



Short-Term Output Indicators for Wales: 2019 Quarter 2

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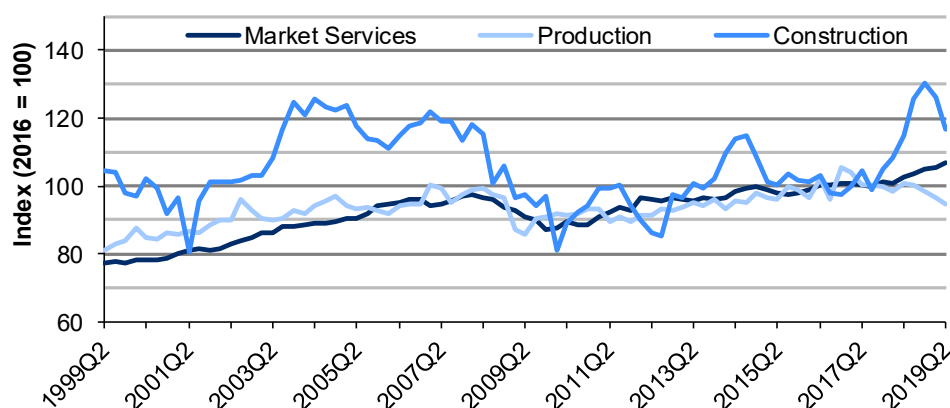
1. Background and Key Points

The market services, production and construction sectors account for approximately 46.9%, 21.0% and 5.9% of the Welsh economy respectively.

When comparing the year ending June 2018 to the previous year:

- The index of market services **increased** by 3.9% in Wales and 4.2% in the UK.
- The index of production **decreased** by 2.4% in Wales and by 0.5% in the UK.
- The index of construction **increased** by 16.8% in Wales and by 1.4% in the UK.

Chart 1.1: Summary of Short Term Output Indicators



Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

When comparing the latest quarter to the previous quarter:

- The index of market services **increased** by 1.0% in both Wales and the UK.
- The index of production **decreased** by 1.9% in Wales and by 1.8% in the UK.
- The index of construction **decreased** by 7.4% in Wales and by 1.2% in the UK.

The first official statistics for GDP in Wales have recently been developed.

These are discussed and compared with STOI in [section 2](#).

About this release

The indices of market services, production and construction for Wales are quarterly indices showing short term movements in the output of companies in the market services, production and construction sectors within Wales. This release includes data up to June 2019.

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The index of production, the index of construction and the index of market services are three separate indices. The index of production covers sections B to E of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 2007, the index of construction covers section F and the index of market services covers sections G to N and R to T:

Section B: Mining and Quarrying	Index of Production
Section C: Manufacturing	
Section D: Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply	
Section E: Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities	
Section F: Construction	Index of Construction
Section G: Distribution	Index of Market Services
Section H: Transport	
Section I: Accommodation and Food Service Activities	
Section J: Information and Communication Activities	
Section K: Financial and Insurance Activities	
Section L: Real Estate Activities	
Section M: Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	
Section N: Administrative and Support Service Activities	
Sections R, S & T: Other Services	

The index of production is composed of three sub-indices, the largest of which is *Manufacturing* which accounts for 81.9%. *Electricity, Gas and Water Supply* accounts for 17.0% and *Mining and Quarrying* for 1.1%.

The largest components within *Manufacturing* are *Transport Equipment* and *Other Manufacturing and Repair*, accounting for 18.0% and 17.4% of the Index of Production, respectively. The smallest component within *Manufacturing* is *Textiles, Wearing Apparel & Leather* accounting for 1.5% of the Index of Production.

The largest industries within the Index of Market Services for Wales are *Real Estate Activities* and *Distribution* accounting for 26.6% and 21.0% respectively. The smallest industries are *Information & Communication Activities* (accounting for 6.1%) and *Transport* (accounting for 6.5%). For further information on these industry sections and sub-sectors see [Appendix A](#).

Table 1.1 shows the index of production, index of construction and the index of market services for Wales. Percentage changes are provided to show the change over the latest year and the latest quarter for Wales and the UK.

Table 1.1: Seasonally Adjusted Indices of Output for Wales ⁽¹⁾

(2016 = 100)

						Latest percentage change			
	2018			2019		4 qtrs to previous 4 qtrs		qtr to previous qtr	
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Wales	UK ⁽²⁾	Wales	UK ⁽²⁾
PRODUCTION	100.7 (r)	100.2 (r)	98.2 (r)	96.6 (r)	94.8	-2.4	-0.5	-1.9	-1.8
Manufacturing	104.8 (r)	104.3 (r)	103.5 (r)	101.0 (r)	97.9	-1.8	-0.5	-3.1	-2.8
Mining and Quarrying	55.0 (r)	60.3 (r)	55.2 (r)	64.6 (r)	73.6	15.3	4.9	13.9	-1.1
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply ⁽³⁾	84.1 (r)	83.0 (r)	75.7 (r)	77.6 (r)	81.1	-6.7	-1.8	4.6	2.0
CONSTRUCTION	114.7 (r)	125.5 (r)	130.2 (r)	126.1 (r)	116.7	16.8	1.4	-7.4	-1.2
MARKET SERVICES	102.8 (r)	103.5	104.9 (r)	105.6 (r)	106.7	3.9	4.2	1.0	1.0
Distribution	109.9 (r)	109.3 (r)	109.9 (r)	111.4 (r)	113.4	3.6	3.8	1.8	0.1
Transport	103.5 (r)	105.0 (r)	116.5 (r)	132.8 (r)	137.6	24.8	2.8	3.6	-0.6
Accommodation & Food Service Activities	102.0	98.4	98.0 (r)	106.8 (r)	109.8	-2.2	3.2	2.9	-0.3
Information & Communication Activities	98.2 (r)	100.1 (r)	99.0 (r)	97.5 (r)	92.6	-5.9	6.2	-5.1	1.4
Financial & Insurance Activities	102.8 (r)	105.1 (r)	102.2 (r)	99.0 (r)	99.5	2.0	-1.5	0.5	-0.4
Real Estate Activities	99.6 (r)	100.3 (r)	100.5 (r)	100.3 (r)	98.5	1.2	1.0	-1.8	0.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	104.2 (r)	106.4 (r)	119.0	118.1	123.5	19.3	3.4	4.6	0.0
Administrative & Support Service Activities	111.3 (r)	112.3 (r)	110.7 (r)	97.8 (r)	100.1	-2.1	2.8	2.4	-0.2
Other Services	89.7 (r)	92.5 (r)	91.7 (r)	92.3 (r)	95.8	2.6	-0.4	3.7	-1.5

Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

(1) All series are seasonally adjusted. Please see Table B (Appendix B) for more detail on industrial sectors.

(2) Revisions to the series are normally made each quarter to take account both of more recent information and improved seasonal factors.

(3) UK figures for Production and Market Services as published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 September 2019 and UK figures for Construction as published by the Office for National Statistics on 9 September 2019.

(r) Data revised since last publication.

2. Comparisons with new statistics on regional Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

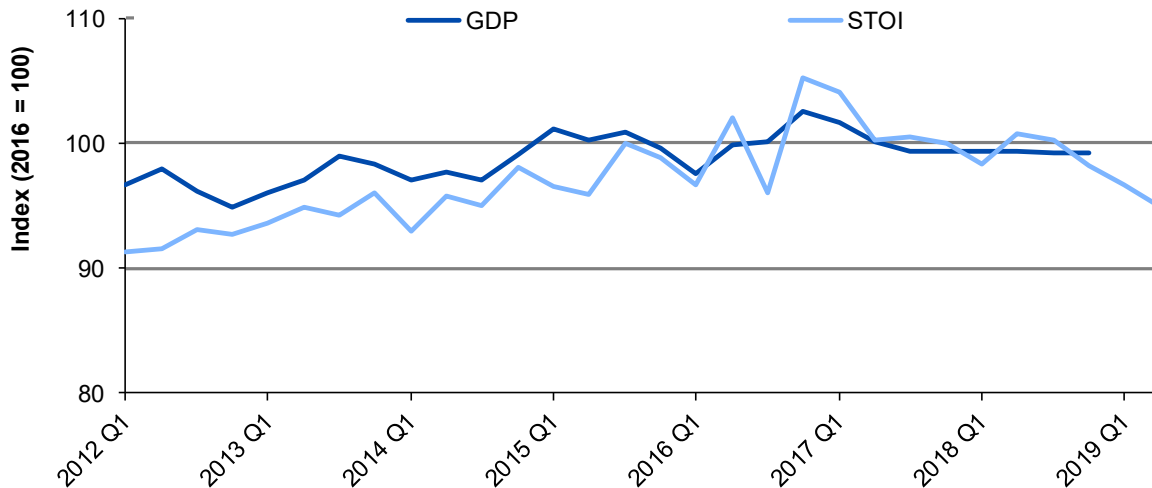
Until recently these short term output indicators (STOI) have been the best and most timely output measures available for the Welsh economy. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has now developed the [first official statistics for GDP for Wales and the English regions](#). The new experimental statistics, which are based almost exclusively on VAT records, are conceptually similar to STOI – they estimate changes in the output of businesses over a period of time.

