

## Regional economic & labour market profile – south west Wales – June 2014

This monthly statistical bulletin summarises information on the economy and labour market for the South West Wales economic region along with comparisons to Wales as a whole 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 for Wales. Compared to Wales, South West Wales has lower employment and claimant count rates and higher ILO unemployment and economic inactivity rates.

GVA per head, GDHI per head and earnings are all lower in South West Wales than for Wales.



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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 <sup>(1)</sup>	290.8	3.9	67.2	0.9	69.5	1.9
ILO unemployment <sup>(2)</sup>	24.6	2.1	7.8	0.5	7.4	-0.9
Economic Inactivity <sup>(3)</sup>	83.1	-7.6	22.4	-1.9	20.7	-1.0
Claimant count <sup>(4)</sup>	11.7	-3.0	2.7	-0.7	3.1	-0.8
GVA per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	.	.	64.9	-1.0	72.3	0.4
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	.	.	85.3	0.3	87.1	0.5
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(7)</sup>	.	.	84.8	-0.3	86.9	1.2

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(3) Levels and rates exclude students and are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to March 2014.

(4) Data relate to May 2014 and are provisional.

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## OVERALL SUMMARY

South West Wales had total Gross Value Added of £12.5 billion in 2012. This translates to £13,817 per head or 64.9 per cent of the UK average, compared to 72.3 per cent for Wales. This difference is largely due to lower GVA per job.

Gross Disposable Household Income per head in South West Wales was £14,300 in 2012, 85.3 per cent of the UK average and below the Wales average of 87.1 per cent. Average full-time weekly earnings are below the Wales average in 2013. Relative to the UK, earnings in South West Wales were 84.8 per cent of the UK average in 2013; this was below the Wales average (86.9 per cent).

Over the latest year both the employment and ILO unemployment rates increased in South West Wales whilst economic inactivity (excluding students) rate fell. Looking at the longer term, the labour market in South West Wales has generally seen a slight improvement compared to Wales since 2001.

The most recent data for the claimant count shows a fall over the year in South West Wales, with the fall smaller than the falls for both Wales and the UK. The latest claimant count rate for South West Wales is below the Wales rate and the same as 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).**

## COMPARISONS TO WALES, UK & OTHER WELSH ECONOMIC REGIONS

	North Wales	Mid Wales	South West Wales	South East Wales	Wales	UK
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	72.1	71.8	67.2	69.1	<b>69.5</b>	71.6
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	5.8	2.9	7.8	8.6	<b>7.4</b>	7.2
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	20.2	19.7	22.4	20.4	<b>20.7</b>	18.7
Claimant count rate <sup>(4)</sup>	2.8	1.4	2.7	3.6	<b>3.1</b>	2.7
GVA per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	72.1	61.0	64.9	78.5	<b>72.3</b>	100.0
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	88.9	91.1	85.3	87.0	<b>87.1</b>	100.0
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(7)</sup>	85.6	78.9	84.8	89.2	<b>86.9</b>	100.0
<b>Change on year (%):</b>						
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	0.8	3.3	0.9	2.7	<b>1.9</b>	0.8
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	-0.7	-1.4	0.5	-1.5	<b>-0.9</b>	-0.6
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	0.0	-2.3	-1.9	-1.0	<b>-1.0</b>	-0.5
Claimant count rate <sup>(4)</sup>	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-0.9	<b>-0.8</b>	-1.0
GVA per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	1.4	-0.7	-1.0	0.8	<b>0.4</b>	.
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.5	<b>0.5</b>	.
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(7)</sup>	3.0	2.8	-0.3	0.9	<b>1.2</b>	.
<b>Change on 1999/2001 (%):</b>						
Employment rate <sup>(1)</sup>	2.4	1.1	2.6	2.5	<b>2.4</b>	-0.6
ILO unemployment rate <sup>(2)</sup>	1.4	-1.5	1.5	2.9	<b>2.0</b>	2.1
Economic Inactivity rate <sup>(3)</sup>	-4.4	-1.0	-6.2	-6.6	<b>-5.6</b>	-2.7
Claimant count rate <sup>(4)</sup>	-0.6	-1.1	-1.2	-0.1	<b>-0.5</b>	-0.7
GVA per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(5)</sup>	1.5	-7.2	1.1	-0.1	<b>0.3</b>	.
GDHI per head, Index UK=100 <sup>(6)</sup>	2.5	10.5	0.5	2.8	<b>2.4</b>	.
Earnings, Index UK=100 <sup>(7)</sup>	-1.0	0.3	-3.2	-0.5	<b>-1.1</b>	.

(1) Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates are for those aged 16-64. Data relate to the year to March 2014 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 March 2014 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 March 2014 with comparisons over the latest year and 2001.

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South West Wales had the lowest employment rate amongst the Welsh Economic Regions, the second highest ILO unemployment rate and the highest economic inactivity rate. The claimant count rate, GVA per head and earnings were all the second lowest, whilst the GDHI per head was the lowest amongst the economic regions.

Over the latest year South West Wales had the second smallest increase in the employment rate and was the only region to have an increase in the ILO unemployment rate. It had the second largest fall in the economic inactivity rate and had the second smallest fall in the claimant count rate. It had the largest fall in GVA per head (2 regions had increases) and the smallest increase in GDHI per head and it was the only region to have a fall in earnings.

Looking over the longer term South West Wales had the largest increase in the employment rate and the second largest increase in the ILO unemployment rate (with Mid Wales having a fall). It had the second largest fall in the economic activity rate and the largest fall in the claimant count rate. It had the smaller increase in GVA per head (2 regions had falls), the smallest increase in GDHI per head and the largest fall in earnings (Mid Wales increased).

