

Statistics Wales quarterly update December 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 [workplace employment](#), [average earnings and hours worked](#), [regional economic and labour market profiles](#), [exports](#), [workless households](#), [lone parent families and housing tenure](#), [business expenditure on research and development](#), [business demography](#), [short term output indicators](#) and [gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#).

The GDP estimate is the second in a new experimental series. GDP is conceptually similar to the short term output indicators (STOI) so we have started to gather views to help us assess whether there is a need to continue to produce both series'. If you use either of these sources we would like to hear from you. Specifically:

- How do you use the statistics?
- How important are they to you?
- Are there examples where you use STOI but wouldn't be comfortable using GDP?

If you would like to get in touch please contact economic.stats@gov.wales

Education

We recently published our annual releases on [Education Maintenance Allowances](#) and [Welsh Government Learning Grants \(further education\)](#)

In October we published our quarterly update on the [number of young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#). Our annual release on the [Youth Work](#) sector was also published in October, which covers things such as the number of registered members, projects and finance.

In November our latest statistics on [apprenticeships learning programmes started](#) were published, supported by an interactive dashboard.

Environment and housing

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

In August we published detailed analysis of the [2018 Fuel Poverty estimates for Wales](#) and in October we published the [Energy Efficiency of Dwellings](#) report and associated [tables](#). We will be publishing a report on Aids and adaptations and accessibility of the dwelling stock in the new year.

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. We plan to deposit the WHCS data on SAIL to allow researchers access to anonymised data under special licence.

Work has begun on drafting a business case to secure funding for the next WHCS.

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, such as Council Tax information. Existing HSAR data will be migrated to the Welsh Government's UK Secure eResearch Platform (UKSeRP) in the coming months. Wider than just HSAR, a plan has been created with a proposed timetable for delivery of the UKSeRP platform with it going live in January 2020. This means that Welsh Government will be able to grant access to Welsh Government datasets for researchers through this platform. We will be looking to add information about energy consumption, smart meters and prepayment meters from BEIS and engaging with social housing providers in the coming months with a view to accessing stock management data.

Housing statistical outputs

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

Housing Information Group (HIG)

A HIG meeting was held in September 2019, on the theme 'Decarbonisation of Homes – What evidence do we have and do we need going forward?' Papers and presentations are available on the [Welsh Government website](#).

The HIG annual seminar will be held on 30 January on the topic Health and Housing.

Estimates of housing need and demand

Work is being undertaken to consider the Housing Need recommendations within the [Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply](#). On 21 November, around 50 local authority staff attended a workshop in mid-Wales. The purpose of this workshop was to update local authorities on recent work (including the publication of housing need estimates

at regional level), as well as seek feedback and thoughts on the current Local Housing Market Assessment (LHMA) processes, data sets and limitations associated with producing LHMA's.

Updated estimates of additional housing need (2019-based) are due to be published in February 2020.

Cross-Government Housing Statistics Work

On 17 September, ONS published 4 cross-UK government products (analytical article, interactive tool, article describing improvement initiatives and a blog) relating to homelessness and rough sleeper statistics. These publications form part of a cross-government project to improve the coherence of statistics produced on homelessness across the UK. The products can be accessed via the [blog](#).

On 6 November 2019, ONS published two reports on affordable housing statistics as part of a UK wide programme of work to improve housing and planning statistics:

- (a) [Comparing affordable housing in the UK](#), an article making cross-UK comparisons of affordable housing statistics
- (b) [Affordable Housing Statistics in the UK](#), a review of definitions, terminology and the feasibility of harmonising affordable housing statistical definitions.

Feedback is sought on the homeless and affordable housing products – please send comments to gsshhelp@statistics.gov.uk.

Health

New publications

A range of new reports and data have been published:

[Detentions under Section 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act](#)

We have brought together a number of our [social services releases](#) into one to give a more cohesive view of what is happening in Wales. [This blog](#) describes why we made those changes.

Previously we published statistics on maternity and child health separately. These are now [published together](#) giving statistics from antenatal, birth, and child health records including smoking during pregnancy, breastfeeding and birthweights for children.

Other publications

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 have published five bulletins since the last quarterly update:

- [Internet use and digital skills](#) – 11 September
- [Alcohol consumption](#) – 23 October
- [Climate change and environmental action](#) – 29 October
- [Community cohesion and safety in the local area](#) – 20 November
- [Local democracy and access to services](#) – 26 November

There are two further bulletins due for release in December:

- Welsh language in the work place – 5 December (covered under the Welsh language update)
- Childcare – 18 December

The 2019-20 National Survey is currently underway, and the results from this will be available in June 2020.

Tables and charts covering all the survey topics, and previous years, can be found on our [Results viewer](#). If you have any questions then please [email us](#).

Social Justice and Equality

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019

WIMD 2019 was published on 27 November 2019, and we have updated our [Results Report](#), [StatsWales data](#) and [interactive tool](#). Some of the key changes to what's been published are:

- New indicators in the health, education, access to services, housing and physical environment domains
- More context for the few most deprived areas identified, and analysis of areas that have been highly deprived for several iterations, in our Results Report
- Improvements to the functionality of the interactive tool, including a postcode search bar on every page, and more detail visible on maps (now downloadable)
- Analysis for extra geographies, for example, we have added deprivation profiles for Economic Regions, and indicator data for Constituency areas.

New analyses of disabled people's experiences from ONS

[The Office for National Statistics has published new analyses showing disabled people's experience of different aspects of life in the UK](#). The analyses cover education, housing, employment, crime, social participation, well-being and loneliness, and pay gaps. This is part of work being undertaken by ONS to address the need for good quality data to inform policy and measure progress towards addressing the inequalities experienced by disabled people in the UK. The articles include some estimates for Wales, though in some cases it is not possible to look at types of impairment or other breakdowns for Wales, and in these cases UK data is provided.

Transport

We have published updates to statistics on [sea transport](#), [road freight](#), [active travel](#), [road accidents and casualties](#).

Well-being of Wales

We published the [2018-19 Well-being of Wales](#) report in September. This year we focused on a shorter report, providing more of an update on what we have learnt over the last year, and took the opportunity to present a more visually appealing report. We welcome any feedback on this approach.

We are always looking of ways to improve the report, and understanding how the report is used is key to this. Therefore, we will shortly be circulating a document outlining how we think the report is used by others, and ask you to let us know if you agree. We would also like you to provide short case studies of how you have used the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty – open data

Over the summer we have undertaken work to make available public body equality data, as required by the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties)(Wales) Regulations 2011. It was really encouraging to see how positive the various public bodies were in working with us on this, and we're pleased that a large proportion have now published this data openly.

In September we made available on [StatsWales](#), open data links to publications for over 30 public bodies.

For anyone who has not yet completed this exercise, we would encourage you to allocate time for this. Links to open data publications, should be submitted to the High Priority Statistical Projects team at [Stats Info Desk](#) quoting "PSED open data" in the subject line.

Welsh language

A bulletin presenting results from the National Survey for Wales 2018-19 on the [Welsh language in the workplace](#) was published on the 5 December 2019. Employed Welsh speakers were asked about their use of the language with colleagues and people from outside their organisation as part of their role. The survey also asked whether their employer offered staff any opportunities to learn Welsh.

Other statistical information

[Understanding Welsh Places](#) is a new, bilingual website, managed by the Institute of Welsh Affairs that presents information on the economy, demographic make-up and local services of more than 300 places in Wales in a quick and easy format.

The statistics will provide information on a wide range of topics including the number of school places, shops and charities in the area, employment, commuting distances, national identity and numbers of Welsh speakers.

While other data websites present information on a local authority level, Understanding Welsh Places allows people to analyse statistics of every place in Wales with more than 2,000 residents.

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