We have published a [statistical headline on the GDP statistics](#) which draws out the key points for Wales, and a [Chief Statistician's update](#) which describes the new statistics in some more detail. The GDP statistics have been categorised as 'experimental' for the time being.

The GDP data have a more comprehensive coverage of the economy and are comparable with the other countries and regions of the UK. ONS also believe that the GDP data are likely to be a better reflection of the *type* of business activity taking place regionally. The short term output indicators remain the fastest available measures for Wales however, with a three to four month lag from the reference period, compared with an approximately six month lag for GDP.

Here we compare STOI and GDP estimates for the construction and production sectors from 2012, the start of the GDP series. Currently, a market services sector equivalent to STOI is not available through GDP so we instead compare the market services sub-sectors.

Chart 2.1: Indices of production for GDP and STOI, 2012 q1 to 2019 q2

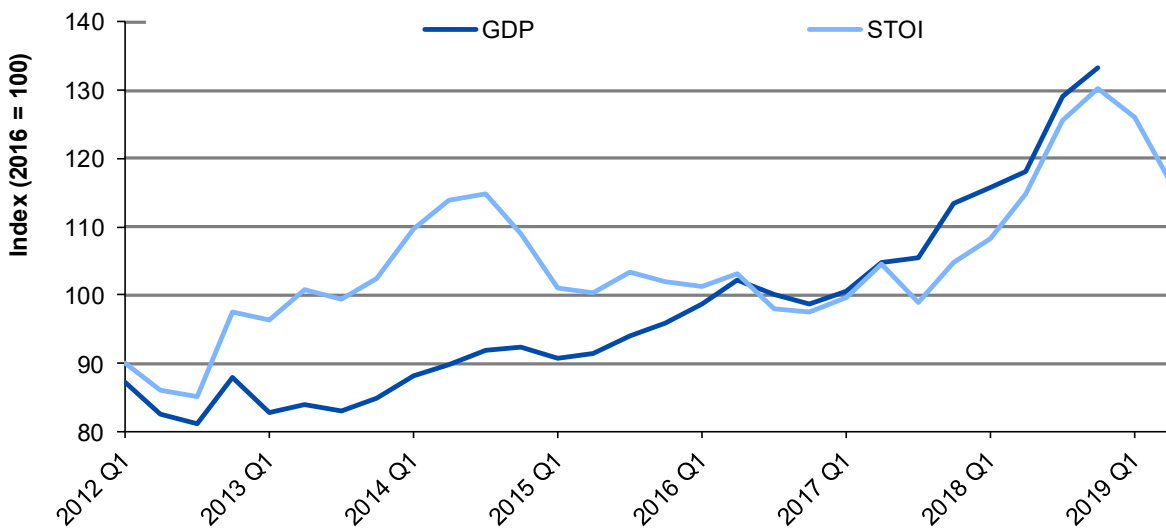


Source: WG Short-term output indicators and ONS Regional GDP

For the production sector:

- Like other economic indicators, both series' can be volatile on a quarterly basis, making interpreting short-term changes difficult.
- STOI indicates steeper growth (9.6 per cent) than GDP (4.5 per cent) between 2012 Q3 and 2015.
- Thereafter, the series' are close, with GDP estimating a net fall of 1.7 per cent to Q4 2018 and STOI estimating a fall of 1.8 per cent.

Chart 2.2: Indices of construction for GDP and STOI, 2012 q1 to 2019 q2

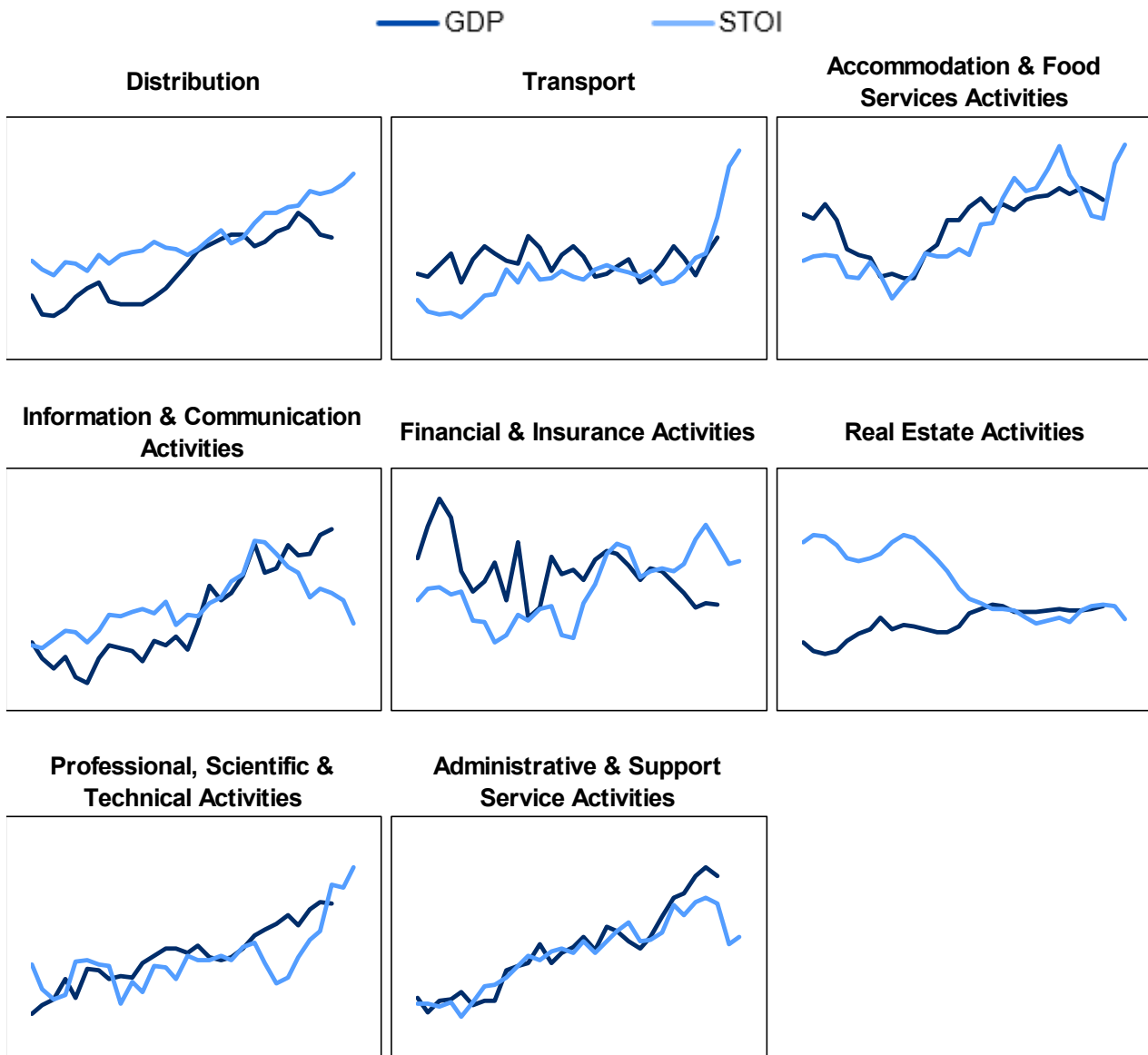


Source: WG Short-term output indicators and ONS Regional GDP

For the construction sector:

- Like other economic indicators, both series' can be volatile on a quarterly basis, making interpreting short-term changes difficult.
- From 2012 Q1 to 2014 Q3 the GDP and STOI series provide quite different estimates of growth, at 5.3 per cent and 27.4 per cent respectively.
- Thereafter, the series' come together and track each other relatively closely from 2016 on.

