


## **Statistics Wales quarterly update September 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 June we published the [Size analysis of businesses release which covered data for 2022](#). This annual release provides data on the structure of enterprises active in Wales, including estimates for the very smallest businesses that operate below the Value Added Tax (VAT) threshold. We also published [estimates of sub-regional productivity for 2021](#).

The latest [estimates of total expenditure on research and development \(R&D\) across different market sectors for 2021](#) were published in July.

In August we published our [short-term output indicators release](#) for January to March 2023.

We have also continued to update our [Welsh economy in numbers dashboard](#).

If you would like to get in touch, please contact [economic.stats@gov.wales](mailto:economic.stats@gov.wales)

### Input Output tables

We have commenced work to build the first set of tables which will cover the year 2019. We are continuing to explore the available data sources and industry breakdowns that can be achieved.

We would be interested in hearing from interested parties if there are any industry breakdowns in particular that you would like to see in the tables. If there are also any data sources that could help us produce these breakdowns, that would be especially useful to know.

If you would like to get in touch, please contact [inputoutputtables@gov.wales](mailto:inputoutputtables@gov.wales).

### 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 July we published our Annual Population Survey [labour market statistics data for April 2022 to March 2023](#) which includes data for UK countries and regions and also for local areas. The next update to this statistical release will be published in October 2023.

Other outputs include the quarterly update on [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) which covers data for the year to March 2023, published on the 31 August 2023.

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## Education

### Schools

We continued to publish monthly data on [pupils' attendance in maintained schools](#) throughout the summer term. The release will restart in the autumn with the first release scheduled for September.

After the first release of data on free school meal (FSM) eligibility from the January 2023 School Census on 25 May we analysed the data in more detail as part of our normal programme of work which raised some concerns relating to this data. To address these concerns, we carried out additional validation and [revised FSM data from the January 2023 census](#) were published on 16 August. The full data set from the January 2023 school census will be released on 19 September.

No other statistical releases were published in June to August. The Autumn will see a number of statistical releases published as follows:

- [School Census results for January 2023](#) on 19 September 2023
- [Academic achievement of pupils at Key Stage 3: 2023](#) on 20 September 2023 (the collection of on-entry assessments ceased in 2022 due to the rollout of the new National Curriculum and there is no update of that data).
- [Examination results](#) on 5 October 2023

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, you can contact us on [school.stats@gov.wales](mailto:school.stats@gov.wales).

### Post-16 education

June saw first publication of annual [statistics on the Jobs Growth Wales+ programme](#), covering the 2022 to 2023 financial year. This release provides more detail than in previous quarterly updates with [further statistics by learner characteristics available on StatsWales](#).

In August we published the latest update to the [apprenticeship starts dashboard](#), covering quarter 2 of the 2022/23 academic year (November 2022 to January 2023). Degree apprenticeships are now included in the measure towards the Welsh Government's target of creating 125,000 new all-age apprenticeships.

In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact [post16ed.stats@gov.wales](mailto:post16ed.stats@gov.wales)

### Higher education and student finance

We recently published our [statistical release covering Initial teacher education for the 2021/22 academic year](#).

We will be publishing our [Welsh language in higher education release](#) on 21 September, which will also cover the 2021/22 academic year.

In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact us at [highereducationandstudentfinance.stats@gov.wales](mailto:highereducationandstudentfinance.stats@gov.wales).

## Housing

Monthly management information on [homelessness accommodation provision and rough sleeping](#) continues to be published regularly, with roughly a two month time lag. Following user feedback, as of July 2023, we have expanded the data published for the period April 2023 onwards. To further improve the usefulness and quality of the data we have been working with local authorities to strengthen the data collection guidance, as well as modifying some data items collected. We plan to expand the range of data published once this development is complete.

The [Office for Statistics Regulation \(OSR\) have published a letter to the Chief Statistician outlining the findings of their review of our homelessness accommodation provision and rough sleeping monthly management information](#) against the pillars of the [Code of Practice for Statistics \(UK Statistics Authority\)](#).

Two reports related to second homes were published on 20 June 2023. [The Office for National Statistics published Census 2021 data on the number and location of second addresses](#), including those used as holiday homes. A Welsh Government [publication summarising the main results for Wales](#) was published alongside this. The Welsh Government also published a [statistical article “Second homes: What does the data tell us?”](#). This provided information about sources of data on second homes, including information about definitions, coverage, strengths, limitations, and a summary of the data.

Work is in progress to reinstate publication of the [dwelling stock estimates](#) following publication of the Census 2021 dwelling stock estimates.

We are also working with the Office for National Statistics to understand whether their [private rental prices development \(ONS\)](#) will meet the needs of users in Wales, or whether we will need to reinstate publication of the [Welsh Government private sector rents](#).

Since the last update, the following regular housing statistics output has been published:

- [Social landlord housing sales April 2022 to March 2023](#) (published 3 August 2023)

Land Registry and the [Office for National Statistics](#) continue to publish monthly [UK House Price Index \(HM Land Registry\)](#) data for Wales and the rest of the UK.

