

Regional economic & labour market profile – South West Wales – October 2015

This quarterly statistical bulletin summarises information on the economy and labour market for the South West Wales economic region along with comparisons to Wales and the UK.

It is one in a series of four which cover the four economic regions of Wales: North Wales, Mid Wales, South West Wales and South East Wales.

South West Wales is made up of the following four local authorities: Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

The latest headline labour market statistics for South West Wales are generally weaker than Wales.

Compared to Wales; South West Wales has a lower employment rate and higher ILO unemployment and economic inactivity rates. It also has lower GVA per head and GDHI per head, but higher earnings.



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Summary table: Latest data for South West Wales

| | South West Wales | | | | Wales | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| | Level (000s) | Change on year | Rate (%) | Change on year | Rate (%) | Change on year |
| Employment ⁽¹⁾ | 302.7 | 2.9 | 68.6 | 0.6 | 69.7 | 0.2 |
| ILO unemployment ⁽²⁾ | 24.2 | -0.8 | 7.4 | -0.3 | 6.7 | -0.5 |
| Economic Inactivity ⁽³⁾ | 83.9 | 2.2 | 22.1 | 0.6 | 21.0 | 0.2 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance claimants ⁽⁴⁾ | 8.6 | -1.4 | 2.0 | -0.3 | 2.1 | -0.5 |
| GVA per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁵⁾ | . | . | 65.4 | 1.0 | 72.2 | 0.5 |
| GDHI per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁶⁾ | . | . | 85.7 | 0.9 | 87.8 | 1.1 |
| Earnings, Index UK=100 ⁽⁷⁾ | . | . | 87.0 | 2.4 | 86.6 | -0.2 |

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(3) Levels and rates exclude students and are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to June 2015.

(4) Data relate to September 2015 and excludes Universal Credit claimants.

(5) Data relate to 2013 and are provisional.

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OVERALL SUMMARY

South West Wales had total Gross Value Added of £13.8 billion in 2013. This translates as £15,288 per head or 65.4 per cent of the UK average, compared to 72.2 per cent for Wales. This difference is largely due to job structure in the area which means that there is lower GVA per job in South West Wales than Wales overall.

Gross Disposable Household Income per head in South West Wales was £15,055 in 2013. This was 85.7 per cent of the UK average which was lower than the Wales average (87.8 per cent). Average full-time weekly earnings are higher than the Wales average in 2014. Relative to the UK, earnings in South West Wales are 87.0 per cent of the UK average in 2014; this was higher than the Wales average (86.6 per cent).

Over the latest year employment and economic inactivity increased in South West Wales whilst ILO unemployment fell. Looking at the longer term, the labour market in South West Wales has seen an improvement compared to Wales since 2001.

The most recent data shows a fall over the year for the rate of Jobseeker's Allowance claimants in South West Wales, this fall was smaller than the falls for both Wales and the UK. The latest Jobseeker's Allowance claimant rate for South West Wales is below the Wales rate and higher than the UK rate.

The notes section includes a link to a data sources guide which gives information on the methodology, quality and metadata for the sources used in this output (page 23).

Please note 'next update' dates given throughout this bulletin relate to when new data for the dataset are next being released. The StatsWales datasets will be updated at that time and can be accessed via the links given under the tables in this bulletin.

COMPARISONS TO WALES, UK & OTHER WELSH ECONOMIC REGIONS

| | North Wales | Mid Wales | South West Wales | South East Wales | Wales | UK |
|--|----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| Employment rate ⁽¹⁾ | 71.3 | 73.1 | 68.6 | 69.0 | 69.7 | 72.9 |
| ILO unemployment rate ⁽²⁾ | 5.3 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| Economic Inactivity rate ⁽³⁾ | 20.9 | 17.9 | 22.1 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 18.5 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance claimants ⁽⁴⁾ | 1.8 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| GVA per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁵⁾ | 72.5 | 63.4 | 65.4 | 77.5 | 72.2 | 100.0 |
| GDHI per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁶⁾ | 90.3 | 94.9 | 85.7 | 87.1 | 87.8 | 100.0 |
| Earnings, Index UK=100 ⁽⁷⁾ | 85.0 | 78.2 | 87.0 | 88.0 | 86.6 | 100.0 |
| Change on year (%): | | | | | | |
| Employment rate ⁽¹⁾ | -0.3 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| ILO unemployment rate ⁽²⁾ | -0.6 | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -1.2 |
| Economic Inactivity rate ⁽³⁾ | 0.6 | -1.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance claimants ⁽⁴⁾ | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -0.5 | -0.6 |
| GVA per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁵⁾ | 0.4 | -3.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | . |
| GDHI per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁶⁾ | 1.3 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | . |
| Earnings, Index UK=100 ⁽⁷⁾ | -0.4 | -0.6 | 2.4 | -1.0 | -0.2 | . |
| Change on 1999/2001 (%): | | | | | | |
| Employment rate ⁽¹⁾ | 1.7 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.6 |
| ILO unemployment rate ⁽²⁾ | 0.8 | -0.9 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| Economic Inactivity rate ⁽³⁾ | -3.7 | -2.9 | -6.5 | -6.0 | -5.4 | -2.9 |
| Jobseeker's Allowance claimants ⁽⁴⁾ | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.6 | -1.0 | -1.3 | -1.6 |
| GVA per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁵⁾ | 1.5 | -6.3 | 1.2 | -1.4 | -0.2 | . |
| GDHI per head, Index UK=100 ⁽⁶⁾ | 3.5 | 11.9 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | . |
| Earnings, Index UK=100 ⁽⁷⁾ | -1.5 | -0.4 | -0.9 | -1.6 | -1.4 | . |

(1) Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to June 2015 with comparisons over the latest year and 2001.

(2) Levels and rates are for those aged 16 and over. The rate is a proportion of the economically active. Data relate to the year to June 2015 with comparisons over the latest year and 2001.

(3) Levels and rates exclude students and are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to June 2015 with comparisons over the latest year and 2001.

(4) Data relate to September 2015 and excludes Universal Credit claimants. Comparisons are over the latest year and 1999.

(5) Data relate to 2013 and are provisional. Comparisons are over the latest year and 1999.

(6) Data relate to 2013 and are provisional. Comparisons are over the latest year and 1999.

(7) Data relate to 2014 and are provisional. Comparisons are over the latest year and 1999.

South West Wales had the lowest employment rate amongst the Welsh Economic regions, the joint highest ILO unemployment rate and the highest economic inactivity rate. It had the second highest JSA claimant rate, the second lowest GVA per head, the lowest GDHI per head, and the second highest earnings amongst the economic regions.

Over the latest year South West Wales had the second largest increase in the employment rate (1 region had a fall and 1 region was unchanged). It had the smallest fall in the ILO unemployment rate (Mid Wales increased). South West Wales had the joint highest increase in the economic inactivity rate (1 region had a fall and 1 region was unchanged). It had the joint smallest fall in the JSA claimant rate, the largest increase in GVA per head, the joint smallest increase in GDHI per head, and it was the only region to have an increase in earnings.

Looking over the longer term South West Wales had the largest increase in the employment rate and of the three regions which had increases, the second largest increase in the ILO unemployment rate (Mid Wales having a fall). It had the largest fall in both the economic activity and the JSA claimant rates. It had the smallest increase in GVA per head (but two regions had falls), the smallest increase in GDHI per head and the second smallest fall in earnings.

