

Museum collections tell the stories of the people of Wales

Welsh museums collect to tell the many stories of Wales' vibrant and diverse communities. Museums need to care for the objects they already hold and ensure they grow and cherish new collections to ensure those diverse communities are represented.

In 2022:

- There are over 6,300,000 objects held in museum collections across Wales. Almost 80 per cent of them are held in national museums.
- Almost all museums offer some online access to their collections. Over half do this through the People's Collection Wales website.
- More than half of museums report that their stores are already overcrowded. 9 out of 10 museums in Wales expect to be overcrowded less than 5 years
- Museums are at risk from flooding with 13 per cent at a medium risk or higher of flooding from rivers. 17 per cent are at a medium risk or higher from surface water or small watercourses.

Objects held by museums and new acquisitions (Spotlight 2022)



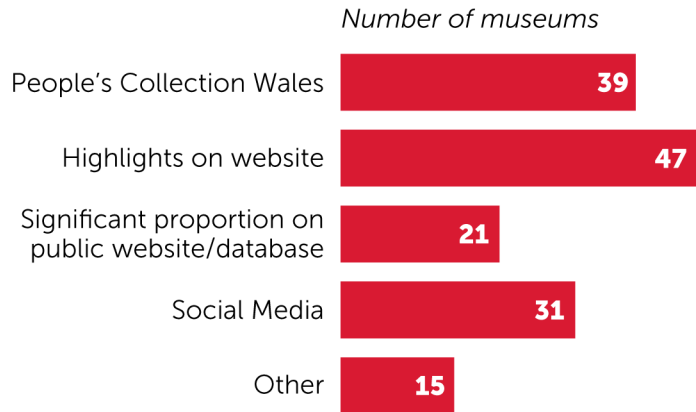
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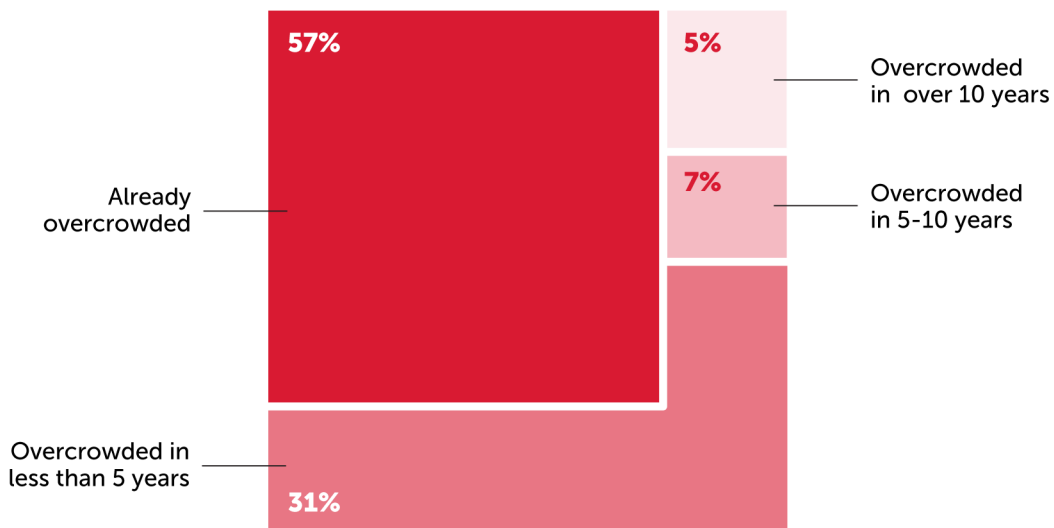


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Online access to museum collections (Spotlight 2022)



Museum stores overcrowding (Spotlight 2022)



RESPONDENTS' WORDS

"Making some collections accessible online. Working towards accreditation that will assist in improving care and access of the collections"

"We have increased the number of historically significant engines running in the museum. Some of these are the only operational examples in the world"

"Lack of storage for new acquisitions"



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