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Dear

ATISN 26716 – Council Tax data for second-home properties (2022-2025)

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 13 February 2026. You asked for:

- The total number of properties classified as second homes, liable for a premium (surcharge), for the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. You would like this information by local authority (council area) and by band.
- The total amount (£) collected by the premium (surcharge) for each of the years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- Guidance issued by the Welsh Government to local authorities between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2025 that defines a second home for premium (surcharge) purposes.
- Guidance issued by the Welsh Government to local authorities between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2025 that explains the methodology used to collate and verify data received from local authorities on the council tax premium.

Our response

The information you requested is as follows.

Total number of second homes liable for a premium

The Welsh Government conducts the annual Council Tax Dwellings Survey (CT1 return). This survey provides local authorities' forecasts of the number of dwellings liable for council tax for the forthcoming financial year, in each council tax band. It also includes the number of dwellings eligible for various council tax discounts and exemptions.

The survey is carried out between October and December each year, with results published in January, approximately three months before the start of the financial year. Please note that as CT1 figures are forecasts for the financial year ahead, they may not reflect the final, end of year position.

The data are publicly available at [Council tax dwellings, by local authority and CT1 row description \(number of dwellings\)](#). You can use the 'year' field to toggle between years, and export the information in Excel format.

For ease of reference, the following tables show the numbers recorded in CT1 row H6g – 'Second homes premium total' by local authority and band, for the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.

2022-23

	H6g - Second homes premium total									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Total
Isle of Anglesey	181	244	458	532	373	207	114	27	13	2,149
Gwynedd	405	628	679	771	624	411	173	39	16	3,746
Conwy	59	153	247	232	185	120	39	10	5	1,050
Denbighshire	48	60	99	79	39	38	14	4	3	384
Flintshire	27	33	37	33	30	12	3	1	1	177
Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Powys	94	136	181	207	230	134	78	9	5	1,074
Ceredigion	170	205	313	421	373	118	34	8	0	1,642
Pembrokeshire	255	389	646	903	879	445	212	53	12	3,794
Carmarthenshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Swansea	96	173	207	227	246	173	106	40	16	1,284
Neath Port Talbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Bridgend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Vale of Glamorgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rhondda Cynon Taf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Merthyr Tydfil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Caerphilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Blaenau Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Torfaen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Monmouthshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Newport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Cardiff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Wales	1,335	2,021	2,867	3,405	2,979	1,658	773	191	71	15,300

2023-24

	H6g - Second homes premium total									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Total
Isle of Anglesey	195	265	444	529	380	210	116	29	11	2,179
Gwynedd	444	656	682	771	594	405	168	41	16	3,777
Conwy	100	219	262	137	203	127	31	15	8	1,102
Denbighshire	53	70	107	75	48	32	18	5	3	411
Flintshire	20	40	37	32	32	14	4	1	2	182
Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Powys	99	150	193	218	252	152	88	10	6	1,168
Ceredigion	175	225	348	440	354	121	28	6	0	1,697
Pembrokeshire	252	350	596	824	802	429	184	42	13	3,492
Carmarthenshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Swansea	90	181	238	242	252	162	106	42	14	1,327
Neath Port Talbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Bridgend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Vale of Glamorgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rhondda Cynon Taf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Merthyr Tydfil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Caerphilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Blaenau Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Torfaen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Monmouthshire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Newport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Cardiff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Wales	1,428	2,156	2,907	3,268	2,917	1,652	743	191	73	15,335

2024-25

	H6g - Second homes premium total									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Total
Isle of Anglesey	153	213	385	491	370	192	109	31	10	1,954
Gwynedd	378	570	610	707	545	366	163	40	14	3,393
Conwy	114	191	301	275	200	130	36	12	5	1,264
Denbighshire	62	62	111	84	40	33	16	4	3	415
Flintshire	15	33	33	35	29	14	4	2	3	168
Wrexham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Powys	102	159	200	235	250	152	93	11	7	1,209
Ceredigion	128	150	254	320	259	94	25	6	0	1,236
Pembrokeshire	251	319	563	790	761	410	179	45	11	3,329
Carmarthenshire	58	111	137	151	119	62	19	2	0	658
Swansea	102	193	273	256	239	169	102	46	15	1,395
Neath Port Talbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Bridgend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Vale of Glamorgan	41	24	32	46	45	25	26	10	5	254
Rhondda Cynon Taf	281	122	79	45	25	7	1	2	2	564
Merthyr Tydfil	146	65	21	17	10	3	1	0	0	263
Caerphilly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Blaenau Gwent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Torfaen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Monmouthshire	2	3	11	9	11	8	5	4	1	54
Newport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Cardiff	18	106	155	193	211	124	39	10	1	857
Wales	1,851	2,321	3,165	3,654	3,114	1,789	818	225	77	17,013

Total amount collected by the premium

The Welsh Government does not hold information on the amount of council tax premium collected by individual local authorities.

Local authorities are encouraged to publish on their websites, details relating to the income generated from charging a premium for the previous financial year. As a minimum this should include the following:

- the total numbers of (i) long-term empty properties and (ii) second homes
- the numbers of properties liable for each premium (i) long-term empty properties and (ii) second homes
- the amount of income generated from charging a premium on long-term empty properties
- the amount of income generated from charging a premium on second homes
- how the additional income raised has been used to tackle the problems caused by long-term empty properties and second homes, or to address other local housing issues.

Guidance issued by the Welsh Government to local authorities

Guidance issued by the Welsh Government on council tax premiums for long-term empty properties and second homes is available online at [Council Tax on empty and second homes \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#). You can download this webpage as a PDF file.

Guidance issued by the Welsh Government that explains the methodology

Guidance issued by the Welsh Government that explains the methodology used to collate and verify the data shown in the Council Tax Dwellings Survey (CT1 return) is available online at [Data collection: Council Tax dwellings | GOV.WALES](#).

Next steps

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Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely