

Wales Budget 2021-2022



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



How does the Welsh Government spend your money?

- Wales has its own government which decides how it will spend your money each year to improve people's lives.
- The Finance Minister, Rebecca Evans, sets out these decisions in the Budget.
- The money spent in Wales is raised in taxes from people and businesses.
- Some of these taxes are raised by the Welsh Government. 17p out of every £1 we spend in Wales comes from Welsh taxes.
- The other taxes are raised by the UK Government and apply to the whole of the UK, including Wales.
- The Welsh Government has more than £20 billion to spend between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.
- This money is used to deliver vital public services in Wales.

Where does Wales get its money from?

Welsh Government Funding 2021-2022

£16.7 billion*

83%

Funding from
UK Government



£2.1 billion

10%

Welsh Rates of
Income Tax



£1.1 billion

6%

Non-Domestic Rates



£264 million

1%

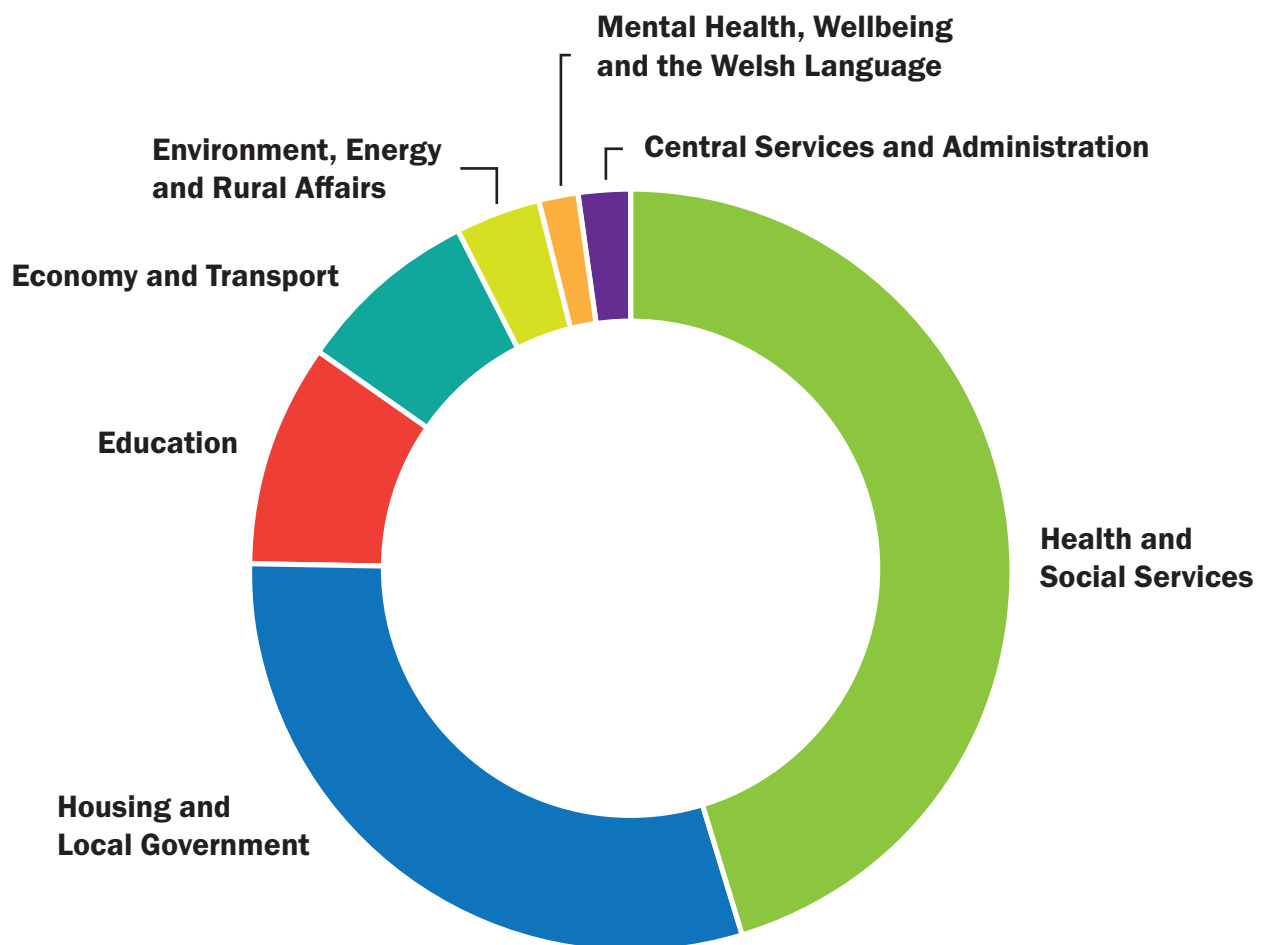
Fully Devolved Taxes
Land Transaction Tax: **£231m**
Landfill Disposals Tax: **£33m**



