



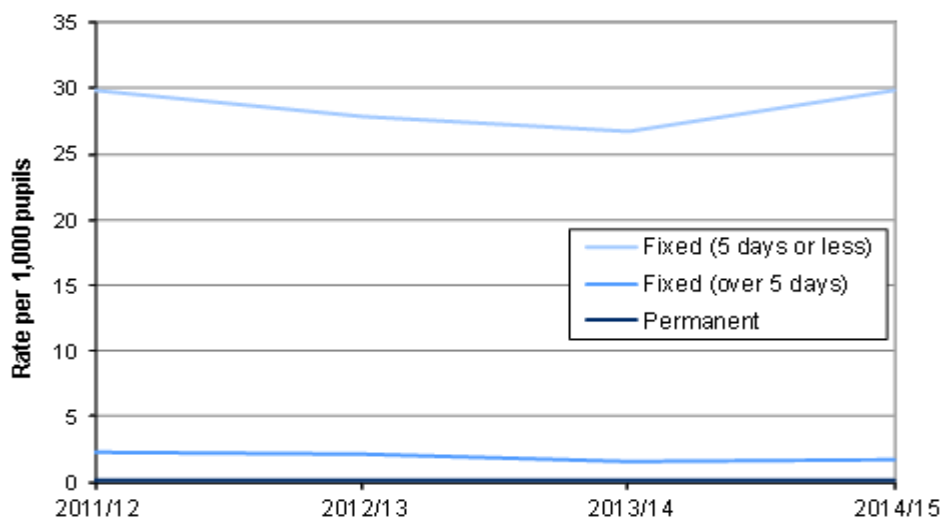
Permanent and fixed-term exclusions from schools in Wales, 2014/15

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This is the first year that pupil-level exclusions data have been collected from pupil referral units. Information relates to the academic years 2011/12 to 2014/15.

The method used for calculating rates of exclusions has changed since the 2013/14 version of this Statistical First Release. For this reason some rates of exclusions may differ slightly from those previously published. Please see the quality section for more information.

Chart 1: Rate of exclusions from maintained schools and pupil referral units in Wales



The rate of **permanent exclusions** from maintained schools and pupil referral units has not changed since 2011/12. It has remained stable at **0.2 exclusions per 1,000 pupils** for four years.

The rates of **fixed term exclusions** fell between 2011/12 and 2013/14, but in 2014/15 they increased.

In 2014/15 there were **29.9 fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less per 1,000 pupils** and **1.7 fixed-term exclusions over 5 days per 1,000 pupils**.

- 'Persistent disruptive behaviour' was the most common reason given for **permanent and fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less** in 2014/15.
- The most common reason for **fixed-term exclusions over 5 days** in 2014/15 was 'verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult'.

About this release

This annual Statistical First Release reports on permanent and fixed-term exclusions by all pupils in maintained primary, middle, secondary and special schools and pupil referral units in Wales. It also reports on the reasons given for exclusions.

Data are shown for Wales and at local authority/consortium level.

Exclusions by free school meal entitlement, special educational need and ethnic background are not included in this document, but are included in the accompanying spreadsheet.

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[Table 3](#) and [Chart 2](#) report on the reasons given for exclusions.

Table 1: Exclusions from maintained schools and pupil referral units in Wales, by school type

	Number of exclusions				Rate of exclusions (a)			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Permanent								
Primary schools	6	9	7	8	-	-	-	-
Middle schools (b)	*	*	*	0	.	*	*	0.0
Secondary schools	84	89	80	81	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4
Special schools	*	*	*	0	*	*	*	0.0
Total - maintained schools	91	102	89	89	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Pupil referral units (PRUs) (c)	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	.
Total - maintained schools and PRUs	91	102	89	89	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Fixed-term exclusions (5 days or less)								
Primary schools	998	1,593	1,992	2,188	3.8	6.0	7.4	8.0
Middle schools (b)	35	98	164	238	.	26.9	46.3	54.4
Secondary schools	12,459	10,824	9,789	10,096	62.9	56.6	52.5	55.3
Special schools	385	402	430	492	90.5	93.0	99.1	110.7
Total - maintained schools	13,877	12,917	12,375	13,014	29.9	27.9	26.7	28.0
Pupil referral units (PRUs) (c)	..	..	..	900	..	..	..	.
Total - maintained schools and PRUs	13,877	12,917	12,375	13,914	29.9	27.9	26.7	29.9
Fixed-term exclusions (over 5 days)								
Primary schools	57	139	129	138	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.5
Middle schools (b)	0	0	*	*	.	0.0	*	*
Secondary schools	967	782	579	612	4.9	4.1	3.1	3.4
Special schools	21	41	*	*	4.9	9.5	*	*
Total - maintained schools	1,045	962	738	780	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.7
Pupil referral units (PRUs) (c)	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	.
Total - maintained schools and PRUs	1,045	962	738	805	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.7

