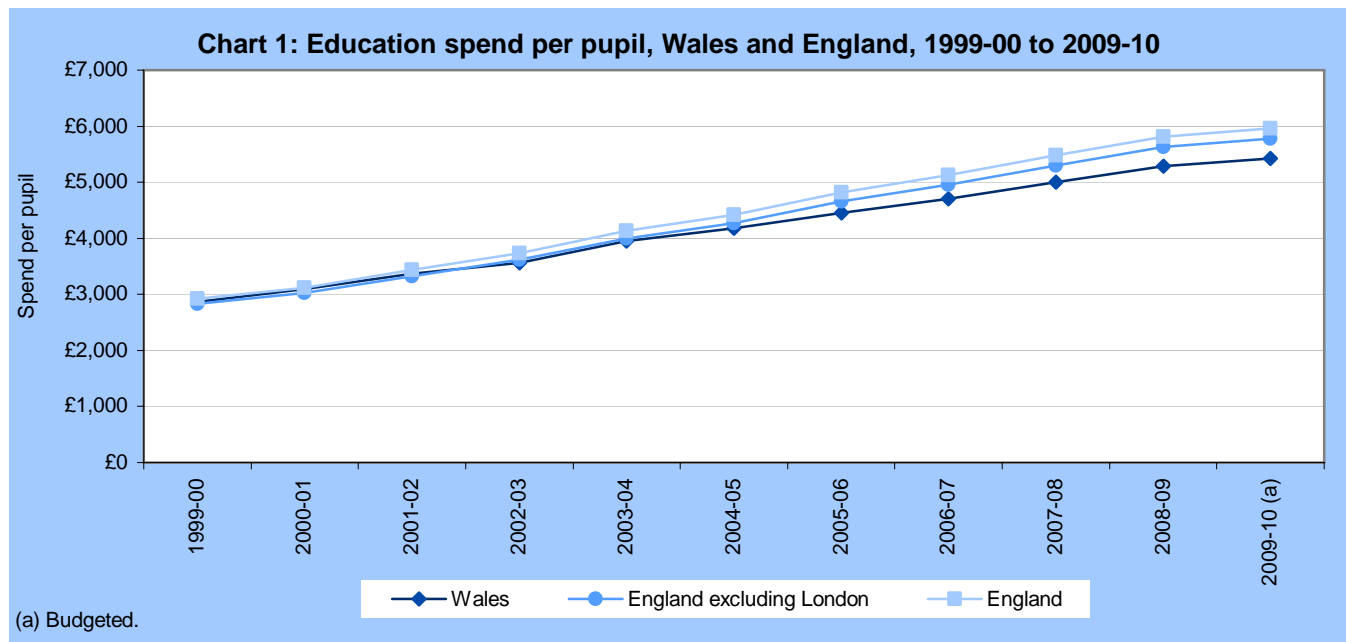


### Local Authority Budgets for Education 2009-10: Wales and England Comparison

This statistical bulletin analyses local authority education budgets for 2009-10. The bulletin makes comparisons between the Wales average and national and regional averages in England.

#### Key Points

- Average budgeted spend per pupil on local authority education in Wales in 2009-10 was £5,429 (tables 1, 3 and chart 1), representing an increase of 2.8% on the previous year's outturn. This is £527 per pupil lower than in England (£346 excluding London).
- The overall budget per pupil for England was £5,956 (£5,775 excluding London), representing a rise of 2.4% on the previous year's outturn (tables 2, 3 and chart 1).
- Budgeted spend per head of population in Wales in 2009-10 was £830. The budget per head for England was £836 (£814 excluding London) (table 3).
- 2009-10 pupil numbers fell by 0.5% for Wales and 0.4% for England (table 3).



Additional information on budgets for education in Wales is available on the Welsh Assembly Government 'StatsWales' website [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk). Further information can be found on the last page of this bulletin.

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Table 1 shows education budgets in Wales for 2009-10. Ceredigion had the highest budgeted spend per pupil whilst the Vale of Glamorgan had the lowest.