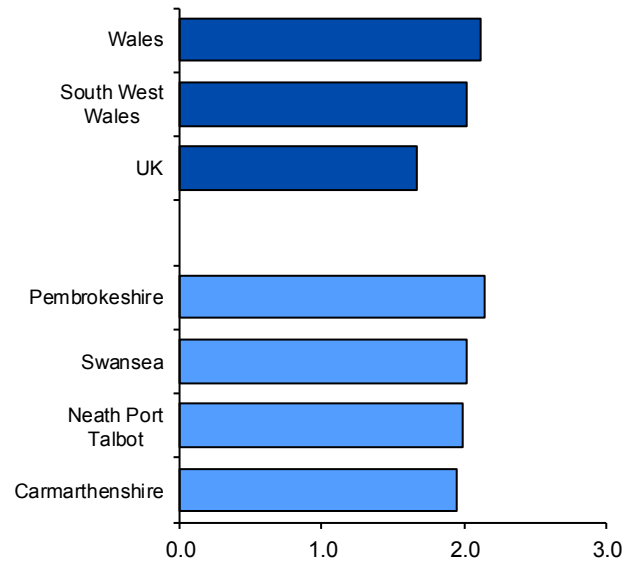
LATEST MONTHLY DATA

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE (JSA)

CLAIMANTS **New data** (next update Nov 2015)

- There were 8,600 people claiming JSA in South West Wales in September 2015, down 1,400 (or 14 per cent) over the year. This fall was smaller than the falls for both Wales and the UK (down 21 per cent and 26 per cent respectively).
- Within South West Wales, all 4 authorities had falls over the year, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage fall (down 26 per cent) and Pembrokeshire the smallest (down 1 per cent).
- The number of JSA claimants was down 5,800 (or 40 per cent) since September 1999. This fall was larger than the fall for Wales but lower than the UK fall (down 33 per cent and 44 per cent respectively).
- Within South West Wales, all 4 authorities had falls on September 1999, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage fall (down 43 per cent) and Pembrokeshire the smallest (down 37 per cent).
- The JSA claimant rate fell by 0.3 percentage points over the year to 2.0 per cent of the population aged 16-64 in September 2015. This was below the Wales rate (2.1 per cent) and higher than the UK rate (1.7 per cent).
- Within South West Wales, the lowest rate was in Carmarthenshire (1.9 per cent) and the highest was in Pembrokeshire (2.2 per cent).
- Compared to September 1999, the JSA claimant rate fell by 1.6 percentage points in South West Wales. This fall was larger than the falls for Wales (down 1.3 percentage points) and the same as the fall for the UK. Within South West Wales the rate fell in all 4 authorities.

Chart 1: Jobseeker's Allowance claimant rate, September 2015 (a)



(a) Claimants of unemployment-related benefits, i.e. jobseekers allowance as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.

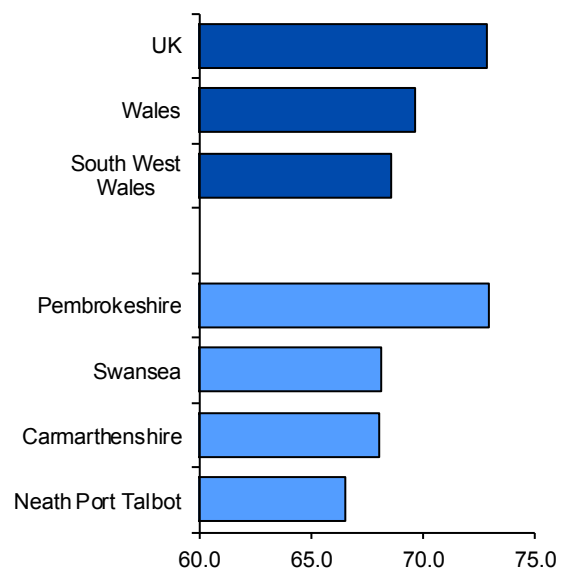
LATEST QUARTERLY DATA

EMPLOYMENT **New data**

(next update Dec 2015)

- There were 302,700 people in employment in South West Wales in the year to June 2015, up 2,900 (or 1 per cent) over the year. This compares to a 0.4 per cent increase for Wales and a 2.0 per cent increase for the UK.
- Within South West Wales, 2 of the 4 authorities had increases over the year and the other 2 authorities had falls.
- Compared to 2001, there were increases in all 4 authorities, with a total increase of 40,900 (or 16 per cent). This increase was larger than the increases for both Wales and the UK (both up 12 per cent).
- The employment rate in South West Wales for the year to June 2015 was 68.6 per cent, up 0.6 percentage points over the year. This was lower than the rates for both Wales (69.7 per cent) and the UK (72.9 per cent).
- Within South West Wales the employment rate varied, from 66.6 per cent in Neath Port Talbot to 73.0 per cent in Pembrokeshire.
- Compared to 2001 the employment rate in South West Wales increased by 4.0 percentage points, this increase was larger than the increases for both Wales and the UK. Within South West Wales, 3 of the 4 authorities increased since 2001 and 1 authority was unchanged.

Chart 2: Employment rate, year to June 2015 (a)



(a) People in employment as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.

UNEMPLOYMENT **New data** (next update Dec 2015)

- There were 24,200 unemployed people in South West Wales in the year to June 2015, down 800 (or 3.2 per cent) over the year. This fall was smaller than the falls for both Wales and the UK. Within South West Wales, 2 of the 4 authorities had increases and 2 authorities had falls.
- Compared to 2001, there was an overall increase of 6,700 (or 38 per cent) in South West Wales compared to a 39 per cent increase for Wales and a 28 per cent increase for the UK. Within South West Wales all 4 authorities had increases, with the largest percentage increase in Swansea (up 61 per cent).
- The unemployment rate was 7.4 per cent in the year to June 2015, down 0.3 percentage points over the year and higher than the rates for both Wales and the UK (6.7 per cent and 5.7 per cent respectively).
- Within South West Wales the unemployment rate varied, from 6.1 per cent in Pembrokeshire to 8.8 per cent in Swansea.
- Compared to 2001, the unemployment rate in South West Wales increased by 1.1 percentage points, this increase was smaller than the increase for Wales and larger than the increase for the UK. Within South West Wales, 3 of the 4 authorities had increases and 1 authority had a fall.

ECONOMIC INACTIVITY New data

(next update Dec 2015)

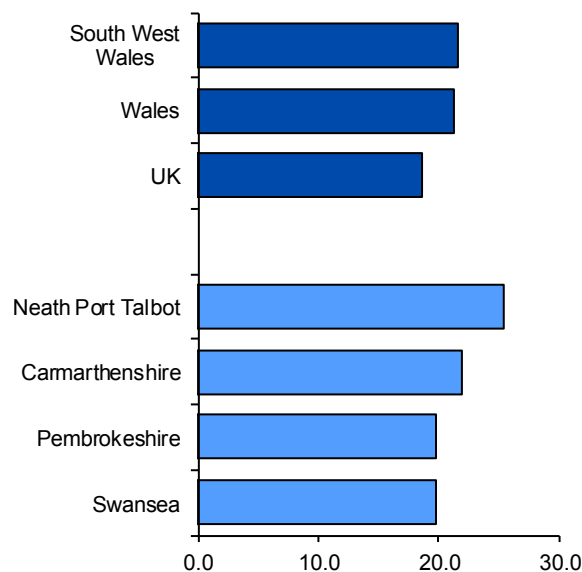
- Excluding students, the economic inactivity rate in South West Wales increased by 0.6 percentage points over the year to stand at 22.1 per cent in the year to June 2015. This was higher than both the Wales rate (21.0 per cent) and the UK rate (18.5 per cent).
- Within South West Wales, 2 of the 4 authorities had falls and 2 authorities had increases over the year. All 4 authorities had falls over 2011, with Pembrokeshire having the largest percentage fall (down 8.4 percentage points).
- Including students, the economic inactivity rate in South West Wales was 25.7 per cent, down 0.4 percentage points over the year. This was above both the Wales rate (25.2 per cent) and the UK rate (22.6 per cent).

