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## Youth work in Wales, 2014-15

This Statistical Release presents detailed information about statutory sector Youth Work provision 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. It is intended that through non-formal and informal educational opportunities and experiences youth workers challenge young people to enhance their life chances.

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 authorities 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 2014-15 show:

- Around 106,450 young people were registered members of the statutory sector Youth Work provision in Wales. This figure represented 18 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds in Wales.
- Around 12,400 young people received a nationally recognised accreditation during the year, representing 12 per cent of the registered membership.
- At March 2015, there were 803 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Work management and delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales.
- 89 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, 40 per cent were in training.
- The total income for Youth Work provision across Wales in 2014-15 was £36.6 million. Total income decreased by 11 per cent compared with 2013-14, whilst core budget decreased by 4 per cent (comparison based on 21 authorities only).
- The total spend for Youth Work provision across Wales in 2014-15 was £35.5 million. Total spend decreased by 14 per cent compared with 2013-14 (comparison based on 21 authorities only).

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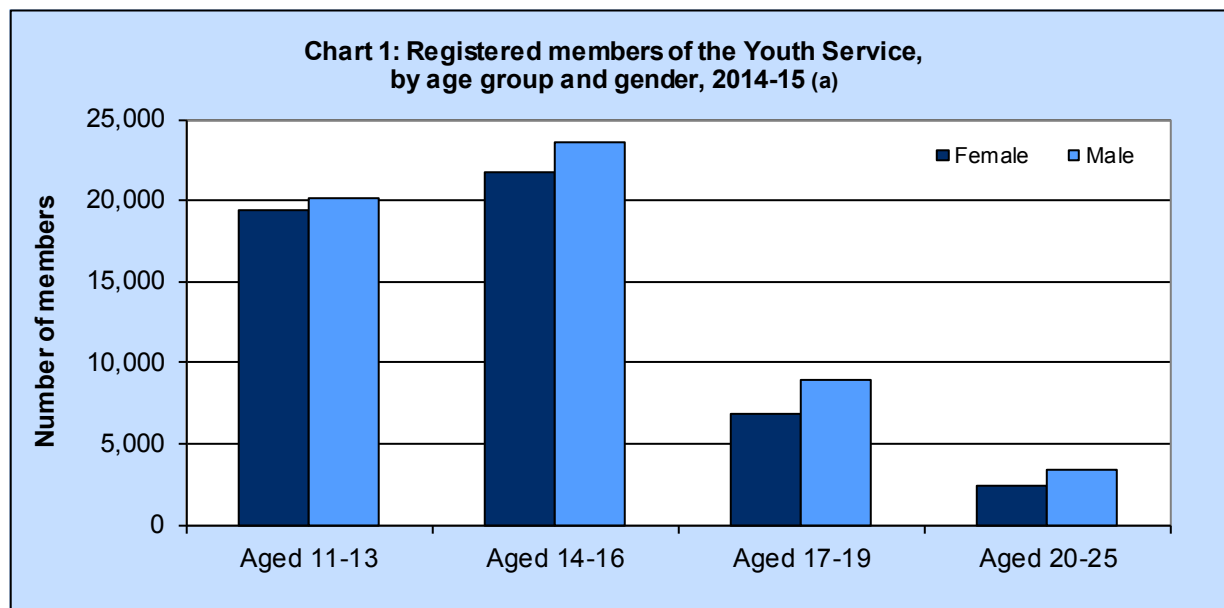
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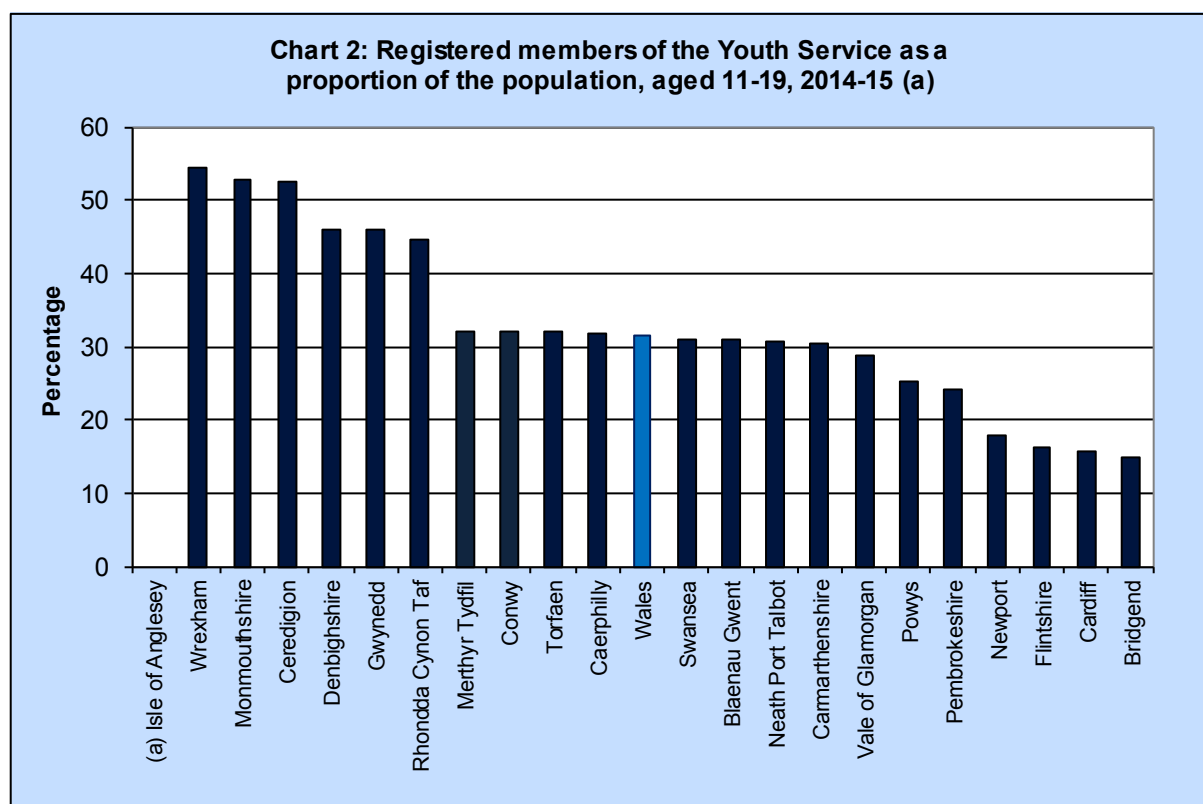
## Registered members<sup>1</sup> of Youth Work provision in Wales

The 22 local authorities in Wales reported that 106,450 young people were registered members of youth work provision in 2014-15 (a), representing 18 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds, a decrease from 21 per cent in 2012/13 and 20 per cent in 2013/14.