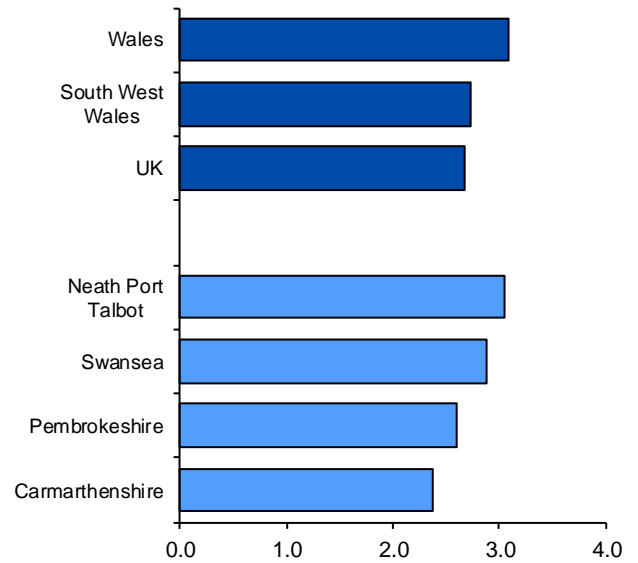
## LATEST MONTHLY DATA

### CLAIMANT COUNT New data

(next update Jul 2014)

- There were 11,700 people on the claimant count in South West Wales in May 2014, down 3,000 or 20 per cent over the year. Wales was down 21 per cent and the UK down 27 per cent.
- Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had falls over the year, with Carmarthenshire and Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage fall (both down 24 per cent) and Swansea the smallest (down 16 per cent).
- The claimant count was down 3,900 or 25 per cent on May 1999, this fall was much larger than the falls for both Wales and the UK (9 per cent and 15 per cent respectively).
- Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had falls on May 1999, with Pembrokeshire having the largest percentage fall (down 38 per cent) and Swansea the smallest (down 17 per cent).
- The claimant count rate fell by 0.7 percentage points over the year to stand at 2.7 per cent of the population aged 16-64 in May 2014. This was the same as the UK rate and below the Wales rate (3.1 per cent).
- Within South West Wales, the lowest rate was in Carmarthenshire (2.4 per cent) and the highest was in Neath Port Talbot (3.0 per cent).
- Compared to May 1999, the claimant rate fell by 1.2 percentage points in South West Wales, this was larger than the falls for both Wales and the UK (down 0.5 percentage points and 0.7 percentage points respectively). Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had falls.

**Chart 1: Claimant count rate, May 2014 (a)**



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

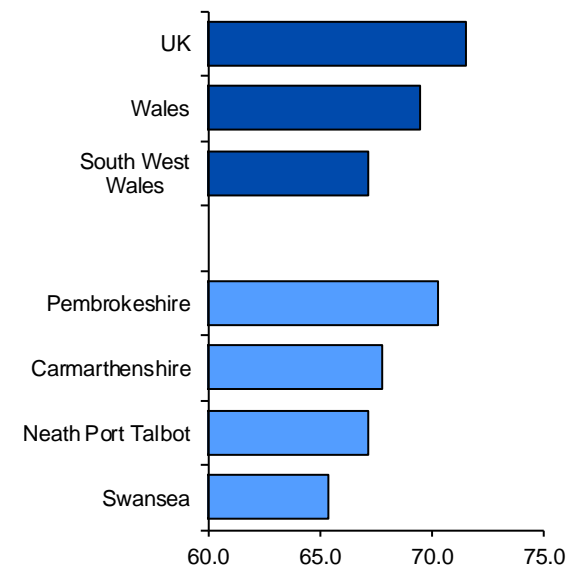
## LATEST QUARTERLY DATA

### EMPLOYMENT New data

*(next update Sep 2014)*

- There were 290,800 people in employment in South West Wales in the year to March 2014, up 3,900 or 1 per cent over the year. Wales increased by 3 per cent and the UK increased by 2 per cent.
- Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had increases over the year, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage increase, up 3 per cent.
- Compared to 2001, there were increases in all of the 4 authorities, with a total increase of 28,900 or 11 per cent (Wales up 10 per cent and the UK up 9 per cent).
- The employment rate in South West Wales in the year to March 2014 was 67.2 per cent, up 0.9 percentage points over the year. This was below both the Wales and the UK rates, 69.5 per cent and 71.6 per cent respectively.
- Within South West Wales the employment rate varied, from 65.4 per cent in Swansea to 70.3 per cent in Pembrokeshire.
- Compared to 2001 the employment rate in South West Wales increased by 2.6 percentage points, this was just above the increase for Wales (up 2.4 percentage points) whilst the UK fell by 0.6 percentage points. Within South West Wales, 3 of the 4 authorities increased whilst the remaining authority, Swansea, fell by 2.9 percentage points.

**Chart 2: Employment rate, year to March 2014 (a)**



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

### UNEMPLOYMENT New data *(next update Sep 2014)*

- There were 24,600 unemployed people in South West Wales in the year to March 2014, up 2,100 or 9 per cent over the year. This compares to a 9 per cent fall for Wales and a 7 per cent fall for the UK. Within South West Wales, 2 of the 4 authorities had falls and 2 had increases.
- Compared to 2001, there was an overall increase of 7,100 or 40 per cent in South West Wales compared to a 54 per cent increase for Wales and a 59 per cent increase for the UK. All of the 4 authorities within South West Wales had increases, with the largest percentage increase in Neath Port Talbot (up 83 per cent).
- The unemployment rate was 7.8 per cent in the year to March 2014, up 0.5 percentage points over the year and above both the Wales and the UK rates (7.4 per cent and 7.2 per cent respectively).
- Within South West Wales, the highest rate was in Neath Port Talbot (9.3 per cent) and the lowest in Pembrokeshire (6.2 per cent).
- Compared to 2001, the unemployment rate in South West Wales increased by 1.5 percentage points (Wales up 2.0 percentage points and the UK up 2.1 percentage points). Within South West Wales 3 of the 4 authorities had increases and the remaining authority, Pembrokeshire, had a fall.

