

## Statistics Wales quarterly update June 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 [upcoming calendar](#).

### Economy and labour market

As well as the monthly updates to our [key economic statistics](#), other recent updates include statistics on [iron and steel production](#), [regional economic and labour market profiles](#), [short term output indicators](#) (combined release for market services, production and construction for October to December 2018), [commuting](#), [research and development expenditure](#) and [exports](#).

The ONS has developed new quarterly statistical estimates of GDP in Wales, which will be published as part of a new release called “GDP for Countries and Regions of the UK” in July.

### Education

Our annual publication of [levels of highest qualifications held by adults](#) has recently been published, as well as our quarterly update of [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#). The annual NEET release will be published in July.

In April we published our second year of experimental statistics relating to [measures of achievement for post-16 learning](#) (sixth forms and further education institutions).

Our latest statistics on [apprenticeships learning programmes started](#) have been published, supported by an [interactive dashboard](#).

### Environment & Housing

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

Since publishing the [headline results](#) from the Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (WHCS) 2017-18, two further reports have now been published:

- [Assessment of elements of the Welsh Housing Quality Standard \(WHQS\)](#)
- [Fuel poverty estimates for Wales \(headline results\) 2018](#)

A more detailed report on fuel poverty estimates will be available in the summer and further topic specific reports from the WHCS will follow throughout the year.

WHQS data has been added to the results viewer on our [webpages](#), which will be further expanded as more analysis is completed.

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.

## **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) in the coming months 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 releases are available from [our website](#).

## **Homelessness**

- 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.
- [On 25 February, ONS published information on 'Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales, 2013-2017 - LA level data'](#).
- The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) recently undertook a [compliance check](#) of statistics on Homelessness in Wales. They concluded that these statistics should continue to be designated as National Statistics.
- Individual Homelessness - A project is currently being undertaken by Dr Ian Thomas into the feasibility of introducing individual level data collection, reporting and analysis in relation to statutory homelessness in Wales. The project is part funded by Welsh Government and by the CaCHE. The initial report of findings is due to be published in Spring 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. Estimates broken down by housing tenure will be published on 5 June 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**

All planned analyses of the 2017-18 survey results are now complete. All published bulletins can be found on the [National Survey website](#).

We are currently preparing the results from the 2018-19 survey. Headline results will be published on 18 June 2019.

The 2019-20 National Survey is currently underway, and 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) 2019**

On 10 April 2019 we published the 'Summary of responses' and 'Full responses' documents relating to our [consultation on proposals for indicators](#) that will feed into the next WIMD, which will be updated in November 2019. There remain some areas of development for indicators, and we will provide further updates on these over the summer. [Further information on WIMD is available online](#).

### **Poverty**

On 28 March 2019 the Department for Work and Pensions published updated statistics on Households Below Average Income (HBAI) and Income Dynamics (experimental statistics on persistent poverty). At the same time we published key statistics for Wales on the [relative income poverty](#), [material deprivation](#) and [persistent poverty](#) pages of the Welsh Government website.

We also updated our more detailed analysis of the datasets for Wales, which considers the economic, family, ethnicity and disability characteristics of households that are in relative income poverty. There are breakdowns for children, pensioners, and working-age people. The data and summary analyses in the form of slide shares and key points are all available [on our webpages](#).

## **Equality**

On 11 June 2019 we will be publishing a set of [StatsWales tables](#) detailing data on ethnicity, disability status, religion and marital status. This analysis will be produced from 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)

## **Transport**

We have published updates to statistics on [accident cluster sites on the Trans European Road Network](#), [air transport at Cardiff Airport](#) (passengers, destinations and freight), [rail transport](#) (journeys, fatalities, crime and passenger satisfaction), and [public service vehicles \(buses and taxis\)](#). We also published a new release on [road accidents and casualties \(where, when and who?\)](#), which contains supplementary analyses to the main statistical release published in 2018.

## **Well-being of Wales**

We will be publishing the annual Well-being of Wales report in September, and this year we are changing the format of the report. To find out more about this please see the [Chief Statistician's update](#).

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.

## **Welsh language**

At the end of March the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\)](#) results on the Welsh language for the year up to December 2018 were published on our [StatsWales](#) website.

To accompany these results, the Chief Statistician published a [blog](#) explaining the background of the data, what they are showing, and discussing how they should be interpreted.

On 29 May 2019 a [statistical article](#) was published which presented these APS findings in more detail and also explored why the results differ from the Census (the key source used to measure the number of Welsh speakers).

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