(a) One Local Authority did not provide data for 2014-15. Data for 2013-14 used for 2014-15.

37 per cent of members were aged 11-13 years, 43 per cent were aged 14-16 years, 15 per cent were aged 17-19 and 5 per cent were aged 20-25. 53 per cent of the 106,450 were male and 47 per cent were female.



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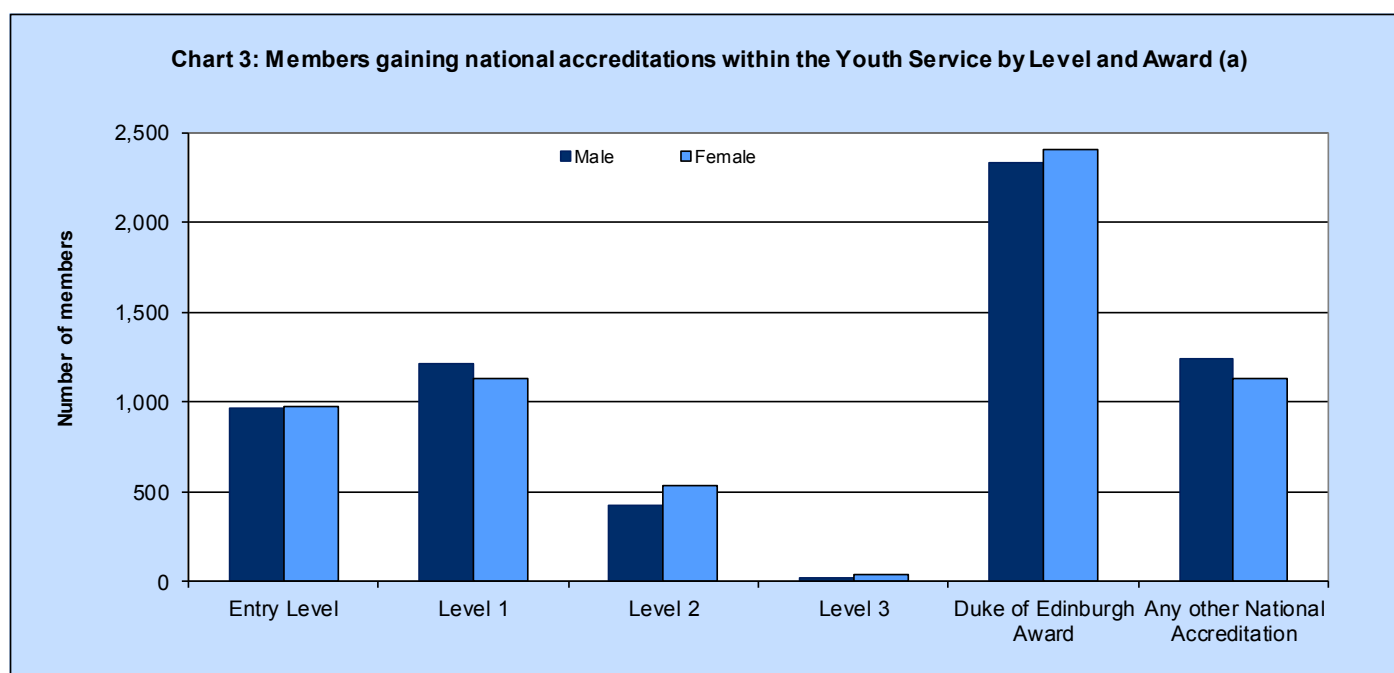
<sup>1</sup> Young people registered on local authority Reach systems as active during the year (i.e. those for whom a name, address and date of birth was known).

100,634 of these members were aged 11-19 years, representing 31 per cent of the 11-19 population. The proportions reported ranged from 54 per cent in Wrexham to 15 per cent in Bridgend. Compared with 2013-14, 9 local authorities reported increased membership and 12 local authorities reported a decrease (excluding one local authority that did not supply 2014-15 data). More detailed information can be found in table 1.

### Accreditation of members

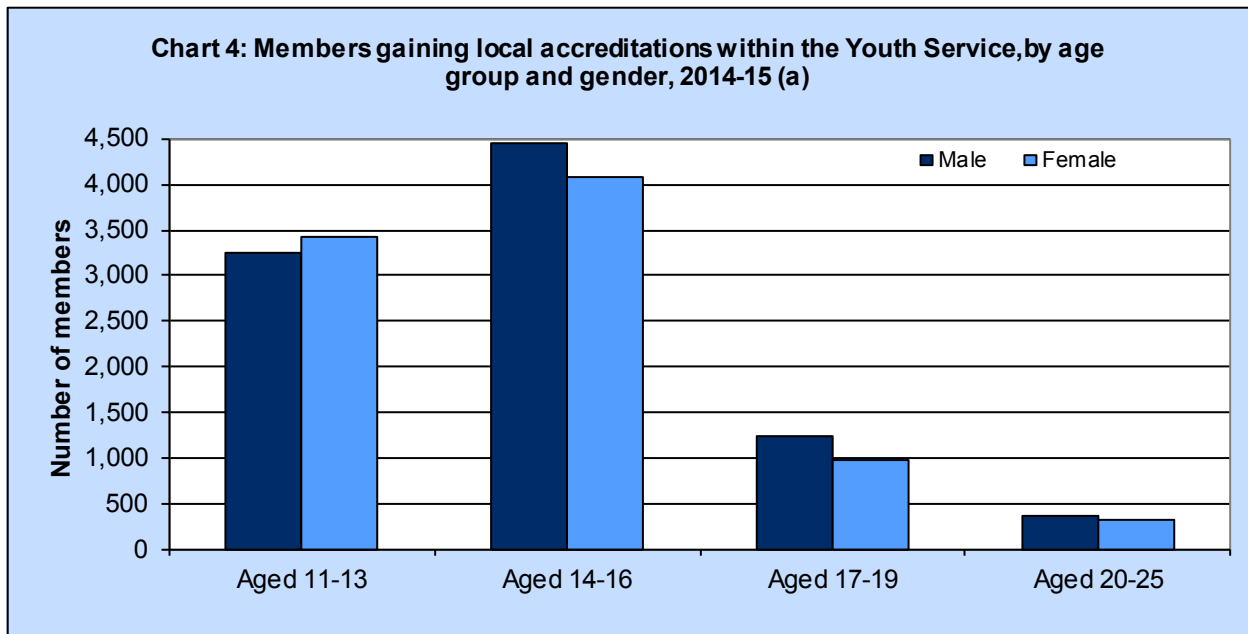
The survey collects information on individuals gaining accreditations through Youth Work provision differentiated between national and locally recognised accreditations.

There were 12,434 young people who were reported as having gained a national accreditation in 2014-15 (12 per cent of all registered members). 18,073 young people (17 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) One Local Authority could not provide all data by levels and have therefore included this data 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. A further local authority did not provide data for 2014-15. Data for 2013-14 used for 2014-15.