## ECONOMIC INACTIVITY New data

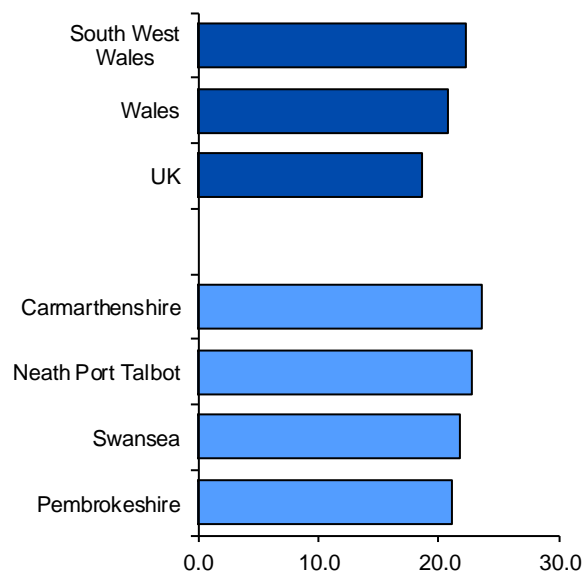
(next update Sep 2014)

- Excluding students, the economic inactivity rate in South West Wales fell by 1.9 percentage points over the year to stand at 22.4 per cent of the population aged 16-64 in the year to March 2014. This compares to a rate of 20.7 per cent for Wales (UK 18.7 per cent).
- Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had falls both over the year and over 2001, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest falls both over the year and 2001 (down 3.8 percentage points and down 11.3 percentage points respectively).
- Including students, the economic inactivity rate in South West Wales fell by 1.5 percentage points over the year to 26.8 per cent. This was above both the Wales rate (24.7 per cent) and the UK rate (22.7 per cent).

## BENEFIT CLAIMANTS (excl. Jobseeker's Allowance claimants) (next update Aug 2014)

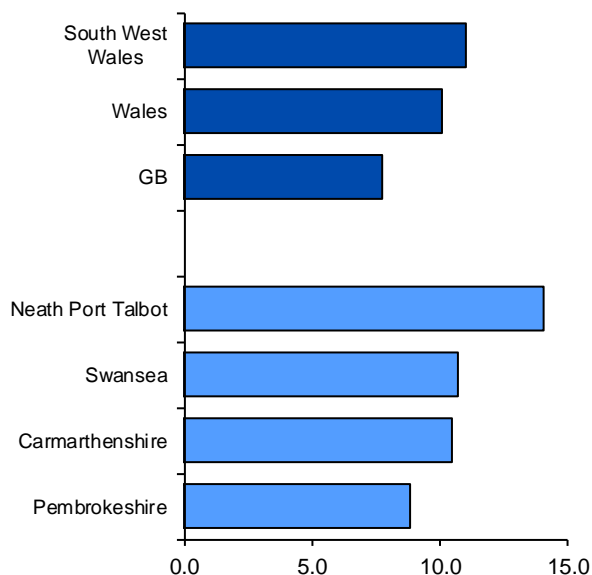
- The number of benefit claimants fell by 1,400 or 3 per cent over the year to stand at 47,300 in November 2013. This was above the fall for Wales (down 2 per cent) and the same as that for GB. There were falls in all of the 4 authorities within South West Wales.
- The claimant rate in South West Wales was 11.1 per cent in November 2013. This was above the rates for both Wales (10.2 per cent) and GB (7.7 per cent). Within South West Wales, Pembrokeshire had the lowest rate (8.9 per cent) and Neath Port Talbot the highest (14.1 per cent).
- Compared to November 1999 the claimant rate in South West Wales fell by 6.2 percentage points, this was a larger fall than that for both Wales and GB (down 5.2 percentage points and down 2.7 percentage points respectively).
- Within South West Wales the claimant rate fell in all of the 4 authorities since 1999 with Neath Port Talbot having the largest fall (down 7.7 percentage points) and Pembrokeshire the smallest (down 4.9 percentage points).

**Chart 3: Inactivity rate (excl. students), year to March 2014 (a)**



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

**Chart 4: Benefit claimant rate, November 2013 (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 2014)

- GVA in South West Wales in 2012 was £12.5 billion, down 0.1 per cent over the year but up 65 per cent since 1999, compared to increases of 2 per cent and 62 per cent for Wales.
- GVA per head was 64.9 per cent of the UK average in 2012, down 1.0 percentage points over the year but up 1.1 percentage points since 1999 (Wales 72.3 per cent).
- There were wide variations across South West Wales, from 56.1 per cent in the combined area of Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, and Ceredigion to 72.6 per cent in Swansea.

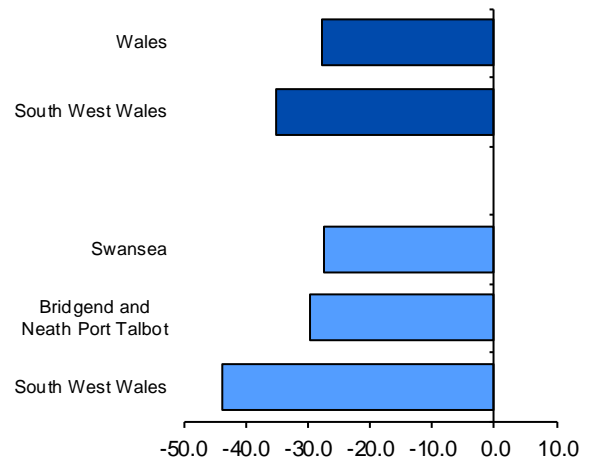
### GROSS DISPOSABLE HOUSEHOLD INCOME (GDHI) New data (next update Apr 2015)

- GDHI per head in South West Wales was 85.3 per cent of the UK average in 2012, up 0.3 percentage points over the year and up 0.5 percentage points since 1999 (Wales 87.1 per cent of UK average).
- There were relatively small variations in GDHI per head within South West Wales, from 84.0 per cent of the UK average in Swansea to 87.1 per cent in the combined area of South West Wales.

