

Statistics Wales quarterly update June 2023

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](#).

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Economy and labour market

Economy

In April we published [regional gross domestic product and gross value added: 1998 to 2021](#) which contained annual estimates of GDP and GVA for Wales in 2021. We also updated our [iron and steel production data](#) on our StatsWales website.

In May we published our [short-term output indicators](#) release for October to December 2022. Our [Welsh economy in numbers dashboard](#) has also been updated.

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

Input Output Tables

In April we published a guest blog from Professor Calvin Jones [Towards a better understanding of the Welsh economy \(the input-output tables for Wales\)](#) which introduced the project to build the tables and how we can use them.

Labour market

We continue to publish our monthly [labour market overview](#) release, which brings together a range of different labour market sources providing the most up to date picture of the impact different events have on the labour market.

In April we published our Annual Population Survey [labour market statistics data for January to December 2022](#) which includes data for UK countries and regions and also for local areas. The next update to this statistical release will be published on the 29 June 2023.

Other outputs in recent months have included the quarterly update on [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) which covered data for the year to 31 December 2022.

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Education

Schools

We continued to publish weekly data on [pupils' attendance in maintained schools](#) throughout the autumn and spring terms. From 3 May 2023 this release will be published monthly on the first Wednesday of every month.

[Counselling for children and young people: Sep 2021 to Aug 2022](#) was published on 30 March.

[Headline results from the School Census in January 2023](#) will be published on 25 May 2023 with a further release, open document spreadsheet and StatsWales tables being published on 27 July 2023.

Final results from the [Educated Other Than at School census](#) in January 2023 will be published on 18 July 2023.

The data collection for on-entry assessments to school will not be taking place this year. This will mean that no results will be available for on-entry, end of Foundation Phase, or end of Key Stage 2 teacher assessments. End of Key Stage 3 teacher assessments will be collected and the results will be published in August 2023. Previous statistical releases can be found in the series on [Academic achievement of pupils aged 4 to 14](#).

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, you can contact us on school.stats@gov.wales.

Post-16 education

We recently published annual statistics on levels of highest qualification held by working age adults. Users should note that changes to the questions on qualifications in the Annual Population Survey mean that estimates for 2022 cannot be compared to previous years.

The first provisional quarterly update on apprenticeship programmes started for the 2022/23 academic year (covering August to October 2022) has also recently been published.

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

Higher education and student finance

We recently published our [annual release on Finance of Higher Education Institutions](#) and will shortly be publishing our annual [Initial Teacher Education bulletin](#). In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact us at highereducationandstudentfinance.stats@gov.wales.

Housing

Monthly management information on [homelessness accommodation provision and rough sleeping](#) continues to be published regularly. A workshop for local authority data providers was held in March to discuss how to improve the quality of the data and expand the range of data published.

Whilst there have been no publications since March, the following regular housing statistics outputs are scheduled for early June:

- Annual help-to-buy (planned publication 1 June 2023)
- Social housing vacancies, lettings and arrears (planned publication 8 June 2023)

Work is in progress to reinstate publication of the [dwelling stock estimates](#) following publication of the Census 2021 dwelling stock estimates. Planned publication is for June/July 2023.

Following the recent publication of [Index of private housing rental prices \(ONS\)](#) we are working with ONS to understand the differences in our datasets leading to very different outputs. We are also working to reinstate publication of the [Welsh Government private sector rents](#). Planned publication by the end of the summer.

The Office for National Statistics continue to publish monthly [House Price Index \(HM Land Registry\)](#) data for Wales, the latest of which (for January 2023) was published on 19 April alongside [House Price Index \(ONS\)](#) data for the rest of the UK.

Please contact us via the stats.housing@gov.wales mailbox with any queries or requests.

Housing conditions and fuel poverty

In April, we published the following regular output:

[Assistance for housing improvement: April 2021 to March 2022 | GOV.WALES](#)

We are exploring the feasibility of a similar collection, [High-level analysis of data on housing adaptations](#), replacing this output. If you have any views on this proposal, please contact us at stats.housingconditions@gov.wales.

We are due to publish two interactive dashboards in late May; one presenting EPC data for dwellings in Wales and one presenting fuel poverty estimates and related data for Wales. These dashboards will be available on the WG website.

Health and social services

Hospital statistics

We continue to improve our monthly updates on [NHS performance and activity](#) which includes data on unscheduled and scheduled care.

