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## Social distancing

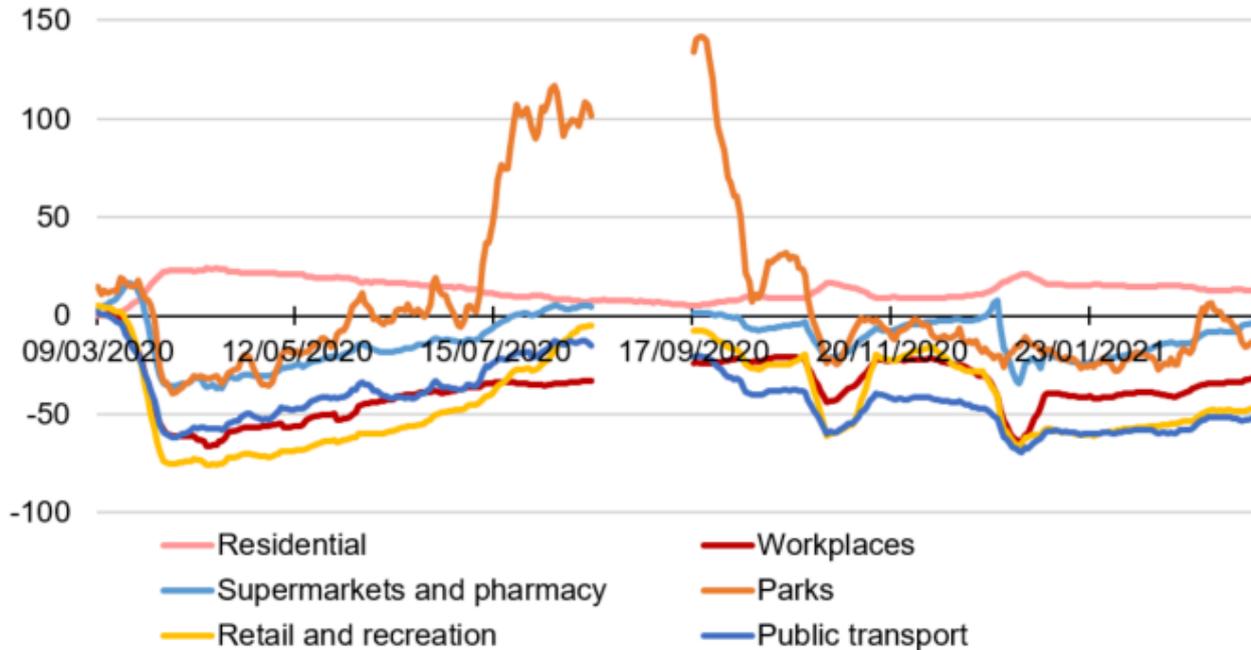
Mobility reduced significantly at the end of March 2020, but steadily increased until the summer. Since alert level 4 was introduced mobility has fallen and was broadly unchanged during most of January and February. Since the end of February mobility has increased.

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## Change in mobility from baseline, average of the Welsh local authorities (7 day average), 9 March 2020 to 16 March 2021 (a)



Source: Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports

(a) Data for most of the categories are not available from 16 August to 16 September 2020 due to the data being unavailable for many parts of Wales (below quality thresholds).

Source: [Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports](#)

Data as at: 16 March 2021

## Discretionary Assistance Fund

Between 18 March 2020 and 18 March 2021, there were 177,161 COVID-19 related Emergency Assistance Payments, with a total paid value of £11.76 million.