BENEFIT CLAIMANTS (excl. Jobseeker's Allowance claimants) New data

(next update Nov 2015)

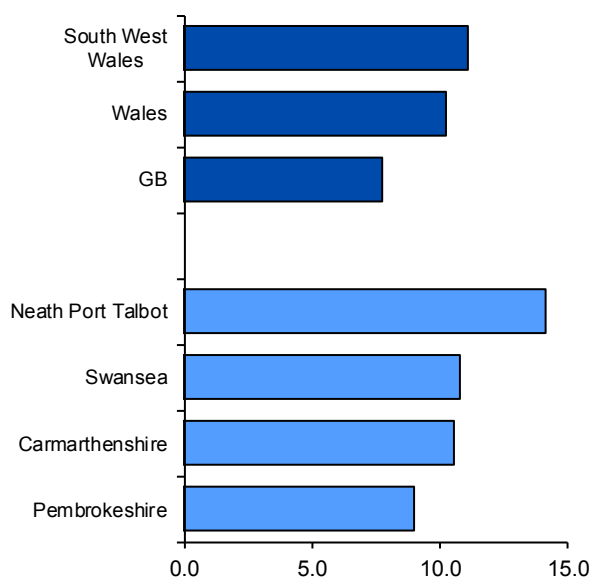
- The number of benefit claimants increased by 200 (or 0.5 per cent) over the year to stand at 47,400 in February 2015. This increase was smaller than the increases for both Wales and GB. Within South West Wales, 3 of the 4 authorities had increases and 1 authority had a fall.
- The claimant rate in South West Wales was 11.2 per cent in February 2015. This was higher than the rates for both Wales and GB (10.3 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively). Within South West Wales the rate varied, from 9.0 per cent in Pembrokeshire to 14.2 per cent in Neath Port Talbot.
- Compared to August 1999, the rate in South West Wales fell by 6.1 percentage points; this fall was larger than the falls for both Wales and GB (down 5.1 percentage points and down 2.7 percentage points respectively).
- Within South West Wales, the rate fell in all 4 authorities since 1999 with Neath Port Talbot having the largest fall (down 7.6 percentage points) and Pembrokeshire the smallest (down 4.7 percentage points).

Chart 3: Inactivity rate (excl. students), year to June 2015 (a)



(a) People economically inactive (excluding students) as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.

Chart 4: Benefit claimant rate, February 2015 (a)



(a) Benefit claimants as a percentage of population aged 16-64. Data cover incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants. Excludes Jobseeker's Allowance claimants.

LATEST ANNUAL DATA

GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA)

(next update Dec 2015)

- GVA in South West Wales in 2013 was £13.8 billion, up 4 per cent over the year and up 77 per cent since 1999, compared to increases of 4 per cent and 73 per cent for Wales.
- GVA per head was 65.4 per cent of the UK average in 2013, up 1.0 percentage points over the year and up 1.2 percentage points since 1999 (Wales was 72.2 per cent of UK average).
- There were wide variations across South West Wales, from 58.6 per cent in the combined area of Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, and Ceredigion to 74.6 per cent in Swansea.

GROSS DISPOSABLE HOUSEHOLD

INCOME (GDHI) (next update Apr 2016)

- GDHI per head in South West Wales was 85.7 per cent of the UK average in 2013, up 0.9 percentage points over the year and up 1.2 percentage points since 1999 (Wales was 87.8 per cent of UK average).
- The variations in GDHI per head within South West Wales ranged from 82.6 per cent of the UK average in Swansea to 88.9 per cent in the combined area of South West Wales.

AVERAGE FULL-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS

(next update Nov 2015)

- Average earnings in South West Wales in 2014 were £539.6 per week; this was 87.0 per cent of the UK average (Wales was 86.6 per cent of the UK average).
- Average weekly earnings in South West Wales were up 3 per cent over the year and up 53 per cent since 1999. This compares to a 0.2 per cent fall and a 53 per cent increase for Wales. The UK was unchanged over the year and up 55 per cent since 1999.
- Within South West Wales in 2014, average weekly earnings varied between 84.9 per cent of the UK average in Swansea to 91.1 per cent in Carmarthenshire.

Chart 5: GVA per head, index, difference from UK average, 2013 (UK = 100)

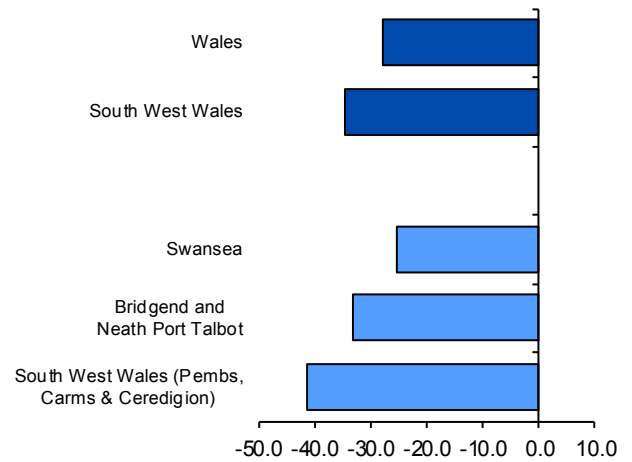


Chart 6: GDHI per head, index, difference from UK average, 2013 (UK = 100)

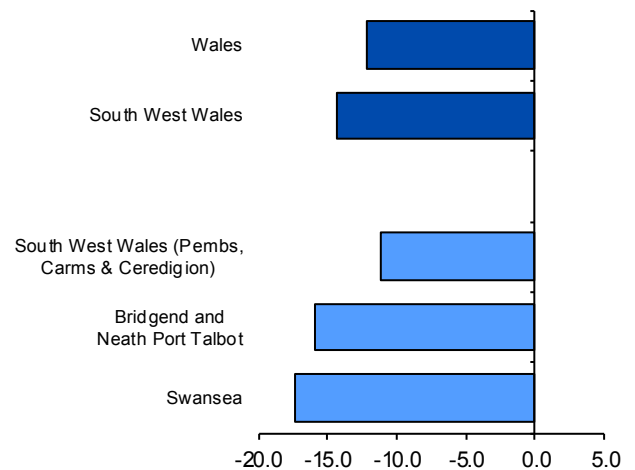
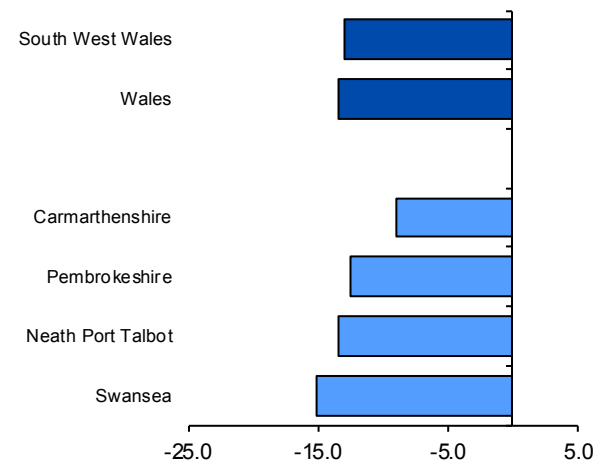


Chart 7: Average full-time weekly earnings index, difference from UK, 2014 (UK = 100) (a)

