



## Regional economic & labour market profile – North Wales, January 2018

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The latest headline labour market statistics for North Wales are generally more positive than for Wales.

Compared to Wales; North Wales has a higher employment rate and lower unemployment and economic inactivity rates. GVA per head and GDHI per head are both higher, while earnings are lower.



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### About this bulletin

This quarterly statistical bulletin summarises information on the economy and labour market for the North Wales economic region along with comparisons to Wales and the UK.

It is one in a series of four which cover the four economic regions of Wales: North Wales, Mid Wales, South West Wales and South East Wales.

North Wales<sup>(7)</sup> consists of the following six local authorities: Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham.

### Summary table: Latest data for North Wales

	North Wales			Wales		
	Level (000s)	Change on year	Rate	Change on year <sup>(7)</sup>	Rate	Change on year <sup>(7)</sup>
Employed <sup>(1)</sup>	321.1	2.1	74.2%	0.8	71.9%	0.8
ILO unemployed <sup>(2)</sup>	11.4	-1.9	3.4%	-0.6	4.8%	0.1
Economically Inactive <sup>(3)</sup>	73.1	-0.1	19.4%	0.1	20.1%	-0.9
GVA per head £ <sup>(4)</sup>	.	.	19,573	2.8	19,140	3.5
GDHI per head <sup>(5)</sup>	.	.	89.0%	0.8	85.5%	0.3
Average earnings <sup>(6)</sup>	.	.	88.0%	-4.1	90.6%	-1.1

- (1) Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to September 2017.  
 (2) Levels and rates are for those aged 16 and over, rates are a proportion of the economically active. Data relate to the year to September 2017.  
 (3) Levels and rates exclude students and are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to September 2017.  
 (4) Data relate to 2016 and are provisional.  
 (5) Data relate to 2015 and are provisional. Index UK=100.  
 (6) Data relate to 2017 and are provisional. Index UK=100.  
 (7) Percentage point change for employed, ILO unemployed, economically inactive, GDHI per head and average earnings. Percentage change for GVA per head.  
 (8) For more information about how North and Mid Wales are split, please refer to the [key quality information section](#) of this bulletin.

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## Overall summary

North Wales had total Gross Value Added of £13.6 billion in 2016 which translates as £19,573 per head. This compares to £59.6 billion (£19,140 per head) for Wales. This difference is largely explained by higher economic activity rates but offset somewhat by a higher proportion of elderly residents and net commuting out from the region.

Gross Disposable Household Income per head in North Wales was £17,005 in 2015, 89.0 per cent of the UK average and higher than the Wales average (85.5 per cent). Average full-time weekly earnings in North Wales were slightly higher than the Wales average in 2016. Relative to the UK, earnings in North Wales were 91.4 per cent of the UK average in 2016; this was the same as the Wales average.

Over the latest year, the employment rate and the economic inactivity rate both increased whilst the ILO unemployment rate fell in North Wales. Looking over the longer term; since 2001 the labour market in North Wales has improved, but slightly less than the improvement for Wales overall.

The [key quality information section](#) includes a link to a data sources guide which gives information on the methodology, quality and metadata for the sources used in this output.

**Please note the 'next update' dates given throughout this bulletin relate to when new data for the dataset are next being released. The StatsWales datasets will be updated at that time and data can be accessed via the links given under the tables in this bulletin.**

## Comparisons to Wales, UK & other Welsh economic regions

	North Wales	Mid Wales	South West Wales	South East Wales	<b>Wales</b>	UK
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	74.2	73.7	70.2	71.5	<b>71.9</b>	74.4
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	3.4	3.2	5.1	5.6	<b>4.8</b>	4.5
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	19.4	17.5	21.3	20.3	<b>20.1</b>	18.0
GVA per head	19,573	17,137	17,381	20,021	<b>19,140</b>	20,226
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	89.0	90.7	84.0	84.3	<b>85.5</b>	100.0
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	88.0	84.8	90.6	92.3	<b>90.6</b>	100.0
<b>Change on year (%):</b>						
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	0.8	0.3	-0.5	1.5	<b>0.8</b>	0.7
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.5	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-1.8	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.4
GVA per head	2.8	1.9	3.7	3.9	<b>3.5</b>	2.8
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	0.8	0.1	-0.1	0.4	<b>0.3</b>	.
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	-4.1	-0.6	3.1	-1.2	<b>-1.1</b>	.
<b>Change on 1999/2001 (%):</b>						
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6	3.1	5.5	4.9	<b>4.8</b>	2.1
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-0.1	<b>-0.6</b>	-0.5
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	-5.2	-3.3	-7.3	-6.7	<b>-6.2</b>	-3.4
GVA per head	70.5	61.5	70.4	67.8	<b>68.6</b>	70.2
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	-0.2	5.2	-2.0	-1.7	<b>-1.2</b>	.
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.

(1) Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to September 2017 with comparisons over the latest year and 2001.

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North Wales had the highest employment rate and the second lowest ILO unemployment rate and lowest economic inactivity rate, amongst the Welsh Economic Regions. It had the second highest GVA per head, the second highest GDHI per head and second lowest earnings.

Over the latest year North Wales had the second largest increase in the employment rate and the largest fall in the ILO unemployment rate. It had the second largest increase in the inactivity rate. Relative to the UK, North Wales had the third largest increase in GVA per head, the largest increase in GDHI per head but the largest decrease in average earnings (3 regions had a fall).

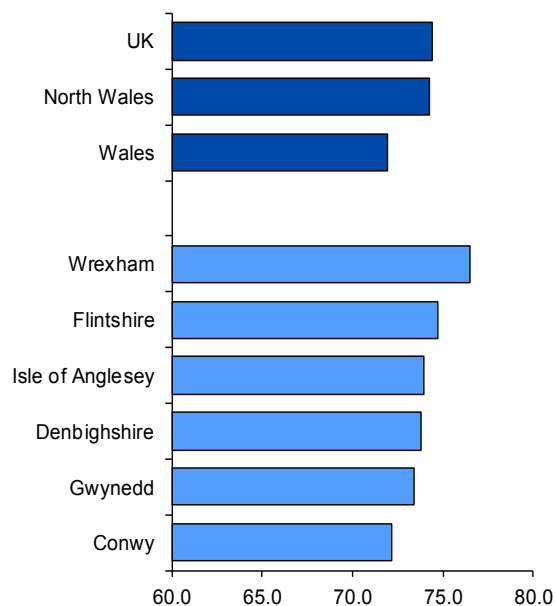
Looking over the longer term North Wales had the third largest increase in the employment rate and the second smallest fall in the ILO unemployment rate. It had the second smallest fall in the economic inactivity rate. Relative to the UK, North Wales had the largest increase in GVA per head and had the smallest decrease in GDHI per head (3 regions had a fall).

