

Statistics Wales Quarterly Update

September 2017

This is the latest in a series of quarterly updates for users of Welsh statistics on our latest developments, consultations and plans.

A full list of our most recent publications can be found [on our publication calendar](#)

Social Justice and Equality

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

We have changed [our webpages on WIMD](#) and on the [indicator data](#) to help users get what they want faster and better understand WIMD and what is published when. Please have a look and tell us what you think, good or bad! The next indicator data update is in December 2017.

Households Below Average Income (HBAI)

In June we published our new analysis of the HBAI series, looking at family characteristics, economic status, tenure, ethnicity and other factors. This included [new StatsWales tables](#) and [Slides containing key points and charts](#).

Community Safety

[Fire and Rescue Incident Statistics](#) were published in August – with additional analysis on Special Service Incidents, which include road traffic collisions, flooding incidents, medical incidents etc.

For further information please contact <mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales>

Health

National Survey for Wales: Population health

The first results for population health from the National Survey have been published. The Welsh Health Survey is now included in the [National Survey for Wales](#).

Other notable publications

The first official statistics publication of the [maternity indicators dataset](#)

The Office for National Statistics have published their annual [births and deaths statistics for 2016](#)

All can be found on the [Statistics and Research website](#):
For further information please contact:
Stats.healthinfo@gov.wales

Publication of Well-being of Wales 2016-17

On 25 September the [first statutory Well-being of Wales Report 2016/17](#) was published. The report focuses on the collective progress of our nation towards the seven well-being goals agreed by the National Assembly for Wales in 2015.

The report includes

- a progress report against each of the seven well-being goals using data relating to relative national indicators and additional contextual information where appropriate.
- [a description and chart of recent trends against each of the 46 national indicators for Wales](#), providing links to the data sources, using Power BI reports linked directly from StatsWales open data

We welcome feedback on the report and will shortly be issuing a blog with a short user survey.

Education & Skills

Consistent measures for post-16 learning in Wales

[A summary of responses to the consultation exercise](#) was published in July. Following on from this, policy officials are undertaking a series of meetings with local authorities and schools to discuss plans in more detail. Experimental data was issued to individual colleges and schools with sixth forms (not to be published) to give an indication of outcomes based on the proposed attainment measures.

Welsh Language

Measuring the journey to a million Welsh speakers

The new Welsh Language Strategy Cymraeg 2050: a million Welsh speakers was published recently and contains an ambitious target of a million Welsh speakers by 2050. A [recent blog](#) describes how we went about measuring how we might meet this target. The demographic-only projections and the trajectory used in the strategy are available on [StatsWales](#)

Economy and Labour Market

HMRC

The Regional Trade Statistics Q2 2017 release announced for publication on the 7 September 2017 has been delayed by HMRC, to allow additional time to resolve issues identified in the merging of HMRC data with the Interdepartmental Business Register and to complete essential quality assurance.

Priority sectors

The next update of the priority sector statistics is scheduled for the 27 September 2017.

Consultation

The Welsh Government is planning a consultation on economy and labour market statistical outputs. Further information will be circulated once it's gone live.

Data sharing

Consultation on Codes of Practice for data sharing under the Digital Economy Act 2017

The UK Government is currently consulting on aspects of the data sharing provisions that were made into law by the Digital Economy Act 2017 (see [earlier briefing paper](#)).

This includes consultation on Codes of Practice around uses of data for operational delivery, use of civil registration data, accreditation of researchers, and changes to data systems that are used to supply data for statistical purposes.

As the Act applies to Wales, it is important that public authorities in Wales consider the implications of the Codes of Practice to their work.

The consultation documents can be found [here](#).

Environment & Housing

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (WHCS)

A successful pilot of the survey systems and procedures took place in May. Fieldwork started at the beginning of August and will conclude in April 2018. The aim is that first results will be available in autumn 2018, with updated fuel poverty estimates by the end of 2018. A consultation with stakeholders and users is planned for the end of this year to inform how best to disseminate the data.

Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR- formerly known as the 'Dwelling Spine') A project manager to lead this work stream has been appointed to progress the development of this resource to link data about the characteristics, fabric, condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock in Wales. This will be used alongside the results of the WHCS to provide improved modelling of the survey data to a lower level of geography as well as more up-to-date data than that available from occasional housing condition surveys.

Housing Statistical Releases

Annual releases covering '[Social Landlord Housing Sales, 2016-17](#)'; '[Homelessness in Wales 2016-17](#)' and '[Social landlord Housing Stock and Rents as at 31 March 2017](#)' were all published during July and August 2017.

We have continued to work with policy colleagues, data providers and key stakeholders such as the WLGA to improve the quality and consistency of the data collected and published on statutory homelessness. Following discussion with the Office for Statistics Regulation, which is the regulatory arm of the UK Statistics Authority, the temporary National Statistics de-designation came to an end in July 2017. The annual National Rough Sleeper count will take place in early November 2017 with results to be published on 1 February 2018.

The following housing research projects are currently underway:

- **Supporting People Administrative Data Project** - this is a three year project with annual reporting.
- **Evaluation of Extra Care** provision in Wales
- Evaluation of the changes made to **Homelessness Legislation** (Housing (Wales) Act 2014).
- Evaluation of **Rent Smart Wales** (the registering and licensing of landlords in Wales) - the first report was published in November 2016, and the final report is due for publication in Autumn 2017.
- Evaluation of the **homelessness services available to adults leaving the adult secure estate** - the report is expected to be published in 2018.
- A review of the **social housing rent policy** - the final report is expected in 2018.

All housing research reports can be found on the [Statistics and Research website](#).

Environment Statistical Releases

Provisional [local authority municipal waste management data](#) for Q4 2016-17 was published on 24 August. Final data for 2016-17 will be published in October 2017.

Trial Agricultural Statistics added to StatsWales

In August some data on [agriculture statistics](#) was added to StatsWales for the first time. The data relates to estimates for 2014 but the main aim is to test to what extent this sort of release of data is valuable to users. We seek feedback on the details of which breakdowns are shown and the categories within them.

National Survey

2016-17 results and analysis

On 28 June 2017, we published the [first release](#) from the 2016-17 survey, which is accompanied by tables and charts in our [excel results viewer](#). This will be followed by a series of topic specific outputs. The list of planned future bulletins can be found on the [National Survey website](#)

We have published a bulletin on [Internet access and online public services](#) based on the 2016-17 results.

Bulletins on 'Child health lifestyle' and 'Illnesses' will be published on 20 September; and 'Mental health and well-being', 'barriers faced by disabled people' and 'arts, heritage sites, museums and libraries' will be published in October.

National Survey – 2017-18

The 2017-18 National Survey is currently under way; the [questionnaire](#) is published on our website.

National Survey – 2018-19

The new questions proposed for inclusion in 2018-19 have recently been cognitively tested, and the questionnaire is now being finalised so that it can be programmed and tested further by the survey contractor.

More information about the survey can be found on the [National Survey website](#) or by contacting surveys@gov.wales

Transport

Publications:

We have published releases on rail transport, rail station usage, public service vehicles, air transport, sea transport, police recorded road casualties, pedal cyclist casualties, motorcyclist user casualties, young people road casualties.

Stats Wales

Recent additions to Stats Wales are rail transport, public service vehicles, road accidents, casualties and individual accident level data.

Traffic Master Data:

Following on from the vehicle speeds on Welsh motorways, we are looking to develop similar analysis on the A55.

Transport Consultation

The Welsh Government is planning to hold a consultation on transport statistical outputs. Further information will be circulated once it's gone live.

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