Source: Pupils' Exclusions Record, Welsh Government

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

(b) In 2012/13, middle schools provided exclusions data for the primary or secondary schools that merged to form them in 2011/12. That is why, although there were no middle schools in 2011/12, exclusions data have been recorded against middle schools for this year.

(c) Rate of exclusions for pupil referral units is not provided due to dual registration status of pupils.

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- The rate of permanent exclusions per 1,000 pupils has not changed in three years. In the 2014/15 academic year, as in the two years before, there were 0.2 permanent exclusions per 1,000 pupils in maintained schools and pupil referral units.
- In 2014/15 there were 29.9 fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or fewer per 1,000 pupils in all maintained schools and pupil referral units. There were also 1.7 fixed-term exclusions over 5 days per 1,000 pupils.
- Exclusions from pupil referral units were included in the figures for the first time in 2014/15. For this reason, caution should be used when comparing the rate of exclusions for all maintained schools and pupil referral units with previous years. The rates of exclusions for maintained schools alone have been included in this table to provide a more reliable way to compare exclusions between years.
- The rates of fixed-term exclusions from maintained schools had been falling between 2011/12 and 2013/14. In 2014/15 the rates increased.
- Special schools had the highest rate of fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less.

Table 2a: Permanent exclusions from maintained schools in Wales, by local authority and consortium

	Number of exclusions				Rate of exclusions (a)			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
North Wales	20	7	12	13	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Isle of Anglesey	*	0	0	0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gwynedd	13	*	*	6	0.8	*	*	0.4
Conwy	0	0	*	0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0
Denbighshire	*	*	0	*	*	*	0.0	*
Flintshire	*	0	*	0	*	0.0	*	0.0
Wrexham	*	0	*	*	*	0.0	*	*
South West and Mid Wales	27	25	18	28	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Powys	7	6	0	9	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.5
Ceredigion	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pembrokeshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carmarthenshire	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Swansea	6	5	6	8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Neath Port Talbot	12	11	11	9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
Central South Wales	21	35	31	27	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Bridgend	6	11	9	*	0.3	0.5	0.4	*
The Vale of Glamorgan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Rhondda Cynon Taf	*	13	16	17	*	0.3	0.4	0.4
Merthyr Tydfil	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cardiff	7	5	5	*	0.1	0.1	0.1	*
South East Wales	23	35	28	21	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Caerphilly	6	8	12	9	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Blaenau Gwent	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Torfaen	*	7	*	*	*	0.5	*	*
Monmouthshire	0	*	0	0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0
Newport	9	17	10	8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3
Wales	91	102	89	89	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

Source: Pupils' Exclusions Record, Welsh Government

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

- Rates of permanent exclusions from maintained schools were broadly comparable across all consortia.
- Caution should be taken when comparing differences in exclusions between local authorities. Differences in behaviour management practices in local authorities can affect their number and rate of exclusions.

Table 2b: Fixed-term exclusions (5 days or less) from maintained schools in Wales, by local authority and consortium

