

Statistics Wales quarterly update June 2020

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](#).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) response

We've had to change our usual operations to ensure we are able to support the government's response to the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as providing the necessary information when it is needed the most. [This statement sets out our approach](#).

We have developed and published new weekly datasets and releases to inform the public during the pandemic. These are all gathered together on our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related statistics and research page](#). It includes but is not limited to data on:

- NHS activity and capacity;
- Notifications of deaths in care homes;
- Attendance at local authority settings for children;
- Surveys of opinions and behaviours; and
- Management information on testing, food parcels, support for businesses and individuals.

In addition the Chief Statistician published [an update](#) explaining the different mortality data sources for COVID-19 in Wales, to aid interpretation of the data.

National Survey for Wales 2020: Telephone

The telephone replacement for the face-to-face National Survey began on 24 April. It's a c.20 minute random sample survey with previous National Survey respondents who agreed to be recontacted for further research. The aim is to achieve 1,000 interviews a month and early response rates are promising.

It focuses on topics of particular relevance to the current situation e.g. GP appointments, social care, education, community cohesion, well-being, loneliness, changes in working status, whether keeping up with bills / rent / mortgage, Universal Credit, food parcels and food poverty.

The intention is to publish results from each month's fieldwork by the end of the following month, so the first results by end of June.

Questions will be updated each month. We've asked policy teams to let us know if they would like to add questions, and please also feel free to get in touch at surveys@gov.wales if you're interested.

Economy and labour market

We have continued to update [key economic statistics](#) monthly as well as other usual releases such as [regional labour market profiles](#), [short-term output indicators](#) and [regional GDP](#). Our [Welsh economy in numbers dashboard](#) has also been updated.

[ONS have published a blog](#) detailing what affects COVID-19 may have on labour market statistics. We are exploring what other data sources we can incorporate into our usual labour market releases to give the most up to date picture of Wales as possible.

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

Education

Schools

In April we published headline data from the [January 2020 School Census](#). This publication was brought forward from its historical publication time in July to support the work on understanding the impact of Covid-19 on local authority settings. We aim to publish the full suite of open document spreadsheets and StatsWales tables that normally accompany this output by 11 June.

We now publish a weekly statistical release on [attendance at local authority settings](#) to monitor how many children (including vulnerable children) and staff are attending these settings during the pandemic.

Cross-cutting and Post-16 Education

In March we published our latest quarterly statistics on [apprenticeship learning programmes started](#) which included final data for the 2018/19 academic year. In April we published statistics on the [destinations](#) of learners in post-16 education in the 2016/17 academic year based on linked data from the Longitudinal Educational Outcomes Study. We also published our annual statistical release on [levels of highest qualifications held by working age adults](#) for 2019.

As a result of focussing our resource on priority analysis and statistics related to Covid-19, we have taken the decision to postpone or cancel a number of publications, namely:

- Staff at further education institutions: August 2018 to July 2019 (postponed)
- Young people not in education, employment or training (NEET): 2019 (cancelled)
- Key education statistics, 2019 (cancelled)

Our cancelled NEET publication was due to feature an update to our quarterly NEET measure based on the Annual Population Survey. We will publish this alongside the latest quarterly figures and the annual update to our headline measure in July 2020.

In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact post16ed.stats@gov.wales.

Higher Education and Student Finance

We would value any feedback you may have on the current bulletins or what you would like to see in the future. Please contact us via our [HE and Student Finance Stats mailbox](#).

Housing

Housing statistical outputs

In light of the current coronavirus (Covid-19) situation, we have reviewed forthcoming housing data collections activities and planned publications, and have decided to suspend most of the housing data collections. Recent releases and postponement notices are available from the [Statistics and Research website](#).

Estimates of housing need and demand

We were due to published new 2019-based figures of additional housing need on 20 May 2020. However, this publication has been postponed in order to allow time to consider the implications of the latest mid-year population estimates (published by ONS on 6 May) on the estimates of additional housing need.

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

In April we published [local area fuel poverty estimates: April 2017 to March 2018](#) . The current coronavirus (Covid-19) situation has impacted on our resource levels and priorities. As such we have had to delay publishing our remaining planned reports and there will be a delay in making the non-disclosive set of WHCS data available on the UK Data Archive. We aim to restart work on this as soon as other demands allow. We also have a reduced capacity to handle data requests due to Covid-19 analytical work, so please do bear with us if you wish to access any of our data. We recommend you contact us via the [mailbox](#) with any queries or request at this time given the fluctuation of staff available.