Please contact us via the [stats.housing@gov.wales](mailto:stats.housing@gov.wales) mailbox with any queries or requests.

## Housing conditions and fuel poverty

We have recently published two interactive dashboards:

- [Fuel poverty in Wales: interactive dashboard](#) – published in June 2023, this dashboard brings together data from the 2008 Living in Wales Survey, the 2017 to 2018 Welsh Housing Conditions Survey and the Building research establishment domestic energy model (BREDEM) to highlight trends in fuel poverty in Wales.

- [Energy Performance Certificates \(EPCs\) for homes in Wales: interactive dashboard](#) – published in May 2023, this dashboard indicates how energy efficiency varies across different types of homes in Wales.

We welcome any feedback on these dashboards via the [stats.housingconditions@gov.wales](mailto:stats.housingconditions@gov.wales) mailbox.

In August 2023, we published following regular output:

- [New house building: April 2022 to March 2023](#)

We are currently exploring how we can use administrative datasets to develop new house building statistics. We intend to publish the findings of this work in summer 2024.

## Health and social services

### Population health

Using data from the Census 2021 we have produced [new analysis by ethnic group looking at the general health, disability status, unpaid caregiving and various other socio-economic outcomes in Wales](#). As well as an update to the [annual report on health-related lifestyles and behaviours of adults](#) based on the recent published National survey for Wales.

### Primary and community care

We continue to update and add additional insight to many of our outputs, including this quarter updating the annual reports on [Maternity and birth statistics](#) and [Breastfeeding statistics](#) containing new breakdowns and insight by ethnic group than was previously available.

We have also published this quarter a new annual report on [Eye care statistics](#) summarizing primary care and some secondary eye care services, as well as insight on the primary workforce.

There were also updates on the [Healthy Child Wales Programme](#), disease prevalence records captured by GPs in the [General medical services contract](#).

### 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 link to operational information on ambulance handover delays to continue to provide a holistic picture.

We continue to work closely with colleagues across the UK to better aid users' understanding of comparisons of NHS performance statistics across the UK and this quarter have produced the a new blog in our series on NHS performance: [Chief Statistician's update: comparing NHS performance statistics across the UK](#).

### NHS workforce and expenditure

This quarter included the publication of a new collection of [experimental statistics on NHS vacancies](#). Currently this captures vacancies in the NHS at a Wales and staff group level, though we hope to be able to report by local health board soon.

There were also quarterly updates on [staff employed by the NHS](#) and [NHS sickness absence](#).

### 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. In line with this plan, we have now stopped all of our previous regularly produced COVID-19 outputs.

A full overview of what these COVID-19 indicators have covered over time and the data themselves will remain available on our [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) related statistics and research page](#) for historical purposes but will no longer be updated. 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 regular 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 [Hospital admissions data](#) (from Digital Health and Care Wales) and the [Cancer incidence](#) (from 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](mailto:stats.healthinfo@gov.wales).

# National Survey for Wales

## First Release

On the 11 July 2023, we published the results from the 2022 to 2023 National Survey for Wales. The results can be explored using our [National Survey for Wales: results viewer](#) and the [highlights are summarised in the headline report](#).

## Publications

Please contact us at [surveys@gov.wales](mailto:surveys@gov.wales) if you have any questions or require further information.

## Social justice

### Poverty

We have 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 June we published an [interactive dashboard presenting fuel poverty estimates and related data](#) for Wales. [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)

We have recently announced that we aim to publish the next WIMD in late 2025 or early 2026, and will firm up this timing when possible. Read our [blog for further background on timing of the next index, what we've published recently, and the change in small area boundaries](#).

If you want to receive notification of publication updates for WIMD, please email [stats.inclusion@gov.wales](mailto: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 have postponed the releases [Fire and rescue authority performance](#): April 2022 to March 2023 and [Fire and rescue authorities operational statistics](#): April 2022 to March 2023 which were due out on 7 September 2023. This is to allow for the inclusion of rebased mid-year population estimates, which will be published by the Office for National Statistics in September 2023. A new date will be confirmed in due course.

If you are a user of fire statistics and wish to contribute any feedback, please contact [stats.inclusion@gov.wales](mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales).

## Crime and Justice

As part of wider work to improve the availability of justice data for Wales, we have been developing Power BI dashboards to bring together a range of Welsh justice data into one easily accessible place. [The first of these dashboards, focused on youth justice](#), was published on 31 August 2023. Youth justice includes data on:

- The number and characteristics of children (aged 10 to 17) who have committed proven offences
- The number of such offences, including type of offence and severity
- The outcomes for these proven offences, such as cautions or sentences
- Youth justice performance indicators, which include appropriate accommodation, hours of education or training and assessments and interventions for mental health and substance abuse.

If you have any feedback about this dashboard or suggestions for future dashboards, please get in touch at [stats.inclusion@gov.wales](mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales).

## Equality

On 31 August, we published updates to our quarterly [Ethnicity and national identity \(Annual Population Survey\): 2004 to March 2023](#) with data for the year ending March 2023. If you are users of these releases, please email us at [stats.inclusion@gov.wales](mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales) so we can keep you informed of any developments.