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



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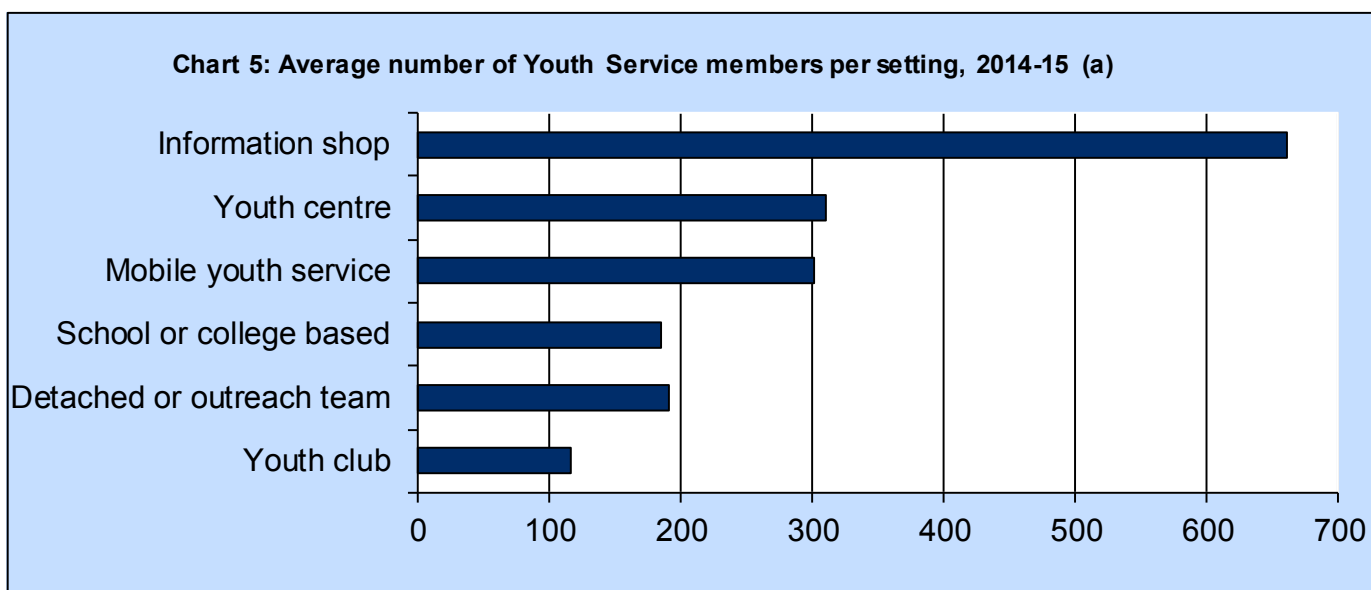
Most young people gaining local accreditations were aged 14-16 (47 per cent) and 11-13 (37 per cent). 12 per cent were aged 17-19 and 4 per cent aged 20-25.

### 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 (426), followed by school and college projects (222) and youth centres (198), with respective membership of 49,400, 41,100 and 61,500. There are 98 detached/outreach teams with 18,700 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.

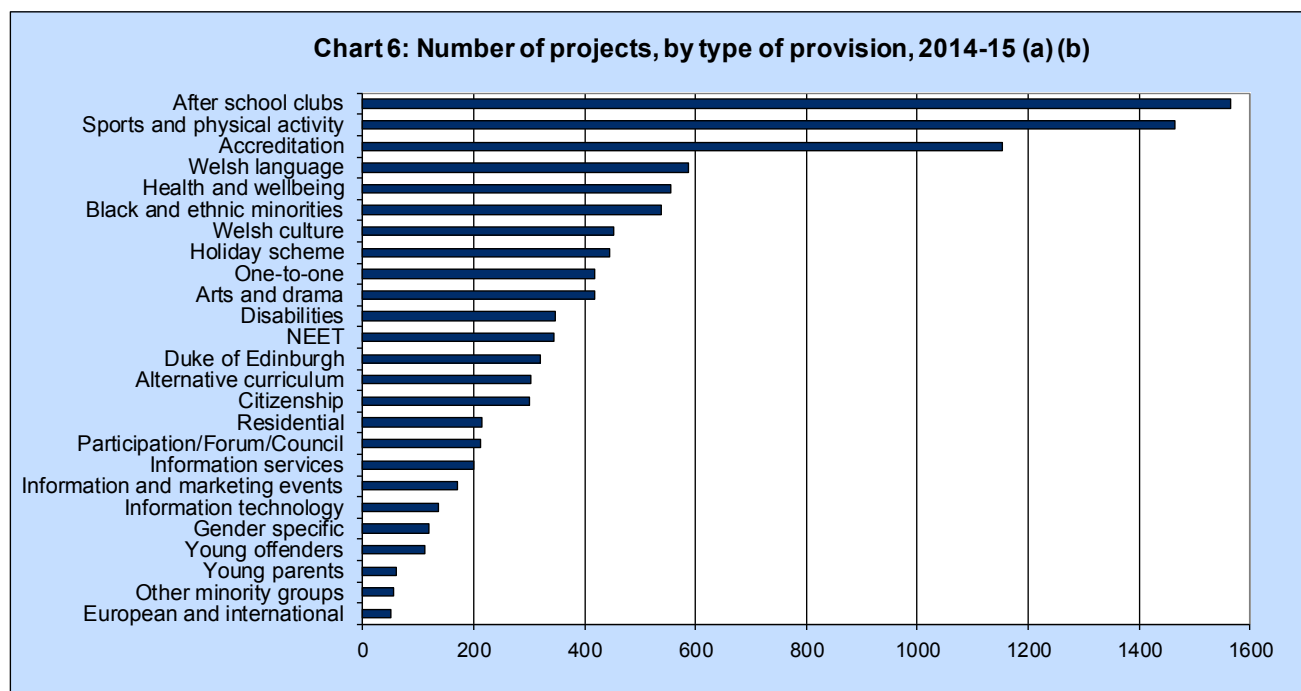
Information shops had the highest number of members per setting, with an average of 661 registered members. Youth clubs had the lowest, with an average of 116 registered members.



(a) One Local Authority did not provide 'Members' data for 2014-15. Data for 2013-14 used for 2014-15.

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.

