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Youth work in Wales, 2013-14

This Statistical Release presents detailed information about statutory sector Youth Work in Wales.

Background

Youth work in Wales is delivered through the 22 local authorities and the voluntary sector. [The National Youth Work Strategy for Wales](#), was launched in February 2014, setting the direction for youth work organisations for the next 4 years. Youth work provides and facilitates an environment within which young people can relax, have fun, feel secure, supported and valued through non-formal and informal educational opportunities and experiences.

Knowledge and Analytical Services of the Welsh Government took on responsibility for the collection of data about statutory sector Youth Work in Wales in April 2010. The data collected informs the development and continuous improvement of Youth Work provision in Wales. The quality of the data continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the survey, and locally youth services providing youth work provision refine their management systems and data. For this reason increases or decreases from year to year should be interpreted with caution. The known quality issues are highlighted in the Key Quality Information section.

Key results for 2013-14 show:

- Around 117,200 young people were registered members of the statutory sector Youth Work provision in Wales. This figure represented 20 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds in Wales.
- Around 12,300 young people received a nationally recognised accreditation during the year, representing 11 per cent of the registered membership.
- At March 2014, there were 811 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Work management and delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales.
- 90 per cent of all Youth Work delivery staff held at least level 2 Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional qualifications. Of the staff without a level 2 or above JNC qualification, 50 per cent were in training.
- The total income for Youth Work in 2013-14, for the 21 authorities who returned data, was £40.2 million. In comparison with 2012-13, on a directly equivalent basis, this represents a decrease of 4 per cent.
- The total spend for Youth Work provisions across Wales in 2013-14, by the 21 authorities who returned data was £40.5 million. In comparison with 2012-13, on a directly equivalent basis, this represents a decrease of 4 per cent.
- The total spend for Youth Work provision per head of population aged 11-19 years was £126.

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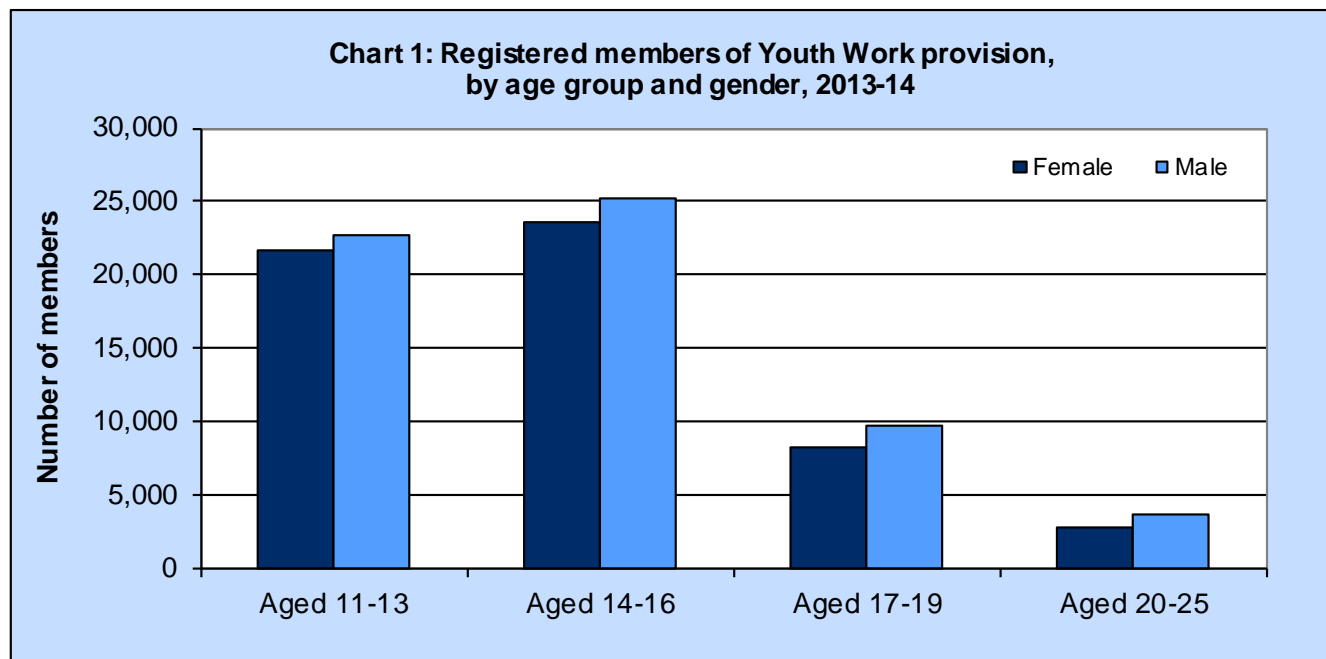
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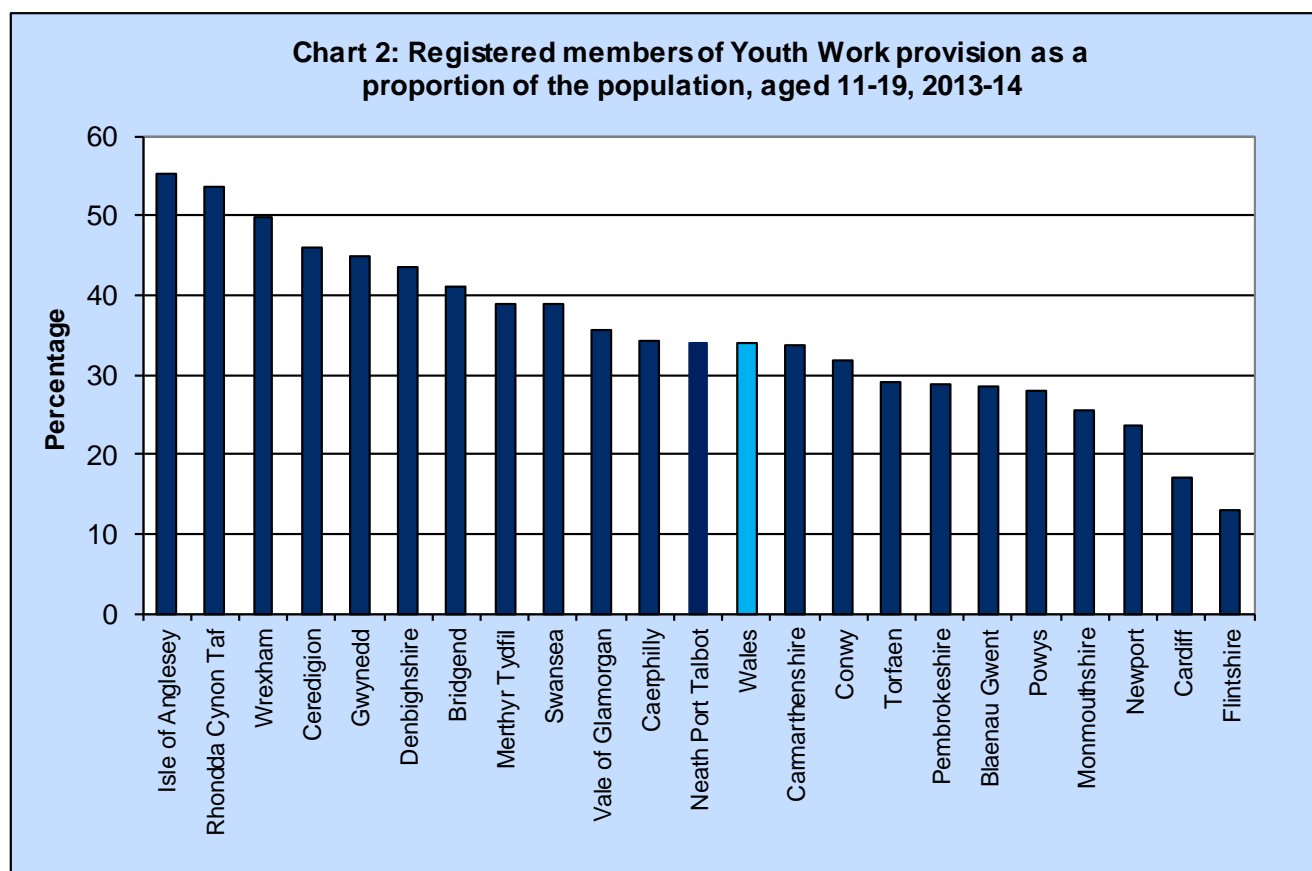
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Registered members¹ of Youth Work provision in Wales