## Latest quarterly data

### Employment **New data** (next update January 2018)

- There were 321,100 people in employment in North Wales in the year to September 2017, this was up 2,100 (0.7 per cent) over the year. This compares to a 0.8 per cent increase for Wales and a 1.2 per cent increase for the UK.
- Within North Wales, 4 of the 6 authorities had increases over the year, with Gwynedd having the largest percentage increase (up 3.1 per cent) and Conwy having the largest percentage decrease (down 4.0 per cent).
- Compared to 2001, there were increases in all 6 authorities with a total increase of 28,500 (or 9.7 per cent). This increase was smaller than the increases for both Wales and the UK (up 14.9 and 15.8 per cent respectively).
- The employment rate in North Wales in the year to September 2017 was 74.2 per cent, up 0.8 percentage points over the year. This was higher than the Wales rate (71.9 per cent) and lower than the UK rate (74.4 per cent).
- Within North Wales the employment rate varied, from 72.1 per cent in Conwy to 76.5 per cent in Wrexham.
- Compared to 2001 the employment rate in North Wales increased by 4.6 percentage points, with this increase smaller than the increase for Wales and larger than the increase for the UK. Within North Wales, all 6 authorities had increases since 2001.

**Chart 2: Employment rate, year to September 2017 (a)**



(a) People in employment as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.

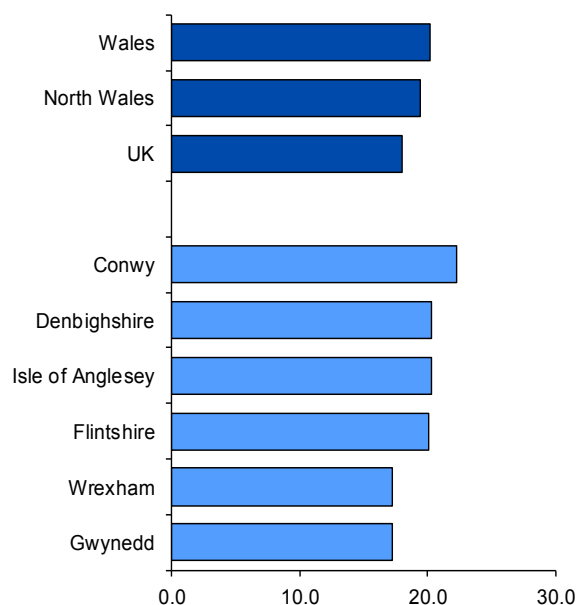
**Unemployment New data**  
*(next update January 2018)*

- There were 11,400 unemployed people in North Wales in the year to September 2017, down 1,900 (or 14.4 per cent) over the year. This fall was larger than the fall for the UK, whilst Wales increased. Within North Wales, 4 of the 6 authorities decreased and 2 authorities increased.
- Compared to 2001, there was an overall decrease of 16.0 per cent compared to a 2.1 per cent increase for Wales and a 3.0 per cent increase for the UK. Within North Wales, 4 of the 6 authorities had decreases and 2 had increases.
- The unemployment rate was 3.4 per cent in the year to September 2017, down 0.6 percentage points over the year and lower than both the Wales and UK rates (4.8 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively).
- Within North Wales the unemployment rate varied, from 2.3 per cent in Flintshire to 4.3 in Conwy.
- Compared to 2001, the unemployment rate fell by 1.0 percentage points, with the rate for Wales down 0.6 percentage points over the same time period, whilst the UK was down 0.5 percentage points. Within North Wales, 4 of the 6 authorities decreased and 2 increased.

**Economic inactivity New data**  
*(next update January 2018)*

- Excluding students, the economic inactivity rate in North Wales increased by 0.1 percentage point over the year to stand at 19.4 per cent in the year to September 2017. This was lower than the Wales rate (20.1 per cent) and higher than the UK rate (18.0 per cent).
- Over the year 4 of the 6 authorities had increases and since 2001, all 6 authorities within North Wales had falls.
- Including students, the economic inactivity rate in North Wales was 23.1 per cent, down 0.3 percentage points over the year. This was lower than the Wales rate (24.3 per cent) and higher than the UK rate (22.0 per cent).

**Chart 3: Inactivity rate (excl. students), year to September 2017 (a)**



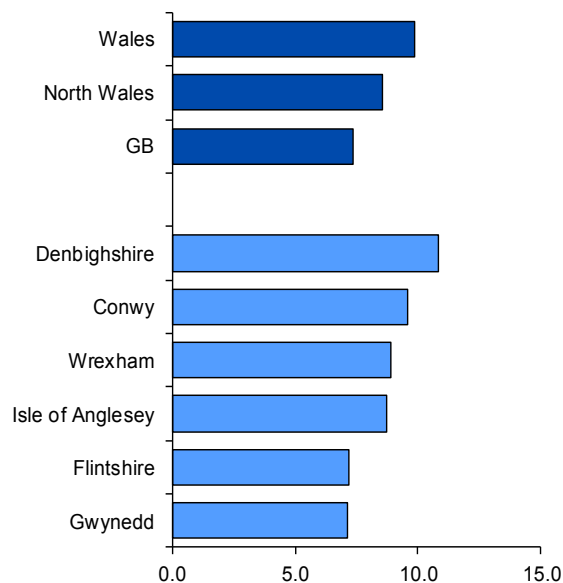
(a) People economically inactive (excluding students) as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.

**Benefit claimants (excl. Jobseeker's Allowance claimants)  
(next update TBC)**

Please note the following dataset will no longer be updated by the Department for Work and Pensions. See Section 10 (Key quality information) for more information.

- The number of benefit claimants increased by 100 (or 0.3 per cent) over the year to stand at 35,400 in November 2016. This compared to a fall for Wales (down 0.9 per cent) and for GB (down 3.1 per cent). Within North Wales, there were falls in 2 of the 6 authorities.
- The benefit claimant rate in North Wales was 8.5 per cent in November 2016. This was lower than the rate for Wales (9.9 per cent) and higher than the GB rate (7.3 per cent). Within North Wales the benefit claimant rate varied, from 7.1 per cent in Gwynedd to 10.8 per cent in Denbighshire.
- Compared to November 1999 the claimant rate in North Wales fell by 4.0 percentage points. This was smaller than the fall for Wales and larger than the fall for GB.
- Within North Wales, the benefit claimant rate fell in all 6 authorities over 1999 with the Isle of Anglesey having the largest fall (down 4.7 percentage points) and Denbighshire having the smallest fall (down 3.5 percentage points).