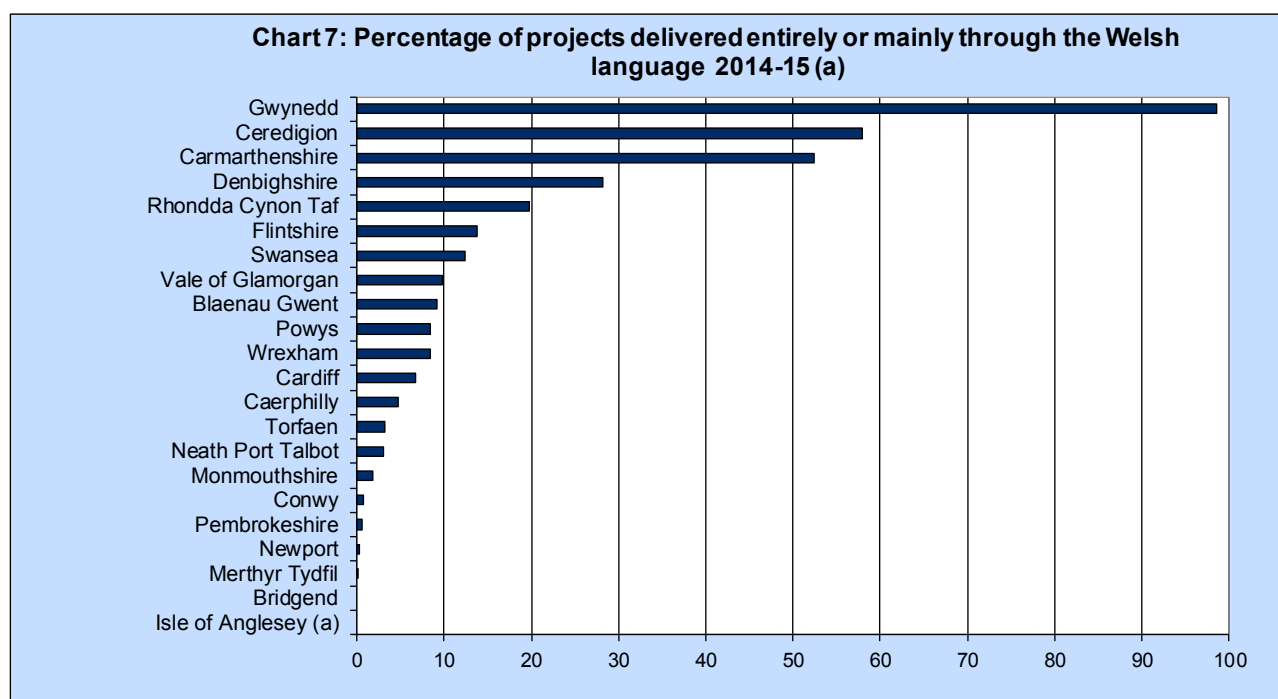
In respect of the 21 authorities who returned this information, most numerous in terms of projects were After School Club projects with 1,565 in Wales and Sports and Physical Activity (1,464).



(a) One project can be recorded within several types of provision.

(b) One Local Authority did not provide data for 2014-15, and therefore data is only in respect of 21 authorities.

19% of all projects were delivered entirely or mainly through the medium of Welsh in Wales (in respect of 21 authorities). The proportion of projects delivered entirely or mainly through the Welsh language was highest in Gwynedd (99%), followed by Ceredigion (58%) and Carmarthenshire (52%).



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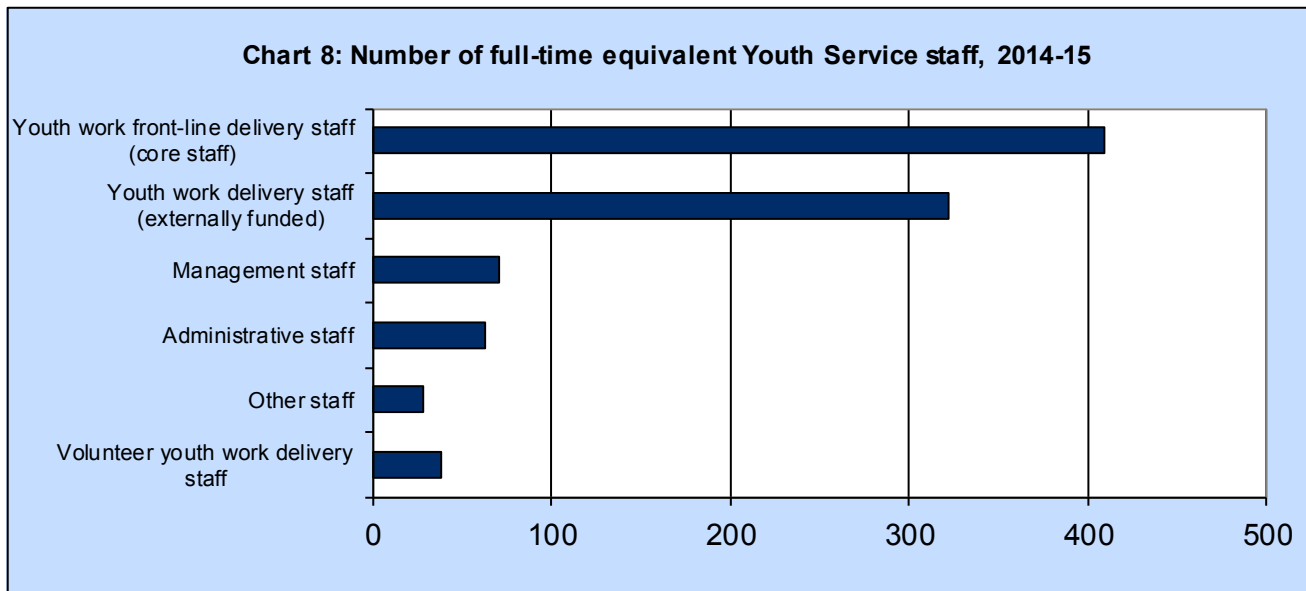
## Contacts<sup>2</sup>

There were over 1,420,000 contacts in Wales in 2014-15. The average number of contacts per member was 13.

### Youth Work Staff

At March 2015, there were 803 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Work delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales. 9 per cent (71) of these FTE posts were management staff and 91 per cent (732) were youth work front-line staff (both core and externally funded). Compared to the previous year, there was a decrease in management staff (from 84 to 71) and core front line delivery staff (430 to 410), and an increase in externally funded delivery staff (296 to 322).