Chart 2.3: Market services sub-indices for GDP and STOI, 2012 q1 to 2019 q2, (2016=100)



Source: WG Short-term output indicators and ONS Regional GDP

For the market services sub-sectors:

- Like other economic indicators, both series can be volatile on a quarterly basis, making interpreting short-term changes difficult. This is particularly the case when looking at sub-sectors.
- The extent to which the STOI and GDP trends align varies between the sub-sectors. The GDP statistics are regarded as experimental and we will work with ONS to better understand the reasons for differences between the series.

We want to hear from you

We want to hear about how you use STOI and your views on its strengths and limitations in light of the new statistics on GDP for Wales. This will help inform a decision about whether both series will be needed indefinitely. Please email economic.stats@gov.wales with your thoughts. ONS will also carry out a consultation to assess the quality and suitability of the new GDP statistics.

For the time being we will continue to publish STOI alongside GDP to help inform our understanding of their differences and similarities, and their relative strengths and limitations. In theory the benefits of GDP are that they are based on a much larger amount of data, they have full coverage of the economy and, in general, are thought to more accurately classify business activity. STOI meanwhile, has more stable seasonal adjustment (though GDP seasonal adjustment will improve over time) and is more timely.

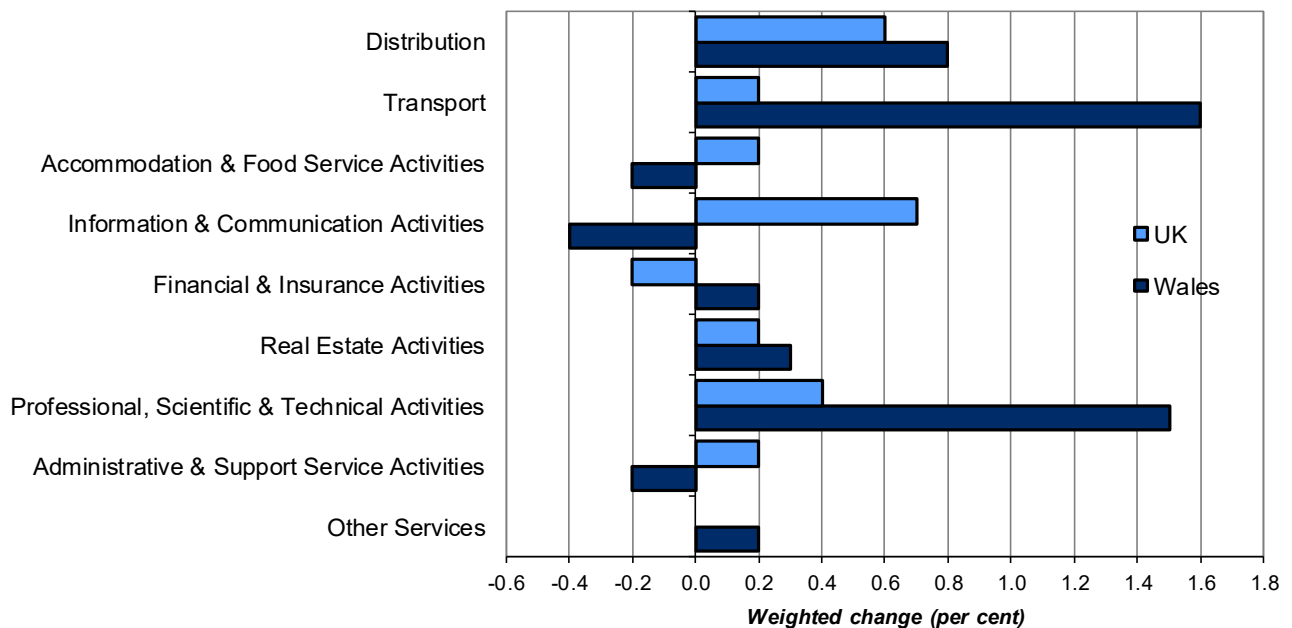
From this point on, this bulletin presents STOI estimates only with no comparisons against the GDP series.

3. Index of Market Services – sector changes

This section examines the outputs of each industry within the index of market services and their respective impact on the overall index.

Chart 3.1 shows the impact of changes in the sub-sectors on the index as a whole for the latest year (based on weighted data).

Chart 3.1: Contribution to overall percentage change, latest four quarters compared with previous four quarters ⁽¹⁾

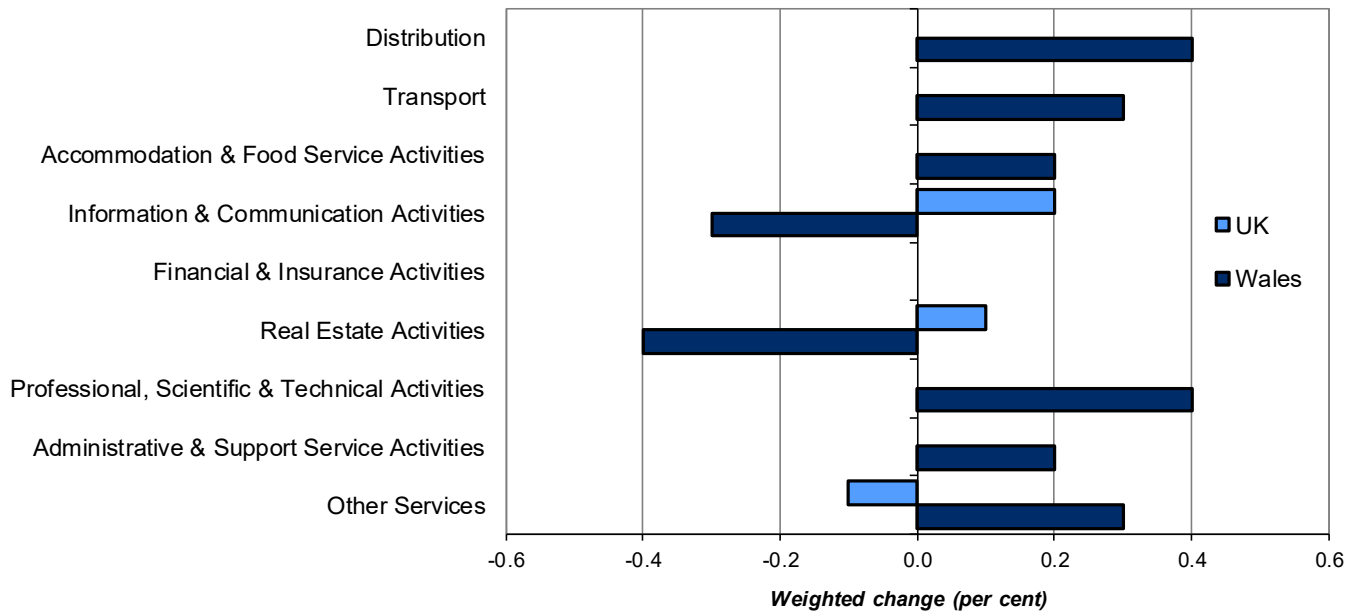


Source: Short-term Output Indicators, WG and ONS

Six of the nine industries within the index of market services for Wales have shown growth over the past four quarters, with *Transport*, *Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities* and *Distribution* showing the largest positive changes. Decreases were seen in Wales for *Information & Communication Activities*, *Accommodation & Food Service Activities* and *Administrative & Support Service Activities*.

The UK saw increases in seven of the nine industries, however most industries in Wales showed larger percentage increases than the UK; specifically in the *Transport* and *Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities* industries.

Chart 3.2: Contribution to quarterly percentage change, current quarter compared with previous quarter ⁽¹⁾



Source: Short-term Output Indicators, WG and ONS

Chart 3.2 shows a comparison of the current quarter with the previous quarter, for both Wales and the UK. Six of the nine industries within the index of market services for Wales have shown growth over the quarter, two industries have declined and one remained unchanged (to one decimal place). *Distribution* and *Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities* showed the largest positive changes in Wales over the quarter and *Real Estate Activities* had the largest negative change.