Capital borrowing by Welsh Government: **£150m** / Planned repayment of capital borrowing: **£7m**
Planned use of Wales' revenue reserves: **£125m**

* Does not include annually managed expenditure (AME) or non-fiscal DEL.

How are we planning to spend the money for Wales?



Health and Social Services - £9.06 billion

Paying for all the doctors, nurses and dentists who help keep us healthy as well as improving our hospitals, medicines and other ways we can stay healthy.

The virus has had a big impact on all of us. We have needed those who work in our hospitals to treat people, and help us to stay healthy and cared for. We want to make sure that we keep looking after the people who do this for us by spending money to protect them.

Just over half of the Budget is spent on health and social services with most of the money, around £8.4 billion, going to our National Health Service (NHS). This money will protect our NHS, so it can continue to help everyone in Wales if they get ill.

Housing and Local Government - £6 billion *

Money for local authorities to pay for schools, those who look after other people, both young and old, and to do lots of other things that are really important for the areas we all live in.

We are providing the most money we can to help local authorities do things that really matter where people live.

Local authorities will get £176m more next year to make sure we have schools and teachers, people to look after others when they need help, and to pay for the things people use in their local areas, like libraries, leisure centres and parks.

** This number includes £1.1 billion for something called non-domestic rates. This is a tax we collect from businesses in your area so we can use this money to spend on other important things.*

Making sure people have a decent place to call 'home'

We are spending £200 million in 2021-22 to build more homes in Wales which more people can afford to buy and live in.

We also think it is really important that the homes people live in are not too cold, and that it doesn't cost too much money to make sure houses stays warm. We are spending more money to help make homes warmer and more energy efficient. People are less likely to become ill if they are living in warm homes. If the houses are built well it also helps our environment because it doesn't take as much fuel to heat them.

Education - £1.88 billion

Making sure everyone can learn the things they need to help them in life and to find a job, no matter where they come from.

We know that because of the virus children and young people have not been able to learn in the way that they are used to, whether they are in schools, colleges or universities in Wales.

We are spending an extra £12 million to make sure children in school can get the extra help they need to 'catch up' on their education – this is on top of £17 million we have already spent this year. We are also spending an extra £8.3 million to help schools to get ready for a new Curriculum in Wales, which is the information that teachers use to teach the skills needed for life and work.

We will also be spending an extra £40 million to make sure the school and college buildings that people go to are the best possible places to help people learn. Because of climate change, it is really important we make sure these buildings do not harm the environment, so we want to build them in the best way possible.

Helping children to be more healthy

We are spending £4.9 million for children aged 7-11 to be more active, eat healthy food and make new friends in school buildings during the school holidays.

Economy and Transport - £1.56 billion

How we help people to get jobs

We are doing all that we can to help people who have lost their job to find a new job, and who want to learn new things to work in different jobs.