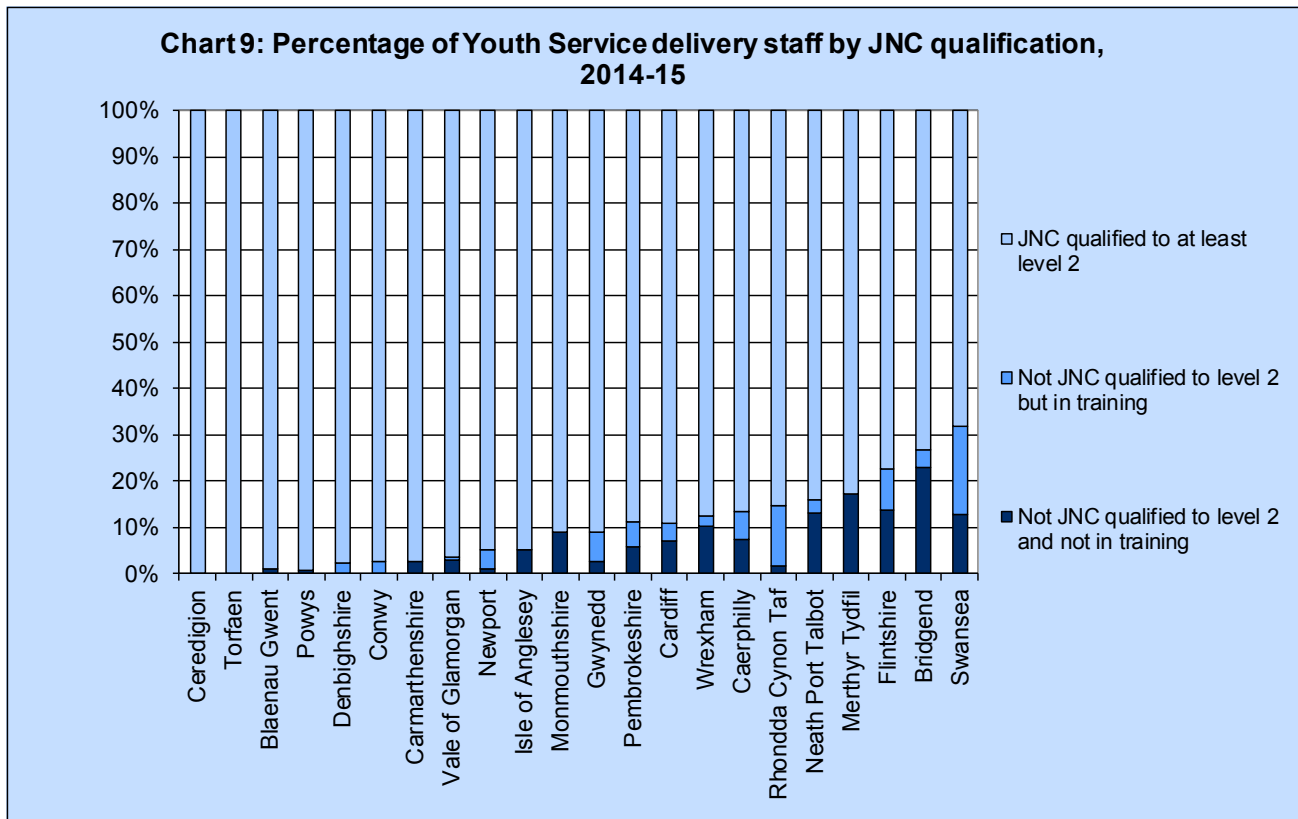
There were a further 38 FTE volunteer youth work delivery staff, and 90 FTE administrative and other staff giving a total of 931 FTE youth work staff in Wales at March 2015. This is a 6 per cent decrease from the total of 995 FTE staff at March 2014, following previous decreases from 1,037 at March 2013 and 1,142 at March 2012.



<sup>2</sup> 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 2014-15, 89 per cent of all Youth Work delivery staff held at least level 2<sup>3</sup> Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional qualifications (90 per cent in 2013-14). Of those without a level 2 or above JNC qualification, 40 per cent were in training (48 per cent in 2013-14). 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 2014-15 was around 1:10.

The ratio of registered members aged 11-25 to FTE youth work delivery staff (excluding management staff) was 145 young people per worker in 2014-15. For the 11-19 population, the ratio was 137:1. (Note that these ratios reflect the total registered membership and not attendance at sessions).

<sup>3</sup> Degree level, diploma, NOCN3, or any other qualification from JNC level 2 upwards.

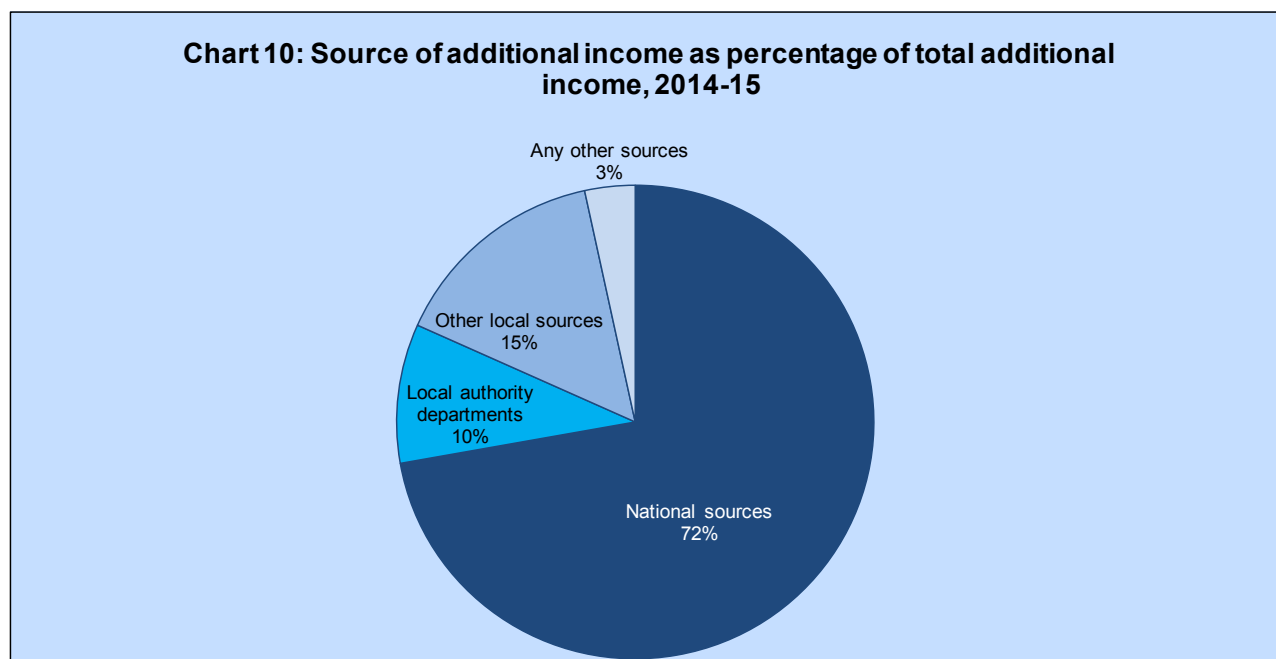
## Youth Work Finance

### Income

The total income for Youth Work in 2014-15 was £36.6 million. It is not possible to provide a direct comparison with 2013-14 because of unavailability of data for that year for one local authority. For the 21 authorities that provided data in both years, there was a decrease of 11 per cent in total income, with income decreasing in 17 authorities. Prior to this total income had fallen by 4 per cent in each of the two previous years from £44.1 million in 2011-12.

