



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

E-mail request

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Dear

ATISN 15158

Thank you for your request, which I received on 20 May 2021. You asked for:

the numbers of 16/17 year old [first time] voters, who were eligible and offered that facility at the most recent Welsh Government election and the total and/or the percentage of those eligible to vote who did so.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes [information](#) on electoral registrations for UK Parliamentary, Senedd Cymru and local government elections as recorded in the electoral registers for Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Welsh Government publishes the data for Wales on its [StatsWales](#) website. Here you will be able to see the number of electoral registrations for the Senedd Cymru and local government elections by Senedd Cymru constituencies.

Following the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, 16 and 17 year-olds are now eligible to vote in Senedd Cymru and local government elections in Wales. The information published on StatsWales therefore includes the number of '[attainers](#)'. 'Attainer' is the term used to describe a person who attains the age of 16 years during the normal currency of the register (for, example, after 1 December 2020 but before 1 December 2021), and is entitled to vote at an election held on or after their 16th birthday.

Note, therefore, that we do not publish information specifically about the number of 17 year olds who were registered to vote (although they are included in the total number of electoral registrations). We do not hold any information about how many people registered to vote did vote. The [Electoral Commission](#) usually publishes information about the results and turnout at Senedd elections, but not by age of the voter.

You may be interested in the mid-year population estimates for Wales, which are also published on the [StatsWales](#) website. These population estimates are available by single year of age. Note, however, that not all people in a particular age group will be eligible or registered to vote.

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Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely