

Statistics Wales quarterly update June 2024

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](#).

Contents

Well-being of Wales	3
Economy and labour market	3
Economy	3
Input Output tables.....	3
Labour market.....	3
Education	4
Schools	4
Post-16 education	4
Higher education and student finance.....	5
Housing	5
Homelessness	5
Annual national rough sleeper count.....	5
Finding housing statistics on our website.....	5
Local Housing Market Assessments	6
Estimates of housing need.....	6
Publications.....	6
Housing Conditions and Fuel Poverty	6
Health and social services.....	7
Hospital statistics	7
NHS workforce and expenditure	7
Primary and social care	7
Population health	7
Other health and social services statistics	7

National Survey for Wales	7
Social justice	8
Poverty	8
Cost of living	8
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD).....	8
Ukraine response	8
Community safety	9
Crime and Justice	9
Equality	9
Trade.....	10
Trade Survey for Wales	10
Welsh International Goods Trade	10
Transport.....	10
Wales National Travel Survey.....	11
Welsh language	11
Welsh Language Use Survey 2019 to 2020.....	11
Census 2021.....	12
Annual Population Survey and our joint workplan with the ONS.....	12
Data on the Welsh language outside of Wales	12
Agriculture and environment	12
Decarbonisation and Climate Change	12
Local Government Finance	13
Council Tax Levels.....	13
StatsWales	13
Population and demography	13
Contacts for Welsh Government statistics.....	13
General statistics enquiries	13
Subject specific	13
Twitter/X.....	14
Welsh Government email newsletter and alert service	14
Admin queries.....	14

Well-being of Wales

We are preparing to update this year's Well-being of Wales report and are working towards publishing in September 2024. Each year we aim to make improvements to the report. We are focussing this year on improving the use and impact of the report and aim to improve the narrative around the progress made over time of the indicators and the well-being goals.

For further information or to get in touch please email HighPriorityProjects.Stats@gov.wales

Economy and labour market

Economy

The latest estimates of [research and development expenditure for businesses in 2022](#) were published on 28 February 2024.

In April we published the [regional gross domestic product and gross value added headline](#), which contained annual estimates of GDP and GVA for Wales in 2022. We also published our [short-term output indicators release](#) covering October to December 2023.

In May we updated the percentages of [businesses that are innovation active](#) on our StatsWales website using data from the [UK Innovation Survey](#).

We have also continued to update our [Welsh economy in numbers dashboard](#).

If you would like to get in touch, please contact economic.stats@gov.wales

Input Output tables

We presented a poster at the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence conference in Manchester, which was held between 15 and 17 May. This showed some of the motivations behind the Welsh Input Output Tables project, some of the difficulties in their production, the solutions to those issues and what we could potentially do in the future.

If you would like to get in touch, please contact inputoutputtables@gov.wales.

Labour market

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) have highlighted that the challenges with maintaining response rates for the Labour Force Survey (LFS) continue to affect data quality despite the reweighting of the estimates. LFS-based labour market statistics will be labelled as [official statistics in development \(Office for Statistics Regulation\)](#) until further review and we continue to recommend caution when interpreting this data.

We continue to publish our [monthly labour market overview release](#), which brings together a range of different labour market sources providing the most up to date picture of the impact different events have on the labour market.

In April we published our Annual Population Survey [labour market statistics data for 2023](#) which includes data for UK countries and regions and also for local areas. The next update to this statistical release will be published in June 2023.

Other outputs published in April included the quarterly update on [young people not in education, employment or training \(NEET\)](#) which covers data for 2023 and provides more detailed and timely statistics on young people (those aged 16 to 24) who are NEET in Wales. [Commuting in Wales: 2001 to 2023](#) data was also published on StatsWales which shows commuting flows from areas in Wales to other areas (both in and out of Wales).

If you would like to get in touch, please contact labourmarket.stats@gov.wales

Education

Schools

We continued to publish fortnightly data on [pupils' attendance in maintained schools](#) throughout the spring term. This release now includes data on persistent absence using the new definition of 10% of school sessions. From 2 May 2024 this release will be published monthly on the first Thursday of every month and ending in August 2024. Publication will start again in the new school year in September 2024.

[Counselling for children and young people: Sep 2022 to Aug 2023](#) was published on 27 March 2024.

A new statistical release on [Patterns of attainment in reading and numeracy](#) will be published on 13 June 2024 and will contain additional analysis to complement the [first publication](#) in this series in November 2023.

[Results from the School Census in January 2024](#) will be published on in July 2024.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback, you can contact us on school.stats@gov.wales.

The latest available statistics from the [School Workforce Census results](#) are available for November 2022. Results from the School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC) in November 2023 will be published in July 2024.

Post-16 education

Our recent publications have included the latest quarterly update to [Jobs Growth Wales+ statistics](#), covering quarter 3 of the 2023-24 financial year (October to December 2023). We have also published statistics on [apprenticeship learning programmes started](#) for quarter 1 of the 2023/24 academic year (August to October 2023).

The latest annual statistics on [levels of highest qualification held by working age adults](#) have also been published recently, including the latest measure of progress towards the relevant national well-being indicator.

In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact post16ed.stats@gov.wales

Higher education and student finance

We will shortly be publishing our statistics on [Finance of higher education institutions](#).

The HESA student statistics products for 2024 were not published on the normal schedule in January and February. This is due to HESA experiencing delays in collecting the 2022/23 Student Record from some providers. HESA expect to publish the final release of data sometime in June, and our releases will follow accordingly.

In order to provide feedback, or for any further information, please contact highereducationandstudentfinance.stats@gov.wales.

Housing

Homelessness

Monthly statistics on [homelessness accommodation provision and rough sleeping](#) continues to be published regularly, with roughly a two month time lag. Following user feedback and work with local authorities to improve data quality, we are now publishing these as Official Statistics and publishing data at local authority level.

Annual national rough sleeper count

We recently sought feedback from users on our proposal to stop the national rough sleeper count. Thank you to everyone who responded. We are currently considering the responses and will shortly provide an update on our [rough sleeper](#) webpages.

Finding housing statistics on our website

Following feedback from users of our statistics that it is difficult to proactively find housing statistics on our website we're reviewing the way in which the current suite of administrative data and statistical bulletins relating to housing are accessed on the website, with a view to making improvements.

For any potential solutions we come up with we need to work within the constraints of the current website, therefore, we're looking for ideas of small changes we can make to improve the user experience when looking for statistics. Please send us any ideas you have around this to help inform our thinking; and share any good examples you're aware of.

Local Housing Market Assessments

In March 2022, a new approach to undertaking Local Housing Market Assessments (LHMAs) was published which met the recommendations of the Independent Review of Affordable Housing Supply to provide a consistent framework within which LHMAs are to be undertaken across the local authorities. LAs were expected to update their LHMAs using the new approach by 31 March 2024.

Over the summer we will undertake a lessons learned review and will engage with local authorities about steps to be taken to improve the process, including identifying and sharing good practice, and are considering when we next need to publish an updated tool and guidance.

Estimates of housing need

The most recent estimates of housing need were published in August 2020, and used 2018-based household projections. With the next set of household projections for Wales not likely to be available until mid-2025, we are currently considering whether an interim update is needed (still using 2018-projections), and if so, what options there are for this. We'd like to hear how you use this data and any views you have on this work by the end of June 2024.

Publications

- Since the last update, statistical output [Homelessness: April to September 2023 has been published](#) (published 16 April)

Please contact us via the stats.housing@gov.wales mailbox with any queries or requests.

Housing Conditions and Fuel Poverty

We have recently published a quarterly update to our [New house building](#) statistics covering the period October to December 2023.

This quarter, we have published an annual update to [Assistance for housing improvement](#), detailing financial aid delivered between April 2022 and March 2023. We have also published an annual update to our [Housing hazards](#) statistics, based on assessments made under the Housing Health and Safety rating System (HHSRS) between April 2022 and March 2023. In this quarter, we also provided an annual update to [Houses in multiple occupation \(HMO\) licensing](#) for 31 March 2023 (we have previously presented this information as part of the Housing hazards release but to aid user accessibility, we have made the decision to present these outputs separately).