**Table 1 - Education budgets, Wales, 2009-10 (a)**

Authority	£ million	£ per pupil (b)	Difference from Wales average
Isle of Anglesey	56.3	5,984	10.2%
Gwynedd	95.0	5,608	3.3%
Conwy	89.0	5,620	3.5%
Denbighshire	84.3	5,372	-1.0%
Flintshire	119.4	5,141	-5.3%
Wrexham	97.0	5,408	-0.4%
Powys	110.5	5,625	3.6%
Ceredigion	63.9	6,367	17.3%
Pembrokeshire	105.1	5,727	5.5%
Carmarthenshire	154.2	5,695	4.9%
Swansea	179.0	5,349	-1.5%
Neath Port Talbot	113.2	5,639	3.9%
Bridgend	113.6	5,110	-5.9%
Vale of Glamorgan	104.0	4,951	-8.8%
Cardiff	249.1	5,243	-3.4%
Rhondda Cynon Taf	213.0	5,321	-2.0%
Merthyr Tydfil	51.1	5,462	0.6%
Caerphilly	152.7	5,388	-0.8%
Blaenau Gwent	59.6	5,788	6.6%
Torfaen	83.6	5,349	-1.5%
Monmouthshire	67.3	5,608	3.3%
Newport	122.2	5,239	-3.5%
Wales	2,483.5	5,429	0.0%
Highest	249.1	6,367	17.3%
Lowest	51.1	4,951	-8.8%

(a) The education expenditure figures in this table are on a 'current basis', that is they include expenditure financed by specific government grants. The education figure includes FRS17 costs for those authorities that have completed their returns on that basis. The figures include expenditure on schools services, Local Education Authority (LEA) central costs, mandatory student awards, inter-authority education recoupment, nursery schools and adult and youth education.

(b) The pupil numbers used in this table include full time equivalents for nursery, primary, secondary, special and pupil referral units.

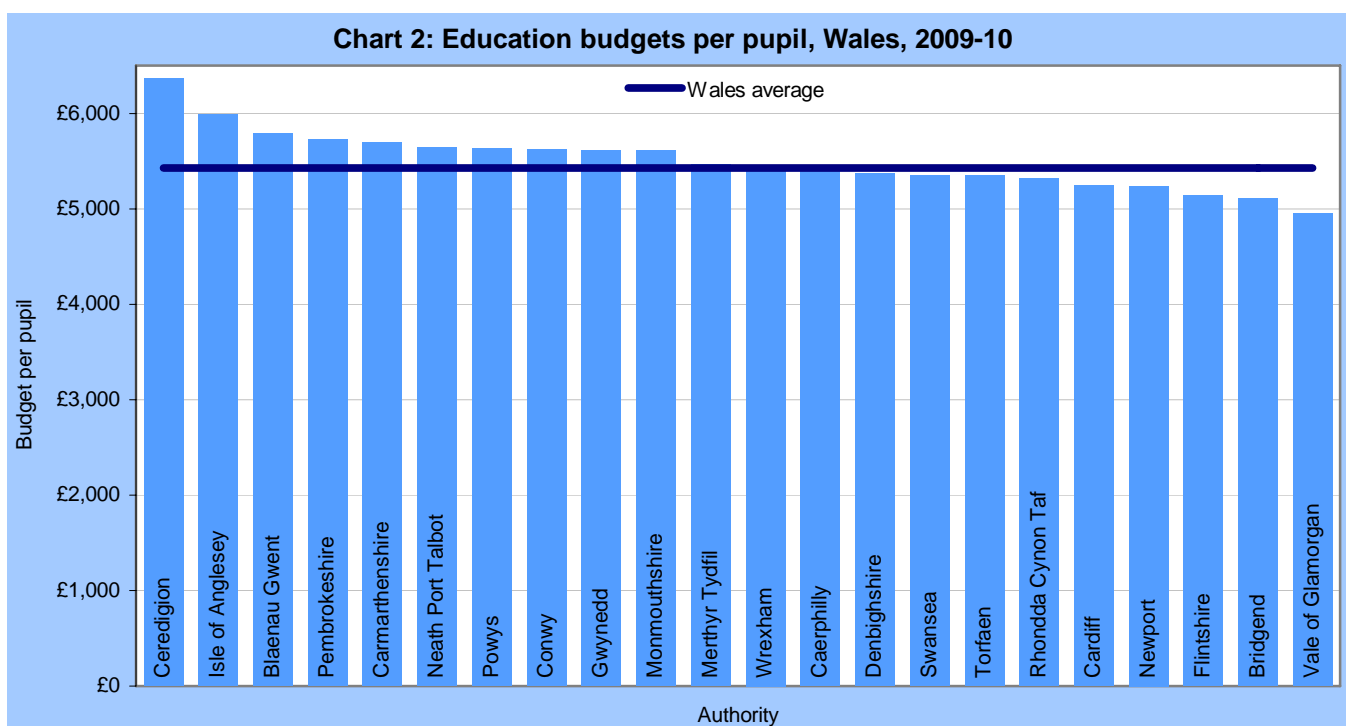


Table 2 shows education budgets for Wales and English regions for 2009-10.

**Table 2 - Education budgets, Wales and English regions, 2009-10 (a)**

Region	£ million	£ per pupil (b)	Difference from Wales average
Wales	2,483	5,429	
<b>Regional averages in England</b>			
East of England	4,525	5,584	2.9%
East Midlands	3,606	5,711	5.2%
Inner London	2,903	8,389	54.5%
Outer London	4,396	6,356	17.1%
North East (met)	927	6,172	13.7%
North East (non-met)	1,278	5,991	10.4%
North West (met)	3,494	5,987	10.3%
North West (non-met)	2,398	5,743	5.8%
South East	6,428	5,712	5.2%
South West	3,885	5,644	4.0%
West Midlands (met)	2,632	6,209	14.4%
West Midlands (non-met)	2,147	5,526	1.8%
Yorkshire (met)	3,044	5,887	8.4%
Yorkshire (non-met)	1,326	5,753	6.0%
<b>Authority type averages in England</b>			
London Boroughs	7,300	7,034	29.6%
Metropolitan Districts	10,097	6,029	11.1%
Unitary Authorities	7,595	5,896	8.6%
Shire Counties	17,998	5,594	3.1%
England	42,991	5,956	9.7%
England excluding London	35,691	5,775	6.4%

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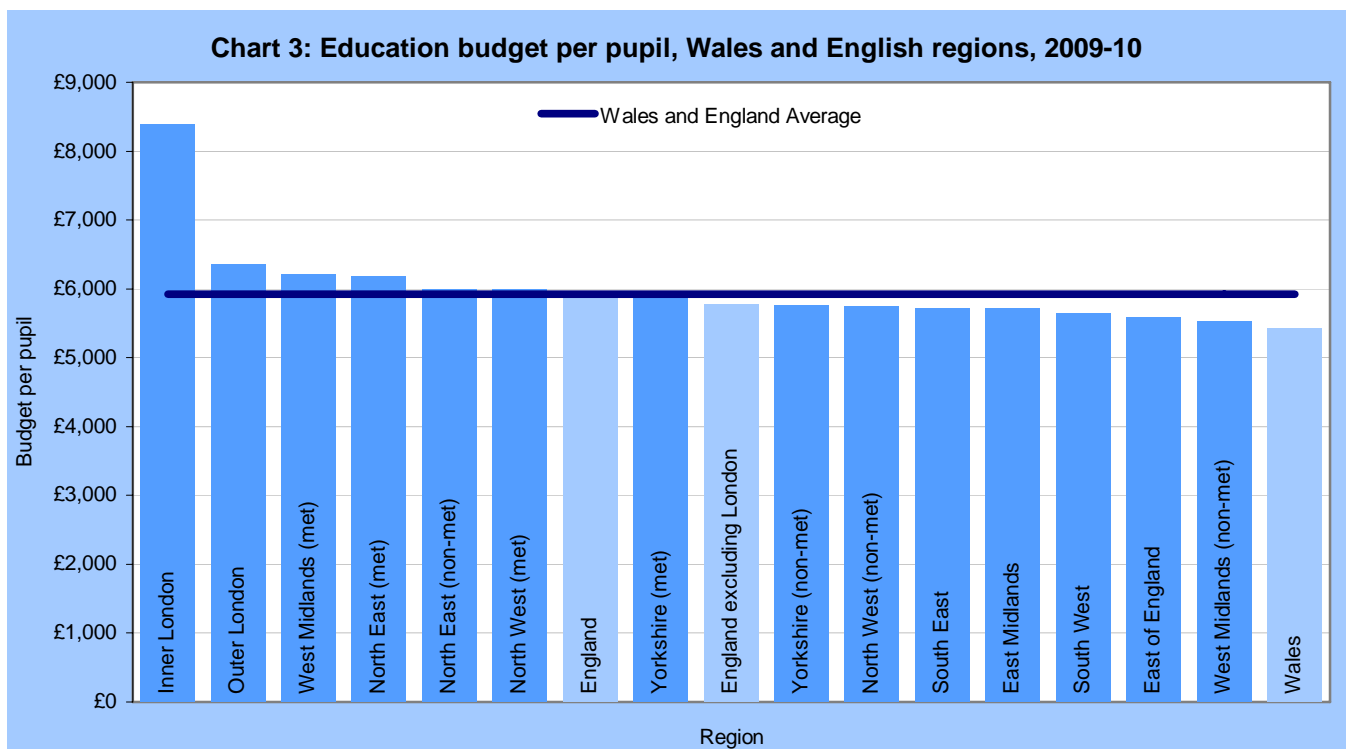