The total of core Youth Work budgets in 2014-15 was £22.9 million. For the 21 authorities who provided data in 2013-14 and 2014-15, there was a 4 per cent decrease in core budget, with a decrease taking place in 15 authorities.

The contribution made by core Youth Work budgets to the total Youth Work income across Wales varied between authorities, ranging from 92 per cent in Merthyr Tydfil to 28 per cent in Carmarthenshire.



In addition to the core Youth Work budget, the total budget for Youth Work in Wales for 2014-15 included income of £13.8 million from other sources, accounting for 38 per cent of the total income. 'National Sources' contributed the majority (£9.9 million or 72 per cent) of these funds, £3.8 million of which was provided by Cymorth.

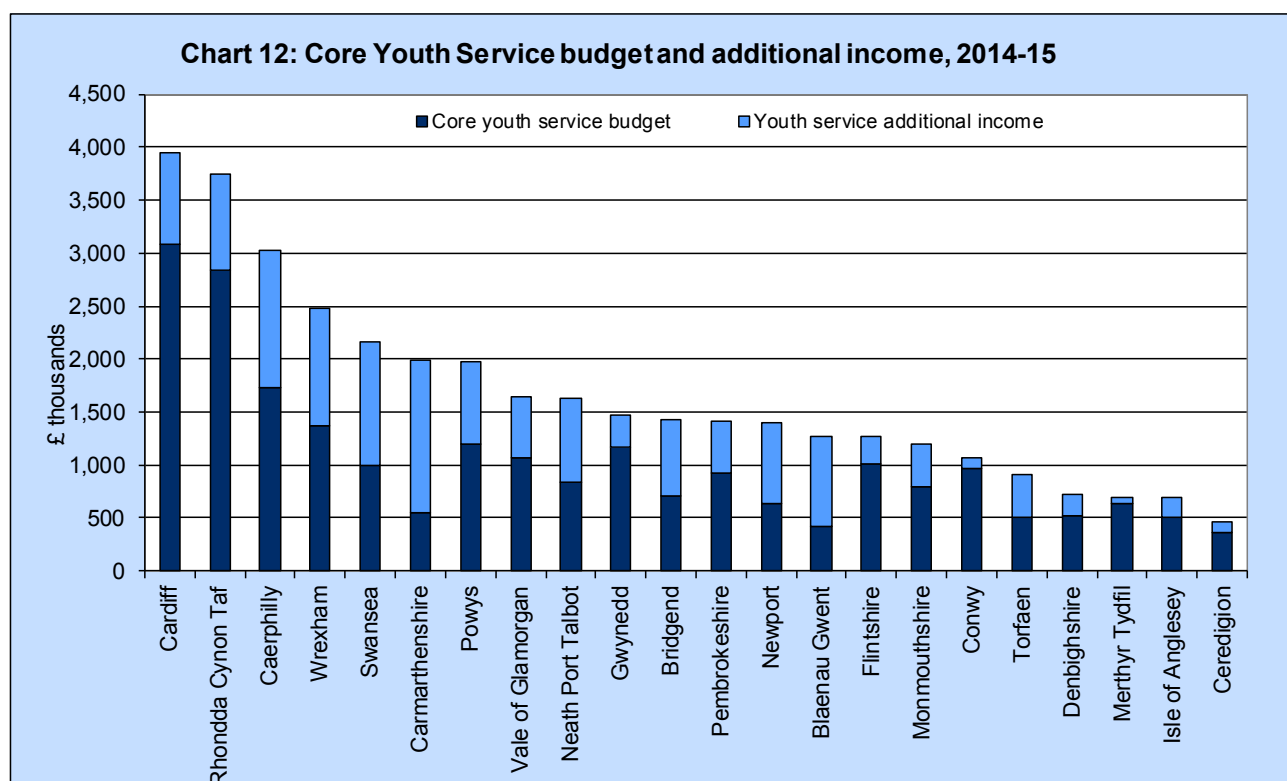
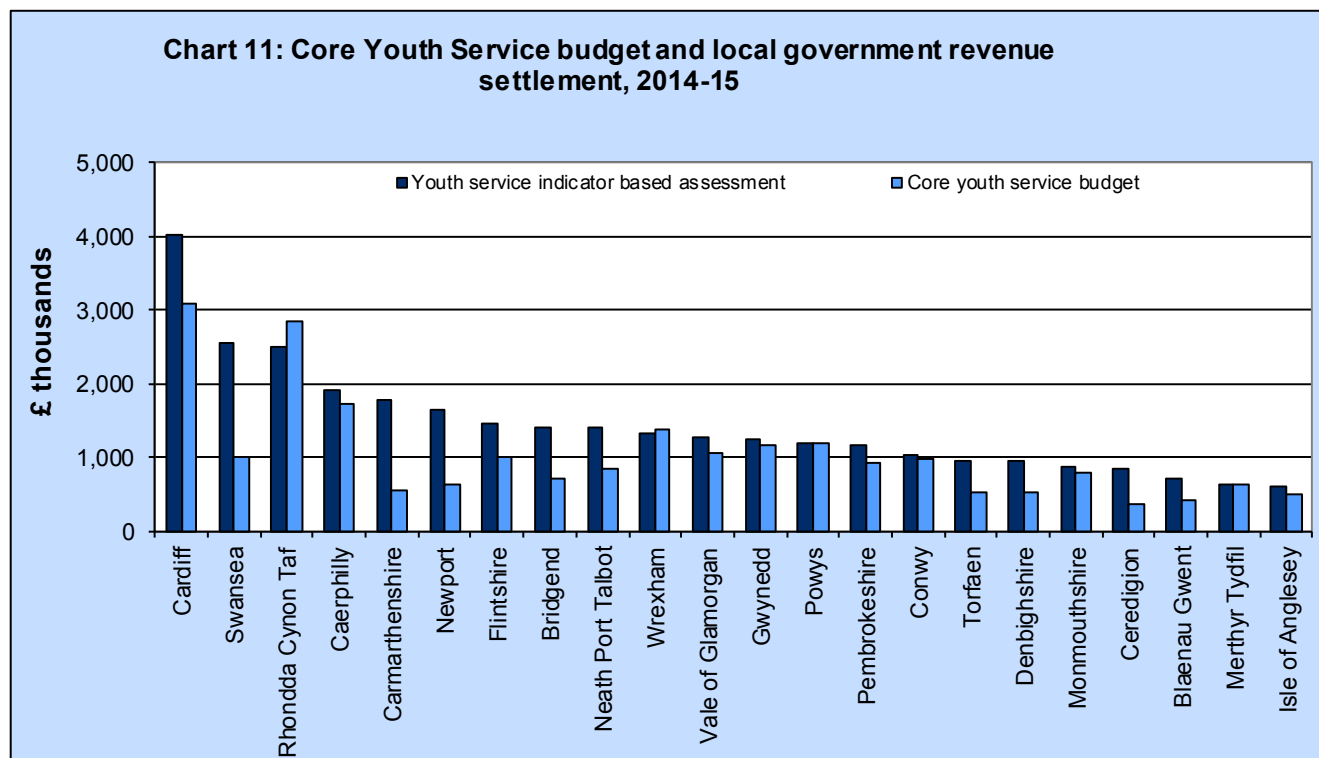
Other sources of additional income in 2014-15 were: Communities First (£0.9 million), European funding (£0.3 million) and 14-19 Pathways (£0.2 million).