Please contact us via the stats.housingconditions@gov.wales mailbox with any queries or requests.

Health and social services

Hospital statistics

This quarter we updated our usual monthly update to our [NHS activity and performance summary](#) and this quarter we have worked with other colleagues across the UK to co-produce a comparability report on [Accident and Emergency wait times across the UK \(Office for National Statistics\)](#) which focus on providing greater insight on how these datasets can be compared across the UK and adds to a previous published comparability report on [Ambulance response time data in the UK \(Government Analysis Function\)](#).

NHS workforce and expenditure

This quarter saw an update to [NHS expenditure programme budgets](#) and our suite of quarterly NHS workforce statistics including; the [General practice workforce](#), [Staff directly employed by the NHS](#), [Sickness absence in the NHS](#) and [NHS vacancy statistics](#).

Primary and social care

This quarter saw an update to [NHS dental services](#) and [Social Services activity](#). As well as publishing further ad-hocs on [Children looked after](#).

Population health

This quarter we published [Sexual orientation and gender identity differences in health, education and economic status \(Census 2021\)](#) looking at data by various socio-economic outcomes for individuals and households who were usual residents of Wales at the time of the census.

Other health and social services statistics

This quarter has also seen regular updates to a range of other statistics including; [specialist children and adolescent mental health service first appointment waiting times](#), [eye care measures](#) and [smoking cessation services](#).

A number of other outputs are available from partner organisations including updates to [Health Maps Wales](#) from Digital health and Care Wales.

All our statistical releases are available on the [Statistics and research website](#) and more detailed underlying data is available on the [health and social care area of StatsWales](#).

For further information or to get in touch please email stats.healthinfo@gov.wales.

National Survey for Wales

No new outputs have been published since the last update. The data can be explored using our [National Survey for Wales: results viewer](#)

Please contact us at surveys@gov.wales if you have any questions or require further information.

Social justice

Poverty

We published updates to annual data summaries for Wales on [relative income poverty](#), [material deprivation](#) and [persistent poverty](#) on 21 March 2024, with latest data relating to financial year ending 2023.

Cost of living

On 2 May 2024 we published the second release in a new [quarterly series of Discretionary Assistance Fund statistics](#), with more detailed breakdowns by age and local authority. We will continue to provide updates to the [interactive dashboard presenting fuel poverty estimates and related data](#) for Wales. [These and other sources of data on the cost-of-living crisis are signposted in a Digital and Data blog](#) that we published in December 2022. We will continue to work with relevant organisations to ensure that Wales-level data on key cost-of-living metrics are made available wherever possible.

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD)

We have announced that we aim to publish the next WIMD in late 2025 or early 2026 and have begun to convene “domain groups” of experts to review proposals for indicators. Read our [Digital and Data blog for further background on timing of the next index, what we’ve published recently, and the change in small area boundaries](#).

If you want to receive notification of publication updates for WIMD, please email stats.inclusion@gov.wales to subscribe.

Ukraine response

We continue to work with the ONS, Home Office, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and the other devolved governments to produce statistics relating to the Ukraine crisis.

On 23 May 2024, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and DLUHC published [employment data for Ukrainian nationals living in the UK](#) between March 2022 and March 2024. This includes breakdowns for Ukrainian nationals living in Wales, by sex.

The DLUHC, on 23 May 2024, published updated [demographic data on the Ukraine Sponsorship scheme and the Ukraine Family scheme](#). These provide a breakdown of Ukrainians who have applied for or received visas or arrived in the UK with sponsors in Wales stratified by age and sex, up to 31 March 2024.

The [ONS published results from the fourth wave of the UK Humanitarian Response Insight Survey \(UKHRIS\)](#) on 3 June 2024, which, in April 2024, surveyed adults from Ukraine who had previously taken part in [earlier surveys \(Office for National Statistics\)](#).

The weekly [statistics on visa applications, visas issued and arrivals to the UK with sponsors in Wales \(DLUHC\)](#) continue to be updated.

