

Spatial Plan Data Newsletter

A Welsh Assembly Government project has been set up to collate and disseminate data for the areas identified in the Wales Spatial Plan. It is titled the Spatial Plan Data Project. This newsletter informs users interested in these data of further progress since the last newsletter was published on 18 July 2008.

Updated data resource and new Spatial Plan area profiles

The Spatial Plan data resource that was first published in late 2007 has been recently been updated (on 1 December 2008) to include some new data items, as well as updates to the existing data items. These new items include:

- population projections;
- life expectancy data;
- improved access to services data; and
- improved flood risk data (by degree of risk).

The updated data resource is available at:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/spatial-plan/spatialplanareas>.

A new feature of the data resource are individual statistical profiles for each of the six areas identified in the Wales Spatial Plan, which provide a brief overview and summarise the key features of each area from a statistical perspective.

These profiles also form part of the statistical bulletin that was published alongside the data resource, and available here:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/compendia2008/hdw20081128>.

Structure of the data resource

The data resource is available as a set of separate web-pages for each of the six areas. Each page provides a set of themed spreadsheets for that area, showing data for the area alongside figures for Wales as a whole. A further page provides similarly themed spreadsheets (including charts) for all the areas alongside each other.

The themes covered are:

- demographics;
- economy and labour market;
- education;
- health and well-being;
- natural and built environment;
- housing, deprivation and access to services; and
- transport;

with the main data items covered by each of the themes given in the table over the page.

Note that as South East Wales covers almost half of the population of Wales, it is possible to sub-divide the area and to obtain meaningful data for these sub-divisions. Thus the area is split into three parts, each facing different issues: the Heads of the Valleys, the City Coastal Zone and the intervening Connections Corridor. The South East Wales page includes separate summaries for each of these three sub-divisions, as well for the South East Wales area as a whole.

Contents of the data resource

Theme	Datasets included
Demographics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population levels and change • Population projections and change • Births, deaths and natural change • Life expectancy by gender
Economy and labour market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour market data, including employment and inactivity rates, qualifications and occupations • Earnings data • Benefit claimants • Business counts and employees by industry and size • Rateable value and floorspace of premises subject to non-domestic rates
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupil and teacher numbers • Special educational need • Free school meals • School attainment • School absence • Young people not in education, employment or training • Further and higher education students • Use of the Welsh language
Health and well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh Health Survey data, including data on selected conditions and lifestyle • Cancer incidence • Deaths by selected cause • GP, hospital and dental services data • Child immunisation
Natural and built environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas / sites of environmental importance • Households subject to flood risk, by degree of risk • Climate data
Housing, deprivation and access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dwellings numbers • Average house prices • Population living in deprived areas • Average travel times and distances to selected services
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road accidents data • Vehicle use

Further information

For more information, please visit the Welsh Assembly Government internet site at: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/spatial-plan>.

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