Table 3 shows the trends in spend on education, pupil numbers, spend per pupil and spend per head of population from 1999-00 to 2009-10.

**Table 3 - Education spend, Wales and England (a)**

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10 (b)
<b>Total spend</b>											
Wales (£m)	1,407	1,517	1,651	1,739	1,921	2,011	2,122	2,213	2,326	2,428	2,483
% increase on previous year		7.8%	8.8%	5.3%	10.5%	4.7%	5.5%	4.3%	5.1%	4.4%	2.3%
England (£m)	22,164	23,747	26,121	28,405	31,293	33,291	36,020	37,942	40,135	42,148	42,991
% increase on previous year		7.1%	10.0%	8.7%	10.2%	6.4%	8.2%	5.3%	5.8%	5.0%	2.0%
Wales as a % of England	6.3%	6.4%	6.3%	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
England excl. London (£m)	18,563	19,884	21,852	23,737	26,099	27,748	29,977	31,527	33,306	35,004	35,691
% increase on previous year		7.1%	9.9%	8.6%	10.0%	6.3%	8.0%	5.2%	5.6%	5.1%	2.0%
<b>Full time equivalent pupil numbers (c)</b>											
Wales ('000)	491	491	490	488	486	481	476	470	465	460	457
% increase on previous year		0.0%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.5%	-0.9%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.1%	-0.5%
England ('000)	7,576	7,604	7,610	7,604	7,580	7,534	7,477	7,406	7,327	7,249	7,218
% increase on previous year		0.4%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.4%
England excl. London ('000)	6,550	6,568	6,569	6,561	6,536	6,490	6,432	6,364	6,289	6,212	6,180
% increase on previous year		0.3%	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.4%	-0.7%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-0.5%
<b>Spend per pupil</b>											
Wales (£ per pupil)	2,868	3,092	3,372	3,562	3,955	4,178	4,459	4,706	5,004	5,282	5,429
% increase on previous year		7.8%	9.1%	5.6%	11.0%	5.6%	6.7%	5.6%	6.3%	5.6%	2.8%
England (£ per pupil)	2,926	3,123	3,432	3,735	4,128	4,419	4,817	5,123	5,478	5,814	5,956
% increase on previous year		6.7%	9.9%	8.8%	10.5%	7.0%	9.0%	6.3%	6.9%	6.1%	2.4%
England excl. London (£ per pupil)	2,834	3,027	3,327	3,618	3,993	4,275	4,660	4,954	5,296	5,635	5,775
% increase on previous year		6.8%	9.9%	8.8%	10.4%	7.1%	9.0%	6.3%	6.9%	6.4%	2.5%
England over Wales (£ per pupil)	58	31	61	174	173	241	359	417	474	532	527
England over Wales (% difference)	2.0%	1.0%	1.8%	4.9%	4.4%	5.8%	8.1%	8.9%	9.5%	10.1%	9.7%
<b>Spend per head of population</b>											
Wales (£ per head)	485	522	567	596	655	683	718	746	780	811	830
England (£ per head)	452	482	528	572	628	664	714	747	786	819	836
% difference from Wales	-6.8%	-7.6%	-6.9%	-3.9%	-4.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%	0.2%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%
England excl. London (£ per head)	443	473	519	561	614	649	697	729	765	799	814
% difference from Wales	-8.6%	-9.3%	-8.6%	-5.7%	-6.3%	-4.9%	-3.0%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-1.5%	-1.8%
England over Wales (£ per head)	-33	-39	-39	-23	-28	-18	-5	1	5	8	6
England over Wales (% difference)	-6.8%	-7.6%	-6.9%	-3.9%	-4.2%	-2.7%	-0.6%	0.2%	0.7%	1.0%	0.7%

