

Welsh Government housing statistics and research update, September 2022

Welsh Government housing research

The following research projects are underway:

- **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.
- Exploratory work is underway to **Social Housing Allocations data feasibility**, specifically looking to understand the quality, availability, and coverage of existing data in relation to social housing allocations.
- **Research to explore the multi-occupied building workforce** is currently underway. 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.
- **Literature review on Influences on Resident's Fire Safety Behaviours** is underway. This looks to understand the available evidence on human influences in dwelling fires, specifically in multi-occupied buildings to support the review of the existing building safety system and associated reforms.
- **Research with residents of multi-occupied buildings** is due to begin soon. This will also support a comprehensive review of the existing building safety system, to inform reforms to the way multi-occupied residential buildings are inspected and regulated.

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

Housing statistics

Recent statistical releases

[Homelessness: April 2021 to March 2022 \(28 July 2022\)](#)

[Social Landlord Housing sales: April 2021 to March 2022 \(7 July 2022\)](#)

[New House Building: April 2021 to March 2022 \(7 July 2022\)](#)

Quarterly and annual data on the [Help to Buy – Wales \(Shared Equity Loan Scheme\)](#) continues to be published regularly. The latest of these was for the year April 2021 to March 2022, published in May 2022.

The Office for National Statistics continue to publish monthly House Price Index data for Wales, the latest of which (for June 2022) was [published](#) on 17 August alongside [data for the rest of the UK](#).

Data on [Land Transaction Tax](#) continues to be published regularly by the Welsh Revenue Authority.

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.

Development of new National Indicator on housing affordability

We have been developing the methodology for the new national indicator on housing affordability which was agreed in December 2021 as the percentage of households spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs derived from data from the Department for Work and Pensions' Family Resources Survey (FRS). Data for Wales across different tenures will be published alongside the Well-being of Wales 2022 report which will be published on 29 September.

Housing Conditions Evidence Programme

In the last quarterly update, we provided information on new [modelled fuel poverty estimates as at October 2021](#). We will be publishing more detailed analysis of this data in the coming months to provide more information on who is affected by fuel poverty. This will be accompanied by a detailed methodology report.

Work continues on developing a fuel poverty dashboard to bring together a range of data relevant to fuel poverty.

We continue to work with the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Team to provide analytical support in developing the post 2020 Standard. The [consultation on the proposed Standard is now closed and the responses are being analysed.](#)

The Office for National Statistics are planning a publication shortly which provides information about what data is available across the UK about energy efficiency of housing, focussing on information provided through Energy Performance Certificates or housing conditions surveys.

Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)

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

We are interested to hear your suggestions for analytical projects related to housing conditions, suggestions for data sources to investigate, or if you are interested in accessing data we already hold for research projects. Please contact us via the [housing conditions evidence mailbox](#) with any queries, requests, or input on any of the above.

Next Housing Information Group (HIG) meeting

The Housing Information Group seminar will take place on Wednesday 25 January 2023. The next regular meeting will take place via Microsoft Teams in May 2023. An agenda and meeting invite will follow closer to the dates.

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:

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