**Chart 4: Benefit claimant rate, November 2016 (a)**



(a) Benefit claimants as a percentage of population aged 16-64. Data cover incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants. Excludes Jobseeker's Allowance claimants.

## Latest annual data

### Gross value added (GVA) **New data** (next update Dec 2018)

- GVA in North Wales in 2016 was £13.6 billion, up 3.0 per cent over the year and up 80.3 per cent since 1999, compared to increases of 4.0 per cent and 80.9 per cent for Wales.
- GVA per head was £19,573 in 2016, up 2.8 per cent over the year and up 70.5 per cent since 1999. This compares to £19,140 for Wales (up 3.5 per cent over the year and 68.6 per cent since 1999)
- There were wide variations in GVA per head across North Wales, from £13,655 in the Isle of Anglesey to £26,374 in Flintshire. The levels of GVA per head in these areas are affected by commuting patterns.

### Gross disposable household income (GDHI) (next update Jul 2018)

- GDHI per head in North Wales was 89.0 per cent of the UK average in 2015, up 0.8 percentage points over the year and down 0.2 percentage points since 1999 (Wales was 85.5 per cent of UK average).
- There were large variations in GDHI per head within North Wales, from 81.6 per cent of the UK average in Gwynedd to 90.8 per cent in Flintshire and Wrexham.

Chart 5: GVA per head, 2016

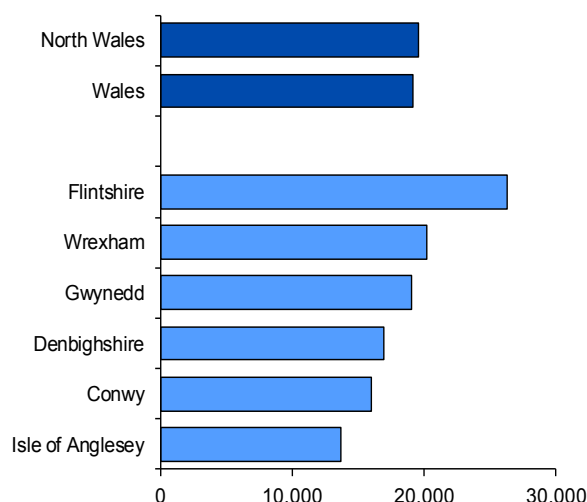
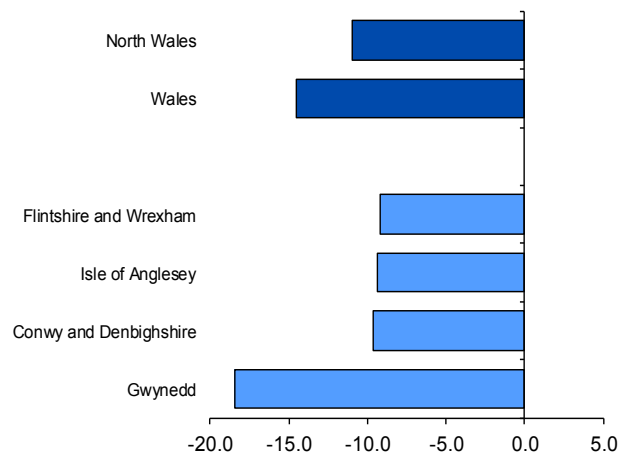


Chart 6: GDHI per head, index, difference from UK average, 2015 (UK = 100)

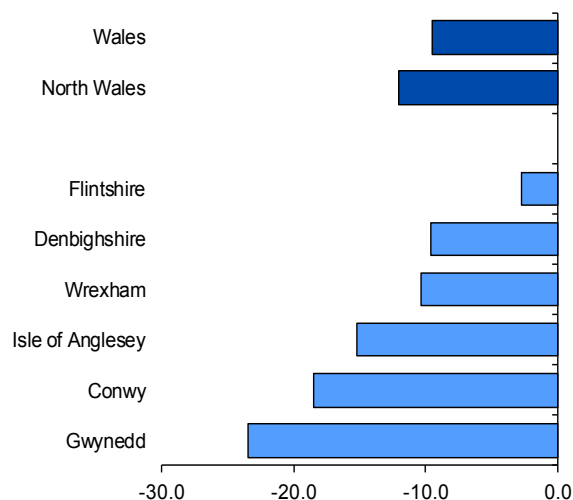


## Average full-time weekly earnings **New data**

(next update Oct 2018)

- Average weekly earnings in North Wales in 2017 were £484.1 per week. This was 88.0 per cent of the UK average (Wales was 90.6 per cent of the UK average).
- Average weekly earnings in North Wales were down 2.4 per cent compared with Wales increasing by 1.0 per cent and the UK 2.2 per cent.
- Within North Wales in 2017, average weekly earnings varied between 76.5 per cent of the UK average in Gwynedd to 97.3 per cent in Flintshire.

**Chart 7: Average full-time weekly earnings, index, difference from UK, 2017 (UK = 100)**



(a) Average gross weekly earnings (including overtime) for full time adults whose pay was unaffected by absence.