In the last quarter we have begun to provide charts on Local Health Board performance in addition to Wales level charts using data already previously available on StatsWales. We have also begun to provide an adjusted Wales figure for open pathways waiting that can be broadly compared with England's headline measure using the methodology previously published in our [Chief Statistician's update: comparing NHS performance statistics across the UK](#).

We continue to report and improve on new management information of the number of individual patients on treatment waiting lists, [performance against the planned care recovery plan](#) and work with colleagues across the UK to better aid users' understanding of comparisons of NHS performance statistics across the UK.

A new data series on pathways of care delays experienced by patients in NHS hospitals was also published for the first time.

Primary and community care

We continue to update and add additional insight to many of our outputs, including this quarter updating the annual report on the [General practice workforce](#) containing new information on cross-border patient flows between Wales and England, an ad-hoc data release on the number of [new NHS dental patients treated in Wales](#) and quarterly updates on the [NHS dental services](#), [Healthy Child Wales Programme](#), [breastfeeding](#).

NHS workforce and expenditure

This quarter included an update to the annual [NHS expenditure programme budgets](#) as well as further quarterly updates on [staff employed by the NHS](#) and [NHS sickness absence](#). This includes more insight and breakdowns on staff characteristics such as age, gender, disability, nationality and ethnicity by staff group and sickness absence rate by staff group and local health board for the first time.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) response

During March 2022 the [Together for a safer future: Wales' long-term COVID-19 transition from pandemic to endemic](#) plan was published. This explains that the link between COVID-19 infection, serious illness, hospitalisation, and death has been weakened significantly. This means we can begin to move beyond the emergency response. In line with this plan, we have stopped or reduced in frequency many of our COVID-19 outputs.

We continue to update some key outputs to ensure that data is still available, including on; [admissions and hospitalisations](#), [care homes](#) and [NHS staff absence and self-isolation](#)

A full overview of COVID-19 indicators is available on our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related statistics and research page](#). Other content on COVID-19 is still updated weekly by Public Health Wales on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) surveillance dashboards \(PHW\)](#).

Other health and social services statistics

This quarter has also seen updates to a range of mental health statistics including; [Detentions under Section 135 and 136 of the Mental Health Act](#), [referrals and waiting times for Mental Health Support Services](#) and [specialist children and adolescent mental health service first appointment waiting times](#).

In addition to an array of other statistics on health and social services, including: [eye care measures](#) and [smoking cessation services](#) a number of other outputs are available from partner organisations including updates to [substance misuse](#) and [Health Maps Wales \(Digital Health and Care Wales\)](#) and the [Child Measurement Programme \(Public Health Wales\)](#).

All our statistical releases are available on the [Statistics and research website](#) and more detailed underlying data is available on the [health and social care area of StatsWales](#).

For further information or to get in touch please email stats.healthinfo@gov.wales.

National Survey for Wales

The current contract to deliver the National Survey, held by Office for National Statistics, comes to an end with the end of 2022-23 fieldwork in March 2023. Following an open procurement process, we have now appointed Kantar Public as the contractor to deliver the survey for future years. The first full fieldwork year under the new contract will be 2024-25 but preparatory work and cognitive testing of new questions will take place during 2023-24.

The latest full-year's results will be published as planned in July 2023 (based on 2022-23 fieldwork), no results in July 2024, and then full-year results will be published in July 2025, based on 2024-25 fieldwork.

Publications

In April, research reports from the National Survey were published looking at four of the national indicators – [Community cohesion](#), [Satisfaction with local area](#), [Community safety](#) and [influencing local decisions](#).

Please contact us at surveys@gov.wales if you have any questions.

Social justice

Poverty

We have recently published data summaries for Wales on [relative income poverty](#), [material deprivation](#) and [persistent poverty](#). The latest data in these reports relates to financial year ending 2022.

Cost of living

We continue to publish monthly updates to StatsWales data on [Emergency Assistance Payments made from the Discretionary Assistance Fund \(DAF\)](#) in order to provide timely insight on the cost of living crisis.

In May Citizen's Advice updated their [Wales-specific data dashboard \(Citizen's Advice\)](#) providing insights on how the crisis is affecting their clients.

[These and other sources of data on the cost of living crisis are signposted in a blog](#) that we published in December. We will continue to work with relevant organisations to ensure that Wales-level data on key cost-of-living metrics are made available wherever possible.