Community safety

In March 2024 we published [Fire and rescue authority performance: April to September 2023](#), a headline based on 6 months of data. It includes information on fires attended, casualties due to fires and false alarms.

We are currently reviewing our suite of fire statistical outputs and looking to identify user requirements. If you are a user of any of the below outputs, please contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales.

- [Fire and rescue incident statistics | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Fire and rescue service operational statistics | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Fire and rescue authority performance | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Deliberate fires | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Grassland fires | GOV.WALES](#)

Crime and Justice

We continue to develop our crime and justice dashboards. If you have any feedback on the published [Youth Justice dashboard](#) or suggestions for future dashboards, please get in touch at stats.inclusion@gov.wales.

The Welsh Government is planning to commission research to inform preparations within Wales for the potential future devolution of powers and functions relating to justice and policing. A supplier workshop event is intended to be held on the 5 June. Please note your interest if you would like to bid for this contract and also email the following if you would like to receive an invite to the event: JusticePolicy@gov.wales. For more details, please see the full [prior information notice on Sell2Wales](#).

Equality

Further analysis and publication of Census 2021 data has been undertaken:

A statistical bulletin on [sexual orientation and gender identity differences in health, education and economic status \(Census 2021\)](#) was published on 6 March 2024.

Further outputs focussing on disabled people's employment and inequality from an intersectional lens are planned for later in 2024.

We are also currently undertaking a refresh of the Equalities Data Audit. The purpose of this audit is to collate information on what is collected and published with regards to protected characteristics and other equalities related characteristics.

Please email equalityevidenceunit@gov.wales if you have any feedback.

We have recently made some changes to the [Equality and Diversity section of StatsWales](#) with the aim of improving access to the most recent data. The sections for each characteristic now include subsections for their respective sources (primarily the Annual Population Survey at present). This has been done in anticipation of adding Census 2021 data to StatsWales, which we plan to add in OpenDocument Spreadsheet (ODS) format in the coming months. You can find data tables from older sources on the Archive page. We welcome any feedback around how you use the Equality and Diversity section of StatsWales, or what you want from Census 2021 data, at stats.inclusion@gov.wales

Trade

Trade Survey for Wales

The analysis of the 2022 data will be ready for publication late summer 2024.

There will be a gap in data collection in 2024 due to budgetary pressures, but this will also allow the analytical team to conduct more in-depth analysis of previously collected data, and to revisit the business case for the continuation of the Trade Survey in future years.

Welsh International Goods Trade

Headline results from HMRC [Regional Trade Statistics for Wales's international goods trade](#) for year ending December 2023 were published 14 March 2024. [Welsh international goods trade: 2023](#) was published on 17 April 2024, which contained further analysis of the 2023 data. The associated StatsWales export tables have stopped updating with the completion of the 2023 data.

Alongside the above statistics, the [interactive trade dashboard](#) will be kept updated to the latest quarter's data. Work is currently underway to update the dashboard, incorporating volumes data, and introducing accessibility improvements.

For further information contact: stats.trade@gov.wales

Transport

In April 2024 [Rail transport: April 2022 to March 2023](#) was published covering information on access to rail stations, train incidents, railway fatalities and crime in Wales. We also

published [Public service vehicles \(buses and taxis\): April 2022 to March 2023](#) covering information on local bus services, bus passes, frequency of buses and taxis in Wales.

In May 2024 we published [Air transport: 2023](#) covering information for Cardiff Airport including aircraft movements, passengers and freight handled.

For feedback and comments please contact stats.transport@gov.wales

Wales National Travel Survey

The Wales National Travel Survey Engagement sessions held by Transport for Wales in March 2024 were attended by over 130 internal and external stakeholders. Feedback on the development work undertaken so far, the key aims of the WNTS and the data that will be collected was positive.

The first web-based pilot of the survey was launched on 3 May 2024, with 7,500 random households across Wales invited to participate. The pilot should provide us with insights into the potential online response rate for the eventual mainstage survey, the number of trips recorded per person and the suitability of a number of design parameters that are being tested in the pilot. The pilot will run until 2 June 2024, following which we can make some key decisions for the next stages of the survey development.