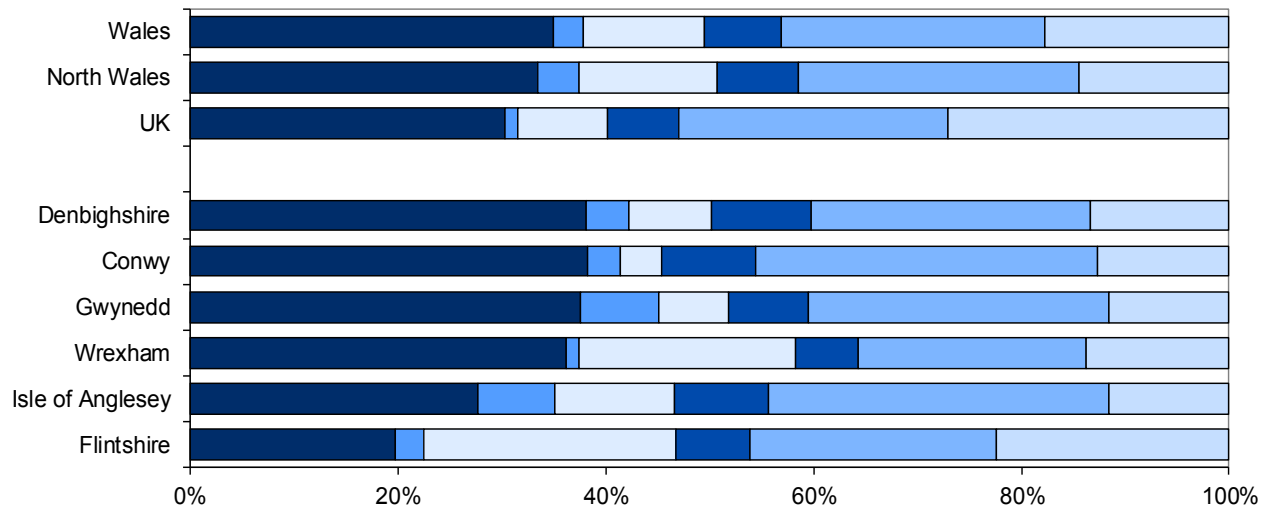
## Workplace employment **New data**

(next update Oct 2018)

- Total workplace employment in North Wales in 2016 was down 6,400 (2.0 per cent) over the year. Both Wales and the UK had an increase over this period (up 0.1 per cent and 0.8 per cent respectively). Since 2001 employment increased by 7.2 per cent, this was smaller than the increases for both Wales and the UK (up 12.1 per cent and 13.4 per cent respectively).
- Within North Wales, 2 of the 6 authorities had increases over the year, with Conwy having the largest percentage increase (up 5.1 per cent). Isle of Anglesey had the largest percentage decrease (down 8.9 per cent).
- Compared to 2001 workplace employment increased in 4 of the 6 authorities within North Wales, with Conwy having the largest percentage increase (up 13.9 per cent) and Isle of Anglesey having the largest percentage decrease (down 6.9 per cent).
- In 2016 compared to Wales; North Wales had a higher percentage of jobs in the agriculture, forestry and fishing, production, construction and wholesale, retail, transport, hotels and food sectors and a lower percentage in the finance and business activities and the public administration, defence, education, health and other services sectors.
- Within North Wales, the share of workplace employment in the production sector ranged from 4 per cent in Conwy to 24 per cent in Flintshire.



**Chart 8: Workplace employment by industry, 2016**



**KEY (left to right):**

Public Administration, Defence, Education, Health & Other Services	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	Production	Construction	Wholesale, Retail, Transport, Hotels & Food	Finance & Business Activities
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**VAT/PAYE registered enterprises New data**

**(next update Nov 2018)**

These data exclude those businesses below the VAT threshold and not registered for PAYE.

- In 2016 there were 2,515 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births in North Wales and 2,250 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths. The stock<sup>1</sup> of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises increased by 660 since 2015 to stand at 23,430 in 2016.
- The stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises in North Wales increased by 2.9 per cent over the year and increased by 17.1 per cent since 2002. These increases were smaller than the increases for both Wales and the UK both over the year and over 2002.
- Within North Wales, all 6 authorities had increases in the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises over the year, with Flintshire having the largest increase (4.6 per cent) whilst Gwynedd had the smallest increase (1.5 per cent). Since 2002, all 6 authorities had increases in the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises, with the largest percentage increase in Wrexham (24.7 per cent).
- In 2016, the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in North Wales stood at 564. This was higher than that for Wales (512) and lower than that for the UK (684).
- Within North Wales, the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in 2016 ranged from 486 in Wrexham to 613 in Denbighshire.

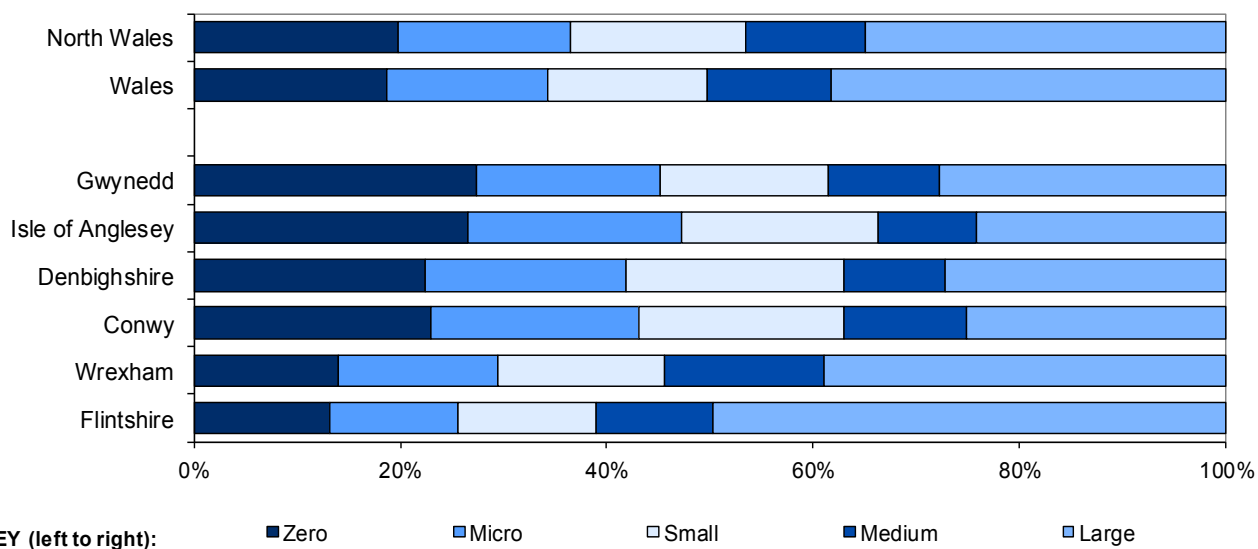
<sup>1</sup> The difference in births and deaths may not equal the difference in stock, because businesses may be born and die in the same period and the stock is taken at a single point in time.

