

# Statistics Wales quarterly update

## March 2019

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

As well as the frequent updates to our [key economic statistics](#), other recent updates include statistics on [regional](#) and [sub-regional](#) Gross Value Added (GVA), [regional economic and labour market profiles](#), short term output indicators for [market services](#) and [production and construction](#) and [Jobs Growth Wales](#).

### Education

We have recently published [Academic achievement by pupil characteristics, 2018](#). This year, to improve accessibility the detailed data tables have been published on StatsWales. Previously, the data tables were published in an Excel spreadsheet.

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 2017-18](#) were published and we would welcome your views on the release - [e-mail us directly](#) with your feedback.

We also published a Results Viewer, available on our [webpage](#) which enables users to explore the data in more detail. The Viewer will be updated and expanded as more analysis is carried out. Now that the headline results have been published, we are working on more detailed topic specific analysis (at the national level). A report on the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) will be published at the end of March. You can find out more about the planned publications on the [WHCS webpage](#).

We have recently published two StatsWales tables: [Percentage of dwellings which are free from hazards](#) and [Percentage of dwellings with adequate energy performance](#), in line with the Well-being of Future Generations National Indicators.

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)**

After building a proof-of-concept version of HSAR in 2018, the autumn saw work being scaled back to focus on analysing the Welsh Housing Conditions Survey results. Work on HSAR has now resumed and we are working with Welsh Government's Administrative Data Research Unit to provide ONS with business cases for sharing relevant data under the Digital Economy Act. These datasets include HMRC, DWP and VOA data. Existing HSAR data will be migrated to the long-term hosting solution (a UK Secure e-Research Platform) during the spring and we will be looking to add information about energy consumption, smart meters and prepayment meters and engaging with social housing providers with a view to accessing their stock management data.

## **Housing statistical outputs**

All Welsh Government releases are [available online](#).

On 25 February, ONS published information on '[Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales, 2013-2017 - LA level data](#)'.

## **Cross-Government housing statistics work**

The Cross-Government Housing Statistics Group (CGHSG) published a topic report focussing on the [private rental sector](#) on 18 January 2019. Further information including a Conceptual Framework across the UK for [housing and planning statistics](#) is available along with the group's current [work plan](#).

The [GSS Harmonisation Team](#) maintains and develops a range of fully approved harmonised principles and standards for administrative data. The harmonisation team has been looking at the feasibility of a harmonised definition of homelessness across the UK and the [initial report](#) of findings was published on Thursday 28 February 2019.

## **Estimates of housing need and demand**

[Estimates of housing need in Wales](#) were published on 30 January 2019. The Minister for Housing and Local Government published a [written statement](#) on the same day. The estimates cover 2018/19 to 2037/38 and are presented at both a national and regional level. They relate to the need for additional housing units are based on estimates of existing unmet need and newly arising need. The estimates will be used to inform the [National Development Framework](#) and housing policy development.

For the first five years (2018/19 to 2022/23) it is estimated that on average between 6,700 and 9,700 additional housing units will be required annually in Wales (with a central estimate of 8,300). The estimates gradually decrease over the following 15 years to a central estimate of below 4,000 by the mid 2030s. This reflects a slow down in the projected household growth in the [2014-based household projections](#).

Estimates broken down by housing tenure will be published in spring 2019.

## Health

### Interactive health and care statistics tool

To help users find health and care statistics an [interactive tool](#) is available. 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 email [Stats.HealthInfo@gov.wales](mailto:Stats.HealthInfo@gov.wales).

## National Survey

A full list of published and forthcoming bulletins is on the [National Survey website](#).

A pilot for the 2019-20 National Survey is currently underway, and the [question viewer](#) has now been updated to include the questions in the [2019-20 questionnaire](#).

The results from the 2019-20 questions will be available in June 2020.

More information can be found on the [National Survey website](#) or email [Surveys@gov.wales](mailto:Surveys@gov.wales).

## Social justice and equality

### Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

The [consultation](#) on proposed indicators for WIMD 2019 closed on Monday 17 December 2018, and we will publish a summary of the responses and our updated plans in April.

[Further information on WIMD is available online.](#)

## Equality

In January the Office for National Statistics updated an [annual bulletin](#) presenting data on sexual orientation from the Annual Population Survey (APS). This bulletin includes headline figures for Wales. In February we updated [StatsWales tables](#) with data drawn from the latest ONS bulletin as well as our additional analysis of a pooled dataset which combines 3 years of APS data.

Send your feedback to us, or ask for further information: email [StatsInclusion@gov.wales](mailto:StatsInclusion@gov.wales).

## Fire

Provisional [fires and fire false alarm](#) data for the period April to September 2018 were published in February. A selection of [Statswales](#) tables were also updated showing fires by type (primary, secondary, grassland etc.), casualty numbers and fire false alarms. The data will be revised when the annual bulletin is published in August 2019.

## Transport

We have published updates to statistics on [rail station usage](#), [road accidents](#), [drink driving](#), [active travel](#) and [motoring offenders](#).

## Well-being of Wales

As mentioned in our previous update, the UK Statistics Authority has been assessing the extent to which the Well-being of Wales annual report meets the professional standards set out in the statutory [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). As part of this they need your views on the range of products we produce as part of our annual report. You can find out more about the assessment and how to provide your views on their [website](#).

We are again planning to publish the Well-being of Wales annual report in September. If you haven't already done so, please read the [Chief Statistician's update](#) on our plans to change the format of the report. To help us produce outputs that meet your needs please [contact us](#) to let us know how you use the Well-being of Wales products and also to provide your views on our proposed changes to the report.

## Welsh language

The Welsh Government has recently been engaging with users about what they would like to see in the next [Welsh Language Use Survey](#). If you are interested in data about Welsh language use and have not yet had the chance to respond to the user engagement, please contact the [Welsh language data mailbox](#) with your views.

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