[The questionnaire used for this pilot can be found here \(Transport for Wales\).](#)

TfW have also published [further information about the development of the National Travel Survey](#) to date on their website.

Any comments, questions or feedback can be sent to the team at travelsurvey@tfw.wales

Welsh language

Welsh Language Use Survey 2019 to 2020

The [Welsh Language Use Survey 2019 to 2020](#) was carried out as part of the National Survey for Wales to know how often, where, when and with whom Welsh speakers use Welsh, and to know more about their skills in the language.

On 24 April, we published our fifth and final statistical bulletin in our Welsh Language Use Survey 2019-20 series, which reports on the [use of the Welsh language with service providers](#). This release, which was accompanied by data tables, also reports on awareness of the orange “Cymraeg” logo.

We have previously published initial findings on [Welsh language use in Wales](#) and topic summaries on the [use of Welsh in the home and in education](#), [social use of the Welsh language](#) and [Welsh language use in the workplace](#).

Census 2021

Last year, we published analysis of the [Welsh language composition of households in Wales](#) from Census 2021. This release included the concept of language transmission rates (the process whereby a language is transferred from generation to generation through the normal familial interactions of parents or guardians and children).

On 1 May, we published additional data on [Welsh language household transmission rates, by the sex of the parent or partner](#) from Census 2021.

Annual Population Survey and our joint workplan with the ONS

The latest [Welsh language data from the Annual Population Survey \(APS\)](#) was published on 18 April. We also updated our [StatsWales tables](#) with the latest data.

Following the publication of the Census 2021 results, we have been working closely with the ONS on a [programme of work](#) which will look further at some of the differences we have seen between the census and some of our other data sources about the Welsh language, such as the Annual Population Survey.

An update on the progress of our joint workplan with the ONS was included in our [latest APS release](#) on 18 April.

Data on the Welsh language outside of Wales

Currently, there are no comprehensive data on Welsh speakers outside Wales that could provide an accurate picture of Welsh speakers in England or the rest of the UK. As part of our joint programme of work with the ONS, we will be documenting user requirements for data about the Welsh language outside Wales.

If you are a user of Welsh language statistics and have any thoughts on or requirements for data on the Welsh language for the population living outside Wales, please get in touch.

If you have any feedback or would like further information about any aspect of our work, please email: welshlanguagedata@gov.wales

Agriculture and environment

Decarbonisation and Climate Change

On 28 March 2024 the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) published statistics on [UK Provisional Territorial Greenhouse Gas Emissions for 2023](#). These only cover the UK; Welsh specific data for 2022 will be published on 18 June 2024.

- UK territorial greenhouse gas emissions are provisionally estimated to have decreased by 5.4% in 2023 compared to 2022, this is 52.7% lower than 1990 levels.
- The estimated decrease in emissions between 2022 and 2023 is primarily due to a reduction in gas use for electricity generation, with reductions in housing and industry emissions also contributing to the decrease in emissions.

On 15 May 2024 the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published statistics on the [UK and England's carbon footprint in 2021](#). Carbon footprint emission estimates account for where goods are consumed rather than where they are produced (territorial emission estimates account for where goods are produced).

Email stats.agric@gov.wales for further Information.

Local Government Finance

Council Tax Levels

This quarter, we have published an annual update to our [Council Tax Levels](#) release and associated [StatsWales](#) data.

StatsWales

The StatsWales OData service will end in its current form on 31 August 2024 and a temporary solution will be put in place.

OData is one way of accessing and consuming data from StatsWales, in an automated, programmatic way (known as an API, Application Programming Interface). The rest of the StatsWales site will not be affected by this change. You will continue to be able to find, view and download data from the site in other ways.

Find out more information in this [Digital and Data blog post](#).

Population and demography

For further information or to get in touch please email stats.popcensus@gov.wales

Contacts for Welsh Government statistics

General statistics enquiries

Email: stats.info.desk@gov.wales

Tel: 03000 255050

Subject specific

[Contacts for statistics](#)

Twitter/X

[StatisticsWales](#)

Welsh Government email newsletter and alert service

[News and alerts](#)

Admin queries

Email kasadmin@gov.wales