## Business structure **New data**

*(next update Nov 2018)*

- There were 62,800 enterprises active in North Wales in 2017, of which 94.3 per cent were in the zero or micro size-band (0-9 employees). The percentage in this size-band was similar to that for Wales (94.9 per cent).
- In 2017, 36.6 per cent of private sector employment in North Wales was in the zero or micro size-bands and a further 34.9 per cent was in the large size-band (250 plus employees). In Wales these size-bands accounted for 34.4 and 38.3 per cent of private sector employment respectively.
- Within North Wales, the percentage of private sector employment in the large size-band varied from 24.2 per cent in Isle of Anglesey to 49.7 per cent in Flintshire.
- In 2017, 0.6 per cent of enterprises active in North Wales were foreign-owned, this was just above the percentage for Wales (0.4 per cent).
- In 2017, 14.6 per cent of private sector employment in North Wales was in foreign owned enterprises, compared to 13.6 per cent for Wales. Within North Wales this percentage varied from 6.0 per cent in Gwynedd to 25.0 per cent in Flintshire.

**Chart 9: Proportion of employment by enterprise size-band, 2017 (a)**



(a) The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

## Quarterly data tables

### New data

Table 1 Employment levels

	<i>People aged 16 and over (numbers in thousands)</i>						
				<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	2001	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>292.6</b>	<b>319.0</b>	<b>321.1</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Isle of Anglesey	28.2	30.9	31.3	3.1	0.4	10.8	1.2
Gwynedd	49.2	55.8	57.5	8.3	1.7	16.9	3.1
Conwy	45.5	51.5	49.4	4.0	-2.0	8.7	-4.0
Denbighshire	40.7	41.9	43.0	2.3	1.1	5.6	2.7
Flintshire	69.6	73.3	73.1	3.5	-0.2	5.0	-0.2
Wrexham	59.4	65.7	66.8	7.4	1.1	12.5	1.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,238.6</b>	<b>1,412.8</b>	<b>1,423.4</b>	<b>184.8</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>
United Kingdom	27,433.1	31,383.5	31,764.6	4,331.5	381.1	15.8	1.2

**Next update: Apr 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

### New data

Table 2 Employment rates

	<i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i>				
				<i>Change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Isle of Anglesey	66.3	72.2	73.9	7.6	1.7
Gwynedd	66.9	72.1	73.4	6.6	1.3
Conwy	69.1	73.2	72.1	3.0	-1.0
Denbighshire	71.9	71.6	73.8	1.9	2.2
Flintshire	71.4	74.7	74.7	3.3	0.0
Wrexham	70.5	75.0	76.5	6.0	1.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>
United Kingdom	72.3	73.7	74.4	2.1	0.7

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Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 3 ILO unemployment levels**

	<i>People aged 16 and over (numbers in thousands)</i>							
				<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>		
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	2001	Year to Sep 2016	
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	
Isle of Anglesey	1.5	1.8	1.2	-0.3	-0.6	-18.5	-32.0	
Gwynedd	2.7	2.7	2.3	-0.4	-0.4	-15.4	-15.7	
Conwy	1.6	2.2	2.2	0.6	0.1	36.3	2.8	
Denbighshire	1.8	1.9	1.2	-0.6	-0.7	-31.5	-36.9	
Flintshire	3.7	2.3	1.7	-2.1	-0.6	-54.9	-25.0	
Wrexham	2.2	2.4	2.7	0.6	0.3	25.1	12.5	
<b>Wales</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.7</b>	
United Kingdom	1,450.3	1,645.0	1,493.3	43.1	-151.7	3.0	-9.2	

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Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

## New data

**Table 4 ILO unemployment rates**

	<i>Percentage of economically active people aged 16 and over</i>					
				<i>Change in latest over:</i>		
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	
Isle of Anglesey	5.0	5.4	3.7	-1.3	-1.7	
Gwynedd	5.3	4.7	3.9	-1.4	-0.8	
Conwy	3.5	4.0	4.3	0.8	0.3	
Denbighshire	4.2	4.4	2.8	-1.4	-1.7	
Flintshire	5.1	3.0	2.3	-2.8	-0.7	
Wrexham	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.4	0.4	
<b>Wales</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	
United Kingdom	5.0	5.0	4.5	-0.5	-0.5	

*Next update: Apr 2018*

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 5 Economic inactivity levels (excluding students)**

	<i>People aged 16-64 (numbers in thousands)</i>						
				<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	2001	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-22.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Isle of Anglesey	10.7	7.5	7.6	-3.2	0.1	-29.4	1.0
Gwynedd	16.5	12.6	11.0	-5.5	-1.6	-33.6	-12.7
Conwy	16.0	12.2	13.5	-2.5	1.3	-15.7	10.7
Denbighshire	11.9	10.2	10.3	-1.6	0.1	-13.5	1.1
Flintshire	20.4	15.4	17.5	-2.9	2.1	-14.3	13.4
Wrexham	19.0	15.4	13.3	-5.7	-2.1	-29.9	-13.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>439.7</b>	<b>362.2</b>	<b>345.5</b>	<b>-94.1</b>	<b>-16.6</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-4.6</b>
United Kingdom	7,401.3	6,873.5	6,747.5	-653.9	-126.1	-8.8	-1.8

**Next update: Apr 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

## New data

**Table 6 Economic inactivity rates (excluding students)**

	<i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i>				
				<i>Change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Isle of Anglesey	27.8	20.2	20.3	-7.5	0.0
Gwynedd	25.2	18.9	17.2	-8.0	-1.6
Conwy	26.5	20.3	22.3	-4.2	2.0
Denbighshire	23.0	20.3	20.4	-2.6	0.0
Flintshire	22.6	17.8	20.1	-2.5	2.3
Wrexham	24.5	19.7	17.3	-7.3	-2.4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
United Kingdom	21.4	18.4	18.0	-3.4	-0.4

**Next update: Apr 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 7 Economic inactivity levels (including students)**

	<i>People aged 16-64 (numbers in thousands)</i>						
				<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	2001	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Isle of Anglesey	12.5	9.4	9.3	-3.2	-0.2	-25.9	-1.8
Gwynedd	21.1	17.8	17.3	-3.8	-0.5	-18.0	-2.7
Conwy	18.2	15.4	16.0	-2.2	0.6	-12.0	3.7
Denbighshire	13.7	13.7	13.2	-0.5	-0.5	-3.8	-3.4
Flintshire	23.7	21.6	22.2	-1.6	0.6	-6.6	2.7
Wrexham	22.2	18.7	17.0	-5.1	-1.6	-23.1	-8.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>524.6</b>	<b>480.8</b>	<b>461.7</b>	<b>-62.9</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
United Kingdom	8,921.4	9,148.4	9,058.1	136.8	-90.3	1.5	-1.0