The 22 local authorities in Wales reported that 117,196 young people were registered members of youth work provision in 2013-14, representing 20 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds. This shows a slight decrease from the previous year (123, 980 or 21 per cent).



38 per cent of members were aged 11-13 years, 42 per cent were aged 14-16 years, 15 per cent were aged 17-19 and 5 per cent were aged 20-25. 52 per cent of the 117,196 were male and 48 per cent were female.



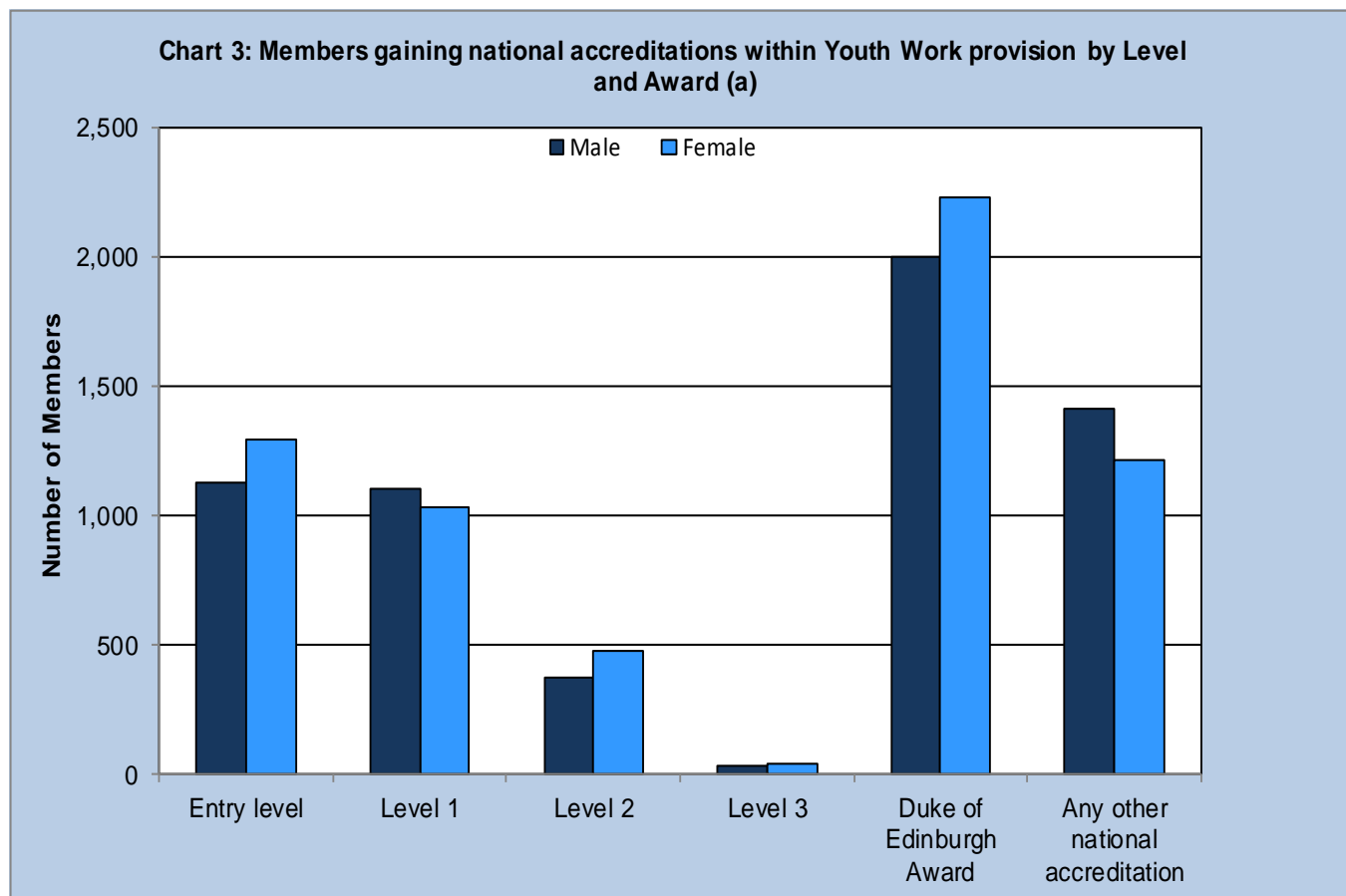
¹ Young people registered on local authority Reach systems as active during the year (i.e. those for whom a name, address and date of birth was known).

110,800 of these members were aged 11-19 years, representing 34 per cent of the 11-19 population. The proportions reported ranged from 55 per cent in Isle of Anglesey to 13 per cent in Flintshire. More detailed information can be found in table 1.

Accreditation of members

The survey collects information on individuals gaining accreditations through Youth Work provision differentiated between national and locally recognised accreditations.