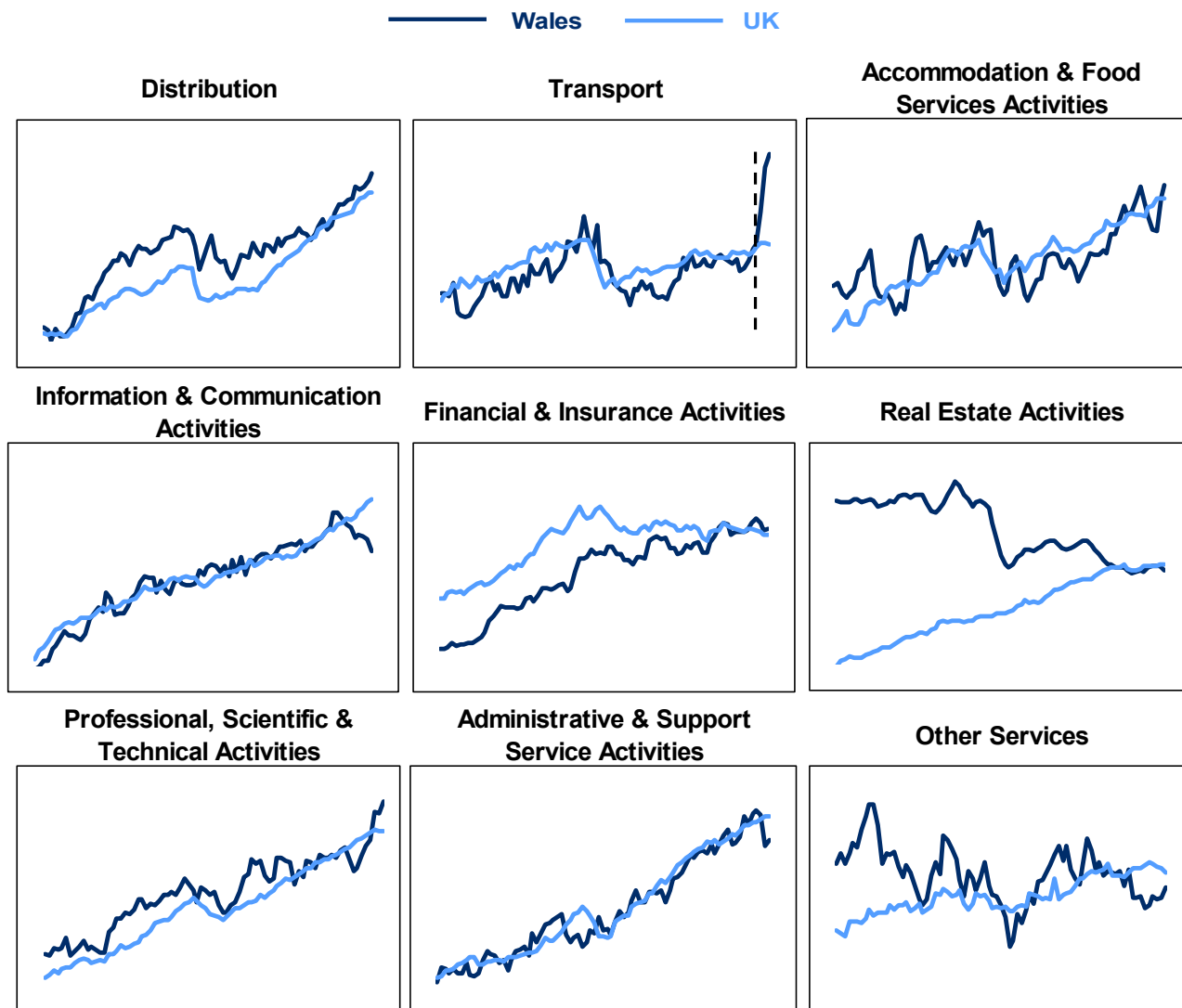
Six of the nine industries in the UK remained unchanged on the quarter (to one decimal place). The largest positive change was in *Information and Communication Activities*, and the largest negative change was in *Other Services*.

Estimates for changes in Wales are typically larger than for the UK, whether positive or negative, reflecting the smaller sample sizes in Wales which result in less stable series'. This is particularly the case in the short term but longer term trends are regarded as reliable.

4. Index of Market Services – results for industries

This section shows changes in output since 1999 for the nine industries which comprise the index of market services. The Welsh results for some are more volatile than for the UK equivalents because of smaller survey samples. Table B2 in [Appendix B](#) provides the latest annual and quarterly data for the industries and their sub-sectors. Time series for the index of market services industry sectors and sub-sectors are available on [StatsWales](#).

Chart 4.1: Market services Sub-indices – 1999 Q2 to 2019 Q2, (2016=100)



Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

Distribution

The Index of Distribution fell during the 2008-09 recession in Wales and the UK, but both have seen an overall increase since then.

In the latest 12 months the Index of Distribution increased by 3.6% in Wales and by 3.8% in the UK.

Transport

There was a significant fall in Transport activity in Wales and across the UK during the recession, with the recovery only recently reaching pre-recession peaks.

In Wales, there has been a sharp apparent increase in the index of Transport recently, up 24.8% in the last year. However, most of this was in 2019 Q1 and largely reflects re-classification of business activity and a change in the sample, not an actual increase in activity. For the UK as a whole there was an increase of 2.8%.

Accommodation and Food Service Activities

Though trends in Wales are more volatile than for the UK as a whole, the Index of Accommodation and Food Service Activities in Wales has tracked the UK trend over the long term.

In the latest year activity in Wales fell by 2.2% and the UK index increased by 3.2%.

Information and Communication Activities

Long term trends in Information and Communication Activities are very similar for Wales and the UK, though in Wales the index has generally been falling since the start of 2017.

In the latest year the Index of Information and Communication Activities fell by 5.9% in Wales and the UK index increased over the same period by 6.2% (the largest increase of all nine market services industries within the UK).

Financial and Insurance Activities

Since 1999 the Index of Finance and Insurance Activities for Wales has increased with a broadly stable upward trend. For the UK the sector increased up to 2008 and, after a decrease to 2010, has changed relatively little since.

Real Estate Activities

Trends in Real Estate Activities have been very different for Wales and the UK. In Wales the index was broadly flat from 1999 to 2007, before falling substantially during the recession. After a period of recovery the index has been falling since 2015. By contrast, at a UK level Real Estate Activities have increased at a stable rate over the whole period.

Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities

The Index of Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities for Wales has followed a similar trend to the UK since 1999.

In the latest year the index increased by 19.3% in Wales and by 3.4% in the UK.

Administrative and Support Service Activities

Administrative and Support Service Activities have increased almost in parallel in Wales and the UK since 1999.

