

## Welsh Government Housing Statistics and Research Update (August 2020)

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

### Planned publications for the autumn

Here is an update on planned publications for the autumn. Please note that this is subject to change. No decisions have yet been taken about publications from December 2020 onwards where the related housing data collection activity was planned for autumn 2020 onwards.

Title	Publication date	
Tenant Views and Experiences of the PRS	25 August 2020	The research explores satisfaction with the PRS; considerations and processes involved in finding new PRS properties; and views on tenancy security.
Statutory Homelessness: 2019/20 annual.	September 2020	Delayed from initial 30/07/20 publication date due to incomplete data provision and the quality assurance process.
Statutory Homelessness: April-June 2020 & July-September 2020	10/12/2020	We plan to collect data for both April –June 2020 and July to September 2020 periods at the same time and publish in December.
2020 Dwelling Stock estimate	17/09/2020	As planned.
Help to Buy Wales, 2019-20 & April-June 2020	September 2020	Postponed from earlier in the year due to higher priorities.
Help to Buy Wales, July-September 2020	22/10/2020	As planned.
Affordable Housing Provision 2019-20	Early 2021	We plan to send out data collection forms in September (postponed from earlier in year).
<i>Social Housing Stock and Rents, 2020-21</i>		<i>Cancelled</i>

<i>Sales by Welsh Social Landlords 2019-20</i>		<i>Cancelled</i>
<i>Welsh Housing Quality Standard 2019-20</i>		<i>Cancelled.</i>
<i>Newbuild (quarterly data)</i>		<i>Suspended - collect at end of 2020-21</i>

## Other publications

### Revised 2018-based local authority population and household projections

On 28 May 2020, the Welsh Government's Chief Statistician withdrew the 2018-based local authority population projections and the 2018-based local authority household projections from the Welsh Government's website. This was following an announcement by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) that they had found an error affecting the 2018-based national population projections.

On the 20 June we published a [blog](#) detailing the changes we have made to the corrected 2018-based subnational population and household projections.

The Revised 2018-based subnational [population](#) and [household](#) projections were published on 4 August 2020.

### Estimates of additional housing need (2019-based)

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

## **ONS Publication: ‘Coronavirus and deaths of homeless people’**

On Friday 10 July, ONS published a report on [‘Coronavirus and deaths of homeless people in England and Wales: up to 26 June 2020’](#). These were developed rapidly based on data from death registration records held by ONS.

## **Compliance Check: Rough Sleeper Statistics**

The Office for Statistical Regulation recently undertook a compliance check of statistics on the Rough Sleeper count in Wales. Their [findings](#) were published on 1 July.

## **2021 Census of Population**

The legislation to hold the census in England and Wales on **21 March 2021** is now in place. The Census (England and Wales) Order, which sets the date of the census, became law in May 2020 following debates and votes in both Houses of Parliament.

The Census Regulations for England and for Wales have now also been made and laid before the Houses of Parliament and the Senedd. The Regulations include many of the operational details of the census, as well as exact copies of the paper questionnaires and descriptions of the online questionnaires. They are available to view online:

- [Census \(England\) Regulations 2020](#)
- [Census \(Wales\) Regulations 2020](#) and [Rheoliadau'r Cyfrifiad \(Cymru\) 2020](#)

The 2021 Census will capture information about the type of household accommodation, tenure and number of bedrooms.

The Office for National Statistics recently published [a blog](#) explaining how they intend to use administrative data from the Valuation Office Agency to count the number of rooms for the 2021 Census.

## **Queries**

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

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