## 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 2014-15 the total core Youth Service budget represented 73 per cent of this allocation. 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 (Chart 11). The contributions of the core Youth Work budget and additional income from other sources in each local authority is shown in Chart 12.



## **Expenditure**

The total spend by Youth Work provisions in Wales in 2014-15, by all local authorities, was £35.5 million. For the 21 local authorities who provided data in 2013-14 and 2014-15, there was a decrease of 14 per cent in total spend. Expenditure ranged from £0.46 million in Ceredigion, to almost £4 million in Cardiff. Prior to this there had been decreases in total spend in the previous two years from £43.7 million in 2011-12.

The majority of spending was on employees, at 73 per cent of all expenditure. The remaining expenditure included 9 per cent on resources, 8 per cent on accommodation, 1 per cent on staff training and development and 0.4 per cent on capital expenditure.

A further 2 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 almost £1 million in grant aid to voluntary youth services in Wales during the year.

## **Spend per head of population**

In 2014-15, the total spend by Youth Work provision per head of population aged 11-19 years was £111. The core Youth Service budget per head of population aged 11-19 years was £71. Full details can be seen in Table 4.

**Table 1: Youth Service Members 2014-15 (a)**

	11-25 year olds					11-19 year olds		
	Mid-year population estimate 2014	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 2014	Number of individual members	Members as percentage of population
Isle of Anglesey (a)	10,986	3,786	34	14	16	6,553	3,681	56
Gwynedd	24,760	6,185	25	7	19	12,645	5,794	46
Conwy	18,134	3,808	21	11	11	11,212	3,585	32
Denbighshire	16,098	4,561	28	23	78	9,653	4,429	46
Flintshire	26,406	2,654	10	13	7	15,865	2,595	16
Wrexham	23,453	7,681	33	3	6	13,621	7,406	54
Powys	21,173	3,996	19	31	14	13,415	3,400	25
Ceredigion	18,969	4,571	24	18	37	8,113	4,250	52
Pembrokeshire	20,782	3,240	16	14	8	12,611	3,031	24
Carmarthenshire	31,289	6,079	19	14	0	18,876	5,765	31
Swansea	50,336	8,089	16	4	4	25,291	7,847	31
Neath Port Talbot	23,771	4,919	21	9	21	14,150	4,346	31
Bridgend	24,343	2,485	10	7	10	14,562	2,183	15
Vale of Glamorgan	22,023	4,010	18	14	25	13,646	3,917	29
Rhondda Cynon Taf	44,690	11,285	25	5	5	24,713	11,050	45
Merthyr Tydfil	10,809	2,050	19	36	0	6,135	1,964	32
Caerphilly	32,342	6,347	20	6	35	19,301	6,146	32
Blaenau Gwent	12,604	2,280	18	29	24	7,015	2,167	31
Torfaen	16,671	3,289	20	7	10	9,696	3,097	32
Monmouthshire	15,236	5,302	35	17	29	9,824	5,187	53
Newport	28,252	3,129	11	10	5	16,204	2,901	18
Cardiff	85,742	6,704	8	12	17	37,669	5,893	16
<b>Wales</b>	<b>578,869</b>	<b>106,450</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>320,770</b>	<b>100,634</b>	<b>31</b>

(a) Local Authority did not provide Youth Service members data for 2014-15. Data for 2013-14 used for 2014-15

**Table 2: Percentage of Staff with and without Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) Qualifications 2014-15**

	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	95	0	5
Gwynedd	91	7	3
Conwy	97	3	0
Denbighshire	98	2	0
Flintshire	77	9	14
Wrexham	88	2	10
Powys	98	0	1
Ceredigion	100	0	0
Pembrokeshire	89	5	6
Carmarthenshire	97	0	3
Swansea	68	19	13
Neath Port Talbot	84	3	13
Bridgend	73	4	23
Vale of Glamorgan	96	1	3
Rhondda Cynon Taf	85	13	2
Merthyr Tydfil	83	0	17
Caerphilly	87	6	7
Blaenau Gwent	99	0	1
Torfaen	100	0	0
Monmouthshire	91	0	9
Newport	95	4	1
Cardiff	88	4	7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>

**Table 3: Local Government Revenue Settlement and Core Youth Service budget**

	Revenue Settlement (£)				Core Budget (£)				Core Youth Service budget as a percentage of local government revenue settlement			
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2011-12 (a)	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2014-15	2011-12 (a)	2012-13 (a)	2013-14 (a)	2014-15
Isle of Anglesey	653,086	721,086	713,482	612,898	612,279	..	..	503,499	94	..	..	82
Gwynedd	1,250,353	1,399,238	1,376,421	1,253,297	1,180,490	1,306,166	1,253,786	1,168,892	94	93	91	93
Conwy	1,049,813	1,150,538	1,138,712	1,026,739	1,112,000	1,088,000	1,035,885	967,634	106	95	91	94
Denbighshire	955,375	1,064,899	1,060,147	939,589	701,539	661,325	587,169	523,183	73	62	55	56
Flintshire	1,442,566	1,590,457	1,573,099	1,451,080	1,412,422	1,265,461	1,128,271	1,011,166	98	80	72	70
Wrexham	1,288,862	1,439,519	1,428,478	1,315,317	1,315,254	1,311,115	1,534,636	1,369,669	102	91	107	104
Powys	1,223,625	1,349,114	1,331,974	1,188,471	1,298,891	1,433,589	1,346,077	1,194,879	106	106	101	101
Ceredigion	891,947	992,384	976,590	856,310	327,651	326,417	321,111	358,381	37	33	33	42
Pembrokeshire	1,182,392	1,311,953	1,293,063	1,162,745	865,677	911,662	948,572	927,685	73	69	73	80
Carmarthenshire	1,789,358	1,991,680	1,981,609	1,787,412	641,209	634,060	549,886	551,907	36	32	28	31
Swansea	2,414,556	2,666,181	2,636,454	2,564,181	1,058,500	951,300	871,650	999,700	44	36	33	39
Neath Port Talbot	1,410,685	1,554,333	1,537,835	1,397,321	807,046	787,428	1,044,126	833,643	57	51	68	60
Bridgend	1,341,148	1,498,783	1,497,221	1,398,594	1,045,091	959,240	815,050	714,142	78	64	54	51
Vale of Glamorgan	1,296,752	1,435,692	1,423,017	1,262,397	1,178,589	1,113,873	1,102,984	1,065,689	91	78	78	84
Rhondda Cynon Taf	2,527,218	2,785,296	2,747,879	2,507,491	1,943,165	2,123,767	2,190,404	2,845,473	77	76	80	113
Merthyr Tydfil	602,936	655,850	638,784	616,401	513,290	628,550	627,000	642,000	85	96	98	104
Caerphilly	1,859,759	2,055,335	2,039,107	1,904,701	1,358,518	1,506,742	1,942,619	1,731,689	73	73	95	91
Blaenau Gwent	773,749	844,712	822,819	718,523	398,415	404,890	386,230	422,432	51	48	47	59
Torfaen	953,039	1,038,832	1,019,047	960,683	569,922	515,726	574,595	511,667	60	50	56	53
Monmouthshire	835,196	922,799	913,226	858,901	582,000	541,000	819,299	796,000	70	59	90	93
Newport	1,609,421	1,762,060	1,738,171	1,641,735	847,588	835,281	714,812	629,912	53	47	41	38
Cardiff	3,855,984	4,274,786	4,243,256	4,033,641	3,526,465	3,696,684	3,450,000	3,083,857	91	86	81	76
<b>Wales</b>	<b>31,207,820</b>	<b>34,505,527</b>	<b>34,130,389</b>	<b>31,458,427</b>	<b>23,296,001</b>	..	..	<b>22,853,099</b>	<b>75</b>	..	..	<b>73</b>
<b>Wales less Isle of Anglesey</b>	<b>30,554,733</b>	<b>33,784,441</b>	<b>33,416,907</b>	<b>30,845,529</b>	<b>22,683,722</b>	<b>23,002,276</b>	<b>23,244,162</b>	<b>22,349,600</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>