Other Services

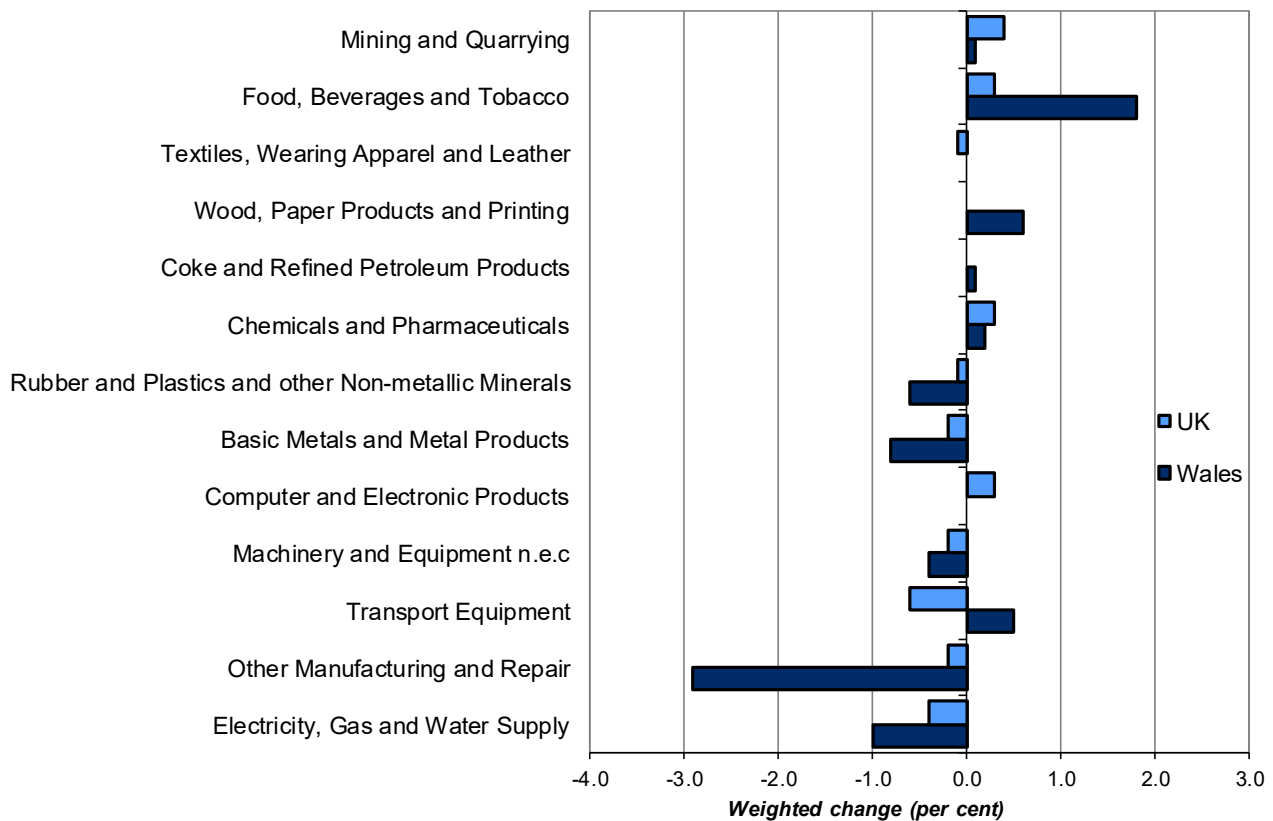
Since 1999, the Index of Other Services for Wales has been volatile, with a decreasing trend overall. The UK trend, by contrast, has been of a relatively stable increase.

5. Index of Production – sector changes

This section examines the outputs of each industry within the index of production and their respective impact on the overall index.

Chart 5.1 shows the impact of changes in the sub-sectors on the index as a whole for the latest year (based on weighted data).

Chart 5.1: Contribution to overall percentage change, latest four quarters compared with previous four quarters

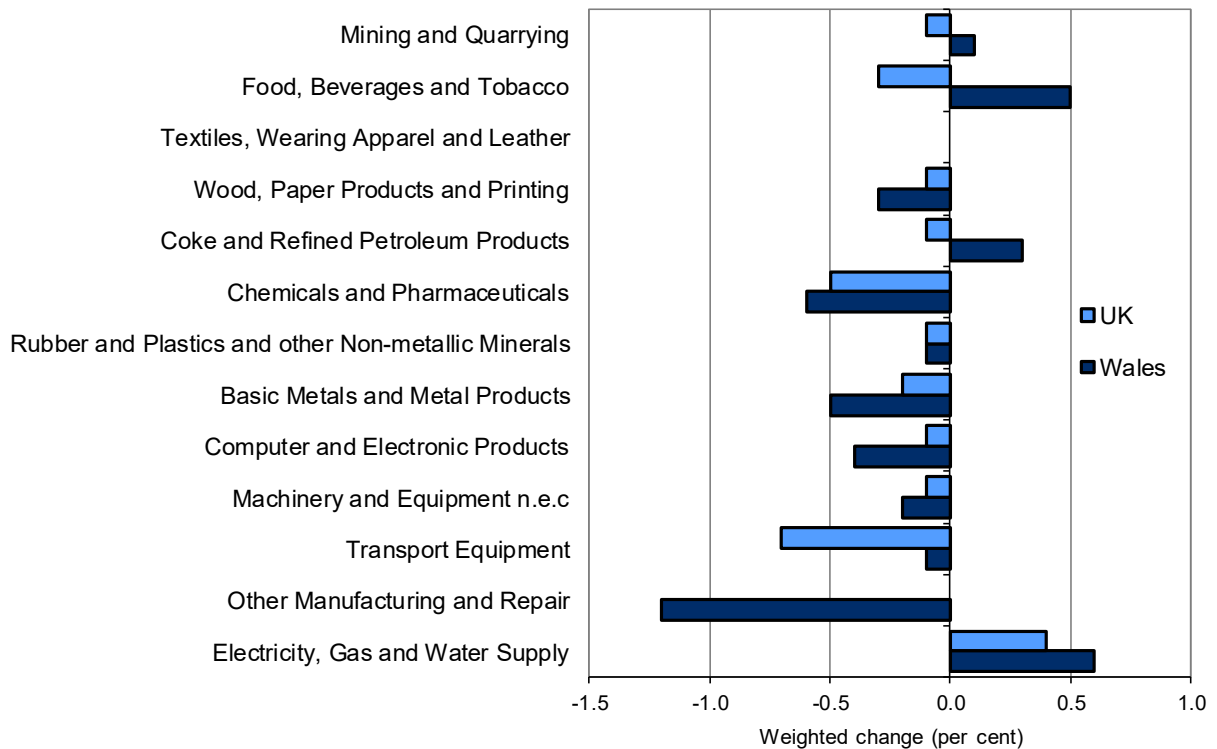


Source: Short-term Output Indicators, WG and ONS

Six of the thirteen industries within the Welsh index of production have grown in output over the latest four quarters, five have declined and two were unchanged (to one decimal place). *Food, Beverages and Tobacco* showed the largest positive change overall in Wales, whilst *Other Manufacturing and Repair* has shown the largest negative weighted change.

For the UK, four of the thirteen industries have grown in output over the latest four quarters, seven have declined, and two were unchanged (to one decimal place). (Chart 5.1).

Chart 5.2: Contribution to quarterly percentage change, current quarter compared with previous quarter



Source: *Short-term Output Indicators, WG and ONS*

Chart 5.2 shows a comparison of the current quarter with the previous quarter. *Electricity, Gas and Water Supply* showed the largest growth over the quarter within the Welsh Index of Production, with large growth also in *Food, Beverages and Tobacco* and *Coke and Refined Petroleum Products*.

For the UK, the only growth was in *Electricity, Gas and Water Supply* and the largest decline was in *Transport Equipment*.

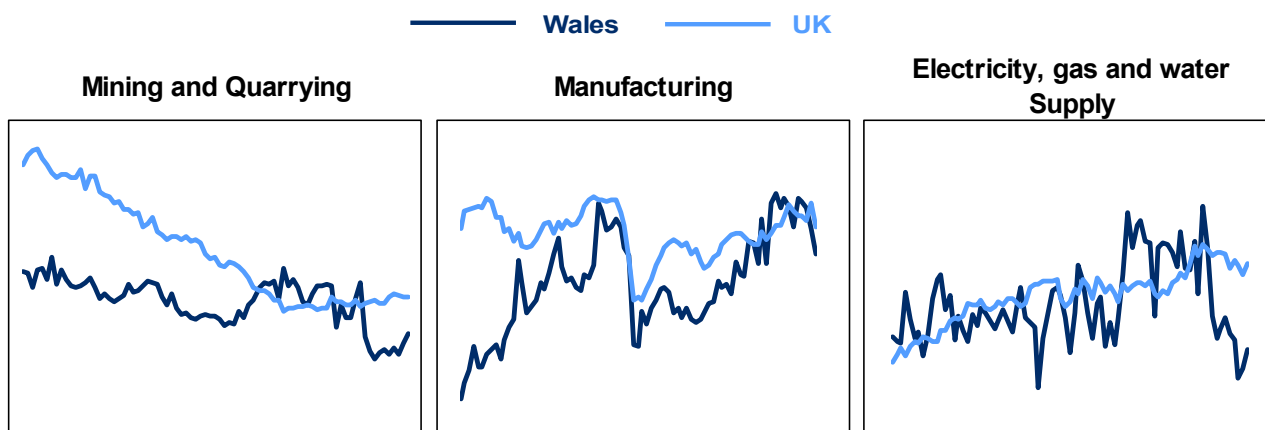
Estimates for changes in Wales are typically larger than for the UK, whether positive or negative, reflecting the smaller sample sizes in Wales which result in less stable series'. This is particularly the case in the short term but longer term trends are regarded as reliable.

