

## Statistics Wales quarterly update March 2020

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 [upcoming calendar](#).

### Economy and labour market

We have continued to update [key economic statistics](#) monthly. In January, we published updated statistics on [quarterly labour market data from the Annual Population Survey](#), [short term output indicators](#), [business demography](#) and [regional economic and labour market profiles](#). In February we published an update to [gross domestic product \(GDP\)](#).

The GDP estimate is the third produced from the Office for National Statistics' new experimental series. We are continuing to gather views on whether there is a need for both GDP and short term output indicators (STOI). GDP is conceptually similar to STOI. If you use either of these sources we would like to hear from you. Specifically:

- How do you use the statistics?
- How important are they to you?
- Are there examples where you use STOI but wouldn't be comfortable using GDP?

If you would like to get in touch please contact [economic.stats@gov.wales](mailto:economic.stats@gov.wales)

### Education

In January we published our quarterly update on the [number of young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) and our annual update of [students in higher education](#).

In February we published our annual statistics on enrolled learners and their activities in [further education, work based learning and adult learning](#). We also published annual statistics on the achievement of post-16 learners in Wales across two releases. Our [learner outcome measures for work based learning and adult learning](#) release previously also included outcomes for learners in further education. Experimental statistics for learners in further education and school sixth forms are now captured together in our [consistent performance measures for post-16 learning](#) release.

We are in the process of updating the way in which we present information in our statistical bulletins on [Initial Teacher Education](#) and [Welsh Language in Higher Education](#). We would value any feedback you may have on the current bulletins or what you would like to see in the future. Please contact us via our [HE and Student Finance Stats mailbox](#).

## Housing

### Housing statistical outputs

All releases are available from the [Statistics and Research website](#).

### Housing Information Group (HIG)

[The Housing Information Group annual seminar was held in January 2020](#), on the theme 'Housing and Health'. Papers and presentations are available on the website.

### Estimates of housing need and demand

Work is underway to produce updated (2019-based) estimates of [Additional Housing Need](#) in Wales – following from the recent publication of more up-to-date population and household projections. The updated estimates of housing need will be published in Spring 2020 in order to feed into the National Development Framework.

### Welsh Housing Conditions Survey 2017-18 (WHCS)

In October we published the [Energy Efficiency of Dwellings](#) report and [associated tables](#). We will be publishing a report on aids, adaptations and accessibility of the dwelling stock in the next few months. After that we will be starting analysis on our last planned report for the 2017-18 survey: the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS). Local Authority level Fuel Poverty indicators are to be published shortly and a Fuel Poverty projections tool will follow.

We have updated our [headline report](#) to include the latest figures for England and Scotland for the equivalent survey period.

[The cost of poor housing](#) report (BRE, PHW, WG) was launched and presented at the Housing Information Group seminar on 30 January (see above). BRE, in conjunction with the nations of the UK, have also published [The Housing Stock of the United Kingdom](#)

The team are continuing to feed in to relevant phases of the work of ONS' Cross Government housing statistics group and the Admin census work.

We are working with the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) Team to provide data from the survey and analytical support on their work to develop the post 2020 WHQS. Similarly we are working with the Innovative Models & Housing Decarbonisation Team on the development and delivery of a programme of action to decarbonise all Welsh homes by 2050.

Initial discussion with policy re improving/widen the Fuel Poverty statistics produced by WG (influenced by BEIS reporting) are taking place, so if anyone has any suggestions please do [get in touch](#).

Work to make the non-disclosive set of WHCS data available on the UK Data Archive is ongoing, with more detailed data available direct from the WHCS team. We plan to deposit the WHCS data on SAIL to allow researchers access to anonymised data under special licence.

### **Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)**

The existing HSAR data has been migrated to the Welsh Governments UK Secure eResearch Platform (UKSeRP) which is now live and starting to be used by wider stats teams too. This means that Welsh Government will be able to grant access to Welsh Government datasets for researchers through this platform.

A progress report will be produced in the coming months which will take stock of the current HSAR project and highlight policy areas where HSAR will need to support and the data needed to do so. We are working with Welsh Government's Administrative Data Research Unit to provide ONS with business cases for sharing relevant data under the Digital Economy Act, such as Council Tax information. We are also exploring accessing other data sources under the Digital Economy Act such as BEIS energy consumption data.

If anyone has any suggestions for pieces of analysis we could look at, or is interested in getting access to data for their own projects please do [get in touch](#).

### **Health**

We have published our annual social services statistics. [This blog describes the changes that we have made to the way in which we publish the data](#).

We have published [new data showing the number of Section 135 and 136 detentions in Wales](#).

[Our prescribing reports have also been combined into one](#), providing a more coherent set of statistics on prescribing in Wales. alongside the report there is an interactive dashboard that allows you to explore the data at a local health board level.

### **Publications**

All our statistical releases are on the [Statistics and research website](#).

For further information please email [stats.healthinfo@gov.wales](mailto:stats.healthinfo@gov.wales).

## National Survey

Headline results from the 2018-19 survey were published on 18 June 2019. This, along with all published bulletins from previous years can be found on the [National Survey website](#).

We have published two bulletins since the last quarterly update:

- [Childcare](#) – 18 December 2019
- [GPs, hospitals and out of hours services](#) – 18 February 2020

The 2019-20 National Survey is currently underway, and the results from this will be available in June 2020.

Tables and charts covering all the survey topics, and previous years, can be found on our [Results viewer](#). If you have any questions then please [email us](#).

## Social justice and equality

### Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

WIMD 2019 was published on 27 November 2019, and on that date we updated our [Results Report](#), [StatsWales data](#) and [interactive tool](#). In mid-February we published data broken down by age for income and employment deprivation, and the repeat absenteeism indicators.

A number of related outputs are still in progress, and we'll be updating our "[WIMD 2019 timetable of outputs](#)" as plans firm up. The next few things planned are:

- an update to the indicator data guidance,
- bringing together data underlying the analysis of deep-rooted deprivation, and
- deprivation analysis relating to children.

If you want to receive notification of publication updates for WIMD, please email [stats.inclusion@gov.wales](mailto:stats.inclusion@gov.wales) to subscribe.

## Transport

In February, we published statistics on [rail station usage in Wales covering the period April 2018 to March 2019](#).

## Welsh language

On 22 January, the [Annual Population Survey \(APS\) results on the Welsh language for the year from October 2018 to September 2019](#) were published on our website.

[An exploratory analysis of learner performance by learner-level and school-level characteristics, including Welsh language characteristics](#) was published as a statistical article on our website on 13 February.

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