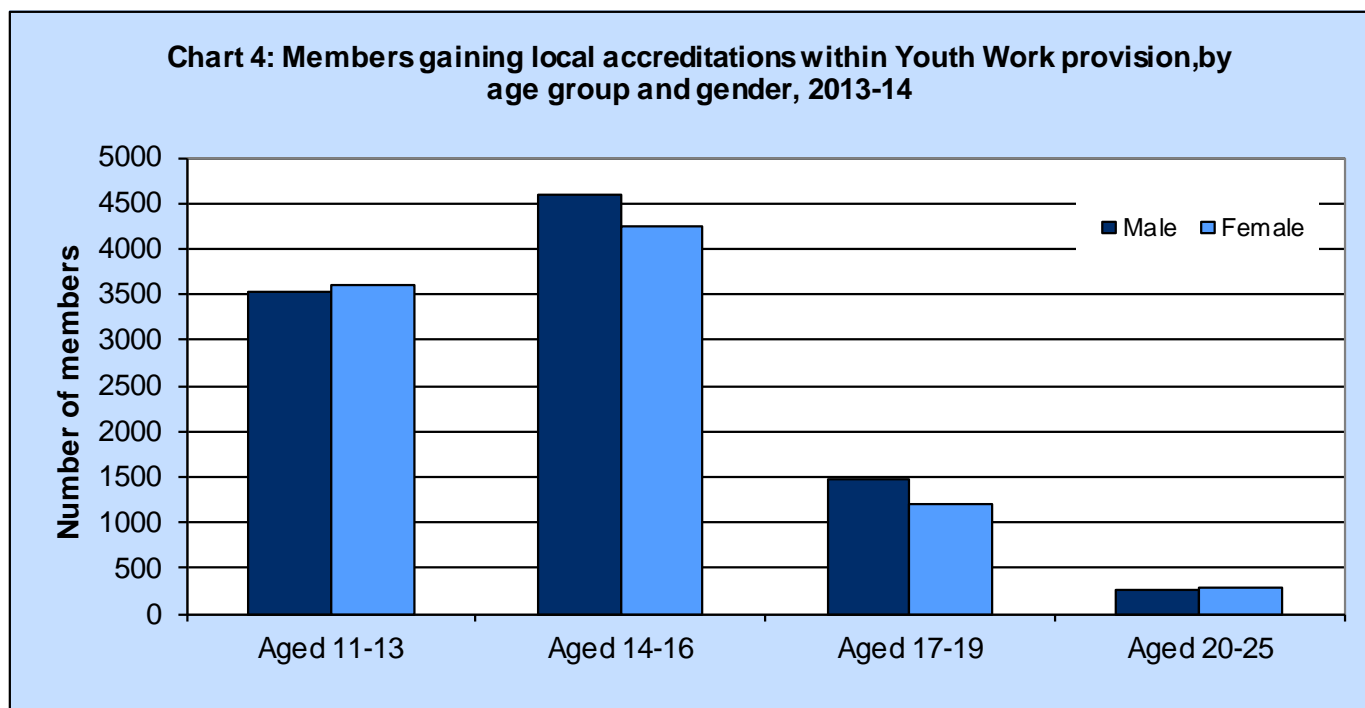
There were 12,344 young people who were reported as having gained a national accreditation in 2013-14 (11 per cent of all registered members). 19,214 young people (16 per cent of all registered members) were reported as having gained a local accreditation. (Note that a young person can gain both national and local accreditations.) More detailed information for individual authorities can be found in table 1.



(a) 3 local authorities were unable to provide a full breakdown of accreditations by Level, and have therefore included all such accreditations within the “Any other National Accreditation” category. Therefore the data attributed to Entry Level, Level 1 to 3 and Duke Of Edinburgh Awards are an undercount.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards accounted for at least a third of all National Accreditations.

Chart 4: Members gaining local accreditations within Youth Work provision, by age group and gender, 2013-14



Most young people gaining local accreditations were aged 14-16 (46 per cent) and 11-13 (37 per cent). 14 per cent were aged 17-19 and 3 per cent aged 20-25.

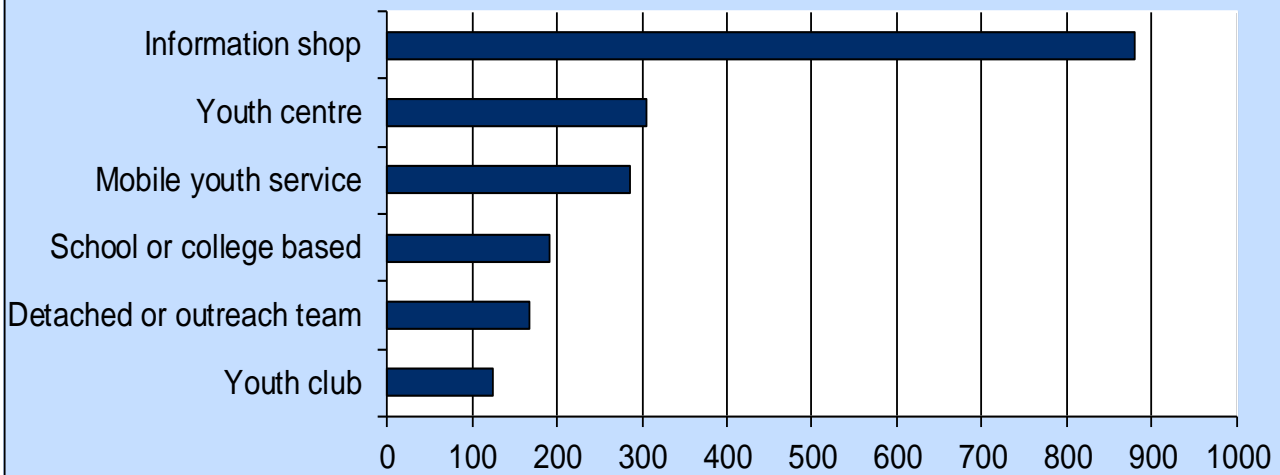
Youth Work Settings and Projects

The survey collects information about the settings and projects for Youth Work provision that were running across Wales. The projects may be delivered by the local authority alone, or in partnership with other statutory or voluntary bodies.

Most numerous in terms of settings, and with the highest membership were youth clubs (465), followed by youth centres (216), with respective membership of 58,000 and 66,000. There are 209 schools and college projects with around 40,000 registered members in total, and 94 detached/outreach teams with 15,700 registered members. Note that there will be some overlap of membership, with members able to interact with each of the different settings, and for example with more than one youth club or centre.

Information shops had the highest number of members per setting, with an average of 880 registered members. Youth clubs had the lowest, with an average of 125 registered members.