6. Index of Production – results for sub-sectors

This section shows changes in output since 1999 for the three industries which comprise the Index of Production. The Welsh results can be more volatile than for the UK equivalents because of smaller survey samples.

Table B1 in [Appendix B](#) provides the latest annual and quarterly data for the industries and their sub-sectors. Time series' for the index of production and its sub-indices are available on [StatsWales](#).

Chart 6.1: Production Sub-indices – 1999 Q2 to 2019 Q2, (2016=100)



Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

Index of Mining and Quarrying

Activity in Mining and Quarrying was relatively flat in Wales over the long term to 2016, and there has been a sharp decrease since. For the UK as a whole, output fell at a steady rate until 2011 and subsequently plateaued.

Index of Manufacturing

There was growth in the Index of Manufacturing in Wales until the recession, which brought a sharp fall across Wales and the UK. The subsequent recovery was stronger in Wales than in the UK, though recently the trend has started to decrease.

The manufacturing industry is the main driver of the production industries as it accounts for 81.9% of the Index of Production.

Index of Electricity, Gas and Water Supply

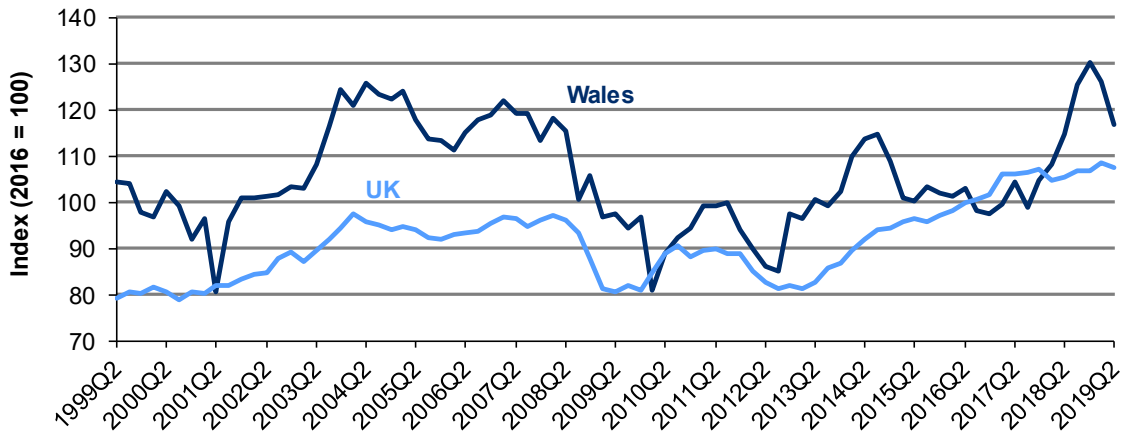
The Index of Electricity, Gas and Water Supply in Wales is volatile. There was a sharp increase in 2012 quarter 2 due to the opening of a new power station in Pembroke. Output has generally decreased since the end of 2016, which can be attributed to the downgrading in operations of Aberthaw power station. The UK index has steadily increased since 1999 with a fall between 2008 and 2009 due to the recession.

7. Index of Construction

Around the recession of 2008-09, both Wales and the UK saw a fall in construction output, with Wales seeing a larger fall than the UK. The trend since then in Wales is not stable and there have been decreases in the last two quarters.

A time series for the index of construction is available on [StatsWales](#).

Chart 7.1: Index of Construction



Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

8. Key Quality Information

8.1 Relevance

This release provides estimates of output in market services, production and construction industries for Wales and the UK. The UK production estimates are taken from the Quarterly National Accounts release from the ONS, the construction estimates are taken from the ONS monthly construction release and the UK market services estimates are taken from the Quarterly National Accounts Index of Services release from the ONS. These statistics are used by the Welsh Government to monitor the output for these industries in the Welsh economy as well as providing comparisons with the UK. They are also used by other public sector organisations, businesses, academia and private individuals to identify the key trends in production and construction output for Wales.

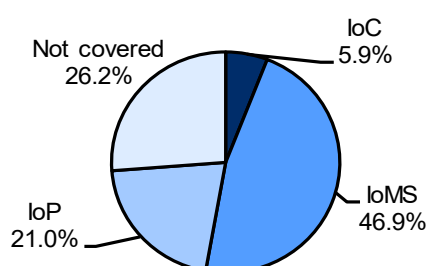
The output indices show the quarterly movements in gross output of the production, construction and market services sectors in Wales. Gross output is used as a proxy for Gross Value Added (GVA), measured by a variety of data sources since GVA cannot currently be measured to a sufficient timeliness for the production of short term indices.

The indices are estimated using a combination of:

- Directly collected data from existing monthly surveys.
- A quarterly top up of specifically Welsh data from large inter-regional businesses.
- Post stratification methodology.
- Volume data from a number of different sources.
- Directly collected data from a small additional quarterly survey sent to wholly Welsh finance businesses.

The majority of the data comes from the ONS Monthly Business Survey. The results from this survey are used to calculate the relative movements of the individual series and these in turn are weighted together to produce the overall index. The weights are derived from the distribution of GVA for Wales using the Regional Accounts. Both volume and sales data are used to compile the index. GVA is a measure of economic activity at basic prices, which includes taxes (less subsidies) on production but excludes taxes (less subsidies) on products. The sales data are deflated to 2010 prices using the deflators produced for the UK index.

The following pie chart represents the percentage that the Index of Market Services, Index of Production and Index of Construction for Wales have in the overall Regional GVA by industry. Industries not covered include agriculture and fishing industries and the public sector.



Source: Short Term Output Indicators, Welsh Government and ONS

8.2 Accuracy

Estimates are subject to revision. Estimates for individual quarters fluctuate due to random sampling error and therefore it is recommended that emphasis is placed on changes in the average of the latest four quarters compared to the average of the previous four quarters for more volatile series'. The entire time series is open to revisions arising from changes in the seasonally adjusted series from the addition of a new data point, and changes to the last 15 months turnover data from late or revised survey returns. For more information on [our revisions policy](#) see our website. Table 8.1 shows the revisions made (in index points) to the previous quarter's estimates.

Table 8.1: Comparison of Current and Previous Estimates of 2019 Quarter 1 ¹

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Revision</u>
Index of Production	96.6	102.4	-5.8
Manufacturing	101.0	108.2	-7.2
Mining and Quarrying	64.6	63.5	1.1
Electricity, Gas & Water	77.6	77.4	0.2
Construction	126.1	127.0	-0.9
Index of Market Services	105.6	104.7	0.9
Distribution	111.4	111.3	0.1
Transport	132.8	131.7	1.1
Accommodation and Food Service Activities	106.8	105.2	1.6
Information and Communication Activities	97.5	98.2	-0.7
Financial and Insurance Activities	99.0	99.4	-0.3
Real Estate Activities	100.3	99.4	0.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities	118.1	118.1	0.0
Administrative and Support Service Activities	97.8	96.0	1.9
Other Services	92.3	87.3	5.0

Source: Short-term output indicators, WG and ONS

¹ Numbers in the table have been rounded to one decimal place, therefore there may be slight discrepancies between the constituent items and the overall revision shown.

As described in section 2, experimental GDP statistics, which are conceptually similar to these Short Term Output Indicators, are now available for Wales. Comparisons show that the STOI indices of construction and production exhibit similar long-term trends to the equivalent sectors in the GDP statistics. This is particularly the case from 2016 onwards. However, there is significant short-term volatility in both series, particularly at sub-sector levels, meaning that over shorter periods STOI and GDP do not always give similar results. Currently, a market services sector equivalent to STOI is not available through GDP.

8.3 Timeliness and punctuality

This release is published quarterly. It is the earliest official indicator of the performance of the Welsh production and construction industries other than the UK figures which are produced by the Office for National Statistics monthly. There is approximately a 14 week lag between publication and the period to which the release refers to.

8.4 Accessibility and clarity

This First Release and the headline statistics are available on the [Welsh Government Statistics](#) website. Additional information on all three indices is available on [StatsWales](#), in addition to the data from 1998. A summary [quality report containing information on the quality of the Index of Production and Index of Construction](#) as well as a summary of methods used to compile the output is available on our website. The equivalent [quality report for the Index of Market Services](#) can also be found on our website.