	Number of exclusions				Rate of exclusions (a)			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
North Wales	3,027	2,272	2,208	2,550	29.8	22.4	21.8	25.1
Isle of Anglesey	225	113	87	163	23.5	11.8	9.1	17.0
Gwynedd	234	95	111	157	13.6	5.5	6.5	9.2
Conwy	176	244	150	298	10.9	15.2	9.4	18.7
Denbighshire	574	490	563	734	36.5	31.3	35.9	46.6
Flintshire	684	696	704	712	28.8	29.4	29.7	30.0
Wrexham	1,134	634	593	486	59.4	33.1	30.7	24.9
South West and Mid Wales	2,422	2,590	2,867	2,946	18.6	20.0	22.2	22.8
Powys	355	324	299	479	18.7	17.1	16.0	26.2
Ceredigion	120	115	61	85	12.4	12.0	6.3	8.9
Pembrokeshire	113	452	621	747	6.2	24.9	34.1	41.6
Carmarthenshire	413	365	456	454	15.3	13.5	16.9	16.8
Swansea	803	684	770	546	22.9	19.5	21.8	15.4
Neath Port Talbot	618	650	660	635	29.8	31.7	32.1	30.7
Central South Wales	5,501	4,974	4,258	4,417	38.5	34.7	29.6	30.5
Bridgend	646	595	425	549	29.0	26.5	18.8	24.0
The Vale of Glamorgan	236	577	572	472	10.9	26.6	26.4	21.6
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,569	1,491	1,307	1,553	40.2	38.2	33.6	40.1
Merthyr Tydfil	149	195	178	197	16.3	21.5	20.3	22.9
Cardiff	2,901	2,116	1,776	1,646	57.3	41.5	34.2	31.3
South East Wales	2,927	3,081	3,042	3,101	32.4	34.4	34.1	34.7
Caerphilly	877	702	617	823	30.4	24.5	21.5	28.7
Blaenau Gwent	190	263	412	448	18.7	26.9	43.1	47.6
Torfaen	744	678	455	345	47.5	44.1	30.0	22.9
Monmouthshire	372	323	341	405	31.7	27.6	29.5	35.1
Newport	744	1,115	1,217	1,080	31.2	46.1	50.0	43.7
Wales	13,877	12,917	12,375	13,014	29.9	27.9	26.7	28.0

Source: Pupils' Exclusions Record, Welsh Government

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

- Blaenau Gwent had the highest rate of fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less from maintained schools in 2014/15.
- Ceredigion had the lowest rate of fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less in 2014/15. It also had the lowest rate in 2013/14.
- Caution should be taken when comparing differences in exclusions between local authorities. Differences in behaviour management practices in local authorities can affect their number and rate of exclusions.

Table 2c: Fixed-term exclusions (over 5 days) from maintained schools in Wales, by local authority and consortium

	Number of exclusions				Rate of exclusions (a)			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
North Wales	247	208	145	153	2.4	2.1	1.4	1.5
Isle of Anglesey	29	13	*	8	3.0	1.4	*	0.8
Gwynedd	17	11	*	16	1.0	0.6	*	0.9
Conwy	10	20	18	13	0.6	1.2	1.1	0.8
Denbighshire	19	17	17	26	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.6
Flintshire	51	68	42	40	2.1	2.9	1.8	1.7
Wrexham	121	79	50	50	6.3	4.1	2.6	2.6
South West and Mid Wales	215	194	168	193	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.5
Powys	34	29	31	42	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.3
Ceredigion	*	*	0	0	*	*	0.0	0.0
Pembrokeshire	*	*	20	16	*	*	1.1	0.9
Carmarthenshire	22	16	10	25	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.9
Swansea	92	90	57	74	2.6	2.6	1.6	2.1
Neath Port Talbot	61	46	50	36	2.9	2.2	2.4	1.7
Central South Wales	368	352	248	274	2.6	2.5	1.7	1.9
Bridgend	49	46	32	40	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.8
The Vale of Glamorgan	27	77	63	19	1.2	3.5	2.9	0.9
Rhondda Cynon Taf	102	73	85	102	2.6	1.9	2.2	2.6
Merthyr Tydfil	20	18	9	16	2.2	2.0	1.0	1.9
Cardiff	170	138	59	97	3.4	2.7	1.1	1.8
South East Wales	215	208	177	160	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.8
Caerphilly	41	57	55	65	1.4	2.0	1.9	2.3
Blaenau Gwent	29	21	39	17	2.9	2.1	4.1	1.8
Torfaen	57	35	*	*	3.6	2.3	*	*
Monmouthshire	16	7	*	*	1.4	0.6	*	*
Newport	72	88	72	59	3.0	3.6	3.0	2.4
Wales	1,045	962	738	780	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.7

Source: Pupils' Exclusions Record, Welsh Government

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

- Rates of fixed-term exclusions over 5 days from maintained schools were slightly higher in Central South Wales and South East Wales.
- Caution should be taken when comparing differences in exclusions between local authorities. Differences in behaviour management practices in local authorities can affect their number and rate of exclusions.

