Economic & Labour Market Statistics (ELMS)
A Guide to Data Sources & Useful Links

This guide lists and provides a summary of the main official data sources used by the Economic and Labour Market Statistics (ELMS) branch in the Welsh Government (WG). It includes a link to the data held on our website, any regular output which is produced from the source, the metadata, comments on quality specific to Wales and a link to the source (if the data isn’t from WG).

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Main Labour Market Data Sources:
- Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- Annual Population Survey (APS)
- Claimant Count
- Job Centre Plus Vacancies
- Workforce Jobs (WFJ)
- Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES)
- Workplace Employment
- Regional Public Sector Employment (RPSE)
- Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)
- Benefit Claimants
- Survey of Personal Incomes (SPI)
- Labour Disputes
- Family Spending Survey (FS)

Main Economic Data Sources:
- Business Demography
- Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR)
- Exports of Goods (HMRC)
- Research and Development (R&D)
- Regional Gross Value Added (GVA)
- Regional Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)
- Short Term Output Indices (STOI)
- Community Innovation Survey (CIS)
- Annual Small Business Survey (ASBS)
- Annual Business Survey (ABS)
- Retail Price Index/Consumer Price Index (RPI/CPI)

Other Data Sources:
- Wealth and Assets Survey (WAS)
- Family Resources Survey (FRS)
- Households below Average Income (HBAI)
- Civil Service Employment
Main Labour Market Data Sources:

Labour Force Survey (LFS)

- **What is it:** A survey of households in the UK
- **What does it cover:** Labour Market information such as employment, unemployment, hours worked, inactivity and qualifications.
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Quarterly data are released monthly at UK country/English region level with a 2 month lag (e.g. in August 2009 data are released for the 3 months to June 2009)
- **Quality:** Unable to produce sub-Wales data due to sample sizes. Headline data can be volatile and changes should be taken in the context of several time periods rather than in isolation

Regular outputs produced:

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**StatsWales tables** are updated monthly and can be found at the links below:

**Summary data:**

**Employment data:**

**Unemployment data:**

**Economic inactivity data:**
Annual Population Survey (APS)

- **What is it:** A boosted version of the LFS (16,000 households in Wales each year compared with 2,000 per quarter for the LFS)
- **What does it cover:** Labour Market information such as employment, unemployment and qualifications
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released quarterly at Welsh local authority level for a 12 month period with a 3 month lag (e.g. in September 2012 data are released for the year ending June 2012)
- **Quality:** Slightly less timely than the LFS, but able to produce sub-Wales estimates. Estimates at a sub-Wales level are generally robust, however estimates below around 3,000 are based on smaller samples so should be taken in the context of several time periods

Regular outputs produced:

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & Welsh NUTS2 areas

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** – an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**StatsWales tables** are updated quarterly and can be found at the links below:

**Summary data:**

**Employment data:**

**Unemployment data:**

**Economic inactivity data:**

Other outputs produced from the APS datasets:

**APS Statistical Release** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Commuting Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Hours Worked Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Economic Inactivity Bulletin** - a detailed analysis for Wales & the UK

**Household Bulletin** – household analysis for Wales (including workless households, lone parents and tenure)
Claimant count data / Vacancies data


- **What is it:** Data based on Job Centre Plus administrative sources for people claiming jobseekers allowance (JSA) and job centre vacancies
- **What does it cover:** JSA claimants down to Lower Super Output Area (LSOA), including sought occupation, age of claimant and duration claiming JSA. Vacancies data covers those notified to Job Centre Plus by LSOA, industry and occupation
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)
- **How often:** Data are released monthly with a 1 month lag (e.g. in February 2010 data are released for January 2010)
- **Quality:** Job centre vacancies only cover around 40-50% of all vacancies in economy. The vacancies estimates can be volatile month on month, so the use of a 12 month average is suggested
- **Source Link:** [www.nomisweb.co.uk/](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/) or [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21589](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21589)

**Regular outputs produced:**

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**StatsWales tables** are updated monthly and annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,19,7122](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,19,7122)
Regional Public Sector Employment (RPSE)

- **What is it:** Official estimates of public sector employment
- **What does it cover:** UK countries and English regions
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released quarterly with a 1 month lag
- **Quality:** No breakdowns available of the official data down to Local Authority level. Data are quarterly and released via the quarterly public sector employment bulletin and includes data for 2008Q1 onwards. Prior to that different methodology was used and the estimates were released annually. The current estimates are based on almost a census of public sector employers so are robust. The old annual data, based on a different methodology, are available for 1999Q4 – 2008Q4. For sub-Wales estimates there are several sources depending on the use of the estimates. All of those sources are sample survey based


**Regular outputs produced:**

Headline when new data are released.