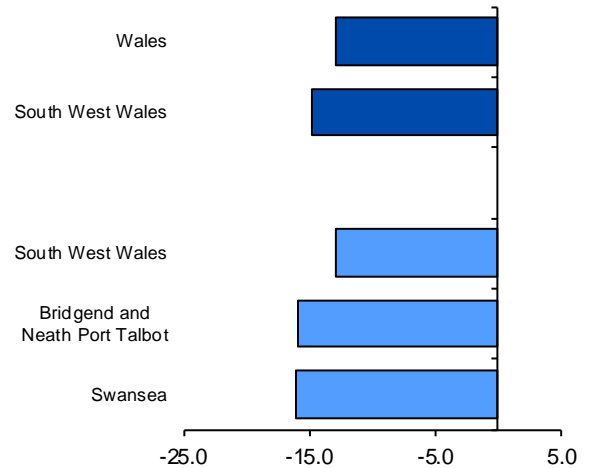
### AVERAGE FULL-TIME WEEKLY EARNINGS (next update Dec 2014)

- Average earnings in South West Wales in 2013 were £526.0 per week, 84.8 per cent of the UK average (Wales 86.9 per cent of the UK average).
- Average weekly earnings in South West Wales were up 2 per cent over the year and up 50 per cent since 1999. Wales had a 3 per cent increase over the year and increased by 52 per cent since 1999.
- Within South West Wales in 2013, average weekly earnings varied between 81.7 per cent of the UK average in Swansea to 89.2 per cent in Pembrokeshire.

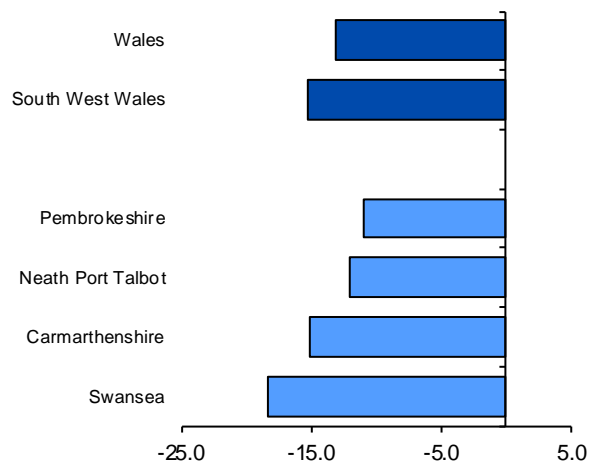
**Chart 5: GVA per head, index, difference from UK average, 2012 (UK = 100)**



**Chart 6: GDHI per head, index, difference from UK average, 2012 (UK = 100)**



**Chart 7: Average full-time weekly earnings index, difference from UK, 2013 (UK = 100) (a)**

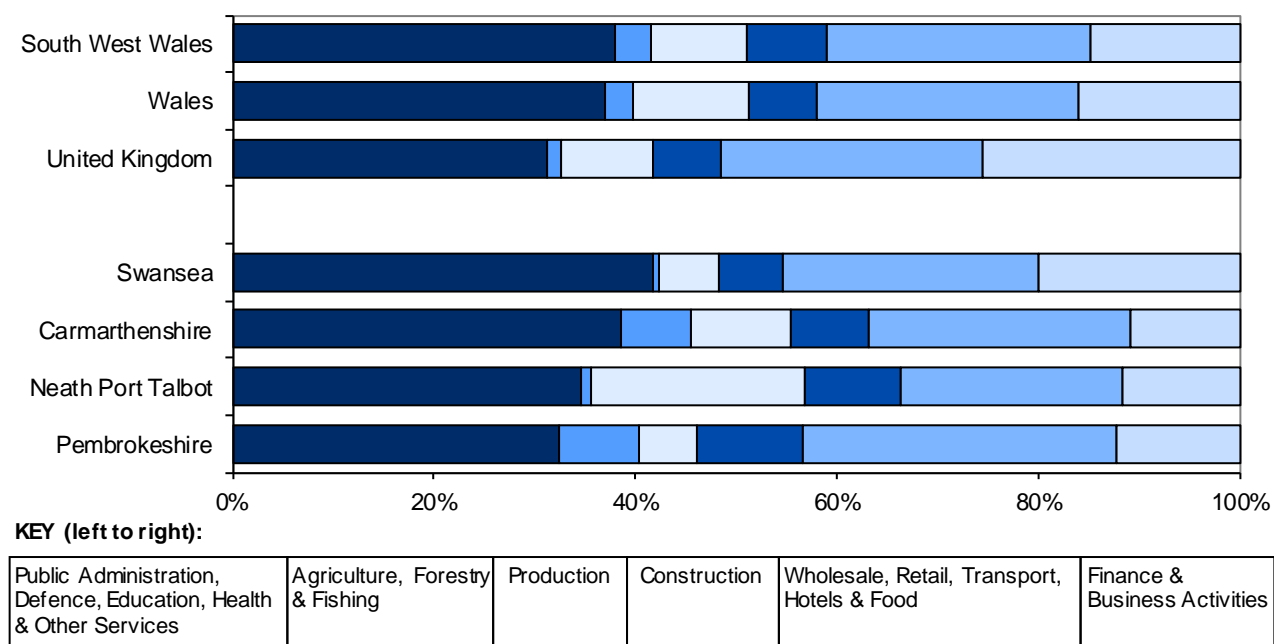


(a) Average gross weekly earnings (including overtime) for full time adults whose pay was unaffected by absence.