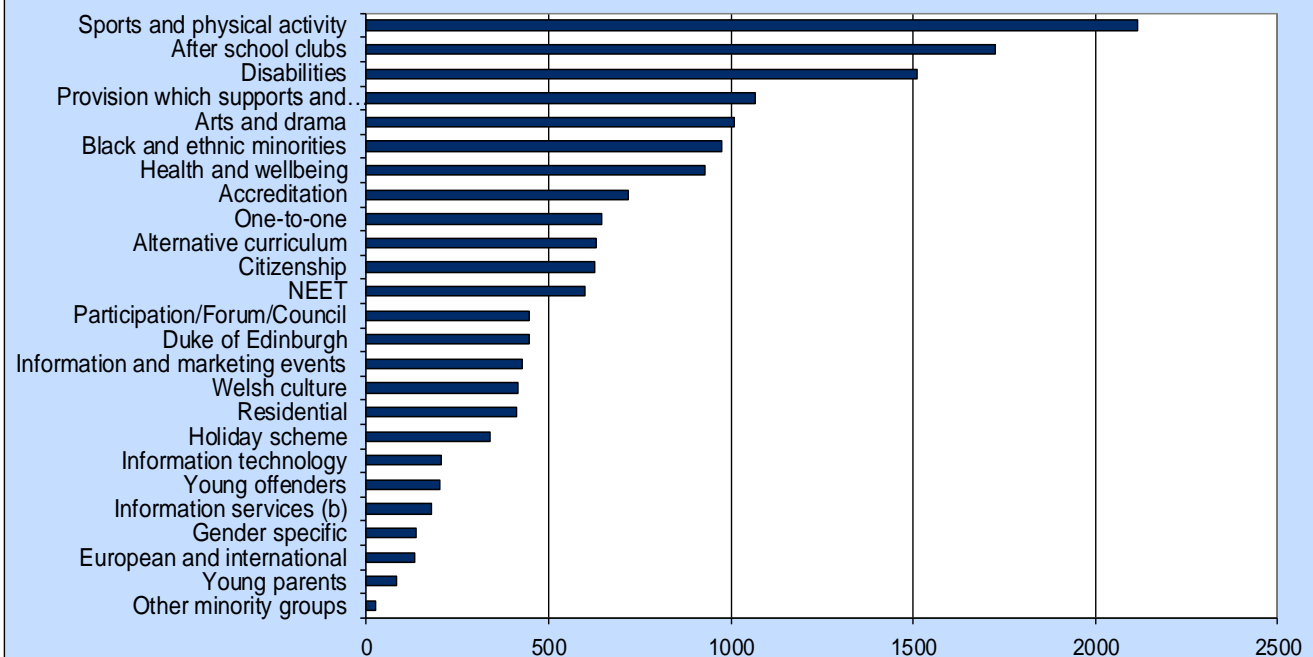
Chart 5: Average number of Youth Work members per setting, 2013-14



The type of individual projects was also recorded, one project may be recorded multiple times if it was relevant to more than one type. For example the same project could be recorded within Arts and Drama, Welsh culture and Residential.

Most numerous in terms of projects were Sports and Activity projects with 2,118 in Wales, and After School Clubs (1,724).

Chart 6: Number of projects, by type of provision, 2013-14



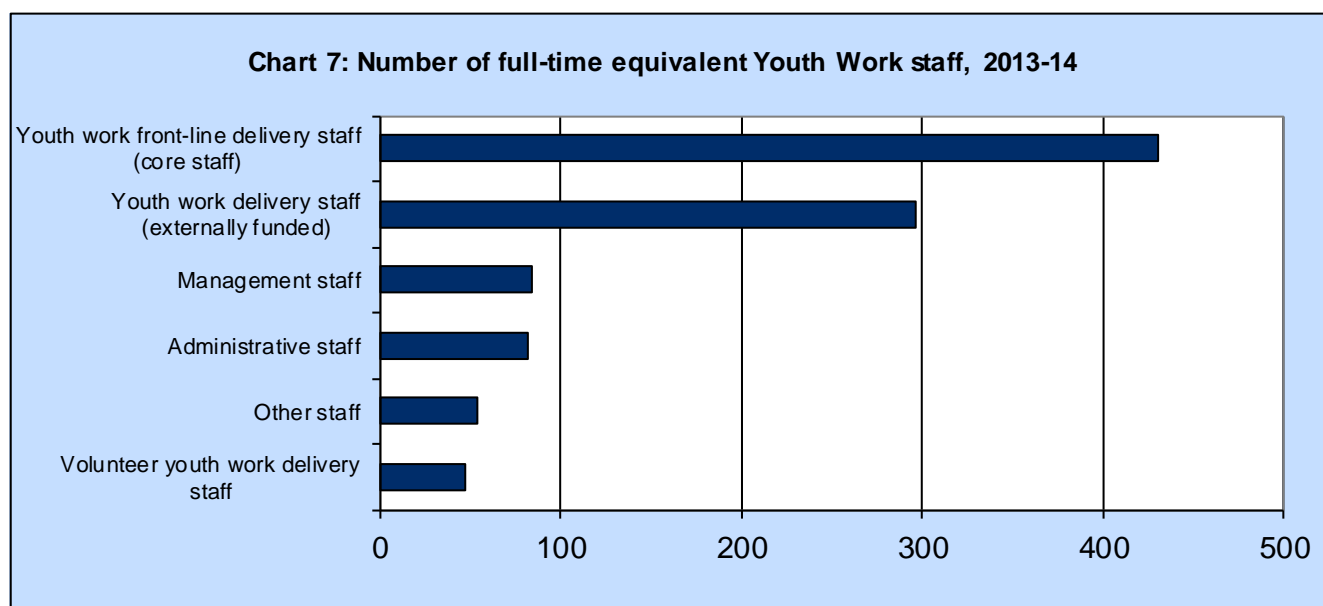
Contacts²

There were over 1,580,000 contacts in Wales in 2013-14. The average number of contacts per member was 13.

Youth Work Staff

At March 2014, there were 811 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Work delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales. 10 per cent (84) of these FTE posts were management staff and 90 per cent (727) were youth work front-line staff (both core and externally funded). The figure remained static for management staff compared with the previous year but there were decreases to both core and externally funded delivery staff (from 752 to 727 in total).

