

Statistics Wales quarterly update September 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 provides an update on our approach](#).

Over the last few months we have expanded our range new regular 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
- Coronavirus testing and contact tracing
- Notifications of deaths in care homes
- Estimates of coronavirus in the community, from the ONS COVID-19 infection survey
- Personal protective equipment
- Surveys of opinions and behaviours

The Administrative Data Research Unit has also published a range of analysis related to the shielded population.

Economy and labour market

We have continued to update [key economic statistics](#) monthly, bringing in a range of data sources to give the most up to date picture of the impact coronavirus is having on the labour market in Wales.

We publish a monthly headline on the [coronavirus job retention scheme \(CJRS\) and the self-employed income support scheme \(SEISS\)](#) as published by HMRC. In June we published a range of data looking at the [protected characteristics of employees most likely to be impacted by coronavirus](#).

We have published a number of our usual releases such as [regional GDP](#), [short-term output indicators](#) and [research and development gross expenditure](#).

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

Education

Schools

Cross-cutting and Post-16 Education

At the beginning of August we published management information on [apprentices furloughed or made redundant during the coronavirus pandemic](#). Whilst this data has not undergone the same level of quality assurance as official statistics, it does provide a timely indication of the extent to which apprentices have been affected in recent months. We currently plan to update this information monthly.

In July we published our annual releases on [participation of young people in education and the labour market](#) and [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#). We've taken a new approach to the format of both releases and would welcome any feedback on this. The NEET release also includes the 2019 quarter 4 update for the Annual Population Series. This was originally due to be published in April but was postponed due to focussing our resource on priority analysis and statistics related to COVID-19.

Another of our outputs affected by this was our annual release on [staff in further education institutions](#). This was published on 26 August after being postponed earlier in the year.

We have also recently published our latest provisional quarterly update on [apprenticeship learning programmes started](#), covering quarter 2 of the 2019/20 academic year.

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

Higher Education and Student Finance

Information about students training to become teachers on courses of initial teacher education (ITE) that lead to qualified teacher status for September 2018 to August 2019 has been published in our [initial teacher education](#) bulletin.

Information on students with some teaching through Welsh and academic staff who are able to teach through Welsh for September 2018 to August 2019 has been published in our [Welsh language in higher education institutions](#) bulletin.

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 need

The statistical article "[Estimates of Additional housing Need in Wales \(2019-based\)](#)" was published on 13 August and presents 2019-based estimates of overall additional housing need from 2019/20 to 2038/39. Figures relate to the need for additional housing units and are based on:

- Estimates of existing unmet need.
- Newly arising need (2018-based household projections).

Data are presented at a national and regional level. These figures are an update on the 2018-based estimates of additional housing need published in 2019.

This statistical article is supported by data published on StatsWales as well as an Excel tool where all data sources and underlying assumptions can be altered to observe the impact on the estimates of additional housing units split by tenure.

Housing supply dashboard

A [Housing Supply Statistics interactive dashboard](#) has recently been published. The dashboard, brings together information on Dwelling Stock Estimates, New House Building, Affordable Housing and Housing Need at the regional and local authority level. We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of the dashboard (via stats.housing@gov.wales).

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

We recommend you contact us via the [mailbox](#) with any queries or requests at this time given the fluctuation of staff available.

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 second [GP workforce release](#) was published using the new Wales National Workforce Reporting System data. It provides a fuller analysis and better quality data than the first edition for everyone who is employed in a GP practice. This will move to a quarterly production cycle with the next release scheduled for 29 October.

Child Health

Our [Maternity and Births release](#) for 2019 has been republished to incorporate birth registrations data from ONS.

Quarterly StatsWales releases have resumed for both breastfeeding and Healthy Child Wales Programme data, with the latest data published on 17 August.

The [annual statistical release](#) for the Health Child Wales Programme was also published on 17 August.

NHS activity

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the monthly NHS activity release continues to only publish data on activity levels for A&E attendances and admissions, emergency calls to the ambulance services, outpatient referrals and patients starting cancer treatment. Discussions have begun to decide when to reintroduce performance related data and what specifically that might include.

Social Services

Welsh Government are consulting with local authority Social Services Departments on the collection of individual level data (Looked After Children Census and Children Receiving Care and Support Census) for 2019-20. Discussions are also taking place with regards to data collection requirements for the 2020-21 reporting year.

Data Science and Administrative Data Research

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Administrative Data Research Unit has undertaken a number of data linking projects. These include:

[Children living in shielded households](#)

[Shielded patients' access to private outdoor space](#)

[Teachers and teaching assistants shielding](#)

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National Survey for Wales

2019-20 full-year survey

The results from our most recent full-year face to face survey were published on July 14th. The [first release](#) and accompanying [results viewer](#) tables can be found on our [webpages](#).

2020 monthly telephone survey

From May 2020, we began running a short monthly survey over the telephone with people who had previously taken part in the full-year National Survey, and covering a number of topics relevant to the evolving coronavirus situation.

The first results based on 3,000 interviews carried out in [May 2020](#) were published on 25 June. Topics include: 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 second set of results based on 1,400 interviews carried out in [June 2020](#) was published on 23 July with new topics in June including: volunteering, caring, alcohol consumption, and smartphone ownership. The third month of results (1,300 interviews) carried out in [July 2020](#) was published on 20 August. New questions added to the survey in July include: physical activity in the last week, how often people cycle, how long volunteers and carers intend to continue giving their time, and additional questions on food poverty (covering whether people say they are skipping meals or having less to eat).

From October onwards will move to collecting and publishing results once a quarter. The dates for the next three sets of results are expected to be:

Survey fieldwork period	Results available
August 2020	End of September 2020
September 2020	End of October 2020
October to December 2020	End of February 2021

For any questions about the content of the first quarterly survey (October to December) please contact heulwen.hudson@gov.wales as soon as possible.

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.
- [Data](#) underlying the analysis of deep-rooted deprivation

Please refer to our "[WIMD 2019 list 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

On 16 July we published [police recorded road accidents for 2019](#).

On 18 August we re-published our [rail station usage](#) and [rail transport](#) publications after errors in the underlying data provided by the Office of Rail and Road were corrected.

Welsh language

On 25 June, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\) results on the Welsh language for the year from April 2019 to March 2020](#) were published.

On 14 July, the [National Survey for Wales headline results](#) for interviews conducted between April 2019 and March 2020 were published. These contained results about people's ability in Welsh as well as their use of Welsh with local services and local authorities.

Population and demography

A separate [Demography quarterly update](#) is published which includes all things population related.

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