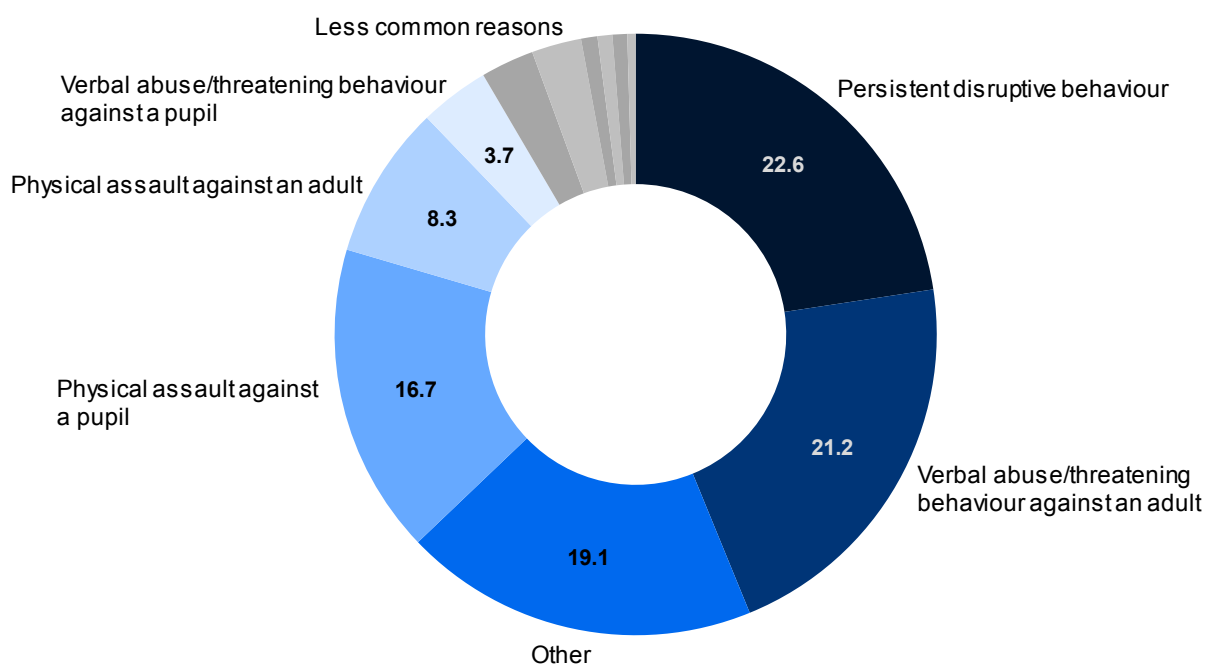
Table 3: Exclusions from maintained schools in Wales, by reason for exclusion (r)