*Next update: Apr 2018*

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

## New data

**Table 8 Economic inactivity rates (including students)**

	<i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i>					
				<i>Change in latest over:</i>		
	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2017	2001	Year to Sep 2016	Year to Sep 2016
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Isle of Anglesey	30.1	23.5	23.2	-6.9	-0.2	-0.2
Gwynedd	29.4	24.2	23.5	-5.9	-0.6	-0.6
Conwy	28.3	23.6	24.6	-3.7	1.0	1.0
Denbighshire	24.9	24.9	24.1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Flintshire	24.7	22.9	23.5	-1.2	0.6	0.6
Wrexham	26.8	22.1	20.2	-6.6	-1.8	-1.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
United Kingdom	23.9	22.3	22.0	-1.9	-0.3	-0.3

*Next update: Apr 2018*

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

[Link to data](#)

**Table 9 Benefit claimants (excluding JSA claimants) (a)**

*Numbers in thousands*

	Nov 1999	Nov 2015	Nov 2016	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				Nov 1999	Nov 2015	Nov 1999	Nov 2015
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-30.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Isle of Anglesey	5.6	3.5	3.5	-2.1	0.1	-37.4	1.4
Gwynedd	8.2	5.3	5.3	-2.8	0.1	-34.8	1.1
Conwy	8.4	6.3	6.4	-2.0	0.0	-24.0	0.5
Denbighshire	7.8	6.0	6.0	-1.9	0.0	-23.9	-0.2
Flintshire	10.3	6.8	6.8	-3.5	-0.1	-34.3	-0.7
Wrexham	10.6	7.5	7.5	-3.1	0.0	-29.3	0.1
<b>Wales</b>	<b>277.6</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>-88.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-31.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Great Britain	3,812.3	3,011.9	2,920.0	-892.3	-91.9	-23.4	-3.1

**Next update: TBC**

Source: Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

(a) Data cover ESA & incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants.

**Table 10 Benefit claimants rates (excluding JSA claimants) (a)**

*Percentage of population aged 16-64*

	Nov 1999	Nov 2015	Nov 2016	Change in latest over:	
				Nov 1999	Nov 2015
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Isle of Anglesey	13.4	8.5	8.7	-4.7	0.2
Gwynedd	11.4	7.1	7.1	-4.3	0.0
Conwy	13.3	9.5	9.6	-3.7	0.1
Denbighshire	14.3	10.8	10.8	-3.5	0.0
Flintshire	10.9	7.2	7.2	-3.7	0.0
Wrexham	13.1	8.9	8.9	-4.2	0.0
<b>Wales</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Great Britain	10.5	7.6	7.3	-3.1	-0.2

**Next update: TBC**

Source: Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

(a) Data cover ESA & incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants.

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## Annual data tables

### New data

Table 11 Headline Gross Value Added (GVA)

	1999	2015	2016 (p)	Change in latest over (a):	
				1999	2015
<b>£ million:</b>					
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>7,553</b>	<b>13,223</b>	<b>13,619</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Isle of Anglesey	555	930	952	71.5	2.4
Gwynedd	1,271	2,295	2,352	85.1	2.5
Conwy	1,067	1,827	1,870	75.3	2.4
Denbighshire	944	1,579	1,607	70.2	1.8
Flintshire	2,217	3,941	4,073	83.7	3.3
Wrexham	1,499	2,651	2,765	84.5	4.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>32,934</b>	<b>57,316</b>	<b>59,585</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
UK excluding Extra-Regio	908,205	1,667,915	1,729,082	90.4	3.7
<b>£ per head:</b>					
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>11,480</b>	<b>19,038</b>	<b>19,573</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Isle of Anglesey	8,163	13,284	13,655	67.3	2.8
Gwynedd	10,920	18,676	19,026	74.2	1.9
Conwy	9,850	15,716	16,049	62.9	2.1
Denbighshire	10,320	16,674	16,947	64.2	1.6
Flintshire	15,099	25,578	26,374	74.7	3.1
Wrexham	11,811	19,400	20,226	71.2	4.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>18,495</b>	<b>19,140</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>
UK excluding Extra-Regio	15,476	25,617	26,339	70.2	2.8

**Next update: Dec 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Regional Accounts, ONS

(a) Percentage change for £ millions and £ per head; percentage point change for index.

[Link to data](#)



**Table 12 Headline Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)**

	1999	2014	2015 (p)	<i>Change in latest over (a):</i>	
				1999	2014
<b>£ million:</b>					
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>6,975</b>	<b>11,364</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Isle of Anglesey	719	1,160	1,211	68.4	4.4
Gwynedd	1,143	1,865	1,916	67.6	2.7
Conwy and Denbighshire	2,216	3,518	3,641	64.3	3.5
Flintshire and Wrexham	2,897	4,821	5,042	74.0	4.6
<b>Wales</b>	<b>29,898</b>	<b>48,902</b>	<b>50,642</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>
UK	697,491	1,199,214	1,243,970	78.3	3.7
<b>£ per head:</b>					
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>10,601</b>	<b>16,374</b>	<b>17,005</b>	<b>60.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Isle of Anglesey	10,571	16,528	17,306	63.7	4.7
Gwynedd	9,820	15,252	15,594	58.8	2.2
Conwy and Denbighshire	11,089	16,668	17,264	55.7	3.6
Flintshire and Wrexham	10,584	16,595	17,342	63.9	4.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>10,308</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>16,341</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
UK	11,885	18,565	19,106	60.8	2.9
<b>Index (£ per head UK=100)</b>					
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Isle of Anglesey	88.9	89.0	90.6	1.7	1.6
Gwynedd	82.6	82.2	81.6	-1.0	-0.6
Conwy and Denbighshire	93.3	89.8	90.4	-2.9	0.6
Flintshire and Wrexham	89.1	89.4	90.8	1.7	1.4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
UK	100.0	100.0	100.0		

**Next update: Jul 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Regional Accounts, ONS

(p) Data for the latest year are provisional.

(a) Percentage change for £ millions and £ per head; percentage point change for index.