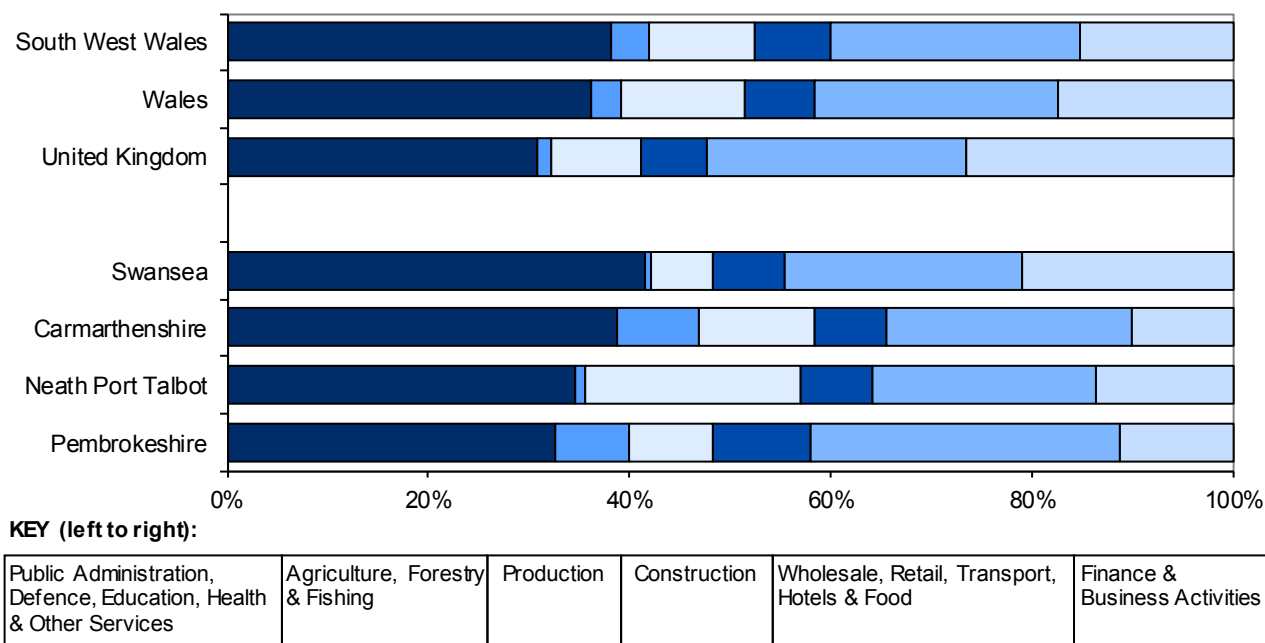


(a) Average gross weekly earnings (including overtime) for full time adults whose pay was unaffected by absence.

WORKPLACE EMPLOYMENT New data (next update Oct 2016)

- Total workplace employment in South West Wales in 2014 was up 17,000 or 6 per cent over the year, compared to a 2 per cent increase for both Wales and the UK. Since 2001 employment in South West Wales increased by 18 per cent, with this increase larger than the increases for both Wales and the UK.
- Within South West Wales there were increases in 3 of the 4 authorities over the year with Carmarthenshire having the largest percentage increase (up 12 per cent). The remaining authority, Pembrokeshire, fell by 3 per cent.
- Compared to 2001 workplace employment increased in all 4 authorities within South West Wales, with Carmarthenshire having the largest percentage increase (up 27 per cent).
- In 2014 compared to Wales; South West Wales had a higher percentage of jobs in the agriculture, forestry & fishing, construction, wholesale, retail, transport, hotels & food and the public administration, defence, education, health & other services sectors and a lower percentage in the production and finance and business activities sectors.
- Within South West Wales the share of workplace employment in the production sector ranged from 6 per cent in Swansea to 21 per cent in Neath Port Talbot.

Chart 8: Workplace employment by industry, 2014



VAT/PAYE REGISTERED ENTERPRISES (next update Nov 2015)

These data exclude those businesses below the VAT threshold and not registered for PAYE.

- There were 2,315 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births in South West Wales in 2013, and 1,805 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths. The stock¹ of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises increased by 190 during 2012 to stand at 19,575 in 2013.
- The stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises in South West Wales increased by 1 per cent over the year, this increase was smaller than the increases for both Wales and the UK. Since 2002 the stock in South West Wales increased by 11 per cent, this increase was the same as that for Wales and smaller than the increase for the UK.

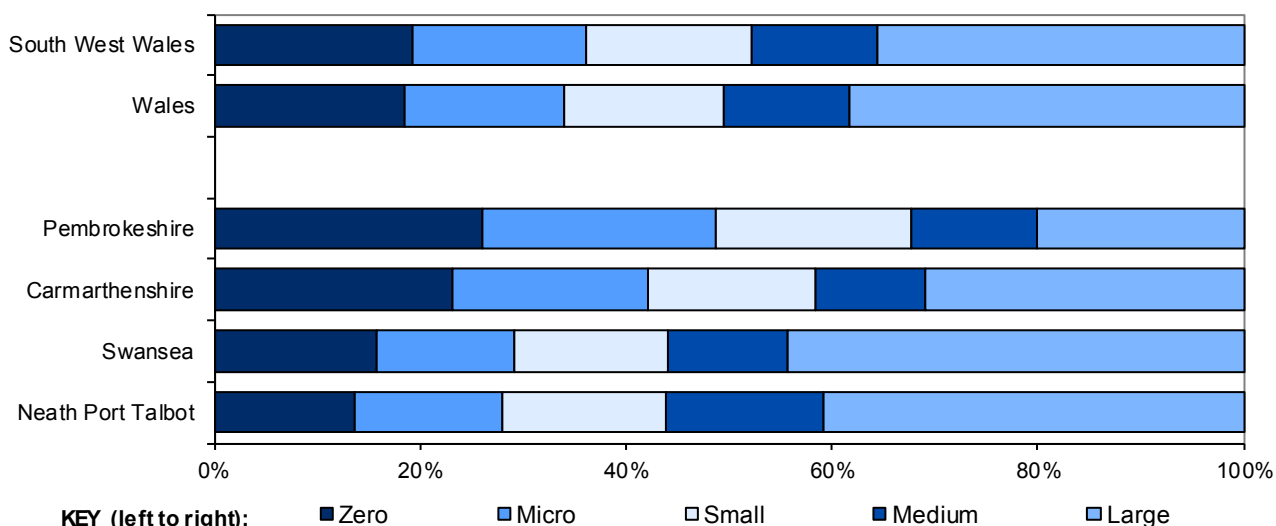
¹ The difference in births and deaths may not equal the difference in stock, because businesses may be born and die in the same period and the stock is taken at a single point in time

- Within South West Wales, all 4 authorities had increases in the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises over the year, with Swansea having the largest percentage increase (up 2 per cent). Since 2002, stock increased in all 4 authorities, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage increase (up 12 per cent).
- In 2013 the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in South West Wales stood at 460. This was just lower than that for both Wales (466) and the UK (598).
- Within South West Wales, the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in 2013 ranged from 339 in Neath Port Talbot to 616 in Pembrokeshire.

BUSINESS STRUCTURE (next update Nov 2015)

- There were 51,500 enterprises active in South West Wales in 2014, of which 94 per cent were in the zero or micro size band (0-9 employees). The percentage in this size-band was similar to that for Wales (95 per cent).
- In 2014, 36 per cent of private sector employment in South West Wales was in the zero or micro size-bands and a further 36 per cent was in the large size-band (250 plus employees). In Wales these size-bands accounted for 34 and 38 per cent of private sector employment respectively.
- Within South West Wales, the percentage of private sector employment in the large size-band varied from 20 per cent in Pembrokeshire to 44 per cent in Swansea.
- In 2014, 0.5 per cent of enterprises active in South West Wales were foreign-owned, the same as the percentage for Wales.
- In 2014, 11 per cent of private sector employment in South West Wales was in foreign owned enterprises, compared to 14 per cent for Wales. Within South West Wales, this percentage varied from 6 per cent in Pembrokeshire to 23 per cent in Neath Port Talbot.