## WORKPLACE EMPLOYMENT *(next update Oct 2014)*

- Total workplace employment in South West Wales in 2012 was up 1 per cent over the year and up 9 per cent on 2001. This compares to a 0.3 per cent fall and a 5 per cent increase for Wales and increases of 1 per cent and 6 per cent for the UK over the same periods.
- Within South West Wales there were increases in 3 of the 4 authorities over the year with Pembrokeshire having the largest percentage increase (up 3 per cent). The remaining authority, Carmarthenshire fell by 4 per cent over the year.
- Compared to 2001 workplace employment increased in all of the 4 authorities within South West Wales, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage increase (up 14 per cent).
- In 2012 compared to Wales, South West Wales had a higher percentage of jobs in the agriculture, forestry and fishing, construction and the public administration, defence, education, health and other services sectors. It had a lower percentage than Wales in the production and finance and business activities sectors. The remaining sector, wholesale, retail, transport, hotels and food, had the same percentage of jobs as that for Wales.
- Within South West Wales the share of workplace employment in the production sector ranged between 6 per cent in Swansea and Pembrokeshire to 21 per cent in Neath Port Talbot.

**Chart 8: Workplace employment by industry, 2012**



## VAT/PAYE REGISTERED ENTERPRISES *(next update Dec 2014)*

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

- There were 1,685 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise births in South West Wales in 2012, and 2,035 VAT/PAYE registered enterprise deaths. As a result, the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises fell by 340 during 2011 to stand at 19,385 in 2012.
- The stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises in South West Wales fell by 2 per cent over the year and increased by 10 per cent since 2002. This compares to a 1 per cent fall over the year and an increase of 8 per cent since 2002 for Wales (UK up 1 per cent and up 12 per cent over the same periods).
- Within South West Wales, all of the 4 authorities had falls in the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises over the year, with Neath Port Talbot having the largest percentage



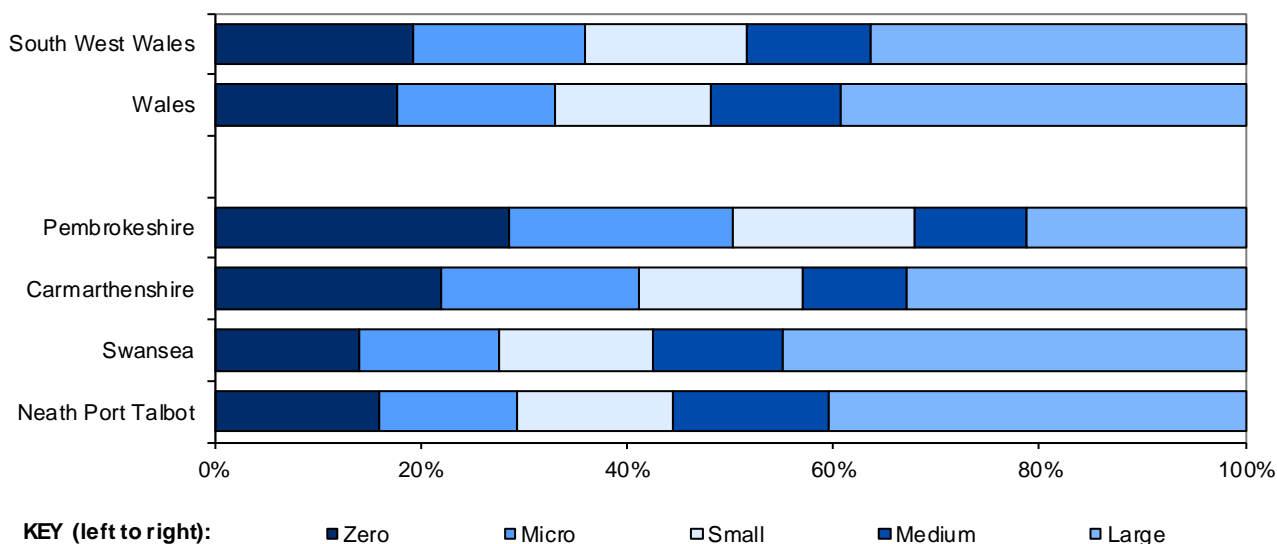
fall (down 3 per cent). Since 2002, all of the 4 authorities had increases in the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises, with the largest percentage increase in Neath Port Talbot (up 11 per cent).

- In 2012 the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in South West Wales stood at 454. This was just below that for Wales (455) and well below that for the UK (580).
- Within South West Wales, the stock of VAT/PAYE registered enterprises per 10,000 resident population aged 16-64 in 2012 ranged from 335 in Neath Port Talbot to 609 in Pembrokeshire.

**BUSINESS STRUCTURE** (next update Oct 2014)

- There were 50,300 enterprises active in South West Wales in 2013, 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 2013, 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 33 and 39 per cent of private sector employment respectively.
- Within South West Wales, the percentage of private sector employment in the large size-band varied from 21 per cent in Pembrokeshire to 45 per cent in Swansea.
- In 2013, 0.6 per cent of enterprises active in South West Wales were foreign-owned, just above the percentage for Wales (0.5 per cent).
- In 2013, 12 per cent of private sector employment in South West Wales was in foreign owned enterprises, compared to 15 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, 2013 (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>						
	May 1999	May 2013	May 2014	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				May 1999	May 2013	May 1999	May 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-25.0</b>	<b>-20.5</b>
Pembrokeshire	3.1	2.4	1.9	-1.2	-0.5	-37.6	-20.5
Carmarthenshire	3.7	3.5	2.7	-1.1	-0.8	-29.0	-23.6
Swansea	5.4	5.3	4.4	-0.9	-0.9	-17.0	-16.4
Neath Port Talbot	3.5	3.5	2.7	-0.8	-0.8	-22.1	-23.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-21.1</b>
United Kingdom	1,275.6	1,495.8	1,090.0	-185.6	-405.8	-14.6	-27.1

**Next update: 16 Jul 2014** Source: Jobcentre Plus Administrative Systems

(a) Claimants of unemployment-related benefits, i.e. jobseekers allowance.