8.5 Comparability and coherence

The UK and Wales estimates in this release are calculated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and are comparable as they use the same methodology. Methodologies relating to the components within the Index of Production and Index of Construction are available from the background information tab on the release webpage. The ONS is currently developing Regional Short term indicators for English regions. [The Scottish Government publishes a GDP measure](#) in place of short-term output indicators. [The Northern Ireland Assembly publishes the Northern Ireland Composite Economic Index](#) (NICEI), which is also not directly comparable to the Welsh short term output indicators.

Due to difficulties collecting historical data from contributors from earlier time periods, the time series begins in 1998 but early quarters and initial years include a proportion of estimated data. More information is given in the Summary Quality Reports for [Index of Market Services](#) and the [Index of Production and Construction](#)

Throughout the release references to the longer term refer to the latest four quarters compared to the previous four quarters, and references to the short term refer to the current quarter compared to the previous quarter. It is recommended that when looking at the growth rates of volatile series, users should focus on the percentage change over the longer term.

8.6 National Statistics status

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

National Statistics status means that official statistics meet the highest standards of trustworthiness, quality and public value.

All official statistics should comply with all aspects of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. They are awarded National Statistics status following an assessment by the UK Statistics Authority's regulatory arm. The Authority considers whether the statistics meet the highest standards of Code compliance, including the value they add to public decisions and debate. The designation of these statistics as National Statistics was confirmed in February 2012 following a [full assessment against the Code of Practice](#).

Since the latest review by the Office for Statistics Regulation, we have continued to comply with the Code of Practice for Statistics, and have made the following improvements:

- Eliminated un-necessary tables from bulletin as they are freely available on [StatsWales](#)
- Combined the two releases into one to improve user experience
- Improved visuals and commentary of long terms trends for sub-sectors
- Included comparisons with other conceptually similar statistics such as GDP

It is Welsh Government's responsibility to maintain compliance with the standards expected of National Statistics. If we become concerned about whether these statistics are still meeting the appropriate standards, we will discuss any concerns with the Authority promptly. National Statistics status can be removed at any point when the highest standards are not maintained, and reinstated when standards are restored.

8.7 Well-being of Future Generations Act (WFG)

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act puts in place seven well-being goals for Wales. These are for a more equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible Wales, with cohesive communities and a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Under section (10)(1) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers must (a) publish indicators ("national indicators") that must be applied for the purpose of measuring progress towards the achievement of the Well-being goals, and (b) lay a copy of the national indicators before the National Assembly. The 46 national indicators were laid in March 2016.

Information on the indicators, along with narratives for each of the well-being goals and associated technical information is available in the [Well-being of Wales report](#).

Further information on the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

The statistics included in this release could also provide supporting narrative to the national indicators and be used by public services boards in relation to their local well-being assessments and local well-being plans.

8.8 Further details

Links

This document is available at <https://gov.wales/short-term-output-indicators>

Previous publications of this statistical release contained more extensive tables in Appendix B. All the information contained within these tables can now be found on [StatsWales](#).

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We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to economic.stats@gov.wales.

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Appendix A: Sections of Standard Industrial Classification¹ in Index of Production, Index of Construction and Index of Market Services

Table A1: Sections and sub-sections in Index of Production

SIC 2007	Description
B	Mining and Quarrying
C	Manufacturing
CA (10-12)	<i>Food products, beverages and tobacco</i>
CB (13-15)	<i>Textiles, wearing apparel and leather products</i>
CC (16-18)	<i>Wood and paper products, and printing</i>
CD (19)	<i>Coke and refined petroleum products</i>
CECF (20-21)	<i>Chemicals and pharmaceuticals</i>
CG (22-23)	<i>Rubber & plastics products, & other non-metallic minerals</i>
CH (24-25)	<i>Basic metals and metal products</i>
CICJ (26-27)	<i>Computer and electronic products</i>
CK (28)	<i>Machinery and equipment n.e.c.</i>
CL (29-30)	<i>Transport equipment</i>
CM (31-33)	<i>Other manufacturing and repair</i>
CIJKL	<i>Engineering and allied industries</i>
CCGM	<i>Other manufacturing</i>
DE	Electricity, gas and water supply

Table A2: Sections in Index of Construction

SIC 2007	Description
F	Construction

Table A3: Sections and sub-sections in Index of Market Services

SIC 2007	Description
G	Distribution
45	<i>Wholesale, Retail Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles</i>
46	<i>Wholesale Trade except Motor Vehicles</i>
47	<i>Retail Sales except Motor Vehicles</i>
H	Transportation and Storage
49-51	<i>Land, water and air transport</i>
52-53	<i>Warehousing and support activities for transportation; postal and courier activities</i>
I	Accommodation and Food Service Activities
55	<i>Accommodation</i>
56	<i>Food and beverage service activities</i>
J	Information and Communication
JA (58-60)	<i>Publishing, audio-visual and broadcasting activities</i>
JB (61)	<i>Telecommunications</i>
JC (62-63)	<i>Information technology and other information activities</i>
K	Financial and Insurance Activities
L	Real Estate Activities
L x OOD	<i>Real Estate excluding Owner Occupied Dwellings</i>
OOD	<i>Owner Occupied Dwellings</i>
M	Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
N	Administrative and Support Service Activities
R-T	Other Services

¹ See [UK Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities 2007](#) for full category descriptions.

Appendix B: reference table

Table B1: Index of Production and Index of Construction for Wales ⁽¹⁾

2007 STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION		Index	Annual Indices		2018				2019		Percentage change: Latest			
			Weights ⁽³⁾	2017	2018	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	4 qtrs to previous 4 qtrs		qtr to previous qtr
Section	Description										Wales	UK ⁽⁴⁾	Wales	UK ⁽⁴⁾
B-E	PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES	1000	101.2 (r)	99.4 (r)	98.3 (r)	100.7 (r)	100.2 (r)	98.2 (r)	96.6 (r)	94.8	-2.4	-0.5	-1.9	-1.8
B	Mining and Quarrying	11	58.7 (r)	57.3 (r)	58.7 (r)	55.0 (r)	60.3 (r)	55.2 (r)	64.6 (r)	73.6	15.3	4.9	13.9	-1.1
C	Manufacturing	819	104.3 (r)	103.4 (r)	101.2 (r)	104.8 (r)	104.3 (r)	103.5 (r)	101.0 (r)	97.9	-1.8	-0.5	-3.1	-2.8
CA	Food, Beverages and Tobacco	144	98.3 (r)	111.0 (r)	107.4 (r)	107.0 (r)	113.2 (r)	116.1 (r)	120.3 (r)	124.9	14.7	3.1	3.7	-2.2
CB	Textiles, Wearing Apparel and Leather	15	127.9 (r)	141.7 (r)	126.6 (r)	144.7 (r)	148.6 (r)	146.8 (r)	114.3 (r)	118.1	-2.9	-3.4	3.3	-0.8
CC	Wood, Paper Products and Printing	65	99.2 (r)	110.6 (r)	107.8	108.8 (r)	110.3 (r)	115.4 (r)	124.9 (r)	118.9	10.3	0.5	-4.8	-1.9
CD	Coke and Refined Petroleum Products	48	96.3 (r)	92.1 (r)	76.4	97.8	99.2	95.1	86.2	93.3	3.0	2.6	8.3	-8.3
CE-CF	Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals	91	107.7 (r)	100.9 (r)	91.7 (r)	107.3 (r)	98.1 (r)	106.5 (r)	115.6 (r)	107.8	2.4	2.7	-6.8	-4.3
CG	Rubber and Plastics and other Non-metallic Minerals	71	108.0 (r)	98.2 (r)	101.9 (r)	97.6 (r)	95.5 (r)	97.5 (r)	91.6 (r)	90.1	-9.8	-2.4	-1.7	-2.1
CH	Basic Metals and Metal Products	118	108.1 (r)	95.3 (r)	93.6 (r)	96.2 (r)	95.8 (r)	95.6 (r)	94.4 (r)	89.0	-8.2	-1.9	-5.8	-2.7
CI-CJ	Computer and Electronic Products	74	103.0 (r)	106.8 (r)	106.1 (r)	106.8 (r)	109.1 (r)	105.1 (r)	111.1 (r)	105.1	0.0	4.9	-5.4	-1.3
CK	Machinery and Equipment n.e.c	21	129.9 (r)	105.8 (r)	110.4	103.7 (r)	103.5 (r)	105.6	102.3 (r)	89.1	-18.1	-4.3	-12.9	-1.6
CL	Transport Equipment	180	106.7 (r)	106.6 (r)	105.2 (r)	105.3	108.9 (r)	106.9 (r)	110.9 (r)	110.2	3.2	-5.3	-0.6	-6.5
CM	Other Manufacturing and Repair	174	100.1 (r)	98.4 (r)	100.5 (r)	106.0 (r)	98.3	88.8 (r)	65.1 (r)	56.9	-20.7	-2.8	-12.6	0.4
CIJKL	Engineering and Allied Industries	275	107.5 (r)	106.6 (r)	105.9 (r)	105.6 (r)	108.5 (r)	106.3 (r)	110.2 (r)	107.2	0.4	-1.7	-2.8	-3.8
CCGM	Other Manufacturing	310	101.7 (r)	100.9 (r)	102.3	104.7 (r)	100.2 (r)	96.4 (r)	83.7 (r)	77.5	-11.2	-1.7	-7.4	-1.1
DE	Electricity, Gas and Water Supply ⁽⁵⁾	170	89.3 (r)	82.5 (r)	87.3 (r)	84.1 (r)	83.0 (r)	75.7 (r)	77.6 (r)	81.1	-6.7	-1.8	4.6	2.0
F	CONSTRUCTION	1000	102.0 (r)	119.7 (r)	108.3 (r)	114.7 (r)	125.5 (r)	130.2 (r)	126.1 (r)	116.7	16.8	1.4	-7.4	-1.2

