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# Housing statistics and research update, May 2022

Details of progress on projects and recently published reports.

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The following research projects are underway:

Research to explore the multi-occupied building workforce is due to begin soon. This will support a comprehensive review of the existing building safety system, to inform reforms to the way multi-occupied residential buildings are inspected and regulated.

An evaluation of homelessness interventions in Wales to support homelessness services transformation is underway. This research will build the evidence base across homelessness prevention and intervention.

An evidence review of literature on overcrowding for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities will be published soon. It aims to assess evidence on how overcrowding may impact households.

All housing research reports can be found on the [Statistics and Research website](#).

## Housing statistics

As the demand increased for statistics and data to measure the impact of the

coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we had to change our data gathering and release practices, focusing efforts on priority analysis and statistics.

Our [statement](#) explained this further and, in line with [guidance from the Office for Statistics Regulation](#), decisions were made to cancel or postpone some publications.

During 2021-22 we resumed the publication of key statistical outputs.

## Recent statistical releases

[Social landlord housing sales, April 2020 to March 2021](#) (14 October 2021)

[Social landlord housing stock and rents: as at 31 March 2021](#) (26 October 2021)

[Help to Buy - Wales: July to September 2021](#) (26 November 2021)

[New house building: April 2019 to March 2021](#) (14 December 2021)

[Homelessness: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (16 December 2021)

[Affordable housing provision: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (21 December 2021)

[Help to Buy - Wales: October to December 2021](#) (22 February 2022)

[Housing Demolitions: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (8 March 2022)

[Housing hazards and licences: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (8 March 2022)

[Assistance for housing improvement: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (22 March 2022)

[Social housing vacancies lettings and arrears: April 2020 to March 2021](#) (31 March 2022)

## Monthly management information on homelessness accommodation provision and rough sleeping

We have continued to publish [monthly management information on rough sleeping and provision of accommodation for the homeless](#).

This management information has not undergone the same level of quality assurance as official statistics.

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

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of any of these statistics and management information to [stats.housing@gov.wales](mailto:stats.housing@gov.wales).

## Housing Conditions Evidence Programme

We have been working with the Fuel Poverty Policy Team to provide analytical support to monitor the [plan for tackling fuel poverty 2021 to 2035](#), including developing a dashboard of all relevant fuel poverty data which we hope to be able to publish this summer. In April we published [Fuel poverty modelled estimates for Wales \(headline results\): as at October 2021](#). Due to differences in methodology, the 2021 modelled estimates of fuel poverty cannot be directly compared with previous figures. Detailed analysis will be published in the coming months and will be accompanied by a detailed methodology report.

We continue to work with the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Team to provide analytical support in developing the post 2020 Standard, including the consultation on the proposed Standard. Similarly we are working with the Innovative Models & Housing Decarbonisation Team on the development and delivery of a programme of action to decarbonise all Welsh homes by 2050.

## Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)

We are continuing to work with Other Government Departments, Agencies and

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ONS regarding sharing relevant data under the Digital Economy Act, such as Council Tax information. We continue to explore accessing other data sources under the Digital Economy Act such as BEIS energy consumption data.

If anyone has any suggestions for pieces of analysis we could look at, or is interested in getting access to data for their own projects please do get in touch.

## **Next Housing Information Group (HIG) meeting**

The next meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams on 28 September 2022. An agenda and meeting invite will follow closer to the date.

## **Queries**

If you have any queries on the above, or would like statistical advice on using housing data (including for example in the absence of data), please contact:

[stats.housing@gov.wales](mailto:stats.housing@gov.wales)

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