### New data

Table 2 Claimant count rates (a)

	<i>Percentage of resident population aged 16-64</i>					
	May 1999	May 2013	May 2014	Change in latest over:		
				May 1999	May 2013	
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	
Pembrokeshire	4.5	3.3	2.6	-1.9	-0.7	
Carmarthenshire	3.6	3.1	2.4	-1.2	-0.7	
Swansea	3.8	3.5	2.9	-0.9	-0.6	
Neath Port Talbot	4.1	4.0	3.0	-1.1	-0.9	
<b>Wales</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	
United Kingdom	3.4	3.7	2.7	-0.7	-1.0	

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

[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 Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	2001	Year to Mar 2013	2001	Year to Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>261.9</b>	<b>286.8</b>	<b>290.8</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Pembrokeshire	45.4	50.3	51.2	5.9	0.9	12.9	1.9
Carmarthenshire	69.0	78.2	79.6	10.6	1.4	15.3	1.7
Swansea	96.8	101.2	101.3	4.5	0.1	4.6	0.1
Neath Port Talbot	50.7	57.2	58.7	8.0	1.5	15.8	2.6
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,238.6</b>	<b>1,325.6</b>	<b>1,367.4</b>	<b>128.8</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>
United Kingdom	27,433.1	29,417.3	29,894.5	2,461.4	477.2	9.0	1.6

*Next update: 18 Sep 2014* Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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Table 4 Employment rates

	<i>Percentage of population aged 16-64</i>					
				<i>Change in latest over:</i>		
	2001	Year to Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	2001	Year to Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>66.3</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Pembrokeshire	64.5	69.0	70.3	5.8	1.3	1.3
Carmarthenshire	63.4	66.9	67.8	4.5	0.9	0.9
Swansea	68.2	65.3	65.4	-2.9	0.0	0.0
Neath Port Talbot	60.4	64.9	67.2	6.8	2.3	2.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>69.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>
United Kingdom	72.3	70.8	71.6	-0.6	0.8	0.8

*Next update: 18 Sep 2014* Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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### New data

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 Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	2001	Year to Mar 2013	2001	Year to Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>
Pembrokeshire	3.2	3.5	3.4	0.2	-0.1	5.7	-4.1
Carmarthenshire	4.6	5.0	6.0	1.4	1.1	30.4	21.2
Swansea	6.4	9.5	9.2	2.8	-0.3	42.8	-2.8
Neath Port Talbot	3.3	4.6	6.0	2.7	1.4	83.2	30.9
<b>Wales</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>119.9</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
United Kingdom	1,450.3	2,490.4	2,305.4	855.1	-185.1	59.0	-7.4

*Next update: 18 Sep 2014* Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

## New data

**Table 6 ILO unemployment rates**

*Percentage of economically active people aged 16 and over*

	2001	Year to Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	<i>Change in latest over:</i>	
				Year to	
				2001	Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Pembrokeshire	6.5	6.5	6.2	-0.4	-0.4
Carmarthenshire	6.3	6.0	7.0	0.8	1.1
Swansea	6.2	8.6	8.3	2.1	-0.2
Neath Port Talbot	6.1	7.4	9.3	3.2	1.9
<b>Wales</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
United Kingdom	5.0	7.8	7.2	2.1	-0.6

**Next update: 18 Sep 2014** Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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**Table 7 Economic inactivity levels (excluding students)**

*People aged 16-64 (numbers in thousands)*

	2001	Year to Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	<i>Change in latest levels over:</i>		<i>Percentage change in latest over:</i>	
				Year to		Year to	
				2001	Mar 2013	2001	Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>-22.1</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-21.0</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Pembrokeshire	17.8	14.8	13.1	-4.7	-1.6	-26.4	-11.1
Carmarthenshire	29.3	25.5	23.7	-5.7	-1.8	-19.3	-7.1
Swansea	31.2	29.5	28.2	-3.0	-1.3	-9.7	-4.4
Neath Port Talbot	26.8	21.0	18.1	-8.7	-2.9	-32.4	-13.6
<b>Wales</b>	<b>439.7</b>	<b>372.7</b>	<b>352.8</b>	<b>-86.8</b>	<b>-19.9</b>	<b>-19.7</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
United Kingdom	7,401.3	7,031.7	6,856.5	-544.8	-175.3	-7.4	-2.5

**Next update: 18 Sep 2014**

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 Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	<i>Change in latest over:</i>	
				Year to	
				2001	Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
Pembrokeshire	28.2	23.2	21.1	-7.1	-2.1
Carmarthenshire	29.9	25.4	23.6	-6.3	-1.8
Swansea	24.4	22.5	21.8	-2.6	-0.7
Neath Port Talbot	34.1	26.6	22.8	-11.3	-3.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
United Kingdom	21.4	19.2	18.7	-2.7	-0.5

**Next update: 18 Sep 2014** 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 Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	2001	Year to Mar 2013	2001	Year to Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>122.9</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
Pembrokeshire	21.0	18.0	16.9	-4.1	-1.1	-19.4	-5.9
Carmarthenshire	34.2	31.3	29.4	-4.9	-1.9	-14.2	-6.2
Swansea	38.0	42.6	42.9	4.9	0.3	12.8	0.6
Neath Port Talbot	29.7	25.4	22.0	-7.7	-3.4	-25.9	-13.4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>524.6</b>	<b>495.7</b>	<b>467.5</b>	<b>-57.1</b>	<b>-28.2</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-5.7</b>
United Kingdom	8,921.4	9,259.8	9,161.5	240.1	-98.3	2.7	-1.1

**Next update: 18 Sep 2014**

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 Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2014	2001	Year to Mar 2013	Year to Mar 2013
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
Pembrokeshire	30.8	26.1	24.8	-6.1	-1.3	-1.3
Carmarthenshire	32.3	28.6	26.7	-5.6	-1.9	-1.9
Swansea	27.2	28.4	28.5	1.3	0.2	0.2
Neath Port Talbot	35.6	29.7	25.8	-9.9	-4.0	-4.0
<b>Wales</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.5</b>
United Kingdom	23.9	23.0	22.7	-1.2	-0.3	-0.3

