

# Leveraging Collections for Cultural Enrichment

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 2024:

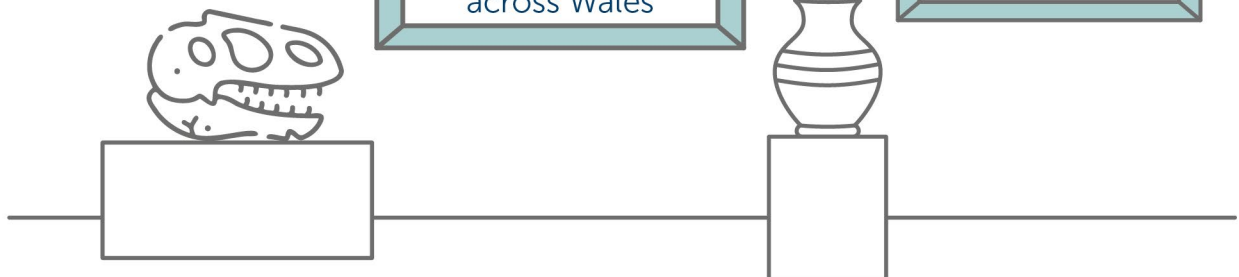
- There are over 6,782,461 objects held in museum collections across Wales. 78 per cent of them are held in national museums.
- Two-thirds offer some online access to their collections.
- Welsh museums are increasing and diversifying their online visitor offer.
- More than half of museums report that their stores are already overcrowded. 87 per cent of museums in Wales expect to be overcrowded in less than 5 years.
- 1,366 objects were reported as leaving museum collections by gift, sale or destruction in line with best practice.
- 15.5 per cent of museums are at medium to high risk of flooding from rivers. 17 per cent are at a medium to high flood risk from surface water or small watercourses.

## Objects in Welsh museums and new acquisitions in 2023/24

**922**  
new  
purchases

Almost  
**7 million**  
**objects**  
held in museums  
across Wales

**11,560**  
new gifts



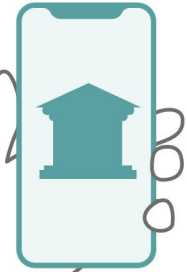
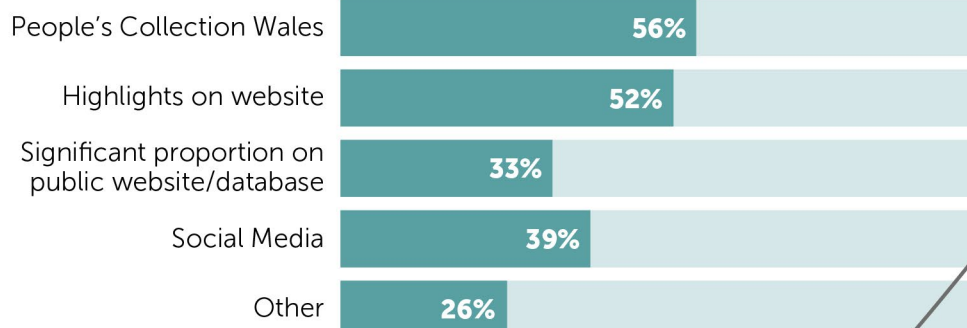
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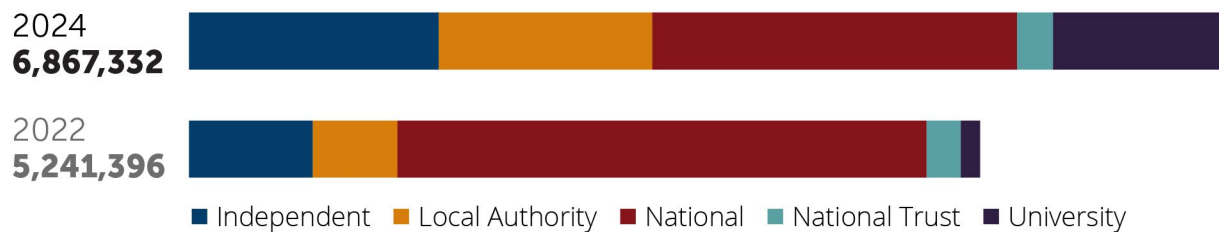
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## SPOTLIGHT

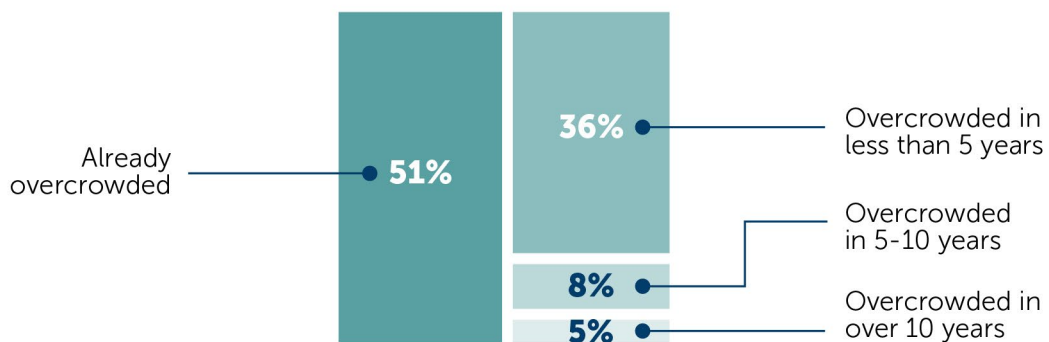
### Number of museums offering online access to collections



### Annual online visitor figures



### Museum stores overcrowding



### Respondents' Words

*The museum is part of the CELF galleries network and have sought Amgueddfa Cymru's support with regard to loans, conservation and security as part of this.*