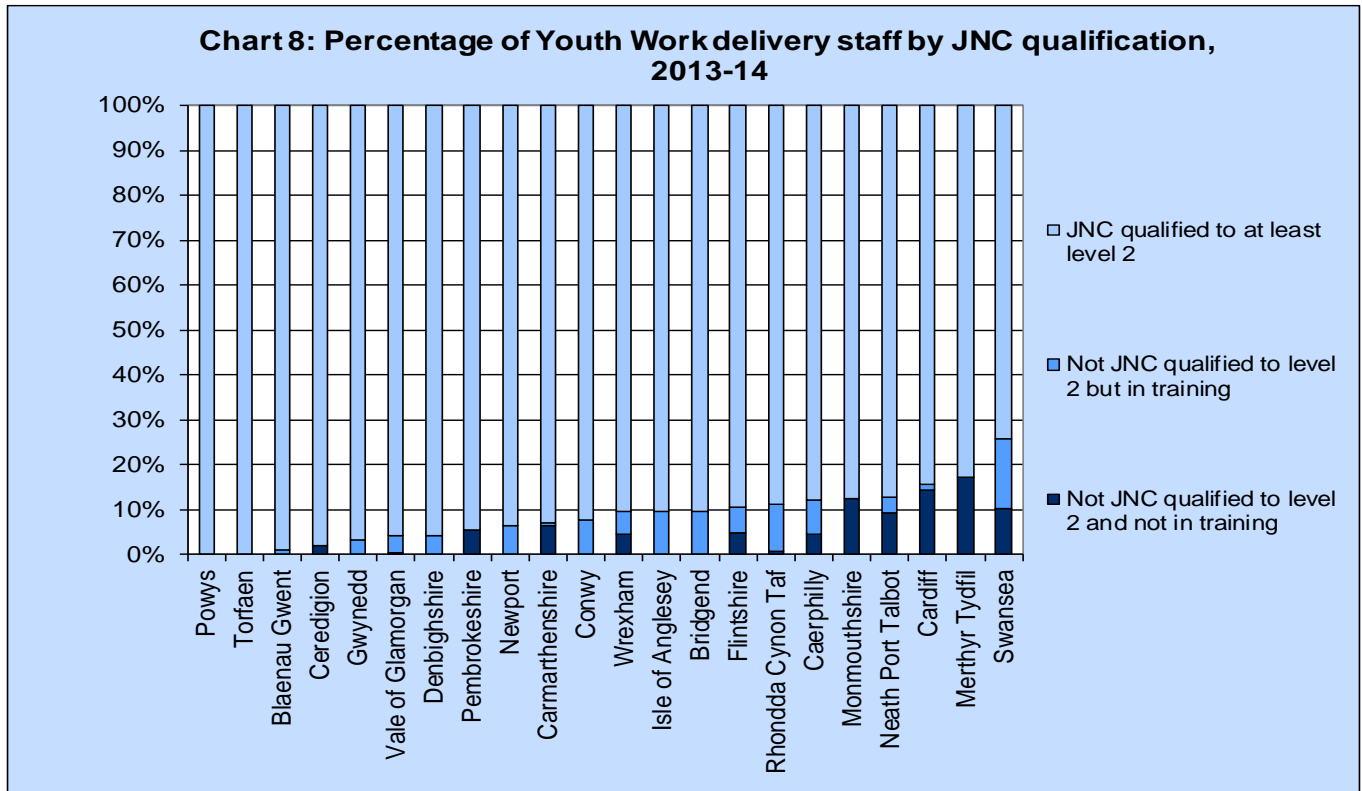
There were a further 48 FTE volunteer youth work delivery staff, and 136 FTE administrative and other staff giving a total of 995 FTE youth work staff in Wales at March 2014. This is a 4 per cent decrease from the total of 1,037 FTE staff at March 2013



² A contact is defined as a session covering up to 3 hours, allowing for 3 sessions to take place per day (morning/afternoon/evening). One contact is an individual attendance at one session.

Qualifications

In 2013-14, 90 per cent of all Youth Work delivery staff held at least level 2³ Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional qualifications (87 per cent in 2012-13). Of those without a level 2 or above JNC qualification, 48 per cent were in training (44 per cent in 2012-13). More detailed information can be found in Table 2.



Staff Ratios

The ratio of FTE management staff to FTE youth work delivery staff in Wales in 2013-14 was around 1:9.

The ratio of registered members aged 11-25 to FTE youth work delivery staff (excluding management staff) was 161 young people per worker in 2013-14. For the 11-19 population, the ratio was 152:1. (Note that these ratios reflect the total registered membership and not attendance at sessions).

³ Degree level, diploma, NOCN3, or any other qualification from JNC level 2 upwards.

Youth Work Finance

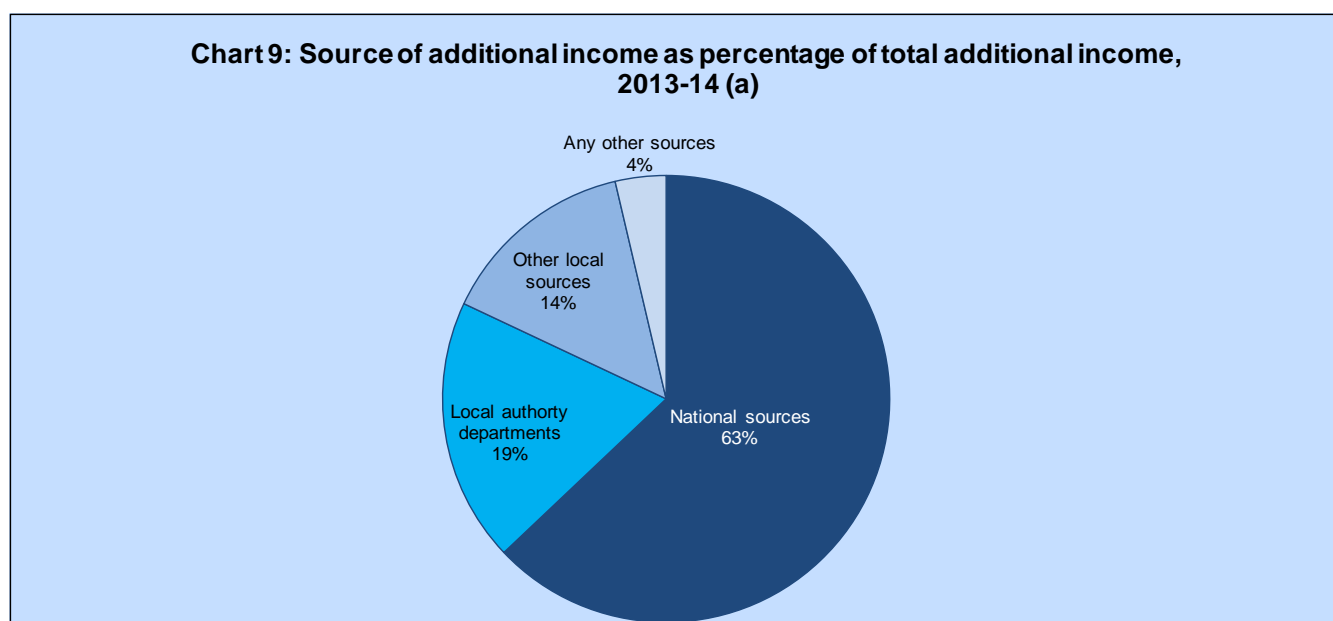
21 of the 22 local authorities provided information about youth work finance.

Income

The total income for Youth Work in 2013-14, for the 21 authorities who returned data, was £40.2 million. In comparison with 2012-13, on a directly equivalent basis, this represents a decrease of 4 per cent.

The total of core Youth Work budgets for the 21 authorities increased by 1 per cent to £23.2 million in 2013-14.

The contribution made by core Youth Work budgets to the total Youth Work income across Wales varied between authorities, ranging from 90 per cent in Conwy to 26 per cent in Carmarthenshire (a similar range to last year).