(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. No data included for 2012-13, 2013-14

**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)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Isle of Anglesey (a)	..	..	46	..	..	63	..	..	77	..	..	105
Gwynedd	52	50	47	65	61	59	98	96	92	123	117	116
Conwy	58	56	53	60	61	56	93	90	86	95	98	91
Denbighshire	40	36	32	53	52	45	65	59	54	86	86	76
Flintshire	47	42	38	68	60	47	77	70	64	112	100	78
Wrexham	54	64	58	127	138	106	93	111	101	218	238	182
Powys	65	62	56	88	101	93	102	98	89	136	159	147
Ceredigion	17	17	19	33	23	24	35	37	44	68	52	57
Pembrokeshire	42	45	45	65	68	68	69	74	74	104	111	113
Carmarthenshire	20	17	18	78	64	64	32	29	29	129	106	105
Swansea	19	17	20	43	43	43	36	34	40	83	85	86
Neath Port Talbot	32	43	35	74	72	68	53	72	59	121	121	115
Bridgend	39	33	29	74	74	59	64	55	49	123	123	98
Vale of Glamorgan	49	50	48	66	75	75	78	79	78	105	120	121
Rhondda Cynon Taf	47	49	64	132	120	69	82	88	115	233	216	124
Merthyr Tydfil	57	58	59	61	115	50	98	100	105	106	202	88
Caerphilly	46	59	54	92	93	89	75	99	90	152	155	149
Blaenau Gwent	30	30	34	88	95	99	53	53	60	151	168	177
Torfaen	30	34	31	48	54	54	49	57	53	79	91	94
Monmouthshire	35	53	52	91	70	76	53	81	81	136	106	118
Newport	29	25	22	73	53	51	49	43	39	125	93	88
Cardiff	43	40	36	54	49	46	94	90	82	118	109	105
<b>Wales (b)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>

(a) Core budget data not available for 2012-13 or 2013-14

(b) Wales average is calculated excluding Isle of Anglesey for 2012-13 and 2013-14

## Notes

### Policy/Operational context

This Statistical Release presents detailed information about statutory sector Youth Work provision in Wales for the year 2014-15. The Release is produced annually with the statistics used within the Welsh Government, and by local government and practitioners to monitor trends in the membership, finance and staff of Youth Work provision in Wales. [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. It is intended that through non-formal and informal educational opportunities and experiences youth workers challenge young people to enhance their life chances.

### Key Quality Information

Data are 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. Information is collected via Excel spreadsheets which are transferred via the Afon file transfer website which provides a secure method for users to submit data.

Copies of the current Youth work data collection form and guidance are available at the following link: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/youth-service-data-collection>

The spreadsheets allow respondents to validate their own data before sending to the Welsh Government. Local authorities are asked to provide explanatory comments where large changes have occurred. This helps ensure that the data received by the Welsh Government is already of a high quality. Examples of validation checks within the forms include year-on-year changes, cross checks with other relevant data tables and checks to ensure data is logically consistent, for example comparison of registered membership against population estimates.

Once data is received by Welsh Government, it goes through further validation and verification checks, for example, common sense checks, arithmetic consistency checks, cross checks against the data for the previous year and tolerance checks. Validation errors are followed up with local authorities to seek resolution, in the small number of cases we fail to get an answer within a reasonable timescale, we will use imputation if appropriate to fix the error. The method of imputation and the affected data is highlighted through this 'quality information' section.

The quality of the data collected through the Youth Work provision in Wales survey continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the survey, and local authorities providing youth work provision continue to refine their management systems and data, to ensure that all the data gathered for the audit is robust, consistent, current and accurate. Both of these issues impact upon the comparability of data from year to year.

Known data quality issues are highlighted by section below.

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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, responsibility for this work transferred to Knowledge and Analytical Services of the Welsh Government.

The data have not yet been assessed as National Statistics.

## **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.)

*Within this release:* Isle of Anglesey have not provided membership data for 2014-15 and therefore data provided for 2013-14 has been used as the best estimate.

## **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 from 2010-11 onwards are not comparable with previous years, which was a count of all those with any accreditation.

Prior to 2012-13 information on accreditations was collected by broad age group. For the 2012-13 survey onwards local accreditations continue to be collected on this basis, but national accreditations are now collected by level or award.

*Within this release:* Isle of Anglesey did not provide data on accreditations for 2014-15 and therefore 2013-14 is used in place. Caerphilly could not provide national accreditation data by levels and have therefore included this data within the "Any other National Accreditation" category.

## **Projects**

Prior to 2010-11 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.



From 2013-14, information on the medium of delivery of projects has been collected (although only included in release for 2014-15), with local authorities identifying projects delivered mainly or entirely (70% or above) through the medium of Welsh.

*Within this release*, Isle of Anglesey could not provide breakdown of projects by provision or medium of delivery for 2014-15, and therefore these data are in respect of 21 authorities only.

## **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.

*Within this release*, 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 2012 to 2014 from Office for National Statistics Mid-Year Population Estimates by local authority and age, as available at October 2015.

Also included are 2011-12 to 2014-15 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.



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