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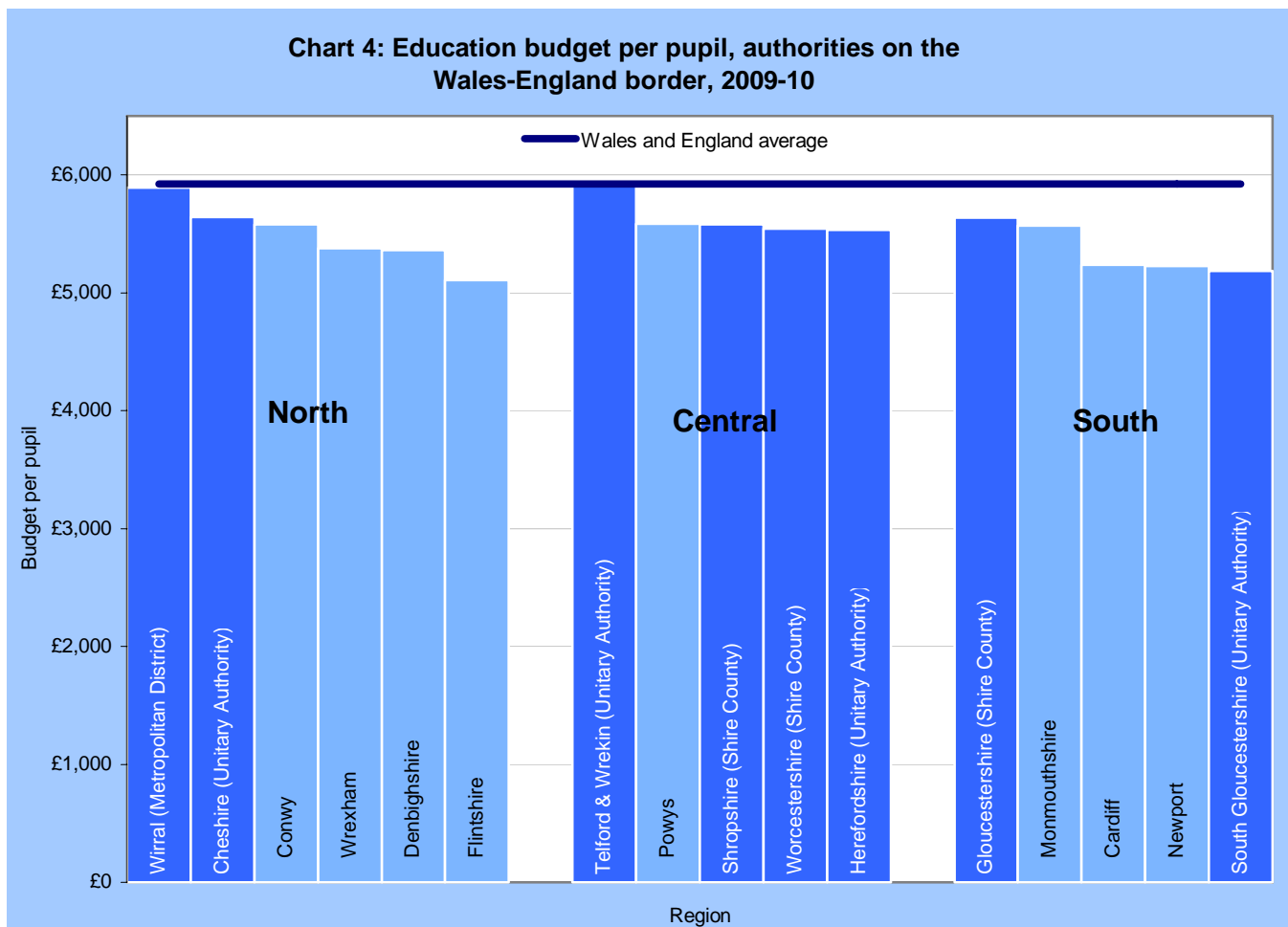
(c) The pupil numbers used in this table include full time equivalents for nursery, primary, secondary, special and pupil referral units.