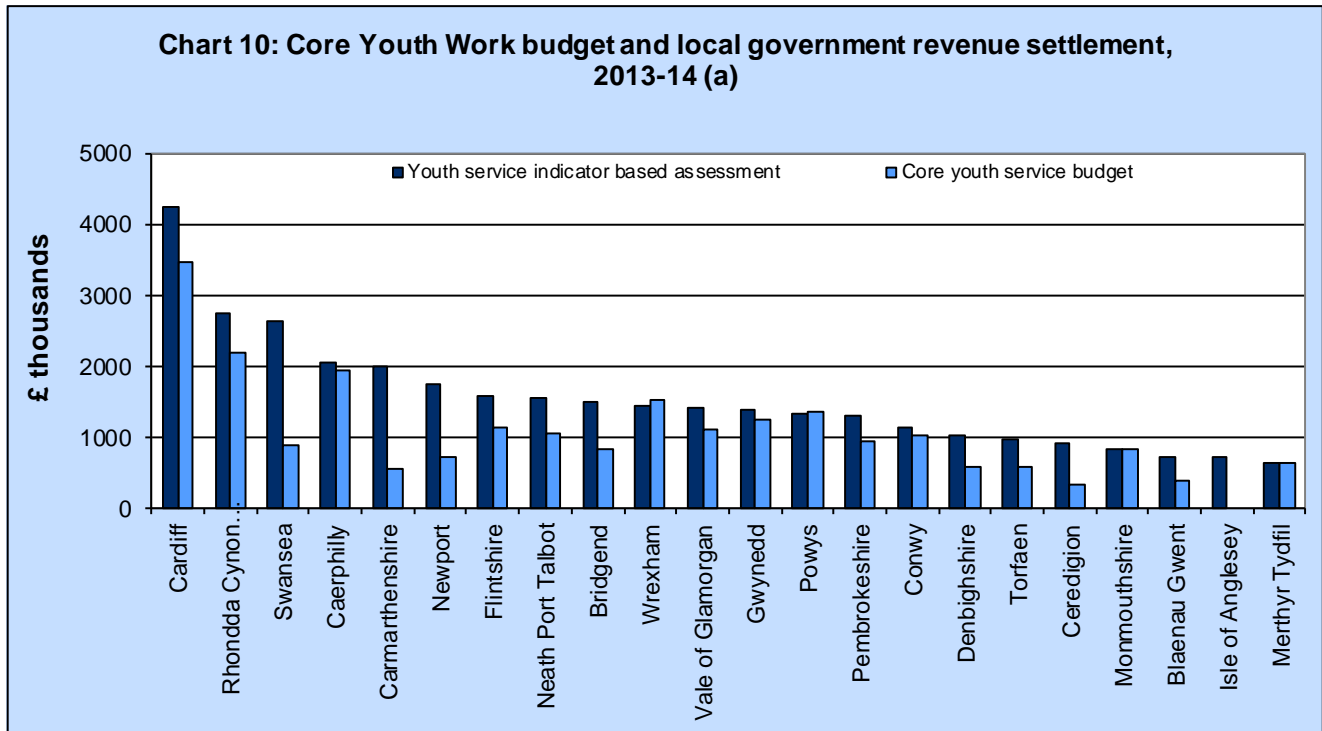
In addition to the core Youth Work budget, the total budget for Youth Work in Wales for 2013-14 (for the 21 authorities) included income of £17 million from other sources, accounting for 42 per cent of the total income. 'National Sources' contributed the majority (£10.7 million or 63 per cent) of these funds, £4.0 million of which was provided by Cymorth.

Other important sources of additional income in 2013-14 were, European funding (£0.9 million), Communities First (£0.7 million) and 14-19 Pathways (£0.4 million).

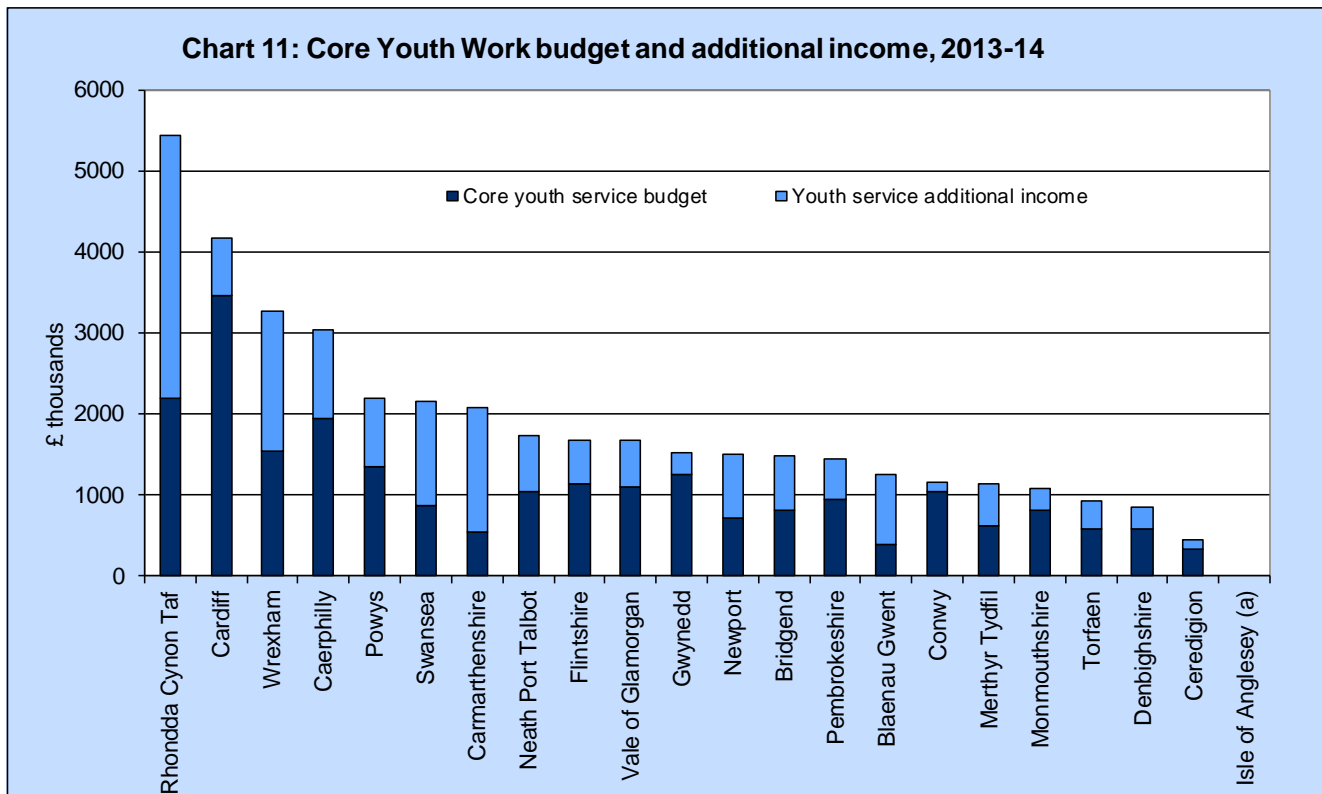
Local Government Revenue Settlement

The Welsh local government revenue settlement includes an indicative figure for each local authority for the provision of the Youth Work in Wales. This indicative figure is based on population and other demographic variables. In 2013-14 the total core Youth Service budget represented 70 per cent of this allocation (based on 21 authorities). More detailed information can be found in Table 3.

Most local authorities had a core budget that was smaller than the revenue settlement indicative figure, and supplemented this core budget with income from other sources. The contributions of the core Youth Work budget and additional income from other sources in each local authority is shown in the following graph.