Some of the things we are doing to help include giving £6 million of extra money for Communities for Work Plus. This helps people to find a job, particularly those who have not had a job for a long time. We are also spending £5.4 million to help those people who earn less money to earn more in the future. This will help them learn new things in a way that fits around their life, for example if they have children to look after.

The way we travel

We are spending a lot of money to help protect the way we travel, particularly buses and trains. Many of us need these to go to different places, like school and work, or to visit new places.

We are also spending an extra £20 million this year to increase 'active travel' – this means making journeys by being physically active, like walking or cycling. Doing more of this can help us to become more healthy and happy. It can also help to make the air we breathe cleaner if there are less cars on the road.

Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs - £719 million

We know how worried everyone is about the future of our planet. Last year we declared a 'Climate Emergency'. We know looking after our environment is really important because we want the air we breathe and the water we drink to be clean and the food we eat to be safe. We also want to make sure we look after the plants and animals that are an important part of our environment.

Last year we spent £140 million across a number of areas to help improve nature and to reduce the amount of pollution we create. This year we are doing even more, including on projects to help protect nature, by planting more trees and restoring places which are really important for our environment because they are home to many animals and insects which we want to protect.

Recycling more of our waste

Wales is the best country in the UK and third best in the world at recycling our household rubbish. It is also important that we try to reuse items that are broken, to further reduce the amount of rubbish we all create. We are looking to do even more and will spend an extra £27 million to help us to do this.

Mental Health, Wellbeing and the Welsh Language - £320 million

We know that this year has been really hard for many of us, with lots of changes to how we learn, work and live our lives.

This might have caused negative feelings and worries so we are spending more money to help people to deal with these feelings. We are spending an extra £4 million this year to provide counselling and emotional support for school children, teachers, and other school staff, to help find more positive ways to deal with difficult emotions.

We are also spending £12.7 million this year to help with learning to speak Welsh, or to get better at speaking and understanding Welsh in schools across Wales. This will help us to meet our target to have 1 million people in Wales who speak Welsh every day by 2050.

Central Services and Administration - £414 million

This money is used to help to make sure everyone in Wales is treated fairly.

It is also used for the Welsh Government to pay staff costs, I.T. (including computers) and the Welsh Government buildings.

We are spending £33 million to make sure everyone gets treated fairly, and to help those people most in need. It doesn't matter who you are or who you love, if you are rich or poor, a girl or a boy or neither, the colour of your skin, what your religion is, if you are disabled, whether you speak Welsh or English or other languages, or where you live.

Every pound we spend can have an impact on people's lives.

COVID-19 - £77 million

On top of the money we spend in our budget, extra money is being spent across the United Kingdom to help us to fight the virus. We are using this money to keep Wales safe.

COVID-19 has turned every aspect of our lives upside down. We want to help the people who need the most protection from this illness. This could be because of their health, because they've lost their business or job, or because they need other kinds of help.

To do this, we're spending:

- An extra £23.3 million on free school meals, so that all children who need it can receive a healthy meal during the school holidays, if they are in the school building or not.
- An extra £4 million to support people who are homeless, and to help stop people from becoming homeless.
- Another £12 million to help those in schools or colleges to catch up after missing school by hiring new people, such as teachers, to support them.
- An extra £10 million to help the people who are trying to work out who has the virus, which is really important to help us fight the virus and stop it spreading.

We will need to keep working out how to spend more money where it is most needed, especially after this winter when we know how the virus has progressed. This means we can make sure we can spend the money quickly and get it to where it is needed to protect people.

To find out more about how we spend this money visit our website

<https://gov.wales/welsh-government-budgets> where you'll find each area organised by topic.

We want to know what you think about how the money we get in Wales is spent. Write to the Minister in charge of something you are interested in and tell them what you think we should be spending the money on.

Here's a link showing what each Minister is in charge of. Click on their name to find out:

<https://gov.wales/cabinet-members-and-ministers>

Here's a link to the Ministers' email addresses:

<https://gov.wales/contacting-welsh-government-ministers>