Workforce Jobs (WFJ)

- **What is it:** Quarterly workforce jobs estimates
- **What does it cover:** Data are available by UK country/English Region and Industry
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released quarterly with a 3 month lag (e.g. in September 2009 data are released for the quarter ending June 2009)
- **Quality:** Due to sample sizes and methods used for estimation, the data can be volatile. Between 2009Q4 and 2010Q1 the survey moved to SIC2007, which may have introduced a step change in some industries in Wales. Changes should be taken in the context of several time periods


**Regular outputs produced:**

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK
Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) (formerly Annual Business Inquiry (ABI 1) (employee jobs))

- **What is it:** A survey of businesses to obtain employee jobs estimates
- **What does it cover:** Employee jobs down to Lower Super Output Area (LSOA) and industry data to 5 digit SIC (Standard Industrial Classification)
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released annually with 1 year lag (e.g. 2009 data are released in December 2010)
- **Quality:** Only source for comparisons of employee jobs between UK countries/English Regions for industries below section level. The data are based on a large sample (boosted by the WG) and estimates are generally robust at a LA level. The data are used to benchmark the employee jobs element of the workforce jobs
- **Source Link:** [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-230512](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-230512) or [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)

**Regular outputs produced:**

**Headline when new data are released**

StatsWales tables are updated annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,23,296,5,2967](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,23,296,5,2967)

**Workplace Employment**

- **What is it:** Estimates of workforce in Wales by industry
- **What does it cover:** Data are available by Welsh Local Authority and industry
- **Who produces it:** Welsh Government (WG)
- **How often:** Data are released annually with 1 year lag (e.g. 2008 data are released in July 2009)
- **Quality:** Only source of workforce jobs by industry for Wales at a LA level. Differs from headline ONS workforce jobs series as it uses different methodology (a comparison is given in the release). As the estimates are constrained to the APS the estimates are regarded as generally robust, however data prior to 2009 has been converted from SIC2003 to SIC2007 and some LA by industry estimates are based on small sample sizes
- **Metadata:** Contained within the release
- **Source Link:** WG release

**Regular outputs produced:**

**Workplace Employment Statistical Release**

Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

StatsWales tables are updated annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,23,296,5,2968](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,23,296,5,2968)
**Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE)**

- **What is it:** Survey of businesses about earnings and hours of employees
- **What does it cover:** Employees, industry, occupation, age and gender
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released annually with a 7 month lag (e.g. 2009 data are released in November 2009)
- **Quality:** The data can be volatile, even at a Wales level. Due to changes in the methodology there are several discontinuities in dataset. The median provides less volatile estimates than the mean (which is the WG preferred measure and is discussed in the WG release)
- **Source Link:** [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21502](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21502)

**Regular outputs produced:**

- **Headline when new data are released**
  - **Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK
  - **Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales
  - **ASHE Statistical Bulletin**

**StatsWales tables** are updated annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,21](www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,21)
DWP Benefit Claimants


What is it: Benefit claimants data from Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) administrative systems with the main source for these statistics being the DWP's Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study (WPLS)

- **What does it cover:** data are based on 100% of claimants and can be broken down by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA), type of benefit, lone parent, number of children, age, gender and duration of claiming
- **Who produces it:** DWP
- **How often:** Data are released quarterly with a 6 month lag (e.g. in August 2009 data are released for the January to March 2009 quarter with the data being referenced as the middle month each quarter i.e. February 2009 for this quarter)
- **Quality:** Estimates are based on a census. However they are not as timely as Jobseekers Allowance data.
- **Metadata:** http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/guidance.pdf
- **Source Link:** Either www.nomisweb.co.uk or http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool

Regular outputs produced:

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**StatsWales tables** are updated quarterly and can be found at the following link: www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,5103

DWP publish a **Quarterly Summary Report** which is available at the link below: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=statistics

Survey of Personal Incomes

- **What is it:** Total income estimates by UK country/English region and local authority (LA).
- **What does it cover:** Total income broken down by source. Includes data by LA and by gender.
- **Who produces it:** HMRC
- **How often:** Data are released annually with a 2 year lag.
- **Quality:** The estimates are not very timely and 2008/09 remains withdrawn
- **Metadata:** www hmrc.gov.uk/stats/income_distribution/inc-distribution-note.pdf
- **Source Link:** www hmrc.gov.uk/stats/income_distribution/menu.htm

Regular outputs produced:

**StatsWales data tables** available at the link below: www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,14,21
Labour Disputes

• **What is it**: Estimates of the number of working days lost to labour disputes in the UK

• **What does it cover**: Labour disputes by Government office region and industry

• **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

• **How often**: Data are released annually with a 1 year lag

• **Quality**: Data excludes stoppages with few workers (generally)

• **Metadata**: Contained within the link below.