Chart 9: Proportion of employment by enterprise size-band, 2014 (a)



(a) The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

MONTHLY DATA TABLES

New data

Table 1 Claimant count levels (a)

| | <i>Numbers in thousands</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | Sep 1999 | Sep 2014 | Sep 2015 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
| | | | | Sep 1999 | Sep 2014 | Sep 1999 | Sep 2014 |
| South West Wales | 14.3 | 10.0 | 8.6 | -5.8 | -1.4 | -40.2 | -14.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 | -0.9 | 0.0 | -37.1 | -0.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 3.6 | 2.3 | 2.2 | -1.4 | -0.1 | -39.6 | -4.3 |
| Swansea | 5.2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | -2.1 | -0.7 | -40.4 | -18.8 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 3.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 | -1.3 | -0.6 | -43.0 | -26.3 |
| Wales | 61.1 | 51.4 | 40.8 | -20.3 | -10.6 | -33.2 | -20.6 |
| United Kingdom | 1,224.0 | 923.2 | 685.5 | -538.5 | -237.8 | -44.0 | -25.8 |

Next update: Nov 2015 Source: Jobcentre Plus Administrative Systems

(a) Data are not seasonally adjusted and exclude Universal Credit claimants.

New data

Table 2 Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) claimant rates (a)

| | <i>Percentage of resident population aged 16-64</i> | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | Sep 1999 | Sep 2014 | Sep 2015 | Change in latest over: | |
| | | | | Sep 1999 | Sep 2014 |
| South West Wales | 3.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | -1.6 | -0.3 |
| Pembrokeshire | 3.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | -1.5 | 0.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | -1.5 | -0.1 |
| Swansea | 3.7 | 2.5 | 2.0 | -1.7 | -0.5 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 3.7 | 2.7 | 2.0 | -1.7 | -0.7 |
| Wales | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.1 | -1.3 | -0.5 |
| United Kingdom | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.7 | -1.6 | -0.6 |

Next update: Nov 2015 Source: Jobcentre Plus Administrative Systems

(a) Jobseeker's Allowance claimants as a percentage of the population aged 16-64.
Excludes Universal Credit claimants.

[Link to data](#)

QUARTERLY DATA TABLES

New data

Table 3 Employment levels

| | <i>People aged 16 and over (numbers in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest levels over:</i> | | <i>Percentage change in latest over:</i> | |
| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 261.9 | 299.8 | 302.7 | 40.9 | 2.9 | 15.6 | 1.0 |
| Pembrokeshire | 45.4 | 54.3 | 55.5 | 10.2 | 1.2 | 22.4 | 2.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 69.0 | 81.6 | 79.5 | 10.5 | -2.1 | 15.2 | -2.6 |
| Swansea | 96.8 | 103.6 | 107.9 | 11.1 | 4.3 | 11.5 | 4.1 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 50.7 | 60.3 | 59.8 | 9.1 | -0.5 | 18.0 | -0.8 |
| Wales | 1,238.6 | 1,382.8 | 1,388.4 | 149.8 | 5.6 | 12.1 | 0.4 |
| United Kingdom | 27,433.1 | 30,186.9 | 30,782.9 | 3,349.8 | 596.0 | 12.2 | 2.0 |

Next update: Dec 2015 Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

New data

Table 4 Employment rates

| | <i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest over:</i> | | |
| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 64.7 | 68.0 | 68.6 | 4.0 | 0.6 | |
| Pembrokeshire | 64.5 | 70.9 | 73.0 | 8.5 | 2.1 | |
| Carmarthenshire | 63.4 | 69.4 | 68.0 | 4.7 | -1.4 | |
| Swansea | 68.2 | 66.0 | 68.2 | 0.0 | 2.2 | |
| Neath Port Talbot | 60.4 | 67.3 | 66.6 | 6.1 | -0.8 | |
| Wales | 67.1 | 69.5 | 69.7 | 2.6 | 0.2 | |
| United Kingdom | 72.3 | 71.7 | 72.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 | |

Next update: Dec 2015 Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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Table 5 ILO unemployment levels

| | <i>People aged 16 and over (numbers in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest levels over:</i> | | <i>Percentage change in latest over:</i> | |
| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 17.5 | 25.0 | 24.2 | 6.7 | -0.8 | 38.1 | -3.2 |
| Pembrokeshire | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 0.4 | -0.1 | 13.9 | -3.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 4.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 34.4 | 3.0 |
| Swansea | 6.4 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 3.9 | 0.8 | 61.2 | 7.9 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 3.3 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 0.7 | -1.6 | 21.0 | -28.6 |
| Wales | 71.0 | 106.8 | 99.0 | 28.0 | -7.8 | 39.5 | -7.3 |
| United Kingdom | 1,450.3 | 2,219.0 | 1,853.2 | 402.9 | -365.8 | 27.8 | -16.5 |

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Table 6 ILO unemployment rates

Percentage of economically active people aged 16 and over

| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | Change in latest over: | |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | Year to | |
| | | | | 2001 | Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 6.3 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 1.1 | -0.3 |
| Pembrokeshire | 6.5 | 6.5 | 6.1 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| Carmarthenshire | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Swansea | 6.2 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 6.1 | 8.4 | 6.2 | 0.1 | -2.2 |
| Wales | 5.4 | 7.2 | 6.7 | 1.2 | -0.5 |
| United Kingdom | 5.0 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 0.7 | -1.2 |

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Table 7 Economic inactivity levels (excluding students)

People aged 16-64 (numbers in thousands)

| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Year to | | Year to | |
| | | | | 2001 | Jun 2014 | 2001 | Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 105.2 | 81.6 | 83.9 | -21.3 | 2.2 | -20.3 | 2.7 |
| Pembrokeshire | 17.8 | 13.4 | 13.3 | -4.5 | -0.1 | -25.4 | -0.7 |
| Carmarthenshire | 29.3 | 21.8 | 23.0 | -6.4 | 1.1 | -21.7 | 5.3 |
| Swansea | 31.2 | 27.3 | 26.9 | -4.3 | -0.3 | -13.7 | -1.2 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 26.8 | 19.2 | 20.7 | -6.2 | 1.5 | -22.9 | 7.9 |
| Wales | 439.7 | 359.0 | 360.8 | -78.9 | 1.8 | -17.9 | 0.5 |
| United Kingdom | 7,401.3 | 6,895.1 | 6,842.1 | -559.2 | -53.0 | -7.6 | -0.8 |

Next update: Dec 2015 Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

New data

Table 8 Economic inactivity rates (excluding students)

Percentage of population aged 16-64

| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | Change in latest over: | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Year to | |
| | | | | 2001 | Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 28.6 | 21.5 | 22.1 | -6.5 | 0.6 |
| Pembrokeshire | 28.2 | 20.4 | 19.8 | -8.4 | -0.7 |
| Carmarthenshire | 29.9 | 21.6 | 22.8 | -7.1 | 1.2 |
| Swansea | 24.4 | 20.7 | 20.4 | -3.9 | -0.3 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 34.1 | 23.4 | 25.8 | -8.3 | 2.4 |
| Wales | 26.4 | 20.8 | 21.0 | -5.4 | 0.2 |
| United Kingdom | 21.4 | 18.7 | 18.5 | -2.9 | -0.2 |

