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Fire and rescue authorities operational statistics: April 2023 to March 2024

Information on personnel, equality and diversity, health and safety, operational activities and fire safety visits for April 2023 to March 2024.

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We have undertaken a review of our statistical outputs relating to Fire and Rescue Services. We plan to produce a shortened version of **Fire and rescue incident statistical release** for the next update. If you are a user of these statistics, please contact stats.inclusion@gov.wales.

Fire and rescue authority personnel

- There were 2,211 full-time equivalent staff (FTE) and 1,278 retained duty system (RDS) staff employed across the three Welsh Fire and Rescue Authority areas on 31 March 2024. This compares with 2,215 full-time equivalent and 1,293 retained staff on 31 March 2023. Numbers of FTE staff have decreased for the first time since 2018-19; numbers of RDS staff have also decreased but been prone to fluctuation.
- Of the 2,211 FTE staff, over two thirds (1,492) were wholetime firefighters, a similar proportion to earlier years.

Health and safety

- During 2023-24, 11.6 shifts/days were lost per person to sickness for wholetime firefighters and 17.9 shifts/days for fire control staff.
- There were 117 injuries sustained by wholetime (including day crew) and retained duty system firefighters in the course of operational and training activities.

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Operational activities

- During 2023-24 fire control handled almost 71,500 calls in Wales, a decrease of 3% on 2022-23.

Fire safety

- In 2023-24, Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities completed 1,875 fire safety audits in non-domestic premises. This represents 2% of known such premises in Wales.

Community fire safety

- In 2023-24 the Fire and Rescue Authorities in Wales completed over 45,000 Home Fire Safety Checks; in 80% of these at least one member of the household was identified as displaying a risk.
- In 2023-24 the Fire and Rescue Authorities completed almost 20,000 Home Fire Safety Checks that also involved completion of non-fire related prevention activity. More than 2,300 resulted in the Fire and Rescue Authorities making an onward referral to another organisation.

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