

Statistics Wales quarterly update September 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 [sub-regional productivity](#), [regional economic and labour market profiles](#), [short-term output indicators](#) and sub-Wales labour market analysis from the [Annual Population Survey](#).

In July we re-launched the interactive [Welsh Economy in Numbers dashboard](#). The dashboard presents key economic indicators covering income, economic output, work, poverty and wealth. It shows the latest statistics and historical context for Wales and the three economic regions, and illustrates how Wales compares with the other countries and regions of the UK.

On 5 September the ONS published the first estimates of [quarterly GDP for the UK countries and the regions of England](#). These experimental statistics are the first official GDP estimates for Wales and are based largely on VAT turnover data. We published a [statistical headline](#) and a [chief statistician's update](#), which describes the key differences between the new series and alternative indicators. ONS will carry out a user consultation and we will also gather views from Welsh economic statistics users to understand how the data might be used.

Education

We recently published our annual publication on [Welsh language in higher education institutions](#).

Our annual release [participation of young people in education and the labour market](#) has recently been published, as well as our annual bulletin on [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#).

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

Environment and housing

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

In May we published the [2018 Headline Fuel Poverty estimates for Wales](#). The purpose of this report was to get the headline figures into the public domain and in use as soon as possible, given that the previous full estimates were published in 2010 and were based on the Living in Wales Property Survey 2008. At the end of August we published detailed analysis of the [2018 Fuel Poverty estimates for Wales](#).

On 23 October 2019 we will be publishing the [Energy Efficiency of Dwellings report and associated tables](#).

Work to make the non-disclosive set of WHCS data available on the UK Data Archive is ongoing, with more detailed data available direct from the WHCS team, under special licence.

Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)

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. Existing HSAR data will be migrated to the long-term hosting solution (a UK Secure e-Research Platform) in the coming months, an agreement is in place with Swansea University for this platform and there will be a large focus of creating our own governance structures surrounding this. We will be looking to add information about energy consumption, smart meters and prepayment meters from BEIS and engaging with social housing providers with a view to accessing their stock management data.

Housing statistical outputs

All releases are available from the [Statistics and Research website](#).

The Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) recently undertook a [compliance check of statistics on Affordable Housing in Wales](#). They concluded that these statistics should continue to be designated as National Statistics.

Estimates of housing need and demand

In January 2019, the Welsh Government published a statistical article on [Estimates of Housing Need in Wales at a national and regional level \(2018 based\)](#).

On 5 June, the Welsh Government published a second [statistical article splitting the estimates of housing need into two housing tenures](#):

- Market housing (owner occupier and private rented sector)
- Affordable housing (intermediate and social rents).

The figures presented in this article are an estimate of the need for additional housing units by tenure given a set of assumptions. The tenure split has only been produced for the first 5 years of estimates (2018/19 to 2022/23).

Cross-Government Housing Statistics Group

The UK Cross-Government Housing Statistics Group (CGHSG) has published its new [2019-20 work plan](#).

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.

All our statistical releases are on the [Welsh Government website](#).

For further information please email stats.healthinfo@gov.wales.

National Survey

Headline results from the 2018-19 survey were published on 18 June 2019. This, along with all published bulletins from previous years can be found on the [National Survey website](#).

We are currently working on topic specific analysis from the 2018-19 survey results and associated reports will be published throughout the coming year. The first of these will be on Internet use, digital skills and child screen time.

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 us](#).

Social Justice and Equality

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019

Publication of WIMD 2019 is scheduled for November 2019, and we will publish a brief update for users on our final indicator plans in early autumn. [Further information on WIMD](#) is available online.

Transport

We have published updates to statistics on [road lengths and conditions](#), [road traffic](#) (one of three Welsh Government statistical releases being trialled in HTML) and [police recorded road accidents](#).

Well-being of Wales

We will be publishing the annual Well-being of Wales report 26 September, and this year we are changing the format. We have focused on a shorter report, providing more of an update on what we have learnt over the last year. We have also taken the opportunity to present a more visually appealing report. We welcome any feedback on this approach.

The intention will be to provide the more in depth analysis of previous reports every four-five years, when we will be able to take stock more on long term progress.

Welsh language

[Headline results, from the 2018-19 National Survey for Wales](#), containing [data on the Welsh language](#) were published on 18 June 2019.

On 20 June 2019, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\)](#) results on the Welsh language for the year up to March 2019 were published.

The 2019-21 Welsh Language Use Survey is currently underway. The interim results for the first nine months of fieldwork will be available in autumn 2020.

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