(a) No Core youth service budget data for Isle of Anglesey



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Expenditure

The total spend by Youth Work provisions in Wales in 2013-14, by the 21 authorities who returned data was £40.5 million. In comparison with 2012-13, on a directly equivalent basis, this represents a decrease of 4 per cent. Expenditure ranged from £0.4 million in Ceredigion, to £5.4 million in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The majority of spending was on employees, at 69 per cent of all expenditure. The remaining expenditure included 10 per cent on resources, 8 per cent on accommodation, 1.5 per cent on staff training and development and 1.4 per cent on capital expenditure.

A further 1 per cent of expenditure was grant aid from the youth service to the voluntary sector. Including contributions from the wider local authority budget, local authorities provided around £1.5 million in grant aid to voluntary youth services in Wales during the year.

Spend per head of population

In 2013-14, the total spend by Youth Work provisions per head of population aged 11-19 years was £126. The core Youth Service budget per head of population aged 11-19 years was £72. Full details can be seen in Table 4.

Table 1: Youth Work Members 2013-14

	11-25 year olds					11-19 year olds		
	Mid-year population estimate 2013	Number of individual members	Members as percentage of population	Members with national accreditations as percentage of total members	Members with local accreditations as percentage of total members	Mid-year population estimate 2013	Number of individual members	Members as percentage of population
Isle of Anglesey	11,219	3,786	34	14	16	6,650	3,681	55
Gwynedd	24,830	6,148	25	10	17	13,003	5,835	45
Conwy	18,536	3,823	21	6	11	11,487	3,641	32
Denbighshire	16,386	4,359	27	21	70	9,930	4,324	44
Flintshire	26,809	2,157	8	9	9	16,183	2,086	13
Wrexham	23,827	7,315	31	3	19	13,767	6,847	50
Powys	21,643	4,346	20	20	15	13,753	3,834	28
Ceredigion	19,207	4,197	22	19	24	8,631	3,960	46
Pembrokeshire	21,065	3,891	18	14	8	12,884	3,723	29
Carmarthenshire	31,943	6,874	22	12	0	19,286	6,520	34
Swansea	50,388	10,134	20	4	4	25,472	9,884	39
Neath Port Talbot	24,029	5,439	23	16	3	14,411	4,905	34
Bridgend	24,649	6,893	28	4	10	14,821	6,076	41
Vale of Glamorgan	22,232	5,114	23	7	22	13,889	4,933	36
Rhondda Cynon Taf	44,933	13,595	30	12	14	24,963	13,394	54
Merthyr Tydfil	10,901	2,462	23	17	12	6,243	2,429	39
Caerphilly	32,697	7,256	22	5	28	19,561	6,683	34
Blaenau Gwent	12,983	2,154	17	19	19	7,325	2,095	29
Torfaen	16,989	3,023	18	7	16	10,153	2,950	29
Monmouthshire	15,436	2,651	17	27	66	10,131	2,572	25
Newport	28,928	4,183	14	7	5	16,600	3,917	24
Cardiff	85,418	7,396	9	9	16	38,191	6,511	17
Wales	585,048	117,196	20	11	16	327,334	110,800	34

Table 2: Percentage of Staff with and without Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) Qualifications 2013-14

	Qualified to at least JNC level 2	Not qualified to at least JNC level 2, but in training	Not qualified to at least JNC level 2, not in training
Isle of Anglesey	90	10	0
Gwynedd	97	3	0
Conwy	92	8	0
Denbighshire	96	4	0
Flintshire	89	6	5
Wrexham	90	5	5
Powys	100	0	0
Ceredigion	98	0	2
Pembrokeshire	94	0	6
Carmarthenshire	93	1	6
Swansea	74	16	10
Neath Port Talbot	87	4	9
Bridgend	90	10	0
Vale of Glamorgan	96	4	1
Rhondda Cynon Taf	89	10	1
Merthyr Tydfil	83	0	17
Caerphilly	88	8	5
Blaenau Gwent	99	1	0
Torfaen	100	0	0
Monmouthshire	88	0	13
Newport	94	6	0
Cardiff	84	1	14
Wales	90	5	5

Table 3: Local Government Revenue Settlement and Core Youth Work budget

	Revenue Settlement (£)				Core Budget (£)				Core Youth Work budget as a percentage of local government revenue settlement			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2010-11	2011-12 (a)	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2010-11	2011-12 (a)	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)
Isle of Anglesey	655,627	653,086	721,086	713,482	612,279	612,279	..	..	93	94	..	..
Gwynedd	1,182,431	1,250,353	1,399,238	1,376,421	1,064,696	1,180,490	1,306,166	1,253,786	90	94	93	91
Conwy	1,040,907	1,049,813	1,150,538	1,138,712	1,134,000	1,112,000	1,088,000	1,035,885	109	106	95	91
Denbighshire	949,339	955,375	1,064,899	1,060,147	719,083	701,539	661,325	587,169	76	73	62	55
Flintshire	1,442,173	1,442,566	1,590,457	1,573,099	1,242,523	1,412,422	1,265,461	1,128,271	86	98	80	72
Wrexham	1,252,727	1,288,862	1,439,519	1,428,478	1,281,568	1,315,254	1,311,115	1,534,636	102	102	91	107
Powys	1,209,893	1,223,625	1,349,114	1,331,974	1,525,404	1,298,891	1,433,589	1,346,077	126	106	106	101
Ceredigion	831,099	891,947	992,384	976,590	322,307	327,651	326,417	321,111	39	37	33	33
Pembrokeshire	1,171,500	1,182,392	1,311,953	1,293,063	908,892	865,677	911,662	948,572	78	73	69	73
Carmarthenshire	1,775,132	1,789,358	1,991,680	1,981,609	765,664	641,209	634,060	549,886	43	36	32	28
Swansea	2,343,132	2,414,556	2,666,181	2,636,454	1,185,800	1,058,500	951,300	871,650	51	44	36	33
Neath Port Talbot	1,416,418	1,410,685	1,554,333	1,537,835	839,529	807,046	787,428	1,044,126	59	57	51	68
Bridgend	1,342,986	1,341,148	1,498,783	1,497,221	1,074,435	1,045,091	959,240	815,050	80	78	64	54
Vale of Glamorgan	1,292,039	1,296,752	1,435,692	1,423,017	1,318,262	1,178,589	1,113,873	1,102,984	102	91	78	78
Rhondda Cynon Taf	2,492,535	2,527,218	2,785,296	2,747,879	2,018,519	1,943,165	2,123,767	2,190,404	81	77	76	80
Merthyr Tydfil	628,849	602,936	655,850	638,784	519,820	513,290	628,550	627,000	83	85	96	98
Caerphilly	1,863,993	1,859,759	2,055,335	2,039,107	1,321,427	1,358,518	1,506,742	1,942,619	71	73	73	95
Blaenau Gwent	786,441	773,749	844,712	822,819	481,320	398,415	404,890	386,230	61	51	48	47
Torfaen	978,753	953,039	1,038,832	1,019,047	582,580	569,922	515,726	574,595	60	60	50	56
Monmouthshire	847,858	835,196	922,799	913,226	548,173	582,000	541,000	819,299	65	70	59	90
Newport	1,592,776	1,609,421	1,762,060	1,738,171	928,407	847,588	835,281	714,812	58	53	47	41
Cardiff	3,694,990	3,855,984	4,274,786	4,243,256	3,908,468	3,526,465	3,696,684	3,450,000	106	91	86	81
Wales	30,791,597	31,207,820	34,505,527	34,130,389	24,303,157	23,296,001	..	..	79	75	..	..
Wales less Isle of Anglesey	30,135,970	30,554,733	33,784,441	33,416,907	23,690,878	22,683,722	23,002,276	23,244,162	79	74	68	70

(a) Isle of Anglesey core budget data not available for 2011-12, 2012-13 or 2013-14. Data for 2010-11 used for 2011-12.