	Number of exclusions				Percentage of exclusions			
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Permanent								
Physical assault against a pupil	13	17	11	14	14.3	16.7	12.4	15.7
Physical assault against an adult	18	17	13	12	19.8	16.7	14.6	13.5
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil	*	5	5	*	*	4.9	5.6	*
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult	*	7	14	14	*	6.9	15.7	15.7
Bullying	0	0	0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
Racist abuse	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sexual misconduct	0	*	0	0	0.0	*	0.0	0.0
Drug and alcohol related	9	11	18	9	9.9	10.8	20.2	10.1
Damage	*	6	0	*	*	5.9	0.0	*
Theft	*	*	0	*	*	*	0.0	*
Persistent disruptive behaviour	11	12	12	17	12.1	11.8	13.5	19.1
Possession/use of weapon	*	..	..	..	*	..	..	..
Defiance of rules/discipline policy	16	..	..	..	17.6	..	..	..
Threatening or dangerous behaviour	7	..	..	..	7.7	..	..	..
Other	7	23	16	14	7.7	22.5	18.0	15.7
Total	91	102	89	89	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fixed-term exclusions (5 days or less)								
Physical assault against a pupil	2,463	2,393	2,189	2,264	17.7	18.5	17.7	17.4
Physical assault against an adult	579	702	920	979	4.2	5.4	7.4	7.5
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil	110	570	489	498	0.8	4.4	4.0	3.8
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult	2,569	2,593	2,610	2,776	18.5	20.1	21.1	21.3
Bullying	132	136	115	86	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.7
Racist abuse	101	95	112	111	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
Sexual misconduct	73	54	81	54	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.4
Drug and alcohol related	234	293	291	307	1.7	2.3	2.4	2.4
Damage	408	359	289	329	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.5
Theft	184	119	141	101	1.3	0.9	1.1	0.8
Persistent disruptive behaviour	2,081	3,028	2,465	2,888	15.0	23.4	19.9	22.2
Possession/use of weapon	48	..	..	..	0.3	..	..	..
Defiance of rules/discipline policy	2,660	..	..	..	19.2	..	..	..
Threatening or dangerous behaviour	832	..	..	..	6.0	..	..	..
Other	1,403	2,575	2,673	2,621	10.1	19.9	21.6	20.1
Total	13,877	12,917	12,375	13,014	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Fixed-term exclusions (over 5 days)								
Physical assault against a pupil	188	142	100	105	18.0	14.8	13.6	13.5
Physical assault against an adult	113	124	97	108	10.8	12.9	13.1	13.8
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil	*	43	32	30	*	4.5	4.3	3.8
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult	90	130	117	148	8.6	13.5	15.9	19.0
Bullying	11	17	5	8	1.1	1.8	0.7	1.0
Racist abuse	*	*	8	*	*	*	1.1	*
Sexual misconduct	8	*	8	*	0.8	*	1.1	*
Drug and alcohol related	58	82	61	64	5.6	8.5	8.3	8.2
Damage	37	39	23	24	3.5	4.1	3.1	3.1
Theft	16	21	29	10	1.5	2.2	3.9	1.3
Persistent disruptive behaviour	102	193	132	147	9.8	20.1	17.9	18.8
Possession/use of weapon	13	..	..	..	1.2	..	..	..
Defiance of rules/discipline policy	148	..	..	..	14.2	..	..	..
Threatening or dangerous behaviour	140	..	..	..	13.4	..	..	..
Other	110	152	126	126	10.5	15.8	17.1	16.2
Total	1,045	962	738	780	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Pupils' Exclusions Record, Welsh Government

(r) Please note that the figures shown in this table only include pupils educated in mainstream schools. The title of the table published on 28 September 2016 incorrectly indicated that pupils educated in pupil referral units were included.

Chart 2: Percentage of all exclusions, by reason for exclusion



This chart includes pupils educated in mainstream schools and pupil referral units.

- 19.1 per cent of permanent exclusions in 2014/15 were because of ‘persistent disruptive behaviour’.
- 22.2 per cent of fixed-term exclusions of 5 days or less in 2014/15 were also because of ‘persistent disruptive behaviour’ reasons.
- 19.0 per cent of fixed-term exclusions over 5 days in 2014/15 were because of ‘verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult’.
- These were the most common reasons given for each type of exclusion.
- The chart above shows the percentage of exclusions in 2014/15 that were recorded against each reason for exclusion. The chart includes all permanent and fixed-term exclusions. Although all reasons for exclusions are included in the chart, only the six most common reasons are highlighted.
- The most common reason given for all exclusions in 2014/15 was ‘persistent disruptive behaviour’. The second most common reason for exclusions was ‘verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult’.

Context

Policy/Operational

Updated guidance on Exclusion from Schools and Pupil Referral Units (Circular No: 081/2012) was issued in September 2012 and provides guidance on exclusions and appeals procedures. The procedures set out in this guidance apply to all maintained schools and PRUs and all pupils in them. It is for individual schools to determine their behaviour policies and to work with their local authority on exclusions. Differing practices operating within the guidelines will affect the varying rates across Wales.

Data Source

Since January 2013 exclusions data have been collected in the January Pupil-Level Annual School Census (PLASC). It was not possible to publish these new data immediately because their quality had to be evaluated. Now that the quality of the data has been confirmed, the pupil-level exclusions data obtained from the January PLASC are being used as the basis of this statistical first release. Pupil numbers used to calculate exclusion rates are also taken from the January PLASC. The data collection is carried out by Knowledge and Analytical Services within the Welsh Government.

Key quality information

Relevance

The statistics are used both within and outside the Welsh Government to monitor educational trends and as a baseline for further analysis of the underlying data. Some of the key users are:

- Ministers and the Members Research Service in the National Assembly for Wales;
- The Department for Education in England;
- other government departments;
- Local Authorities;
- Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education and Training in Wales;
- Wales Audit Office;
- The Department for Education and Skills in the Welsh Government;
- other areas of the Welsh Government;
- the research community;
- students, academics and universities;
- individual citizens and private companies.