Next update: Dec 2015 Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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Table 9 Economic inactivity levels (including students)

| | <i>People aged 16-64 (numbers in thousands)</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest levels over:</i> | | <i>Percentage change in latest over:</i> | |
| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 122.9 | 110.5 | 108.8 | -14.1 | -1.8 | -11.5 | -1.6 |
| Pembrokeshire | 21.0 | 17.2 | 16.0 | -5.0 | -1.3 | -24.0 | -7.3 |
| Carmarthenshire | 34.2 | 28.0 | 29.2 | -5.0 | 1.2 | -14.8 | 4.3 |
| Swansea | 38.0 | 42.4 | 38.4 | 0.4 | -4.0 | 1.0 | -9.5 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 29.7 | 23.0 | 25.3 | -4.4 | 2.3 | -14.9 | 10.2 |
| Wales | 524.6 | 477.3 | 481.9 | -42.7 | 4.6 | -8.1 | 1.0 |
| United Kingdom | 8,921.4 | 9,277.8 | 9,190.4 | 269.0 | -87.5 | 3.0 | -0.9 |

Next update: Dec 2015

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

New data

Table 10 Economic inactivity rates (including students)

| | <i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i> | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest over:</i> | |
| | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 | Year to Jun 2015 | 2001 | Year to Jun 2014 |
| South West Wales | 30.9 | 26.1 | 25.7 | -5.2 | -0.4 |
| Pembrokeshire | 30.8 | 24.0 | 22.1 | -8.8 | -1.9 |
| Carmarthenshire | 32.3 | 25.2 | 26.4 | -5.9 | 1.2 |
| Swansea | 27.2 | 27.7 | 25.1 | -2.1 | -2.6 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 35.6 | 26.3 | 28.9 | -6.7 | 2.6 |
| Wales | 29.0 | 24.9 | 25.2 | -3.8 | 0.3 |
| United Kingdom | 23.9 | 22.9 | 22.6 | -1.3 | -0.3 |

Next update: Dec 2015

Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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Table 11 Benefit claimants (excluding JSA claimants) (a)

| | <i>Numbers in thousands</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | Aug 1999 | Feb 2014 | Feb 2015 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
| | | | | Aug 1999 | Feb 2014 | Aug 1999 | Feb 2014 |
| South West Wales | 68.4 | 47.2 | 47.4 | -21.0 | 0.2 | -30.7 | 0.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 9.2 | 6.4 | 6.5 | -2.7 | 0.1 | -29.3 | 1.4 |
| Carmarthenshire | 17.8 | 11.8 | 11.7 | -6.0 | -0.1 | -34.0 | -0.8 |
| Swansea | 23.2 | 16.5 | 16.7 | -6.6 | 0.2 | -28.3 | 1.2 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 18.2 | 12.4 | 12.5 | -5.7 | 0.0 | -31.3 | 0.2 |
| Wales | 277.3 | 195.2 | 197.4 | -79.9 | 2.3 | -28.8 | 1.2 |
| Great Britain | 3,811.9 | 3,070.3 | 3,091.0 | -720.8 | 20.8 | -18.9 | 0.7 |

Next update: Nov 2015

Source: Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

(a) Data cover ESA & incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants. JSA claimants are shown in table 1.

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Table 12 Benefit claimants rates (excluding JSA claimants) (a)

| | <i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i> | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| | Aug 1999 | Feb 2014 | Feb 2015 | Change in latest over: | |
| | | | | Aug 1999 | Feb 2014 |
| South West Wales | 17.2 | 11.1 | 11.2 | -6.1 | 0.1 |
| Pembrokeshire | 13.7 | 8.9 | 9.0 | -4.7 | 0.1 |
| Carmarthenshire | 16.9 | 10.7 | 10.6 | -6.3 | -0.1 |
| Swansea | 16.5 | 10.7 | 10.9 | -5.6 | 0.1 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 21.8 | 14.2 | 14.2 | -7.6 | 0.0 |
| Wales | 15.4 | 10.2 | 10.3 | -5.1 | 0.1 |
| Great Britain | 10.5 | 7.7 | 7.8 | -2.7 | 0.1 |

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Source: Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

(a) Data cover ESA & incapacity benefits, lone parents and other income related benefit claimants. JSA claimant rates are shown in table 2.

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Table 13 Headline Gross Value Added (GVA)

| | 1999 | 2012 | 2013 | Change in latest over (a): | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | | | | 1999 | 2012 |
| £ million: | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 7,810 | 13,262 | 13,830 | 77.1 | 4.3 |
| South West Wales | 3,025 | 5,011 | 5,265 | 74.0 | 5.1 |
| Swansea | 2,317 | 3,957 | 4,193 | 81.0 | 6.0 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 2,468 | 4,294 | 4,372 | 77.1 | 1.8 |
| Wales | 30,171 | 50,233 | 52,070 | 72.6 | 3.7 |
| UK excluding Extra-Regio | 843,242 | 1,452,264 | 1,499,693 | 77.8 | 3.3 |
| £ per head: | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 9,219 | 14,688 | 15,288 | 65.8 | 4.1 |
| South West Wales | 8,447 | 13,070 | 13,715 | 62.4 | 4.9 |
| Swansea | 10,293 | 16,511 | 17,445 | 69.5 | 5.7 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 9,351 | 15,344 | 15,593 | 66.8 | 1.6 |
| Wales | 10,402 | 16,341 | 16,893 | 62.4 | 3.4 |
| UK excluding Extra-Regio | 14,369 | 22,797 | 23,394 | 62.8 | 2.6 |
| Index (£ per head UK excluding extra-regio=100): | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 64.2 | 64.4 | 65.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| South West Wales | 58.8 | 57.3 | 58.6 | -0.2 | 1.3 |
| Swansea | 71.6 | 72.4 | 74.6 | 3.0 | 2.2 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 65.1 | 67.3 | 66.7 | 1.6 | -0.6 |
| Wales | 72.4 | 71.7 | 72.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| UK excluding Extra-Regio | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

Next update: Dec 2015

Source: Regional Accounts, ONS

(a) Percentage change for £ millions and £ per head; percentage point change for index.

(b) South West Wales is an approximation, which includes Bridgend and Ceredigion

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Table 14 Headline Gross Disposable Household Income (GDHI)

| | 1999 | 2012 | 2013 (p) | <i>Change in latest over (a):</i> | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | 1999 | 2012 |
| £ million: | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 7,818 | 13,312 | 13,619 | 74.2 | 2.3 |
| South West Wales | 3,207 | 5,799 | 5,991 | 86.8 | 3.3 |
| Swansea | 2,108 | 3,452 | 3,486 | 65.4 | 1.0 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 2,503 | 4,061 | 4,142 | 65.5 | 2.0 |
| Wales | 26,822 | 46,339 | 47,508 | 77.1 | 2.5 |
| UK | 641,046 | 1,107,040 | 1,125,626 | 75.6 | 1.7 |
| £ per head: | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 9,230 | 14,745 | 15,055 | 63.1 | 2.1 |
| South West Wales | 8,957 | 15,125 | 15,606 | 74.2 | 3.2 |
| Swansea | 9,366 | 14,407 | 14,503 | 54.8 | 0.7 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 9,483 | 14,513 | 14,773 | 55.8 | 1.8 |
| Wales | 9,247 | 15,074 | 15,413 | 66.7 | 2.2 |
| UK | 10,924 | 17,378 | 17,559 | 60.7 | 1.0 |
| Index (£ per head UK=100) | | | | | |
| South West Wales (b) | 84.5 | 84.8 | 85.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| South West Wales | 82.0 | 87.0 | 88.9 | 6.9 | 1.9 |
| Swansea | 85.7 | 82.9 | 82.6 | -3.1 | -0.3 |
| Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot | 86.8 | 83.5 | 84.1 | -2.7 | 0.6 |
| Wales | 84.7 | 86.7 | 87.8 | 3.1 | 1.1 |
| UK | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

Next update: Apr 2016

Source: Regional Accounts, ONS

(p) Data for the latest year are provisional.