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

This summer we will be reviewing options for timing of the next edition of the Index with our Project Board and Advisory Group. We hope to say something about this in the next quarterly update. If you want to receive notification of publication updates for WIMD, please email stats.inclusion@gov.wales to subscribe.

Ukraine response

We continue to work with the ONS, Home Office, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and the other devolved governments to produce statistics relating to the Ukraine crisis.

The [weekly statistics on visa applications, visas issued and arrivals to the UK with sponsors in Wales \(DLUHC\)](#) continue to be updated.

Community safety

We are currently considering the content of our fire statistics releases to ensure they are in line with the latest accessibility guidance and meet user needs. If you are a user of the statistical products listed below and wish to have your say, please contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales.

[Fire and rescue incident statistics: April 2021 to March 2022](#)

[Fire and rescue incident statistics: April to September 2022](#) (headline only)

[Grassland fires: April 2021 to March 2022](#)

[Deliberate fires: April 2021 to March 2022](#)

[Fire and rescue authority performance: April 2021 to March 2022](#)

Equality

Equality statistics

To coincide with the release of Census 2021 data and [transformation of the Labour Force Survey \(ONS\)](#) and derived Annual Population Survey (APS), we are planning to review our equalities outputs which use APS data. As a result of the ONS transformation of the source APS, we will be pausing our two annual equality publications - [Equality and diversity statistics](#) and [Sexual identity data](#). If you are users of these releases, please email us at stats.inclusion@gov.wales so we can keep you informed of any developments.

Our quarterly [Ethnicity and national identity StatsWales cubes](#) will be updated with data for Q3 and Q4 2022 on Thursday 25 May.

Recent population estimates for the groups covered by these releases can be found in our Census 2021 topic summaries – [Sexual orientation and gender identity in Wales](#), [Ethnic group, national identity, language and religion in Wales](#) and [Health, disability and provision of unpaid care in Wales](#). Data on marital status can be found in [table TS002 – legal partnership status](#) on the ONS Nomis website.

You can also create custom Census 2021 datasets using the [Create a custom dataset tool \(ONS\)](#), allowing for the combination of the above variables amongst others. [Multivariate data for sexual orientation and gender identity \(ONS\)](#) is available separately.

Equality, race, and disability evidence units

The Evidence Units were formed back in January 2022 as a Programme for Government commitment which emerged following the COVID-19 pandemic. We now have a team of 16 analysts and [published our strategy in October 2022](#). The strategy and priorities describe the scope of the Evidence Units and lists our initial key priorities. The teams are assessing evidence on protected and associated characteristics around its availability, quality, accessibility, and granularity.

Key projects currently running include:

- Wales Equalities Data Audit: We have carried out the initial phase of the audit, whereby colleagues in KAS recorded the data sources and outputs that contain protected and associated characteristic equality information. In the next phase, we will explore the data variables and outputs in more depth to better understand the equality gaps identified.
- Equality Characteristics Survey Question Guidance: Developing new survey standards takes time, so we are producing guidance on our interim position for equality characteristic survey questions. This will be available to policy officials to inform monitoring information collected when implementing policies and services.

- **Public Sector Bodies Diversity Data:** We are committed to scoping a data collection of the equality characteristics of regulated Public Sector Bodies. We have developed questionnaires to collect diversity data from Public Sector Bodies and their boards. The questionnaires will be issued in May 2023 and an initial assessment of the pilot will be published in Autumn 2023.
- **Social Model of Disability:** We are exploring how to develop survey questions so that data reflects the Social Model of Disability, focusing on societal barriers, rather than solely impairments.
- **Developing a Standard for Gender and Sex Questions:** We have started to look at harmonised standards and assessed these against policy requirements. We have set out a plan to test alternative questions which better meet our policy needs alongside understanding the barriers to providing this information.
- **Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan Evaluation:** We are exploring how to measure the progress and outcomes of the Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan. This involves undertaking mapping exercises and linking the “statements of desired change” with actions in the plan and the National Wellbeing Indicators. The External Accountability Group will be collaborating with the Race Disparity Evidence Unit, shaping the development of indicators.
- **Census 2021 Analysis:** We are producing a statistical bulletin focussing on ethnicity in Wales and looking specifically at employment, health, education, and housing outcomes. We are also exploring how further analysis of Census 2021 data by protected characteristics can be made available.

