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Wales National Travel Survey: Publishing official statistics

How we comply with the Code of Practise for Statistics



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Our official statistics

Transport for Wales (TfW) are named in the Official Statistics (Wales) Order 2017 as a body that produces official statistics in Wales. The Statistics and Registration Services Act 2007 defines what [official statistics](#) are.

TfW is an arms-length body wholly owned by the Welsh Government. We participate in the UK statistical system through the Welsh Government's Chief Statistician and Head of Profession for Statistics. However, we produce statistics that are independent from the Welsh Government. These statistics are produced in line with the [Code of Practise for Statistics](#).

Purpose of this document

This document aims to demonstrate TfW's compliance with the Code of Practise for Statistics. Each standard of the code is addressed with a short statement, detailing how we are producing statistics that serve the public good.

Trustworthiness

Show integrity

Statistics produced as part of the Wales National Travel Survey (WNTS) are produced independently of policy teams within TfW and Welsh Government. Data are analysed and presented impartially.

Lead responsibly

The methods used for data collection, analysis undertaken and the content of publications are the responsibility of the Lead Statistician in TfW. These are undertaken in line with the Code of Practise for Statistics.

Be transparent

Statistics publications are preannounced in advance. A specific release date and time is announced at least four weeks ahead of publication. The publication date and time are set by the Lead Statistician. Access to the statistics is limited, in line with the pre-release access regulations.

Additional information can be found in the [release practises](#) section.

Manage data responsibly

We have a published [statement on confidentiality and data security](#) specifying controller and processor roles, lawful basis, and handling of queries or complaints information.

Quality

Prioritise quality

[Extensive testing](#) (desk reviews, cognitive interviews, pilots and dress rehearsal) was undertaken in the development phase of the project. We have published a [quality report](#) detailing data sources, methods, strengths and limitations.

Be rigorous

The mixed-mode, push-to-web design, sampling assumptions, weighting strategy and diary integration were all considered in research proposals, [published on our website](#). We have adopted a similar approach to travel surveys run by other official statistics producers.

Be open about quality

The [WNTS quality report](#) discusses quality aspects of the survey. Relevant quality information is also included in all data publications, including caveats and what the data does not cover.

Confidence intervals and sample sizes are published alongside the data to clearly present the precision of the results.

Value

Be relevant

WNTS supports the Wales Transport Strategy Monitoring Framework and provides robust mode share, journey distance, multimodal metrics and attitudinal data to inform decisions.

We have [worked with stakeholders](#) and potential data users to develop our survey content and data publication strategy. Our updated [stakeholder engagement strategy](#) details how we will record feedback following data publication.

Be clear

We have clearly communicated what the statistics mean, their strengths and weaknesses, and what they cannot be used for. Data are presented in different ways, acknowledging that different users have different needs from the data.

Be accessible

All data and results are published in accessible formats, and in Welsh and English. The survey itself has been assessed against the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2](#). Details can be found in our [accessibility statement](#).

Release practises

Announcing publications

We announce our statistical releases under [statistics and research on GOV.WALES](#), with the release date announced at least four weeks in advance. This is in line with the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). We do not preannounce our statistics on the UK government publication hub.

Pre-release access to official statistics

We aim to restrict the number of people with access to the statistics before they are published. In addition to colleagues involved in the production and publication of the statistics, certain individuals are allowed early access to official statistics.

The rules governing who and why early access is granted are set out in [The Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics \(Wales\) Order 2009](#).

For transparency, we will publish information on the roles of individuals granted pre-release access.

Revisions

Revisions are where a value is amended following its initial publication.

We'll note:

- where a whole table is revised with 'revised' at the end of the title.
- where the data for a particular row or column is revised (either in part or across all items) by adding the symbol 'r' to the relevant column or row..
- where an individual cell is revised with the symbol 'r' next to the value.

Provisional results

First estimates of data planned to be revised in the future are labelled as provisional.

Values that are marked as provisional will use the same structure, substituting (p) and provisional for (r) and revised, respectively.

The accepted Welsh translations for these symbols and meanings are below. The symbols are not translated into (t) or (d) to avoid the need for multiple symbols in bilingual tables.

English**Welsh**

Provisional (p)

Tymhorol neu dros dro (p)

Revised (r)

Diwygiedig (r)

The first outputs from the WNTS, to be published from April 2026, will be based on the first six months of data are therefore marked as provisional. These outputs will be revised once we have received and analysed data from the full survey year.

Following the publication of the annual data, we will be publishing data on an annual basis.

Unplanned revisions due to errors

Revised statistics will be released as soon as practicable.

If a small error (such as a typographical error) is found on our published statistics, we will correct and update the statistical release on our website. No further action will be taken.

If a substantial error is detected, we will correct and update the statistical release as soon as practicable. We will notify users of the revision by email.

In extreme cases, if an error is detected that is large and cannot be corrected immediately, we may remove the release from GOV.WALES and our website while we prepare the correction. We will add an accompanying note to our website and contact data users.

Where a revision due to an error is identified, we will release the revised statistics to the same audiences and via the same media.

User engagement

Our [user engagement](#) report details the planned and completed engagement activities for the WNTS. The report describes the work undertaken during the development stage of the survey as well as plans following the April preliminary data publication.

Data confidentiality

We have published a statement on confidentiality and data security, in line with Standard 4 of the Code of Practise for Statistics. The statement describes how we manage data responsibly, including how statistics are used safely and securely.