These statistics are used in a variety of ways. Some examples of these are:

- advice to Ministers;
- local authority comparisons and benchmarks;
- to inform the education policy decision-making process in Wales;
- to inform ESTYN during school inspections;
- contributes to the Core Strategic Indicators;
- international benchmarking;
- the education domain of the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation;
- to assist in research in educational attainment.

Accuracy

Various stages of automated validation and sense-checking are built into the data collection process to ensure a high quality of data.

Timeliness and punctuality

The data are collected in the January following the academic year in which the exclusions took place. Following the collection of the data and quality assurance, they are published at the earliest possible date. Because the data collection has moved from a local authority survey that used to take place in November to the January PLASC the publication date is later than the previous exclusions statistical release.

Accessibility and clarity

This Statistical First Release is pre-announced and then published on the Statistics section of the Welsh Government website.

Comparability and coherence

The 2013/14 edition of this Statistical First Release moved to using data collected in a new way via the January Pupil-Level Annual School Census (PLASC). This change was made because it was expected that the new data would be more useful to users. It is not advised to compare data collected using this new method with those collected using the old method. There are several reasons for this: 1) The new data do not include exclusions from pupil referral units for 2011/12 to 2013/14, 2) The new data do not include data from schools that closed before the following January PLASC, and 3) When investigating the differences between the two sets of data it was found that the data collected from PLASC included some exclusions that were not included in the old data, while the old data included some exclusions that were not collected via PLASC. Caution should therefore be taken when comparing data in this new statistical release and the old report called 'Exclusions from Schools in Wales'.

In the 2013/14 edition of this Statistical First Release rates of exclusions were calculated using a slightly more accurate, but very time-consuming and complicated method that has been difficult for some users to replicate. Since exclusions data are collected in the January PLASC following the end of the academic year, some schools closed before they were able to report their exclusions. It

was decided to identify such schools and not include the number of pupils that they had on roll in the pupil numbers used to calculate rates. This process resulted in a slightly more accurate number of pupils to calculate rates of exclusions, but was very difficult for users to replicate and required a lot of time for a relatively small increase in accuracy. In the interests of transparency and timeliness of data, the 2014/15 edition of this Statistical First Release uses a simpler and less time-consuming method. To calculate the rate of exclusions per 1,000 pupils, the number of exclusions were divided by the number of pupils with 'main' or 'current' enrolment status reported by all schools in January PLASC, ignoring the marginal effect of closed schools. These figures can be obtained from [StatsWales](#). This method is simpler, easier for our users to replicate and understand and allows us to produce more timely data. Because of this change, it is not advised to compare rates in the 2013/14 edition with the 2014/15 edition of this Statistical First Release. Comparable figures can be produced on request if necessary. The following tables show the differences in rates of exclusions using the two methods.

Differences in rates of permanent exclusions from maintained schools in 2013/14

Local authority	Total number of pupils			Rate of exclusions (a)		
	Old method	New method	Difference	Old method	New method	Difference
North Wales	101,179	101,222	+43	0.12	0.12	-
Isle of Anglesey	9,576	9,588	+12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gwynedd	17,034	17,034	0	*	*	*
Conwy	15,919	15,950	+31	*	*	*
Denbighshire	15,680	15,680	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flintshire	23,673	23,673	0	*	*	*
Wrexham	19,297	19,297	0	*	*	*
South West and Mid Wales	129,214	129,294	+80	0.14	0.14	-
Powys	18,636	18,647	+11	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ceredigion	9,581	9,624	+43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pembrokeshire	18,208	18,208	0	*	*	*
Carmarthenshire	26,895	26,921	+26	*	*	*
Swansea	35,311	35,311	0	0.17	0.17	0.00
Neath Port Talbot	20,583	20,583	0	0.53	0.53	0.00
Central South Wales	143,329	143,884	+555	0.22	0.22	-
Bridgend	22,634	22,634	0	0.40	0.40	0.00
The Vale of Glamorgan	21,639	21,639	0	*	*	*
Rhondda Cynon Taf	38,648	38,924	+276	0.41	0.41	-
Merthyr Tydfil	8,582	8,757	+175	*	*	*
Cardiff	51,826	51,930	+104	0.10	0.10	-
South East Wales	89,201	89,328	+127	0.31	0.31	-
Caerphilly	28,710	28,710	0	0.42	0.42	0.00
Blaenau Gwent	9,506	9,559	+53	*	*	*
Torfaen	15,108	15,182	+74	*	*	*
Monmouthshire	11,544	11,544	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newport	24,333	24,333	0	0.41	0.41	0.00
Wales	462,923	463,728	+805	0.19	0.19	-