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## New data

**Table 13 Average gross weekly earnings (a)**

	2016	2017 (p)	Change over: 2016
<b>Average earnings (£s) :</b>			
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>495.9</b>	<b>484.1</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
Isle of Anglesey	508.2	466.5 (b)	-8.2
Gwynedd	435.6	421.3	-3.3
Conwy	451.0	448.6	-0.5
Denbighshire	500.9	497.5	-0.7
Flintshire	552.0	535.5	-3.0
Wrexham	487.7	493.8	1.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>493.7</b>	<b>498.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>
United Kingdom	538.6	550.4	2.2
<b>Index (UK=100):</b>			
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
Isle of Anglesey	94.4	84.8 (b)	-9.6
Gwynedd	80.9	76.5	-4.3
Conwy	83.7	81.5	-2.2
Denbighshire	93.0	90.4	-2.6
Flintshire	102.5	97.3	-5.2
Wrexham	90.5	89.7	-0.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
United Kingdom	100.0	100.0	

**Next update: Oct 2018**

Source: Welsh Government analysis of Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), ONS

- (a) Average gross weekly earnings (including overtime) for full time adults whose pay was unaffected by absence.
- (b) The data item has a coefficient of variation (CV) of between 10% and 20% and is therefore categorised as only 'acceptable.' Only estimates with a CV of less than 5% are considered 'precise'.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 14 Total workplace employment**

	<i>Numbers in thousands</i>						
				<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>	
	2001	2015	2016	2001	2015	2001	2015
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>285.7</b>	<b>312.7</b>	<b>306.3</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Isle of Anglesey	25.2	25.7	23.4	-1.7	-2.3	-6.9	-8.9
Gwynedd	57.4	64.2	63.9	6.5	-0.2	11.4	-0.4
Conwy	41.9	45.4	47.7	5.8	2.3	13.9	5.1
Denbighshire	40.9	43.2	45.0	4.0	1.8	9.9	4.2
Flintshire	56.0	59.8	55.2	-0.8	-4.6	-1.4	-7.7
Wrexham	64.4	74.4	71.0	6.7	-3.4	10.4	-4.6
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,252.7</b>	<b>1,403.4</b>	<b>1,404.3</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
United Kingdom	28,580.0	32,145.2	32,412.6	3,832.6	267.4	13.4	0.8

**Next update: Oct 2018**

Source: APS, Business Register & Employment Survey and Survey of Agriculture & Horticulture

(a) These data show workplace employment (or total jobs) in each area, including self-employment jobs. The United Kingdom (UK) data presented here should not be used for any purpose other than as a comparator for the Wales data.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 15 Workplace employment by industry, 2016**

	<b>Percentage of total employment:</b>						
	Agriculture, forestry & fishing	Production	Construction	Wholesale, retail, transport, hotels & food	Finance & business activities	Public admin., defence, education, health & other services	All industries (thousands)
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>306.3</b>
Isle of Anglesey	7	11	9	33	12	28	23.4
Gwynedd	8	7	8	29	12	38	63.9
Conwy	3	4	9	33	13	38	47.7
Denbighshire	4	8	10	27	13	38	45.0
Flintshire	3	24	7	24	22	20	55.2
Wrexham	1	21	6	22	14	36	71.0
<b>Wales</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,404.3</b>
United Kingdom	1	9	7	26	27	30	32,412.6

**Next update: Oct 2018**

Source: APS, Business Register & Employment Survey and Survey of Agriculture & Horticulture

(a) These data show workplace employment (or total jobs) in each area, including self-employment jobs. The United Kingdom (UK) data presented here should not be used for any purpose other than as a comparator for the Wales data.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

Table 16 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births (a)

	2002	2015	2016	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2015	2002	2015
<b>Number:</b>							
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Isle of Anglesey	180	190	195	15	5	8.3	2.6
Gwynedd	445	405	385	-60	-20	-13.5	-4.9
Conwy	345	375	415	70	40	20.3	10.7
Denbighshire	325	350	375	50	25	15.4	7.1
Flintshire	480	600	665	185	65	38.5	10.8
Wrexham	325	445	480	155	35	47.7	7.9
<b>Wales</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>11,525</b>	<b>12,115</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>
United Kingdom	242,540	383,075	414,355	171,815	31,280	70.8	8.2
<b>VAT/PAYE births per 10,000 population aged 16-64:</b>							
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Isle of Anglesey	43	47	49	6	2	14.0	4.3
Gwynedd	61	54	51	-10	-3	-16.4	-5.6
Conwy	53	56	63	10	7	18.9	12.5
Denbighshire	58	63	68	10	5	17.2	7.9
Flintshire	50	63	71	21	8	42.0	12.7
Wrexham	39	53	57	18	4	46.2	7.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>
United Kingdom	64	93	100	36	7	56.3	7.5

Next update: Nov 2018

Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births that occurred in each year.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

Table 17 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths (a)

	2002	2015	2016	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2015	2002	2015
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Isle of Anglesey	160	175	210	50	35	31.3	20.0
Gwynedd	330	350	395	65	45	19.7	12.9
Conwy	315	385	345	30	-40	9.5	-10.4
Denbighshire	260	340	315	55	-25	21.2	-7.4
Flintshire	405	515	575	170	60	42.0	11.7
Wrexham	290	330	410	120	80	41.4	24.2
<b>Wales</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>9,655</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>
United Kingdom	213,345	282,865	327,775	114,430	44,910	53.6	15.9

Next update: Nov 2018

Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths that occurred in each year.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

Table 18 Stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises (a)

	2002	2015	2016	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2015	2002	2015
<b>Number:</b>							
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>20,010</b>	<b>22,770</b>	<b>23,430</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Isle of Anglesey	1,835	2,045	2,105	270	60	14.7	2.9
Gwynedd	4,155	4,425	4,490	335	65	8.1	1.5
Conwy	3,460	3,945	4,015	555	70	16.0	1.8
Denbighshire	2,955	3,330	3,385	430	55	14.6	1.7
Flintshire	4,320	5,105	5,340	1,020	235	23.6	4.6
Wrexham	3,285	3,920	4,095	810	175	24.7	4.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>81,175</b>	<b>95,010</b>	<b>98,445</b>	<b>17,270</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
United Kingdom	2,115,915	2,672,025	2,833,965	718,050	161,940	33.9	6.1
<b>Stock per 10,000 population aged 16-64:</b>							
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Isle of Anglesey	439	502	524	85	22	19.4	4.4
Gwynedd	573	594	598	25	4	4.4	0.7
Conwy	534	594	606	72	12	13.5	2.0
Denbighshire	525	600	613	88	13	16.8	2.2
Flintshire	450	539	566	116	27	25.8	5.0
Wrexham	396	464	486	90	22	22.7	4.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>
United Kingdom	555	648	684	129	36	23.2	5.6

