is ongoing in preparation for the second tranche of changes to KS4 performance measures following the 2013 Review of Qualifications. Full details of the upcoming changes are in [this article](#).

## Economy and Labour Market

The Office of National Statistics (ONS) have recently published GVA (I) at a [local authority level](#). These data are not designated as national statistics and we would recommend users understand the limitations of this data (as data is apportioned from NUTS3 level).

The Annual Population Survey is scheduled to be re-weighted during the end of June/early July to take into account the most recent populations estimates. StatsWales will be updated in due course.

HMRC's exports data dissemination tool has now been revised using the new methodology back to 2013Q1 and should match the data on StatsWales.

The Welsh Government will hold a consultation on economy and labour market statistical outputs following the UK general election. Further information will be circulated once it's gone live.

## Future Trends

On May 5, Welsh Government published the [Future Trends report](#), which has been designed to support the public sector in Wales in making better decisions for the long term.

It identifies the key social, economic, environmental and cultural trends that could affect Wales in the future, as well as some of the factors that could influence the direction of those trends.

## National Survey

### Results and analysis

- 6 short reports, based on 2013-2015 results, were published in March. They looked at what factors drive positive outcomes against Future Generations indicators on: [Material deprivation](#), [Job satisfaction](#), [Speaking Welsh](#), [Having a strong sense of community](#), [Feeling safe in the local area](#), [Feeling able to influence local decisions](#).
- We have also recently published a bulletin on [online safety for children](#), based on results from 2014-15.

### 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. A project commissioned to identify these and the findings will be published at the end of June 2017, alongside the new National Survey first release.
- On 28 June 2017, we will publish the first results from the 2016-17 survey. More detailed topic-specific reports will then be published over the second half of 2017

### National Survey – 2017-18

- The [2017-18 National Survey questionnaire](#) has now been published on our website.

### National Survey – 2018-19

- We have started developing topics for 2018-19. The questionnaire will be finalised over the summer, and programming and testing will take place from October 2017 to February 2018.

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

## Environment & Housing

Welsh Government has commissioned Buildings Research Establishment (BRE) to undertake a Welsh Housing Condition Survey in 2017-18. The aim is that first results will be available by autumn 2018, with updated fuel poverty estimates by the end of 2018.

Work is progressing on scoping and developing the approach to building a resource to capture and store linked data about the condition of the housing stock in Wales (previously referred to as the 'Dwelling Spine').

Annual releases covering 'Private Sector Rents for Wales, 2016'; 'Dwelling stock estimates at 31 March 2016' and 'Help to Buy- Wales – Data to 31 March 2017' were all published in April 2017. We are currently consulting on changes to the frequency of data published on Help to Buy-Wales.

We are continuing to work with policy colleagues, data providers and key stakeholders such as the WLGA to improve the quality and consistency of the data collected and published on statutory homelessness.

We have recently published additional environmental data sets on [StatsWales](#) (the data was available elsewhere) – relating to the Future Generations National Indicators. E.g. Renewable energy, greenhouse gas emissions and flooding.

The following housing research 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 summer 2017.
- Evaluation of Rent Smart Wales, the first report was published in November 2016 and the final report is due Autumn 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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