Table 4 provides a comparison of expenditure between border authorities.

**Table 4 - Education budget per pupil, authorities on the Wales-England border, 2009-10 (a)**

Region	£ per pupil
<b>North</b>	
Cheshire (Unitary Authority)	5,643
Wirral (Metropolitan District)	5,891
Conwy	5,582
Denbighshire	5,361
Flintshire	5,107
Wrexham	5,379
<b>Central</b>	
Herefordshire (Unitary Authority)	5,535
Shropshire (Shire County)	5,580
Telford & Wrekin (Unitary Authority)	5,947
Worcestershire (Shire County)	5,543
Powys	5,586
<b>South</b>	
Gloucestershire (Shire County)	5,639
South Gloucestershire (Unitary Authority)	5,185
Monmouthshire	5,570
Newport	5,225
Cardiff	5,235

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## Technical notes

### Data sources

The main sources of financial information are the Revenue Account budget returns (RAS52) and Revenue Outturn returns (RO1).

The numbers of pupils are taken from the annual schools census taken at January each year. Generally, weighted averages are then used to arrive at financial year estimates of pupil numbers, apart from 2009-10 where unadjusted January 2009 census numbers are used.

### Quality

- Total education spend is on a 'current basis', i.e. it includes expenditure financed by specific government grants. The figures include expenditure on inter-authority education recoupment, nursery schools, mandatory student awards, and adult and youth education.
- Education spend per pupil. This is not a measure of 'schools' expenditure per pupil as the only way of making a consistent comparison over time with England is to include adult and youth education expenditure and use overall education spend. The reason for calculating education spend per pupil is therefore solely for the purpose of making a comparison with England. The pupil numbers used include full time equivalents for nursery, primary, secondary, special and pupil referral units.
- Education spend per head of population. Uses the total education spend divided by the total population of Wales and England respectively.

### Historical trend in spend on education services

The English regions used for the comparison are sub-divisions of the 9 standard regions. For the purposes of this work, London has been split to show inner and outer London separately. Other regions have been split into metropolitan and non-metropolitan components. Thus the North West region is divided into the metropolitan areas - Liverpool and Manchester and the non-metropolitan areas - Cumbria, Lancashire, Cheshire etc.

### Further information

A report on budgets set by Welsh local authorities for education services in 2009-10 was published in June 2009. This can be downloaded from <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/loc-gov/educa/?lang=en>

The standard sources are as follows:

- <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/publications/wlgf09/?lang=en> - Welsh Local Government Financial Statistics, 2009
- [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk) - England education expenditure
- [www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk) - England pupil numbers
- [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk) - Welsh education expenditure and Mid-Year Estimates of population

### Rounding

In tables where figures have been rounded to the nearest final digit there may be an apparent discrepancy between the sum of the constituent items and the total shown.

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