Source: Short Term Output Indicators, Welsh Government and ONS

- (1) Revisions to the series are normally made each quarter to take account both of more recent information and improved seasonal factors
- (2) All series are seasonally adjusted except CB, CC, CD and CK.
- (3) Where the sections are highlighted in bold; the weights sum to the Index of Production (IoP = 1,000). Those sub-sections whose weights are not highlighted sum to the individual section e.g the sum of the weights for sub-sections CC, CG and CM sum to Section CCGM. There may be some apparent slight discrepancies between the constituent items and the total due to rounding.
- (4) UK figures for Production as published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 September 2019 and UK figures for Construction as published by the Office for National Statistics on 9 September 2019.
- (5) Relates to SIC 2007 Sections D - Electricity, Gas and Air Conditioning Supply and Section E - Water Supply; Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation Activities.
- (r) Data revised since last publication

Table B2: Index of Market Services for Wales ⁽¹⁾

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ⁽²⁾: 2016 = 100

2007 STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION		Index	Annual Indices		2018				2019		Percentage change: Latest			
			Weights ⁽³⁾	2017	2018	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	4 qtrs to previous 4 qtrs		qtr to previous qtr
Section	Description										Wales	UK ⁽⁴⁾	Wales	UK ⁽⁴⁾
IoMS	MARKET SERVICES	1000	100.6 (r)	103.1 (r)	101.0 (r)	102.8 (r)	103.5	104.9 (r)	105.6 (r)	106.7	3.9	4.2	1.0	1.0
G	Distribution	210	105.0	109.0 (r)	106.9 (r)	109.9 (r)	109.3 (r)	109.9 (r)	111.4 (r)	113.4	3.6	3.8	1.8	0.1
45	Wholesale, Retail Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles	187	111.7	109.3 (r)	106.4 (r)	110.6 (r)	110.2 (r)	110.1 (r)	121.4 (r)	124.0	4.4	0.0	2.1	-0.5
46	Wholesale Trade except Motor Vehicles	270	108.8	119.9 (r)	115.9 (r)	120.8 (r)	118.3	124.4 (r)	127.6 (r)	130.3	8.9	5.5	2.1	-0.6
47	Retail Sales except Motor Vehicles	543	100.9	103.5 (r)	102.6 (r)	104.3 (r)	104.5 (r)	102.7 (r)	100.0 (r)	101.4	0.4	3.9	1.4	0.7
H	Transport	65	97.3 (r)	106.0 (r)	99.1 (r)	103.5 (r)	105.0 (r)	116.5 (r)	132.8 (r)	137.6	24.8	2.8	3.6	-0.6
49-51	Land, Water & Air Transport	482	95.6 (r)	103.9 (r)	99.7 (r)	104.4 (r)	98.1 (r)	113.6 (r)	100.4 (r)	107.3	5.7	3.5	6.9	-0.4
52,53	Warehousing & Transport Support Activities; Postal & Courier Activities	518	99.8 (r)	109.1 (r)	99.7 (r)	103.8 (r)	112.5 (r)	120.5 (r)	164.0 (r)	167.0	42.4	2.1	1.8	-0.9
I	Accommodation & Food Service Activities	76	105.2 (r)	100.8 (r)	104.8 (r)	102.0	98.4	98.0 (r)	106.8 (r)	109.8	-2.2	3.2	2.9	-0.3
55	Accommodation	431	107.6 (r)	105.2 (r)	105.6 (r)	106.9 (r)	104.7 (r)	103.7 (r)	106.5 (r)	107.3	-2.1	6.0	0.7	0.6
56	Food & Beverage Service Activities	569	103.4	97.5 (r)	104.2 (r)	98.4 (r)	93.6 (r)	93.6 (r)	106.9 (r)	111.7	-2.3	2.0	4.5	-0.6
J	Information & Communication Activities	61	108.0 (r)	100.2 (r)	103.4 (r)	98.2 (r)	100.1 (r)	99.0 (r)	97.5 (r)	92.6	-5.9	6.2	-5.1	1.4
JA	Publishing, Audio Visual & Broadcasting Activities	106	100.9	120.3 (r)	112.6 (r)	109.8 (r)	138.7 (r)	120.1 (r)	99.0 (r)	111.2	8.4	4.1	12.3	4.5
JB	Telecommunications	487	100.8 (r)	99.2 (r)	98.4 (r)	98.8 (r)	100.2 (r)	99.5 (r)	99.0	95.6	-0.7	1.3	-3.4	-3.0
JC	Information Technology & Other Information Activities	407	118.4 (r)	96.1 (r)	107.0	94.5 (r)	89.9 (r)	93.0 (r)	95.4 (r)	84.1	-15.4	10.1	-11.9	2.0
K	Financial & Insurance Activities	94	97.6 (r)	102.3 (r)	99.0 (r)	102.8 (r)	105.1 (r)	102.2 (r)	99.0 (r)	99.5	2.0	-1.5	0.5	-0.4
L	Real Estate Activities	266	98.4 (r)	99.6 (r)	98.1 (r)	99.6 (r)	100.3 (r)	100.5 (r)	100.3 (r)	98.5	1.2	1.0	-1.8	0.3
LXOOD	Real Estate Activities excluding OOD	153	106.5	107.2 (r)	103.0 (r)	106.4 (r)	108.0 (r)	111.4 (r)	122.2 (r)	115.4	6.8	0.7	-5.5	0.5
OOD	Owner Occupied Dwellings	847	96.9 (r)	98.3 (r)	97.3 (r)	98.4 (r)	98.9 (r)	98.5 (r)	96.4 (r)	95.5	0.1	1.1	-0.9	0.2
M	Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities	81	97.2 (r)	107.3 (r)	99.7 (r)	104.2 (r)	106.4 (r)	119.0	118.1	123.5	19.3	3.4	4.6	0.0
N	Administrative & Support Service Activities	70	102.3 (r)	110.3 (r)	107.0 (r)	111.3 (r)	112.3 (r)	110.7 (r)	97.8 (r)	100.1	-2.1	2.8	2.4	-0.2
RST	Other Services	77	94.7 (r)	90.6 (r)	88.5 (r)	89.7 (r)	92.5 (r)	91.7 (r)	92.3 (r)	95.8	2.6	-0.4	3.7	-1.5

(1) Revisions to the series are normally made each quarter to take account both of more recent information and improved seasonal factors

(2) All series are seasonally adjusted except JC and K.

(3) Where the sections are highlighted in bold; the weights sum to the Index of Market Services (IoMS = 1,000). There may be some apparent slight discrepancies between the constituent items and the total due to rounding.

(4) UK figures as published by the Office for National Statistics on 30 September 2019.

(r) Data revised since last publication