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

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Differences in rates of fixed-term exclusions (5 days or less) from maintained schools in 2013/14

Local authority	Total number of pupils			Rate of exclusions (a)		
	Old method	New method	Difference	Old method	New method	Difference
North Wales	101,179	101,222	+43	21.8	21.8	-0.01
Isle of Anglesey	9,576	9,588	+12	9.1	9.1	-0.01
Gwynedd	17,034	17,034	0	6.5	6.5	0.00
Conwy	15,919	15,950	+31	9.4	9.4	-0.02
Denbighshire	15,680	15,680	0	35.9	35.9	0.00
Flintshire	23,673	23,673	0	29.7	29.7	0.00
Wrexham	19,297	19,297	0	30.7	30.7	0.00
South West and Mid Wales	129,214	129,294	+80	22.2	22.2	-0.01
Powys	18,636	18,647	+11	16.0	16.0	-0.01
Ceredigion	9,581	9,624	+43	6.4	6.3	-0.03
Pembrokeshire	18,208	18,208	0	34.1	34.1	0.00
Carmarthenshire	26,895	26,921	+26	17.0	16.9	-0.02
Swansea	35,311	35,311	0	21.8	21.8	0.00
Neath Port Talbot	20,583	20,583	0	32.1	32.1	0.00
Central South Wales	143,329	143,884	+555	29.7	29.6	-0.11
Bridgend	22,634	22,634	0	18.8	18.8	0.00
The Vale of Glamorgan	21,639	21,639	0	26.4	26.4	0.00
Rhondda Cynon Taf	38,648	38,924	+276	33.8	33.6	-0.24
Merthyr Tydfil	8,582	8,757	+175	20.7	20.3	-0.41
Cardiff	51,826	51,930	+104	34.3	34.2	-0.07
South East Wales	89,201	89,328	+127	34.1	34.1	-0.05
Caerphilly	28,710	28,710	0	21.5	21.5	0.00
Blaenau Gwent	9,506	9,559	+53	43.3	43.1	-0.24
Torfaen	15,108	15,182	+74	30.1	30.0	-0.15
Monmouthshire	11,544	11,544	0	29.5	29.5	0.00
Newport	24,333	24,333	0	50.0	50.0	0.00
Wales	462,923	463,728	+805	26.7	26.7	-0.05

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

Differences in rates of fixed-term exclusions (over 5 days) from maintained schools in 2013/14

Local authority	Total number of pupils			Rate of exclusions (a)		
	Old method	New method	Difference	Old method	New method	Difference
North Wales	101,179	101,222	+43	1.4	1.4	-
Isle of Anglesey	9,576	9,588	+12	*	*	*
Gwynedd	17,034	17,034	0	*	*	*
Conwy	15,919	15,950	+31	1.1	1.1	-
Denbighshire	15,680	15,680	0	1.1	1.1	0.00
Flintshire	23,673	23,673	0	1.8	1.8	0.00
Wrexham	19,297	19,297	0	2.6	2.6	0.00
South West and Mid Wales	129,214	129,294	+80	1.3	1.3	-
Powys	18,636	18,647	+11	1.7	1.7	-
Ceredigion	9,581	9,624	+43	0.0	0.0	0.00
Pembrokeshire	18,208	18,208	0	1.1	1.1	0.00
Carmarthenshire	26,895	26,921	+26	0.4	0.4	-
Swansea	35,311	35,311	0	1.6	1.6	0.00
Neath Port Talbot	20,583	20,583	0	2.4	2.4	0.00
Central South Wales	143,329	143,884	+555	1.7	1.7	-0.01
Bridgend	22,634	22,634	0	1.4	1.4	0.00
The Vale of Glamorgan	21,639	21,639	0	2.9	2.9	0.00
Rhondda Cynon Taf	38,648	38,924	+276	2.2	2.2	-0.02
Merthyr Tydfil	8,582	8,757	+175	1.0	1.0	-0.02
Cardiff	51,826	51,930	+104	1.1	1.1	-
South East Wales	89,201	89,328	+127	2.0	2.0	-
Caerphilly	28,710	28,710	0	1.9	1.9	0.00
Blaenau Gwent	9,506	9,559	+53	4.1	4.1	-0.02
Torfaen	15,108	15,182	+74	*	*	*
Monmouthshire	11,544	11,544	0	*	*	*
Newport	24,333	24,333	0	3.0	3.0	0.00
Wales	462,923	463,728	+805	1.6	1.6	-