We are continuing to support, albeit in a reduced capacity:

- the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Team to provide data from the survey and analytical support on their work to develop the post 2020 WHQS,. We are still supporting the Innovative Models & Housing Decarbonisation Team on the development and delivery of a programme of action to decarbonise all Welsh homes by 2050; and the fuel poverty policy team on improving/widen the Fuel Poverty statistics produced by WG (influenced by BEIS reporting).

Health

Publications

All our statistical releases are on the [Statistics and research website](#).

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

GP workforce

[A new experimental statistical release published on general practice workforce](#), using the first set of data extracted from the new Wales National Workforce Reporting System.

NHS Activity

Following the relaxation of performance targets and temporary suspension of certain data collections, the statistical monthly release on NHS Activity and performance only includes information on NHS Wales activity. Specifically this means A&E attendances and admissions, emergency calls to the ambulance services and patients starting cancer treatment. It does not include performance related information or any information relating to referral to treatment times, diagnostic and therapy waiting times, delayed transfers of care, closed pathways or outpatient referrals. It is expected that the release will remain in this format until at least the October reporting period. [The latest publication is available](#).

Social services

Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and in terms of priorities and resources, all aggregate data collections from local authority social services departments have been suspended for 2019-20. Collection of individual level data (Looked After Children Census and Children Receiving Care and Support Census) is being reviewed for 2019-20 and if collected they may be delayed.

Data Science and Administrative Data Research

A new data science unit has been created in the Welsh Government from 1st April, which also includes the existing Administrative Data Research Unit (ADRU-W). The unit will be developing the ability to experiment with cutting-edge tools and techniques, and use many different types of data, to deliver better insights to help shape policy making and better outcomes for people in Wales. The unit will also be working towards the establishment of a

Wales data science partnership. The partnership will work collaboratively across public sector, private sector and academia to identify opportunities and strategic direction that would place Wales at the forefront of data capability and use.

If you would like to get in touch please contact datasciencenunit@gov.wales or ADRUWales@gov.wales

National Survey

2019-20 results

We're currently preparing the 2019-20 results for publication. The release will include the headline results, infographics, updated results viewer and updated FG indicator tables.

Publications since the last quarterly update

Two bulletins were published:

- [Post-compulsory education and training](#) – 19 March 2020
- [Recycling, and bags used for shopping](#) – 31 March 2020
- [Where and when people learn to speak Welsh](#) – 28 April 2020

On 26 March 2020, we published a series of reports on the factors that are linked to FG indicators:

- [Key themes linked to a selection of National Indicators for the Well-being of Wales](#)
- [What factors are linked to people living in households that are in material deprivation?](#)
- [What factors are linked to people feeling able to influence decisions affecting their local area?](#)
- [What factors are linked to people feeling safe in their local area?](#)
- [What factors are linked to people being satisfied with the area that they live in?](#)
- [What factors are linked to people agreeing that their local area has a sense of community?](#)
- [What factors are linked to people speaking the Welsh language?](#)

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)

WIMD 2019 was published on 27 November 2019, and on that date we updated our [Results Report](#), [StatsWales data](#) and [interactive tool](#). This year we are continuing to publish follow-on outputs for WIMD 2019, and so far have published:

- Data broken down by age for income and employment deprivation, and the repeat absenteeism indicators.
- Income & Employment deprivation counts for a range of geographies and age groups. This data is equivalent to the numerators used in calculating the rate of income and employment deprivation.

In the next few weeks we will be publishing data underlying the analysis of deep-rooted deprivation with guidance on use, and later in the Summer, an update to the indicator guidance and deprivation analysis relating to children.

Please refer to our "[WIMD 2019 timetable of outputs](#)" for a full list of WIMD 2019 publications, including what is to come.

If you want to receive notification of publication updates for WIMD, please email stats.inclusion@gov.wales to subscribe.

Transport

The Office of Rail and Roads identified an issue with their estimates of rail journeys within Wales, and as a result our [rail station usage](#) and [rail transport](#) publications have been removed until the issue is fixed.

On 18 March we published our annual release on [public service vehicles \(buses and taxis\)](#).

Welsh language

The Welsh Language Use Survey, that was originally planned to run from July 2019 to the end of March 2021, was suspended mid-March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The survey was distributed to Welsh speakers in the National Survey for Wales. The National Survey is now being administered over the telephone. It has therefore been agreed to suspend the Welsh Language Use Survey. The data collected in the first nine months of fieldwork will continue to be analysed and we are planning to publish the results at a national level by the end of the year.

On 31 March, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\) results on the Welsh language for the year from January 2019 to December 2019](#) were published.

On the 28 April, a report presenting the 2018-19 National Survey for Wales results on ['Where and when people learned to speak Welsh'](#) was published.

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