(a) Percentage change for £ millions and £ per head; percentage point change for index.

(b) South West Wales is an approximation, which includes Bridgend and Ceredigion

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Table 15 Average gross weekly earnings (a)

| | 1999 | 2013 | 2014 | <i>Change in latest over (b):</i> | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | 1999 | 2013 |
| Average earnings (£s): | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 358.6 | 524.8 | 539.6 | 53.5 | 2.8 |
| Pembrokeshire | 356.1 | 554.5 | 542.5 | 54.8 | -2.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 338.7 | 524.8 | 564.9 | 71.8 | 7.6 |
| Swansea | 355.6 | 506.6 | 526.3 | 49.5 | 3.9 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 391.1 | 541.5 | 537.2 | 41.6 | -0.8 |
| Wales | 358.7 | 538.1 | 537.0 | 52.6 | -0.2 |
| United Kingdom | 407.8 | 620.2 | 620.2 | 55.2 | 0.0 |
| Index (UK=100): | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 87.9 | 84.6 | 87.0 | -0.9 | 2.4 |
| Pembrokeshire | 87.3 | 89.4 | 87.5 | 0.1 | -1.9 |
| Carmarthenshire | 83.1 | 84.6 | 91.1 | 8.0 | 6.5 |
| Swansea | 87.2 | 81.7 | 84.9 | -2.3 | 3.2 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 95.9 | 87.3 | 86.6 | -9.3 | -0.7 |
| Wales | 88.0 | 86.8 | 86.6 | -1.4 | -0.2 |
| United Kingdom | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |

Next update: Nov 2015

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE), ONS

- (a) Average gross weekly earnings (including overtime) for full time adults whose pay was unaffected by absence.
- (b) Changes over 1999 are based on adjusted figures to take account of discontinuities in the survey in 2004, 2006 and 2011. Changes in the average earnings are percentage change, with those on the indices being percentage point change.

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Table 16 Total workplace employment

| | <i>Numbers in thousands</i> | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|------------|
| | | | | <i>Change in latest levels over:</i> | | <i>Percentage change in latest over:</i> | |
| | 2001 | 2013 | 2014 | 2001 | 2013 | 2001 | 2013 |
| South West Wales | 265.8 | 295.9 | 312.9 | 47.1 | 17.0 | 17.7 | 5.7 |
| Pembrokeshire | 49.2 | 55.8 | 54.2 | 5.0 | -1.7 | 10.1 | -3.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 66.1 | 74.6 | 83.9 | 17.8 | 9.2 | 27.0 | 12.4 |
| Swansea | 107.4 | 118.3 | 124.3 | 16.9 | 6.0 | 15.7 | 5.1 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 43.1 | 47.1 | 50.6 | 7.4 | 3.4 | 17.2 | 7.3 |
| Wales | 1,252.7 | 1,366.0 | 1,396.6 | 144.0 | 30.7 | 11.5 | 2.2 |
| United Kingdom | 28,580.0 | 30,827.4 | 31,443.4 | 2,863.3 | 616.0 | 10.0 | 2.0 |

Next update: Oct 2016 Source: APS, Business Register & Employment Survey and Welsh Agricultural Census

(a) These data show workplace employment (or total jobs) in each area, including self-employment jobs. The United Kingdom (UK) data presented here should not be used for any purpose other than as a comparator for the Wales data.

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Table 17 Workplace employment by industry, 2014

| | Percentage of total employment: | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|------------|--------------|---|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | Agriculture, forestry & fishing | Production | Construction | Wholesale, retail, transport, hotels & food | Finance & business activities | Public admin., defence, education, health & other services | All industries (<i>thousands</i>) |
| South West Wales | 4 | 10 | 8 | 25 | 15 | 38 | 312.9 |
| Pembrokeshire | 7 | 8 | 10 | 31 | 11 | 33 | 54.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 8 | 12 | 7 | 24 | 10 | 39 | 83.9 |
| Swansea | 1 | 6 | 7 | 24 | 21 | 42 | 124.3 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 1 | 21 | 7 | 22 | 13 | 35 | 50.6 |
| Wales | 3 | 12 | 7 | 24 | 17 | 36 | 1,396.6 |
| United Kingdom | 1 | 9 | 7 | 26 | 26 | 31 | 31,443.4 |

Next update: Oct 2016 Source: APS, Business Register & Employment Survey and Welsh Agricultural Census

(a) These data show workplace employment (or total jobs) in each area, including self-employment jobs. The United Kingdom (UK) data presented here should not be used for any purpose other than as a comparator for the Wales data.

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Table 18 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births (a)

| | 2002 | 2012 | 2013 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | | 2002 | 2012 | 2002 | 2012 |
| Number: | | | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 1,975 | 1,685 | 2,315 | 340 | 630 | 17.2 | 37.4 |
| Pembrokeshire | 430 | 360 | 465 | 35 | 105 | 8.1 | 29.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 615 | 445 | 630 | 15 | 185 | 2.4 | 41.6 |
| Swansea | 645 | 605 | 825 | 180 | 220 | 27.9 | 36.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 285 | 275 | 395 | 110 | 120 | 38.6 | 43.6 |
| Wales | 8,970 | 8,270 | 11,320 | 2,350 | 3,050 | 26.2 | 36.9 |
| United Kingdom | 242,540 | 269,565 | 346,485 | 103,945 | 76,920 | 42.9 | 28.5 |
| VAT/PAYE births per 10,000 population aged 16-64: | | | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 49 | 39 | 54 | 5 | 15 | 10.2 | 38.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 62 | 49 | 64 | 2 | 15 | 3.2 | 30.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 58 | 40 | 57 | -1 | 17 | -1.7 | 42.5 |
| Swansea | 45 | 39 | 54 | 9 | 15 | 20.0 | 38.5 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 34 | 31 | 45 | 11 | 14 | 32.4 | 45.2 |
| Wales | 49 | 43 | 59 | 10 | 16 | 20.4 | 37.2 |
| United Kingdom | 64 | 66 | 85 | 21 | 19 | 32.8 | 28.8 |

Next update: Nov 2015

Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births that occurred in each year.

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Table 19 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths (a)

| | 2002 | 2012 | 2013 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | 2002 | 2012 | 2002 | 2012 |
| South West Wales | 1,810 | 2,045 | 1,805 | -5 | -240 | -0.3 | -11.7 |
| Pembrokeshire | 375 | 405 | 370 | -5 | -35 | -1.3 | -8.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 480 | 560 | 505 | 25 | -55 | 5.2 | -9.8 |
| Swansea | 675 | 740 | 650 | -25 | -90 | -3.7 | -12.2 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 280 | 340 | 280 | 0 | -60 | 0.0 | -17.6 |
| Wales | 7,890 | 8,955 | 8,165 | 275 | -790 | 3.5 | -8.8 |
| United Kingdom | 213,345 | 252,810 | 237,660 | 24,315 | -15,150 | 11.4 | -6.0 |

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Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths that occurred in each year.