Regular outputs produced:


Family Spending (formerly Expenditure and Food Survey) (ONS)

• **What is it**: Survey of households in the UK to determine amount of money spent on goods and services (and income).

• **What does it cover**: Covers expenditure of households and income. Data available to Government office region.

• **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

• **How often**: Data are released annually with a 1 year lag

• **Quality**: Sub-UK data uses a three year average as sample sizes are small. Data on mobile phone ownership for Wales suggest that ownership is lower now than in 2001-02 and is much lower than the UK. Other sources for mobile phone ownership data such as OFCOM show a more similar picture to the UK for Wales. We advise users to interpret that data for Wales with caution.

• **Metadata**: Contained within the link below.


Regular outputs produced:

**Headline when new data are released**
**Main Economic Data Sources**

**Business Demography**

- **What is it:** Estimates of business births/deaths/stocks/survival rates
- **What does it cover:** Businesses registered for VAT/PAYE from the IDBR. Data can be broken down by Local Authority, industry and sizeband of business
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released annually with a 12 month lag (e.g. 2008 data are released in November 2009).
- **Quality:** Not full coverage of businesses (excludes public sector, agriculture and managed service companies) and data are only available back to 2002. Series is based on administrative data, but excludes unregistered businesses and some industrial sectors - so doesn’t have complete coverage. Previously BERR produced a VAT series which was discontinued in December 2008 and replaced by the Business Demography. Data for the VAT series are available from 1994 to 2007
- **Source Link:** [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21553](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21553)

**Regular outputs produced:**

Headline when new data are released

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**Business Demography Statistical Bulletin**

**StatsWales tables** are updated annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,6911](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,6911)
Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR)

- **What is it:** The Office for National Statistics database of all UK VAT/PAYE registered businesses
- **What does it cover:** Employment, turnover, industry, ownership, legal status
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released annually (e.g. March 2009 update in August 2009)
- **Quality:** The IDBR is based on administrative data and survey data. Includes only VAT or PAYE registered businesses which account for most business activity (in terms of employment or turnover) but around half of businesses in Wales (from our Size analysis of Welsh business release)
- **Metadata:** [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/who-we-are/services/idbr/about-the-idbr/index.html](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/who-we-are/services/idbr/about-the-idbr/index.html)

Regular outputs produced:

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**Business Structure Statistics Bulletin**


Exports (HMRC)

- **What is it:** Data on exports of goods from the UK
- **What does it cover:** All exports of goods recorded via intrastat, broken down by UK country/English Region, product and destination
- **Who produces it:** Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- **How often:** Data are released quarterly with a 3 month lag (e.g. in June 2009 data are released for 2009Q1)
- **Quality:** The data can be volatile as headline series is in value terms. Although data are based on where the goods are manufactured, there are some instances where activity is allocated to the exporting site rather than the manufacturing site. HMRC do make adjustments for this. The sector definitions used at present don’t necessarily meet user needs (such as food & drink) – work is underway with HMRC to use their classification system which will provide more detail
- **Metadata:** [https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/default.aspx)
- **Source Link:** [https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/RTSPressRelease.aspx](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/RTSPressRelease.aspx)

Regular outputs produced:

Headline when new data are released

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Exports Statistical Bulletin**

StatsWales tables are updated quarterly and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,660](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,660)
Research and Development (R&D)

- **What is it:** A survey of R&D undertaken by businesses
- **What does it cover:** Type of R&D (Business, Government, Higher Education & defence) available by UK country/English region (GOR)
- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often:** Data are released annually. Business R&D is more timely, but still has a 2 year lag
- **Quality:** The definition of R&D is hard to apply. Most R&D activity is covered due to the way the sample is designed. Estimates can be volatile for Wales due to specific large one off R&D projects
- **Source Link:** [http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21842](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21842)

Regular outputs produced:

**Headline when new data are released**

**StatsWales tables** are updated annually and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,1584](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,15,1584)
Regional Gross Value Added (GVA)

- **What is it**: A measure of the value of the economy
- **What does it cover**: Broken down by industry and components and to Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics 3 areas (NUTS3 which is combined local authority data)
- **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often**: Data are released annually with a 12 month lag at NUTS1 level (UK country/English region) and a 24 month lag below that (West Wales and the Valleys/East Wales (NUTS2) and NUTS3 level)
- **Quality**: At a country level, the workplace estimates are not adjusted for commuting (i.e., the workplace and residence estimates are the same). At a sub-Wales level, the issue of commuting can distort the GVA per head figures by reducing GVA in areas with a net out-commute, and increasing GVA in areas with a net in-commute. Although the series are smoothed at present, it can still be volatile at a very detailed level. Due to the move to SIC2007 the series now only goes back to 1997 (rather than 1989)
  