(a) Rate per 1,000 pupils. Full- and part-time pupils of all ages.

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Due to the effect that the implementation of different behaviour management and exclusion intervention practices, such as managed moves, have on the number of exclusions, comparisons over time and between local authorities should be interpreted with caution.

Exclusions data for Wales are based on the number of exclusions during the academic year whereas Northern Ireland publish the number of pupils excluded, so the two sets of data are not directly comparable. Information on the number of pupils excluded in Wales is available on request.

Definitions

Coverage

The exclusions information in this Statistical First Release relates to the number of permanent and fixed-term exclusions of pupils of all ages from maintained primary, secondary and special schools and pupil referral units during the whole academic year. Only permanent exclusions upheld by the Governing Body's Pupil Discipline Committee are included in the data since they are collected after the outcome of all independent appeals have been finalised. Data on the number of exclusions overturned after independent appeal are also available on request.

Data are collected from maintained primary, secondary and special schools in the January PLASC following the academic year during which the exclusions took place. For example, exclusions for the 2013/14 academic year were collected in the January 2015 PLASC. If two schools merge before the next January PLASC, the schools' exclusions data will be submitted by the new school. If a school closes before the next January PLASC, the exclusions data from that school are not provided.

Pupil numbers used to calculate rates of exclusions within this Statistical First Release include all full-time and part-time pupils in maintained primary, secondary and special schools. They only include pupils from schools that were still open to provide exclusions data in the next January PLASC. In the event that a newly-merged school provided exclusions data, all schools that merged to form that school will also be included in the totals.

Data relate to the number of exclusions, not the number of pupils excluded. For example, a pupil excluded twice during an academic year would appear twice for that year.

Types of Exclusion and Other Definitions

A **permanent exclusion** refers to a pupil who is excluded and their name is removed from the school register. Such a pupil would then be educated at another school or via some other form of provision.

A **fixed-term exclusion** refers to a pupil who is excluded from a school but remains on the register of that school because they are expected to return when the exclusion period is completed.

A **managed move** is an arrangement whereby parents of pupils in danger of exclusion agree with schools and local authorities that it is in the best interests of their child that they be removed from the roll of the current school and placed in another educational establishment. Data for managed moves are not currently available.

National Statistics status

The [United Kingdom Statistics Authority](#) has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the [Code of Practice for Official Statistics](#).

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the UK Statistics Authority's regulatory arm. The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate.

It is Welsh Government's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

Well-being of Future Generations Act (WFG)

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act puts in place seven well-being goals for Wales. These are for a more equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible Wales, with cohesive communities and a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Under section (10)(1) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers must (a) publish indicators (“national indicators”) that must be applied for the purpose of measuring progress towards the achievement of the Well-being goals, and (b) lay a copy of the national indicators before the National Assembly. The 46 national indicators were laid in March 2016.

Information on indicators and associated technical information - [How do you measure a nation's progress? - National Indicators](#)

Further information on the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

The statistics included in this release could also provide supporting narrative to the national indicators and be used by public services boards in relation to their local well-being assessments and local well-being plans.

Further details

The document is available at:

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/permanent-fixed-term-exclusions-from-schools/?lang=en>.

England publish exclusions data for state-funded primary, secondary and special schools in the statistical release entitled '[Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2013 to 2014](#)'.

Scotland publish exclusions data for maintained primary, secondary and special schools in the statistical bulletin '[Summary statistics for schools in Scotland - No. 6: 2015 Edition](#)'.

Northern Ireland publish the [number of pupils expelled or suspended from primary, post-primary and special schools](#).

Next update

September 2016 (provisional)

The next update will include a report covering the 2015/16 academic year.

We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to school.stats@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

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