**Next update: 18 Sep 2014** Source: Labour Force Survey (LFS)/Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS

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

*Numbers in thousands*

	Nov 1999	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				Nov 1999	Nov 2012	Nov 1999	Nov 2012
				<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>47.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	9.4	6.8	6.5	-2.9	-0.3	-30.5	-4.8
Carmarthenshire	17.9	12.2	11.8	-6.2	-0.4	-34.3	-3.1
Swansea	23.3	16.8	16.5	-6.7	-0.3	-28.9	-1.7
Neath Port Talbot	18.2	12.9	12.5	-5.7	-0.4	-31.2	-2.7
<b>Wales</b>	<b>277.6</b>	<b>200.4</b>	<b>196.1</b>	<b>-81.6</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Great Britain	3,812.3	3,157.4	3,075.6	-736.7	-81.8	-19.3	-2.6

**Next update: 13 Aug 2014** 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.

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

*Percentage of population aged 16-64*

	Nov 1999	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Change in latest over:	
				Nov 1999	Nov 2012
				<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>17.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	13.8	9.3	8.9	-4.9	-0.5
Carmarthenshire	17.1	10.9	10.5	-6.5	-0.3
Swansea	16.5	10.9	10.8	-5.8	-0.2
Neath Port Talbot	21.8	14.5	14.1	-7.7	-0.4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Great Britain	10.5	8.0	7.7	-2.7	-0.2

**Next update: 13 Aug 2014** 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	2011	2012	<i>Change in latest over (a):</i>	
				1999	2011
<b>£ million:</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>12,493</b>	<b>12,475</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
South West Wales	2,895	4,752	4,581	58.2	-3.6
Swansea	2,247	3,694	3,706	64.9	0.3
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	2,398	4,047	4,188	74.6	3.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>29,143</b>	<b>46,450</b>	<b>47,344</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>
UK excluding Extra-Regio	818,462	1,333,892	1,356,608	65.8	1.7
<b>£ per head:</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>8,901</b>	<b>13,883</b>	<b>13,817</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
South West Wales	8,085	12,444	11,948	47.8	-4.0
Swansea	9,981	15,477	15,467	55.0	-0.1
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	9,086	14,489	14,964	64.7	3.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>10,047</b>	<b>15,161</b>	<b>15,401</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
UK excluding Extra-Regio	13,947	21,077	21,295	52.7	1.0
<b>Index (£ per head UK excluding extra-regio=100):</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
South West Wales	58.0	59.0	56.1	-1.9	-2.9
Swansea	71.6	73.4	72.6	1.0	-0.8
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	65.1	68.7	70.3	5.2	1.6
<b>Wales</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
UK excluding Extra-Regio	100.0	100.0	100.0		

**Next update: Dec 2014**

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	2011	2012 (p)	Change in latest over (a):	
				1999	2011
<b>£ million:</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>7,677</b>	<b>12,424</b>	<b>12,938</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>
South West Wales	3,130	5,381	5,606	79.1	4.2
Swansea	2,079	3,246	3,380	62.6	4.1
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	2,468	3,797	3,952	60.1	4.1
<b>Wales</b>	<b>26,261</b>	<b>43,142</b>	<b>44,953</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>
UK	627,077	1,028,478	1,069,687	70.6	4.0
<b>£ per head:</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>9,063</b>	<b>13,806</b>	<b>14,329</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>
South West Wales	8,742	14,091	14,621	67.3	3.8
Swansea	9,237	13,599	14,105	52.7	3.7
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	9,350	13,594	14,122	51.0	3.9
<b>Wales</b>	<b>9,054</b>	<b>14,082</b>	<b>14,623</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>
UK	10,686	16,251	16,791	57.1	3.3
<b>Index (£ per head UK=100)</b>					
<b>South West Wales (b)</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>
South West Wales	81.8	86.7	87.1	5.3	0.4
Swansea	86.4	83.7	84.0	-2.4	0.3
Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot	87.5	83.6	84.1	-3.4	0.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>86.6</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
UK	100.0	100.0	100.0		

Next update: Apr 2015

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	2012	2013	<i>Change in latest over (b):</i>	
				1999	2012
<b>Average earnings (£s):</b>					
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>358.6</b>	<b>517.4</b>	<b>526.0</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Pembrokeshire	356.1	483.5	553.0	57.8	14.4
Carmarthenshire	338.7	505.6	526.5	60.1	4.1
Swansea	355.6	528.1	506.9	43.9	-4.0
Neath Port Talbot	391.1	532.5	545.8	43.9	2.5
<b>Wales</b>	<b>358.7</b>	<b>520.8</b>	<b>539.0</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>
United Kingdom	407.8	607.8	620.3	54.0	2.1
<b>Index (UK=100):</b>					
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	87.3	79.5	89.2	1.8	9.6
Carmarthenshire	83.1	83.2	84.9	1.8	1.7
Swansea	87.2	86.9	81.7	-5.5	-5.2
Neath Port Talbot	95.9	87.6	88.0	-7.9	0.4
<b>Wales</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>
United Kingdom	100.0	100.0	100.0		

**Next update: Nov 2014**

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	2011	2012	2001	2011	2001	2011
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>265.8</b>	<b>287.9</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Pembrokeshire	49.2	54.0	55.5	6.3	1.5	12.7	2.8
Carmarthenshire	66.1	74.2	71.1	5.0	-3.2	7.6	-4.3
Swansea	107.4	111.5	113.7	6.4	2.2	5.9	2.0
Neath Port Talbot	43.1	48.2	49.1	6.0	0.9	13.8	1.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,252.7</b>	<b>1,322.9</b>	<b>1,319.3</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
United Kingdom	28,580.0	29,913.8	30,208.3	1,628.3	294.5	5.7	1.0

**Next update: Oct 2014** 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, 2012**

	<b>Percentage of total employment:</b>						
	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> )
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>289.4</b>
Pembrokeshire	8	6	11	31	12	32	55.5
Carmarthenshire	7	10	8	26	11	39	71.1
Swansea	1	6	6	26	20	42	113.7
Neath Port Talbot	1	21	10	22	12	35	49.1
<b>Wales</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,319.3</b>
United Kingdom	1	9	7	26	26	31	30,208.3