  

Regular outputs produced:

**Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

**Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

**Headline when new data are released**

**StatsWales tables** are updated quarterly and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,17,32](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,17,32)
Regional Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)

- **What is it:** Represents the amount of money available to individuals less taxes, National Insurance and pension contributions, property costs (e.g. mortgage interest) and other interest paid (such as bank loans)

- **What does it cover:** Down to Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics 3 areas (NUTS3 which is combined local authority data), also available by component

- **Who produces it:** Office for National Statistics (ONS)

- **How often:** Data are released annually with a 17 month lag (e.g. in May 2009 data for 2007 are released)

- **Quality:** Unlike the GVA estimates the sub-regional GDHI estimates are residence based there are no issues around commuting. However it should be noted that these estimates cover the household sectors, which although is mainly individuals it also includes Not for Profit Institutions such as charities and universities (as they are in the household sector under the National Accounts definition). More information on the household sector is available in the metadata


**Regular outputs produced:**

- **Headline when new data are released**

- **Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK

- **Regional Economic & Labour Market Profile Bulletins** - an overall summary by economic region for the local authorities in Wales

- **StatsWales tables** are updated quarterly and can be found at the following link: [www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,17,33](http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,17,33)
Short Term Output Indicators

- **What is it**: A quarterly measure of outputs of the economy by industry
- **What does it cover**: Production, Construction and ‘Market Services’ in Wales and the UK
- **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS) for the Welsh Government (WG)
- **How often**: Data are released quarterly with a 4 month lag (e.g. in July 2012 data are released for 2012Q1)
- **Quality**: Due to small sample sizes and dominant companies in some industries the estimates can be volatile. When looking at change we advise users to consider the latest period in the context of several quarters. Not complete coverage of Welsh economy
- **Metadata**: Contained within the releases, additional information at www.wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/publications/marketquality/ and www.wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/publications/productionquality/
- **Source Link**: WG release

**Regular outputs produced:**

- **Key Economic Statistics Bulletin** - an overall summary for Wales & the UK
- **Indices of Production and Construction Statistical Release**
- **Index of Market Services Statistical Release**

**StatsWales tables** are updated quarterly and can be found at the following link: www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,16,6608 and www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,3,16,30
Community Innovation Survey (BIS)

- **What is it**: A biennial survey of businesses in the UK. It is part of a EU wide survey
- **What does it cover**: It covers the innovation activity of businesses
- **Who produces it**: Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
- **How often**: Data are released every 2 years with between 6 month and 1 year lag
- **Quality**: Sample sizes for the regions are small, so limited data availability for Wales
- **Metadata**: Contained in the link below
- **Source Link**: [www.bis.gov.uk/Policies/science/science-innovation-analysis/cis](http://www.bis.gov.uk/Policies/science/science-innovation-analysis/cis)

Annual Small Business Survey (BIS)

- **What is it**: The Annual Small Business Survey is a telephone survey of several thousand small and medium-sized businesses in the UK, carried out on an annual basis since 2003. The main purpose of the survey is to gauge the needs and concerns of small businesses and identify the barriers that prevent them from fulfilling their potential
- **What does it cover**: SME businesses in the UK
- **Who produces it**: Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
- **How often**: Data are released annually with a 12 month lag
- **Quality**: Data for Wales was boosted by WG until the 2009 survey
- **Metadata**: Contained in the link below
Annual Business Survey (formerly Annual Business Inquiry 2 (ABI2))

- **What is it**: An annual survey of businesses covering financial information
- **What does it cover**: Financial information such as turnover, goods purchased, capital goods
- **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often**: Data are released every year with a 1 year lag
- **Quality**: Doesn’t cover whole economy, for example excludes the public sector and most of finance. ABS produces approximate GVA which differs from the official headline GVA estimates. Estimates can be volatile when more detail is looked at

Regular outputs produced:

Headline when new data are released

Retail Price Index/Consumer Price Index

- **What is it**: The CPI is the Government's headline measure of inflation. The RPI was the headline measure, and differs from the CPI as it includes housing costs
- **What does it cover**: Consumer inflation at a UK level only
- **Who produces it**: Office for National Statistics (ONS)
- **How often**: Data are released monthly with a one month lag
- **Quality**: No regional data, however ONS have undertaken some work looking at differences in regional price levels. The source link provides more information

Regular outputs produced:

Headline when new data are released

StatsWales tables are updated annually and can be found at the following link:
Other Sources – Official Statistics

These sources are listed here as we use them occasionally and may be of interest to users.

Wealth and Assets Survey (ONS) –

Family Resources Survey (DWP) –

Households Below Average Income (DWP) –

Civil Service employment (ONS) –
http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/all-releases.html?definition=tcm%3A77-21840