Table 4: Core budget and spend per head of youth population

	Core budget per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)			Total spend per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)			Core budget per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)			Total spend per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)		
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Isle of Anglesey (a)	53	..	..	72	..	..	88	..	..	119	..	..
Gwynedd	48	52	50	60	65	61	89	98	96	110	123	117
Conwy	59	58	56	64	60	61	94	93	90	102	95	98
Denbighshire	42	40	36	53	53	52	67	65	59	84	86	86
Flintshire	51	47	42	76	68	60	84	77	70	125	112	100
Wrexham	54	54	64	142	127	138	93	93	111	243	218	238
Powys	58	65	62	89	88	101	90	102	98	137	136	159
Ceredigion	18	17	17	39	33	23	36	35	37	78	68	52
Pembrokeshire	40	42	45	103	65	68	64	69	74	163	104	111
Carmarthenshire	20	20	17	85	78	64	32	32	29	138	129	106
Swansea	21	19	17	51	43	43	40	36	34	98	83	85
Neath Port Talbot	33	32	43	62	74	72	54	53	72	103	121	121
Bridgend	42	39	33	80	74	74	69	64	55	133	123	123
Vale of Glamorgan	51	49	50	71	66	75	80	78	79	111	105	120
Rhondda Cynon Taf	43	47	49	121	132	120	75	82	88	211	233	216
Merthyr Tydfil	45	57	58	60	61	115	77	98	100	104	106	202
Caerphilly	41	46	59	61	92	93	67	75	99	100	152	155
Blaenau Gwent	30	30	30	85	88	95	50	53	53	145	151	168
Torfaen	33	30	34	50	48	54	53	49	57	82	79	91
Monmouthshire	37	35	53	89	91	70	56	53	81	132	136	106
Newport	29	29	25	74	73	53	49	49	43	125	125	93
Cardiff	42	43	40	54	54	49	89	94	90	116	118	109
Wales	39	74	68	128
wales less Isle of Anglesey	39	40	41	74	73	71	68	70	72	129	128	126

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Notes

Policy/Operational context

This Statistical Release presents detailed information about statutory sector Youth Work provision in Wales for the year 2013-14. The Release is produced annually with data collected as part of the Youth Work provision in Wales survey, carried out each year amongst the 22 local authorities in Wales during the summer. The statistics are used within the Welsh Government, and by local government and practitioners to monitor trends in the membership, finance and staff of Youth Work provisions in Wales.

[The National Youth Work Strategy for Wales](#), which was launched in 2014, replaces the National Youth Service Strategy for Wales; young people, youth work, youth service (2007).

Background

Prior to 2009-10, the collection and publication of statistics about Youth Work in Wales was carried out by the Local Government Data Unit ~ Wales on behalf of the Welsh [Assembly] Government. On 1st April 2010, responsibility for this work transferred to Knowledge and Analytical Services of the Welsh Government.

Key Quality Information

The quality of the data collected through this survey continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the survey, and locally youth services refine their management systems, which were purchased using funding from the Welsh Government revenue grant allocation for 2009/10, to ensure that all the data gathered for the audit is robust, current and accurate. Both of these issues impact upon the comparability of data from year to year.

Since 2011 there has been a considerable amount of work on guidance and definitions to ensure a consistent approach between authorities, to clarify some known issues with earlier surveys, and to reflect current policy.

The data have not yet been assessed as National Statistics.

(r) indicates where data have been revised since the previous edition of the release

Membership

From the 2010-11 survey onwards, local authorities were asked to only include young people registered on the Reach system as active during the year (i.e. those for whom a name, address and date of birth was known.) (Reach is the term used to measure the number of young people engaged in youth work provision from the youth population within a designated area/local authority.) In previous years some local authorities may have additionally included anonymous members. Given this, and improvements to some authorities recording systems, it is not appropriate to compare this data on a like for like basis with earlier years.

Membership should be a count of individual young people and not involve any double counting (through an individual attending more than one type of provision.)

Accreditations

The 2010-11 survey, for the first time, differentiated between young people who had received nationally and locally recognised accreditations:-

Nationally recognised accreditations are those successfully completed under nationally recognised programmes that are assessed and verified, for example: BELA; Agored Cymru/OCN; ASDAN; Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Personal Social Development (PSD).

Locally recognised awards are those successfully completed that are not part of the national programme and are assessed locally, for example: individual modules of DofE or PSD; Mayor's Awards; In-house Certification; Children/Youth University and John Muir Award.

Note that an individual may receive nationally and locally recognised accreditations and as such the data are not comparable with previous years, which was a count of all those with any accreditation.

In previous years information on accreditations has been collected by broad age group. For the 2012-13 survey local accreditations continue to be collected on this basis, but national accreditations are now collected by level or award.

Projects

In previous years there is thought to have been inconsistent interpretations in the recording of projects by local authorities, whereby some authorities may have counted one project within a number of project types, where as others have limited to including each project into one or two project types. From the 2010-11 survey, the location or setting of projects (youth club etc.) has been separated from the type of provision (holiday scheme, Welsh language). Again, this change in the method of collection means that a direct comparison should not be made with previous years.

Note that the count of settings is not the total of projects, as there may be several projects running at each setting. Similarly, the type of project information cannot be summed to give a total number of projects, as the same project can be multiple counted.

Workforce

From the 2010-11 survey onwards the definition of Management staff has been clarified to be those with less than 10 per cent face-to-face contact with young people. There has also been a change in definition from

“Youth work delivery staff – core and Youth work delivery staff – external” to

“Youth work front line staff – core and Youth work staff – externally funded”

This has affected comparability of data with earlier years.

Finance

Improved definitions and validation processes have been applied to the collection of finance information for 2010-11 onwards, resulting in some discontinuity between that data and finance data for prior years.

Isle of Anglesey did not supply finance data for 2013-14, 2012-13 and 2011-12. For 2011-12 we have included estimated data based on their 2010-11 data (excluding income and expenditure related to the WG capital grant, which did not apply in 2011-12). We have not been able to include an estimate for 2013-14 and 2012-13 and therefore data are only in respect of 21 of the 22 authorities

Other data sources

The release includes population estimate data for 2010 to 2013 from Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates by local authority and age, as available at November 2014.

Also included are 2010-11 to 2013-14 Welsh Local Government Revenue Settlement figures from "Green Book".

Further information

Further data is available through StatsWales or through the contact details shown at the front of this release.