**Next update: Oct 2014** 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	2011	2012	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2011	2002	2011
<b>Number:</b>							
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>-290</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	430	360	360	-70	0	-16.3	0.0
Carmarthenshire	615	520	445	-170	-75	-27.6	-14.4
Swansea	645	585	605	-40	20	-6.2	3.4
Neath Port Talbot	285	295	275	-10	-20	-3.5	-6.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>8,970</b>	<b>8,225</b>	<b>8,270</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
United Kingdom	242,540	261,370	269,565	27,025	8,195	11.1	3.1
<b>VAT/PAYE births per 10,000 population aged 16-64:</b>							
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>-4.9</b>
Pembrokeshire	62	49	49	-13	0	-21.0	0.0
Carmarthenshire	58	46	40	-18	-6	-31.0	-13.0
Swansea	45	38	39	-6	1	-13.3	2.6
Neath Port Talbot	34	33	31	-3	-2	-8.8	-6.1
<b>Wales</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>
United Kingdom	64	64	66	2	2	3.1	3.1

**Next update: Dec 2014**

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	2011	2012	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2011	2002	2011
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	375	405	400	25	-5	6.7	-1.2
Carmarthenshire	480	525	560	80	35	16.7	6.7
Swansea	675	720	735	60	15	8.9	2.1
Neath Port Talbot	280	320	340	60	20	21.4	6.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>8,460</b>	<b>9,010</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>
United Kingdom	213,345	229,610	254,885	41,540	25,275	19.5	11.0

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Source: Business Demography, ONS

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

[Link to data](#)

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

	2002	2011	2012	Change in latest levels over:		Percentage change in latest over:	
				2002	2011	2002	2011
<b>Number:</b>							
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>17,690</b>	<b>19,725</b>	<b>19,385</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>-340</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Pembrokeshire	4,100	4,525	4,455	355	-70	8.7	-1.5
Carmarthenshire	5,220	5,870	5,735	515	-135	9.9	-2.3
Swansea	5,695	6,280	6,230	535	-50	9.4	-0.8
Neath Port Talbot	2,675	3,050	2,965	290	-85	10.8	-2.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>81,175</b>	<b>88,590</b>	<b>87,985</b>	<b>6,810</b>	<b>-605</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
United Kingdom	2,115,915	2,342,595	2,372,960	257,045	30,365	12.1	1.3
<b>Stock per 10,000 population aged 16-64:</b>							
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
Pembrokeshire	595	614	609	14	-5	2.4	-0.8
Carmarthenshire	489	522	513	24	-9	4.9	-1.7
Swansea	401	407	405	4	-2	1.0	-0.5
Neath Port Talbot	318	343	335	17	-8	5.3	-2.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
United Kingdom	555	572	580	25	8	4.5	1.4

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Source: Business Demography, ONS

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

[Link to data](#)

**Table 21 Enterprise numbers by size-band, 2013 (a)**

*Numbers in thousands*

	Zero (0)	Micro (1-9)	Small (10-49)	Medium (50- 249)	Large (250 plus)	All
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>50.3</b>
Pembrokeshire	11.1	2.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	14.2
Carmarthenshire	10.8	2.8	0.5	0.1	0.3	14.5
Swansea	10.4	2.8	0.7	0.2	0.4	14.5
Neath Port Talbot	5.8	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	7.8
<b>Wales</b>	<b>166.9</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>219.4</b>

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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, 2013 (a)***Numbers in thousands*

	Zero (0)	Micro (1-9)	Small (10-49)	Medium (50- 249)	Large (250 plus)	All
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>218.2</b>
Pembrokeshire	12.5	9.5	7.8	4.8	9.3	43.8
Carmarthenshire	12.2	10.7	8.8	5.6	18.2	55.5
Swansea	11.2	10.8	12.0	10.0	35.7	79.6
Neath Port Talbot	6.3	5.3	6.0	5.9	15.9	39.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>183.5</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>155.8</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>407.8</b>	<b>1,036.9</b>

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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 23 Foreign Owned Companies, 2013 (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>
<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>49,975</b>	<b>192.8</b>	<b>50,255</b>	<b>218.2</b>
Pembrokeshire	65	2.8	14,170	41.0	14,235	43.8
Carmarthenshire	105	5.7	14,380	49.8	14,485	55.5
Swansea	175	7.8	14,300	71.8	14,475	79.6
Neath Port Talbot	80	9.1	7,720	30.2	7,800	39.3
<b>Wales</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>151.7</b>	<b>218,320</b>	<b>885.2</b>	<b>219,410</b>	<b>1,036.9</b>

**Next update: Oct 2014**

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.

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

### *This month's bulletin*

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

### *Next month's bulletin*

Next month will be the last monthly bulletin published (see below for details).

### *Future bulletins*

The consultation on proposals concerning the publication of official statistics closed in early March. Within the consultation one of the proposals was to reduce the frequency of these bulletins from monthly to quarterly. We will move to publishing these bulletins on a quarterly basis, with **July 2014** being the **last monthly bulletin**. The **first quarterly bulletin** will be published in **October 2014**. When these bulletins become quarterly the underlying StatsWales data would still be updated when new data are released (links given under the tables in the release). The final outcome of the consultation has been published and can be found at the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/proposals-concerning-publication-official-statistics/?status=closed&lang=en>

## 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 month, 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://wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/economicoutputs/?lang=en>

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), and also for information from Jobcentre plus on the numbers of claimants of unemployment related benefits (claimant count). The bulletin also provides Welsh data on the numbers of benefit claimants. Further information on these datasets is given later in these notes.

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://wales.gov.uk/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://wales.gov.uk/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://wales.gov.uk/splash?orig=/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://wales.gov.uk/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://wales.gov.uk/statistics-and-research/economic-labour-market-statistics-guide-data-sources-useful-links/?lang=en>

## National Statistics

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.