Recording started on 18 March 2020. COVID-19 related reasons applicants are presenting include:

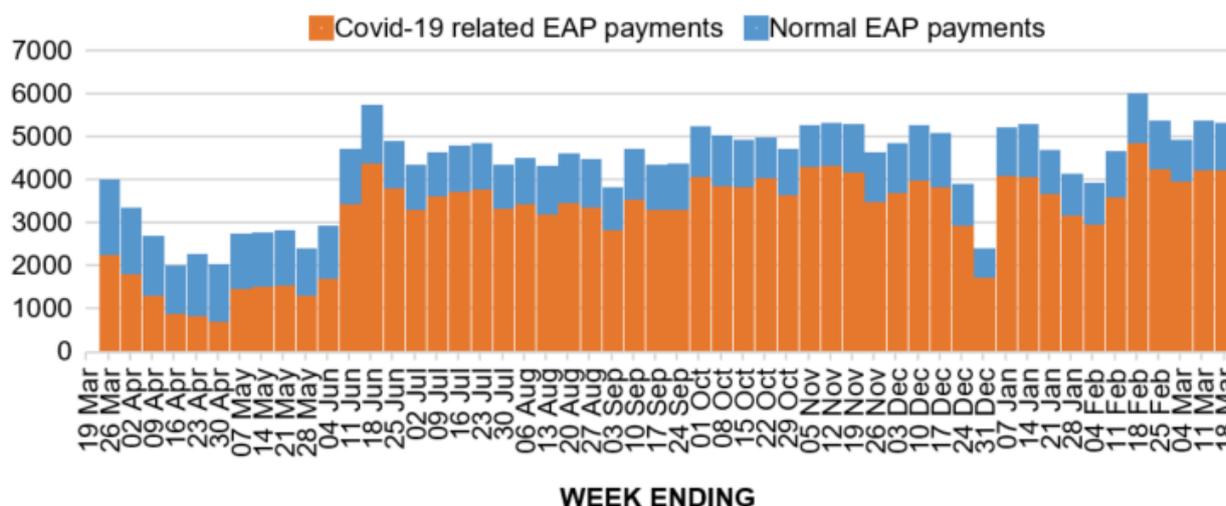
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- having to stop or reduce work
- delay to benefit claim
- increased energy/food costs (family at home)

## Weekly number of Emergency Assistance Payments (EAP), up to 18 March 2021



Source: Welsh Government

## Weekly number of Emergency Assistance Payments (MS Excel)

Following the 1 May announcement of increased funding, applications will be treated with greater discretion and flexibility, when dealing with COVID-19 hardship claims. [Further background to the Discretionary Assistance Fund.](#)

Source: Welsh Government

Data as at: 19 March 2021

## Support for business

As of 16 March 2021 the third phase of the Economic Resilience Fund has awarded 55.1 thousand grants totalling £184.0 million. This includes Business Development Grants and the Lockdown Business Fund.

Source: Welsh Government

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Data as at: 16 March 2021

## Third Sector Resilience Fund

Provides direct financial support for third sector organisations which need help to get through this crisis and by paying their bills and easing cash flow.

Phase 1 of the Third Sector Resilience Fund closed for new applications in summer 2020. As of 19 March 2021, 114 applications have been approved, and £4.85 million has been paid through Phase 1.

Phase 2 of the Third Sector Resilience Fund is currently open for applications. As of 19 March 2021, 96 applications have been approved, and £5.50 million has been paid through Phase 2.

Source: Volunteering Wales

Data as at: 19 March 2021

## Quality and methodology information

### Social distancing

The information is created with aggregated, anonymized sets of data from users who have turned on the Location History setting. The baseline is the median value, for the corresponding day of the week, during the 5-week period 3 January to 6 February 2020. The data shows changes broken down by six areas: retail and recreation, parks, supermarkets and pharmacy, workplaces, residential and public transport. Data are available for the local authority areas in Wales. An average of those is used to derive a Wales figure. No weighting is applied to account for the different sizes of each local authority, that is because that information is not available from Google, only relative change.

### COVID-19 community mobility reports

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## Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF)

DAF data is supplied to the Welsh Government by our service provider Northgate Public Services (NPS). The data is operational data that is extracted from their ICT system on a daily basis. The data does not go through any formal validation processes and therefore is not published as a National Statistic.

## Third Sector Resilience Fund

The Third Sector Response Fund data is monitoring data taken from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action's fund database.

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