Next update: Nov 2018

Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) Stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises in each year.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

Table 19 Enterprise numbers by size-band, 2017 (a)

	<i>Numbers in thousands</i>					
	Zero (0)	Micro (1-9)	Small (10-49)	Medium (50- 249)	Large (250 plus)	All
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>62.8</b>
Isle of Anglesey	5.0	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	6.5
Gwynedd	12.5	2.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	15.8
Conwy	8.5	2.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	11.5
Denbighshire	6.9	1.7	0.4	0.1	0.2	9.3
Flintshire	8.5	2.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	11.9
Wrexham	6.2	1.9	0.4	0.1	0.3	8.9
<b>Wales</b>	<b>193.4</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>253.6</b>

Next update: Nov 2018

Source: Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses

(a) Enterprises which are active in more than one local authority will be counted in each one, so the enterprises totals for the regions/Wales will not add up to the sum of the local authorities. The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

[Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 20 Employment numbers by size-band, 2017 (a)**

	<i>Numbers in thousands</i>					
	Zero (0)	Micro (1-9)	Small (10-49)	Medium (50- 249)	Large (250 plus)	All
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>266.9</b>
Isle of Anglesey	5.6	4.4	4.1	2.0	5.1	21.2
Gwynedd	14.3	9.3	8.5	5.6	14.5	52.2
Conwy	9.4	8.1	8.1	4.8	10.2	40.6
Denbighshire	7.6	6.6	7.2	3.3	9.2	34.0
Flintshire	9.5	8.9	9.6	8.2	35.9	72.2
Wrexham	6.5	7.2	7.5	7.2	18.2	46.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>214.1</b>	<b>178.7</b>	<b>176.7</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>437.5</b>	<b>1,143.3</b>

**Next update: Nov 2018**

Source: Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses

(a) Enterprises which are active in more than one local authority will be counted in each one, so the enterprises totals for the regions/Wales will not add up to the sum of the local authorities. The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

### [Link to data](#)

## New data

**Table 21 Foreign Owned Companies, 2017 (a)**

	<i>Numbers (employees, thousands)</i>					
	<i>Foreign Owned</i>		<i>UK owned</i>		<i>All</i>	
	Enterprises	Employees	Enterprises	Employees	Enterprises	Employees
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>62,405</b>	<b>227.8</b>	<b>62,775</b>	<b>266.9</b>
Isle of Anglesey	55	2.0	6,465	19.2	6,520	21.2
Gwynedd	80	3.1	15,700	49.1	15,780	52.2
Conwy	95	3.3	11,395	37.3	11,495	40.6
Denbighshire	70	3.1	9,200	30.9	9,270	34.0
Flintshire	160	18.0	11,740	54.2	11,900	72.2
Wrexham	155	9.6	8,760	37.1	8,910	46.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>155.3</b>	<b>252,495</b>	<b>988.0</b>	<b>253,635</b>	<b>1,143.3</b>

**Next update: Nov 2018**

Source: Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses

(a) Enterprises which are active in more than one local authority will be counted in each one, so the enterprises totals for the regions/Wales will not add up to the sum of the local authorities. The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

## Key quality information

### Relevance

This bulletin is a compendium publication used to bring together the latest key statistics relating to the economy and labour market for each of the four economic regions in Wales, in the context of the Welsh/UK economy and labour market.

This bulletin, produced by the Welsh Government, provides a summary of the sub-Wales data contained within a range of statistical bulletins and presents those estimates alongside other headline estimates for the economy and labour market for Wales and the UK. These statistics are used by the Welsh Government to monitor the headline statistics for the sub-Wales regions as well as providing comparisons to the UK and Welsh economy. The bulletin includes statistics relevant to the [Programme for Government](#) and [Prosperity for All: economic action plan](#). This bulletin was produced in response to growing user demand for more local area data which was identified in our user consultation. Our [user consultation](#) provides more information on how our outputs are used.

The bulletin is the main vehicle for the publication of results at economic region level for the Welsh labour market from the Annual Population Survey (APS), as produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). It also provides Welsh data from Jobcentre plus on the numbers of Jobseeker Allowance claimants and numbers of benefit claimants from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

In addition to these datasets, the bulletin brings together the further datasets, for which the Welsh Government produces separate publications, including average weekly earnings, business demography, workplace employment, business structure and regional accounts data. Further information about these additional datasets can be found in the separate publications themselves, all available from the following page on the [Welsh Government website](#).

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) are no longer publishing working age benefits claimants by client group. The Welsh Government will no longer publish the Benefits data on StatsWales. The full DWP statement is available [here](#). We are in the process of identifying a new appropriate source for this data.

### Accuracy

#### Guidance on the use of the bulletins

For further guidance on the use of this bulletin, including quality information and descriptions and comparisons of measures and sources, please refer to the [Regional Profile User Guide](#).

#### Data Sources and Quality

We have also published a [comprehensive data sources guide list](#) which provides a summary of all the main official data sources used by the Economic and Labour Market Statistics branch as well as useful links.

## **Definitions of regions**

The four regions used in this set of bulletins are defined as:

North Wales: Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham.

Mid Wales: Powys and Ceredigion.

South West Wales: Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

South East Wales: Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Newport and Cardiff.

These definitions are based on the Department for Economy, Skills and Natural Resources economic regions.

## **Revisions**

Where the data is not from the Welsh Government, we follow the revisions policy of the individual Government department. For data from our own outputs, we follow [Welsh Government policy](#).

## **Timeliness and punctuality**

This is a quarterly bulletin, usually published in January, April, July and October. It is based on the latest version of each of the datasets it includes (see dates given in each of the headings for the next update dates).

## **Accessibility and clarity**

Much of the data in this bulletin can be found on [StatsWales](#) which is a free-to-use service that allows visitors to view, manipulate, create and download tables from the most detailed official data on Wales. Links to specific data can be found under the relevant tables, above.

## **Comparability and coherence**

Comparable measures for other UK countries for the data published in this bulletin are published on [StatsWales](#) where available. Links to specific data can be found under the relevant tables, above.



## **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](#).

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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 the indicators, along with narratives for each of the well-being goals and associated technical information is available in the [Well-being of Wales report](#).

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/regional-economic-labour-market-profiles/?lang=en>

## Next update

We are considering alternative ways of disseminating the data in this publication but will ensure user needs are met.

## We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to [economic.stats@gov.wales](mailto:economic.stats@gov.wales).

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