On 5 July, we published the statistical bulletin [Ethnic group differences in health, housing, education and economic status in Wales \(Census 2021\)](#). This bulletin contains summary data on ethnic groups by various socio-economic outcomes and tells us how such outcomes varied for different ethnic groups across Wales. The bulletin also details ethnic group analysis by age and sex for context.

Further analysis and publication of Census 2021 data is being planned. Please email [equalityevidenceunit@gov.wales](mailto:equalityevidenceunit@gov.wales) if you have any feedback.

## Trade

### Trade Survey for Wales

Analysis of the findings from the third and fourth Trade Survey for Wales (TSW), reference years 2020 and 2021, is nearly complete and will be due for publication in October. New imputation processes to improve the sales estimates have been introduced as part of the methodology now that several years' data has been gathered, which it is hoped will stabilise the responses across years. This will yield a revised back-series of sales estimates back to 2017.

The fifth Trade Survey collecting 2022 data will be in the field October to December 2023. The imputation methodology will be expanded to cover purchases estimates. It is anticipated that the 2022 data will be ready for publication by summer 2024.

### Welsh International Goods Trade

Headline results from HMRC [Regional Trade Statistics for Wales's international goods trade](#) for year ending June 2023 are due to be published 14 September 2023.

Alongside the above headline, the [interactive trade dashboard](#) will be updated to the latest quarter's data. Work is currently underway to update the dashboard, incorporating volumes data, and introducing accessibility improvements.

For further information contact: [stats.trade@gov.wales](mailto:stats.trade@gov.wales)

## Transport

In August 2023 we published our [Road lengths and conditions: April 2022 to March 2023](#) bulletin, presenting presents information about the length and condition of roads in Wales and includes data up to the financial year 2022 to 2023.

In August 2023 we published our [Active travel \(walking and cycling\): April 2022 to March 2023](#) bulletin, presenting information about active travel by people in Wales during 2022 to 2023.

In August 2023 we updated our [interactive dashboard for road collisions](#) with data up to 2023 Q1, showing road collisions, associated number of casualties including breakdowns such as severity of injury, type of road user and collision location on a map.

For feedback and comments please contact [stats.transport@gov.wales](mailto: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 on the Welsh language from Census 2021](#) on 6 December last year, working closely with the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

On 8 June, we published further analysis of Welsh language data from Census 2021. Using data from the ['Create a custom dataset' tool \(ONS\)](#), we published a statistical bulletin analysing [the ability to speak Welsh by population characteristics](#). Separately, we published a statistical headline about the [Welsh language composition of households in Wales](#), including information about the transmission of the Welsh language between generations. Accessible data tables accompanied both releases.

### Annual Population Survey

The latest [Welsh language data from the Annual Population Survey](#) was published on 27 July.

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 decreased between 2011 and 2021, while the Annual Population Survey estimates that the number increased significantly during the same period.

The latest Annual Population Survey headline includes an [update on the progress of our joint workplan with the ONS](#) to improve our understanding of the main survey and administrative data sources used to produce statistics about the Welsh language. The first project outputs are expected in autumn 2023.

### Welsh Language Use Survey 2019 to 2020

The [Welsh Language Use Survey 2019 to 2020](#) was carried out as part of the National Survey for Wales to know how often, where, when and with whom Welsh speakers use Welsh, and to know more about their skills in the language.

We have previously published [Welsh language use in Wales initial findings](#) and topic summaries on the [use of Welsh in the home and in education](#) and [Social use of the Welsh language](#). The next statistical bulletin on the use of and attitudes towards the Welsh



language in the workplace will be published on 14 September 2023. This will be followed by the final statistical bulletin in the series, which will explore the use of the Welsh language when accessing services.

Please email [welshlanguagedata@gov.wales](mailto:welshlanguagedata@gov.wales) for further information.

## **Agriculture and environment**

### **Decarbonisation and Climate Change**

In June 2023:

- [The 2021 Devolved Administration Greenhouse Gas Territorial Emissions \(NAEI\)](#) were published on the NAEI website.
- [The 2021 Local Authority and Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions \(DESNZ\)](#) were published.
- The Welsh Government published 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](mailto:stats.environment@gov.wales) for further information.

## Administrative data research

Our Administrative Data Research (ADR) Wales Welsh Government and higher education partnership continues to work on the delivery of our [planned programme of work for 2022 to 2026 \(ADR Wales\)](#).

In June 2023 we published an [update to our Supporting People data linking project](#) (this grant has now been replaced by the Housing Support Grant). We have also published a series of ADR Wales Data Insights; providing an update from our [Administrative Data Agricultural Research Collection \(ADR Wales\)](#), sharing preliminary [European Union Settled Status \(EUSS\) data linking findings for education \(ADR Wales\)](#), and covering [built environments and child health in Wales and Australia \(BEACHES\) \(ADR Wales\)](#). To share our learning from working with datasets in June 2023 we also published a [Data Explained on Children Looked After Census dataset \(ADR Wales\)](#).

For further information or to get in touch please email [ADRWales@gov.wales](mailto:ADRWales@gov.wales).

## Population and demography

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

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