Trade

Trade Survey for Wales

Analysis of the findings from the third Trade Survey for Wales (TSW), reference year 2020, is still underway – the previously anticipated publication date of May 2022 was delayed into 2023 due to the need to undertake further quality checks and introduce new imputation processes to the methodology now that several years' data has been gathered. These checks and processes are still underway, but it is anticipated the data for 2020 will be published with the 2021 results.

Fieldwork for the fourth year of the survey (2021 data) closed in December 2022, and the data is still in the process of being validated, analysed and quality checked, with the aim to publish in summer 2023.

The [Rules of Origin report](#) was published on 30th March 2023, with the aim to gain a better understanding of Welsh business awareness of, and experiences with, Rules of Origin. It summarises the findings from interviews with businesses and a trade body organisation.

Welsh International Goods Trade

Headline results from HMRC [Regional Trade Statistics for Wales's international goods trade](#) for year ending March 2023 are due to be published 15 June 2023.

Alongside the above headline, the [interactive trade dashboard](#) will be updated.

A more detailed analysis of the [2022 Welsh international goods trade data](#) was published on 5 April 2023.

For further information contact: stats.trade@gov.wales

Transport

In April 2023 we published our [annual rail transport release for 2022](#), presenting information on rail passenger journeys, punctuality, accidents, fatalities and crime on the rail network..

We also published [police recorded road collisions for 2022](#), presenting information on road collisions, alongside our [interactive dashboard](#), including breakdowns such as severity of injury, type of user and collision location on a map.

In May 2023 we published [public service vehicles \(buses and taxis\): April 2021 to March 2022](#), as well as our [air transport release for 2022](#), presenting information on the number of passengers through Cardiff Airport.

We have also published [reported road casualties 2022](#), presenting information on road casualties broken down by type of road users, age and sex.

For feedback and comments please contact stats.transport@gov.wales

Welsh language

Census 2021

We consider the census to be the authoritative source for the number of Welsh speakers in Wales, and this is how the Welsh Government measures progress against its ambition of having a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

We published the [first data from the census on Welsh language](#) on 6 December last year, working closely with the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

On 28 March, the ONS published its ['Create a custom dataset' resource \(ONS\)](#). This resource allows users to create their own datasets from Census 2021 data, including information relating to the Welsh language. A wealth of information is therefore available on the number of the population aged three years or older in Wales who can speak Welsh (as well as other Welsh skills) for Wales, local authorities, lower super output areas, electoral wards and local health boards and you are able to look at the data according to other characteristics, such as age, sex, ethnicity and country of birth.

We plan to publish an [analysis of ability in the Welsh language according to some of these characteristics](#) in a statistical bulletin on 8 June.

On 8 June, we will also publish another statistical headline on [the transmission rates of the Welsh language within households in Wales](#), using Census 2021 data. This data is not included in the ONS' "Create a custom dataset" tool, but we will publish the data alongside the publication.

Annual Population Survey

The latest [Welsh Language data from the Annual Population Survey](#) was published on 25 April.

Following the publication of Census 2021 results, we have been working closely with the ONS on a programme of work which will look further at some of the differences we have seen between the census and some of our other data sources about the Welsh language, such as the Annual Population Survey. For example, the census has estimated that the number of people who can speak Welsh in Wales has decreased between 2011 and 2021, while the Annual Population Survey estimates that the number has increased significantly during the same period.

We published [a workplan which outlines the work that the ONS and the Welsh Government are planning to undertake during 2023-24 and beyond](#) to improve our understanding of the main survey and administrative data sources used to produce statistics about the Welsh language. This workplan has been accompanied by a [blog published by the Chief Statistician on coherence of Welsh language statistics in Wales](#).

Please email welshlanguage@gov.wales for further information.

Agriculture and environment

Decarbonisation and climate change

In June 2023:

- [The 2021 Devolved Administration Greenhouse Gas Territorial Emissions \(NAEI\)](#) will be published on the [NAEI website](#) on 20 June 2023.
- [The 2021 Local Authority and Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions \(DESNZ\)](#) will be published on 29 June 2023.
- The Welsh Government will be publishing an update to the [Consumption Emissions Annex](#) provided alongside the Carbon Budget 1 Statement of Progress to include 2020 data.

Email stats.environment@gov.wales for further information.

The latest [quarterly local authority municipal waste and recycling statistics](#) were published on 26 April covering the period from April to June 2022.

Agriculture

Wales level figures for agricultural output and income for the calendar year 2022 were published on 25 May.

Population and demography

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

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