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Table 20 Stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises (a)

| | 2002 | 2012 | 2013 | Change in latest levels over: | | Percentage change in latest over: | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | 2002 | 2012 | 2002 | 2012 |
| Number: | | | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 17,690 | 19,385 | 19,575 | 1,885 | 190 | 10.7 | 1.0 |
| Pembrokeshire | 4,100 | 4,455 | 4,480 | 380 | 25 | 9.3 | 0.6 |
| Carmarthenshire | 5,220 | 5,735 | 5,775 | 555 | 40 | 10.6 | 0.7 |
| Swansea | 5,695 | 6,230 | 6,335 | 640 | 105 | 11.2 | 1.7 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 2,675 | 2,965 | 2,985 | 310 | 20 | 11.6 | 0.7 |
| Wales | 81,175 | 87,985 | 89,750 | 8,575 | 1,765 | 10.6 | 2.0 |
| United Kingdom | 2,115,915 | 2,372,960 | 2,448,745 | 332,830 | 75,785 | 15.7 | 3.2 |
| Stock per 10,000 population aged 16-64: | | | | | | | |
| South West Wales | 440 | 454 | 460 | 20 | 6 | 4.5 | 1.3 |
| Pembrokeshire | 595 | 609 | 616 | 21 | 7 | 3.5 | 1.1 |
| Carmarthenshire | 489 | 513 | 519 | 30 | 6 | 6.1 | 1.2 |
| Swansea | 401 | 405 | 413 | 12 | 8 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 318 | 335 | 339 | 21 | 4 | 6.6 | 1.2 |
| Wales | 443 | 455 | 466 | 23 | 11 | 5.2 | 2.4 |
| United Kingdom | 555 | 580 | 598 | 43 | 18 | 7.7 | 3.1 |

Next update: Nov 2015

Source: Business Demography, ONS

(a) Stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises in each year.

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Table 21 Enterprise numbers by size-band, 2014 (a)

| | <i>Numbers in thousands</i> | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Zero (0) | Micro (1-9) | Small (10-49) | Medium (50- 249) | Large (250 plus) | All |
| South West Wales | 38.9 | 9.5 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 51.5 |
| Pembrokeshire | 10.0 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 13.2 |
| Carmarthenshire | 11.8 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 15.6 |
| Swansea | 12.2 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 16.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 4.9 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 7.0 |
| Wales | 177.1 | 41.7 | 8.7 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 231.1 |

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Source: Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses

(a) Enterprises which are active in more than one local authority will be counted in each one, so the enterprises totals for the regions/Wales will not add up to the sum of the local authorities. The size band is based upon the size of the UK enterprises and includes all enterprises that are active in Wales.

[Link to data](#)

Table 22 Employee numbers by size-band, 2014 (a)*Numbers in thousands*

| | Zero (0) | Micro (1-9) | Small (10-49) | Medium (50- 249) | Large (250 plus) | All |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| South West Wales | 43.2 | 37.5 | 36.3 | 27.1 | 79.6 | 223.6 |
| Pembrokeshire | 11.2 | 9.8 | 8.1 | 5.2 | 8.7 | 43.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 13.4 | 11.0 | 9.5 | 6.2 | 18.0 | 58.0 |
| Swansea | 13.2 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 9.7 | 37.1 | 83.6 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 15.9 | 38.9 |
| Wales | 195.9 | 164.1 | 164.3 | 130.0 | 404.3 | 1,058.5 |

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Source: Size Analysis of Welsh Businesses

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[Link to data](#)**Table 23 Foreign Owned Companies, 2014 (a)***Numbers (employees, thousands)*

| | <i>Foreign Owned</i> | | <i>UK owned</i> | | <i>All</i> | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | <i>Enterprises</i> | <i>Employees</i> | <i>Enterprises</i> | <i>Employees</i> | <i>Enterprises</i> | <i>Employees</i> |
| South West Wales | 275 | 25.1 | 51,185 | 198.5 | 51,465 | 223.6 |
| Pembrokeshire | 70 | 2.6 | 13,115 | 40.4 | 13,185 | 43.0 |
| Carmarthenshire | 100 | 5.2 | 15,525 | 52.8 | 15,625 | 58.0 |
| Swansea | 170 | 8.2 | 16,195 | 75.4 | 16,365 | 83.6 |
| Neath Port Talbot | 80 | 9.1 | 6,950 | 29.9 | 7,025 | 38.9 |
| Wales | 1,110 | 146.9 | 230,005 | 911.7 | 231,110 | 1,058.5 |

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Changes to this quarter's bulletin and planned changes for future bulletins:

This quarter's bulletin

There are no changes/revisions to this quarter's bulletin.

Next quarter's bulletin

There are no changes/revisions to the next quarter's bulletin.

Future bulletins

There are no planned changes/revisions to future bulletins.

Policy/Operational Context

This bulletin is a compendium publication used to bring together the latest key statistics relating to the economy and labour market for each of the four economic regions in Wales, in the context of the Welsh/UK economy and labour market. The bulletin is updated each quarter, so that it is based on the latest version of each of the datasets it includes (see dates given in each of the headings for the next update dates).

This bulletin, produced by the Welsh Government, provides a summary of the sub-Wales data contained within a range of statistical bulletins and presents those estimates alongside other headline estimates for the economy and labour market for Wales and the UK. These statistics are used by the Welsh Government to monitor the headline statistics for the sub-Wales regions as well as providing comparisons to the UK and Welsh economy. The bulletin includes some of the measures contained in the *Programme for Government*, namely the employment rate, Gross Value Added and Gross Disposable Household Income. This bulletin was produced in response to growing user demand for more local area data which was identified in our user consultation. Our user consultation provides more information on how our outputs are used: <http://gov.wales/consultations/statistics/economicoutputs>

The bulletin is the main vehicle for the publication of results at economic region level for the Welsh labour market from the Annual Population Survey (APS), as produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). It also provides Welsh data from Jobcentre plus on the numbers of Jobseeker Allowance claimants and numbers of benefit claimants from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

In addition to these datasets, the bulletin brings together the further datasets, for which the Welsh Government produces separate publications, including average weekly earnings, business demography, workplace employment, business structure and regional accounts data. Further information about these additional datasets can be found in the separate publications themselves, all available from the following page on the Welsh Government website:

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/?topic=Business+and+economy>

Notes

Change to Jobcentre Vacancies

The November jobcentre vacancy data released on 12 December 2012 was the last update of these data on NOMIS. The replacement series is currently not a National Statistic and can be found at <https://jobsearch.direct.gov.uk/Reports/Reports.aspx>). If at some point in the future the replacement series from DWP becomes a National Statistic, we will re-introduce the series into these bulletins. DWP have published their response to the consultation on changes to Jobcentre Plus vacancy statistics, which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-jobcentre-plus-vacancies-statistics>

Guidance on the use of the bulletins

For further guidance on the use of this bulletin, including quality information and descriptions and comparisons of measures and sources, please refer to the Regional Profile User Guide, which can be found under the background tab on the regional profiles page: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/regional-economic-labour-market-profiles>.

Definitions of regions

The four regions used in this set of bulletins are defined as:

North Wales: Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham.

Mid Wales: Powys and Ceredigion.

South West Wales: Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

South East Wales: Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Newport and Cardiff.

These definitions are based on the Department for Economy, Science and Transport (EST) economic regions, however, the EST regions split Gwynedd between Mid Wales and North Wales, with Meirionnydd being in Mid Wales and the rest in North. Due to data availability we have used whole Local Authorities rather than splitting Gwynedd.

Revisions

Where the data is not from the Welsh Government, we follow the revisions policy of the individual Government department. For data from our own outputs, we follow Welsh Government policy which can be found at: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/about/statement-of-compliance>

Accessing the data

Much of the data in this bulletin can be found on [StatsWales](#) which is a free-to-use service that allows visitors to view, manipulate, create and download tables from the most detailed official data on Wales. Links to specific data can be found under the relevant tables, above.

This Headline Statistic and Statistical Bulletin are available on the Welsh Government Internet site at: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/regional-economic-labour-market-profiles>

Data Sources and Quality

We have published a comprehensive data sources guide list which provides a summary of all the main official data sources used by the Economic and Labour Market Statistics branch as well as useful links. The guide can be found at: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/economic-labour-market-statistics-guide-data-sources-useful-links>

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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.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.