

The Youth Service in Wales, 2009-10

This Statistical Bulletin presents detailed information about the Youth Service in Wales for the year 2009-10, further to the headline results published in the Statistical First Release on 25 November 2010.

Background

The Youth Service in Wales is delivered through the 22 local authorities in partnership with national and local voluntary youth organisations and independent local projects. The National Youth Strategy for Wales, which was launched in 2007, provides a vision for development of youth work in Wales. The Welsh Assembly Government is committed to supporting the development of informal learning and has provided funding to these organisations to meet the needs to local young people between the ages of 11 and 25.

The Statistical Directorate of the Welsh Assembly Government took on responsibility for the compilation of data collected by local authorities about the Youth Service in Wales, in April 2010. The data collected informs the development and continuous improvement of the Youth Service, and enables practitioners to increase participation and support young people to overcome the barriers to learning, and realise their potential. The quality of the data continues to develop, as centrally we improve the guidance and definitions used within the audit, and locally youth services refine their management systems and data. The known quality issues are highlighted in the Key Quality Information section.

Key results for 2009-10 show:

- Around 100,000 young people were members of the Youth Service in Wales¹, representing 18 per cent of the 11-25 year old population.
- Nearly 16,000 people were reported as receiving an accredited outcome², representing 16 per cent of all members.
- Local authorities reported 1,400 projects running across Wales³, 60 per cent of which were delivered solely by the Youth Service.
- There were just over 1,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff employed by the Youth Service, a 15 per cent increase compared to 2008-09.
- 72 per cent of all management and delivery staff held Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional (A or B) qualifications.
- The total income for the Youth Service decreased by 4 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10, from £44.1 million to £42.9 million.
- The total spend by the Youth Service in Wales was £41.6 million, a 6 per cent decrease from £44.1 million in 2008-09.
- The total spend by the Youth Service per head of population aged 11-19 years was £119.92, a decrease of 5 per cent on the level in 2008-09.

¹ Figure in respect of 21 of the 22 authorities in Wales. See Quality Information on page 4.

² A definition of accredited outcomes appears in the Quality Information section. Figure in respect of 20 authorities.

³ There may have been some inconsistencies in project definitions. Again, see Quality Information for details.

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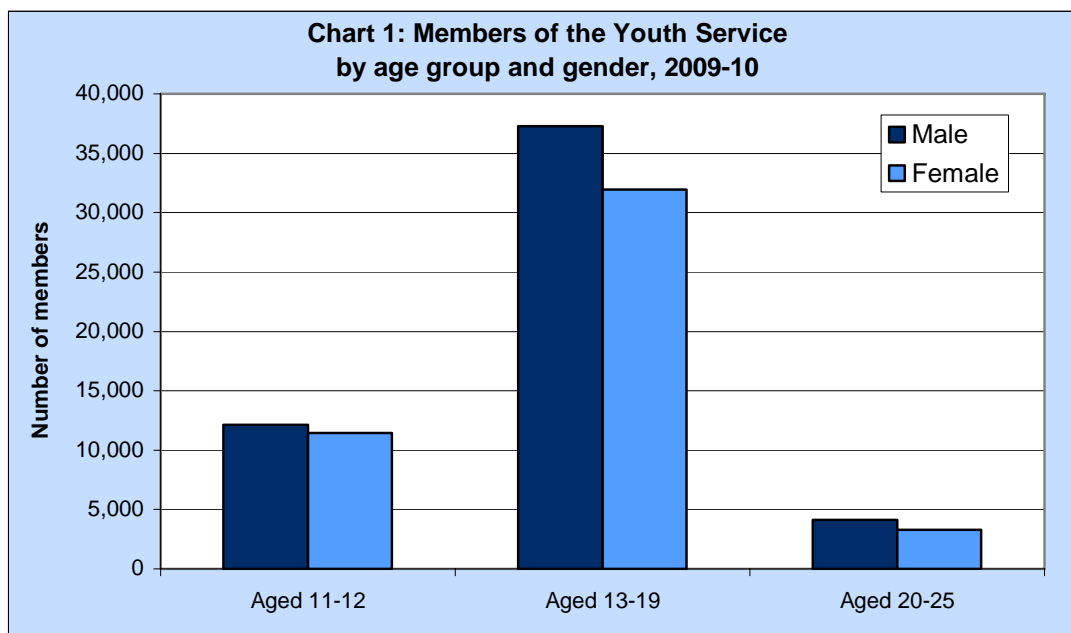
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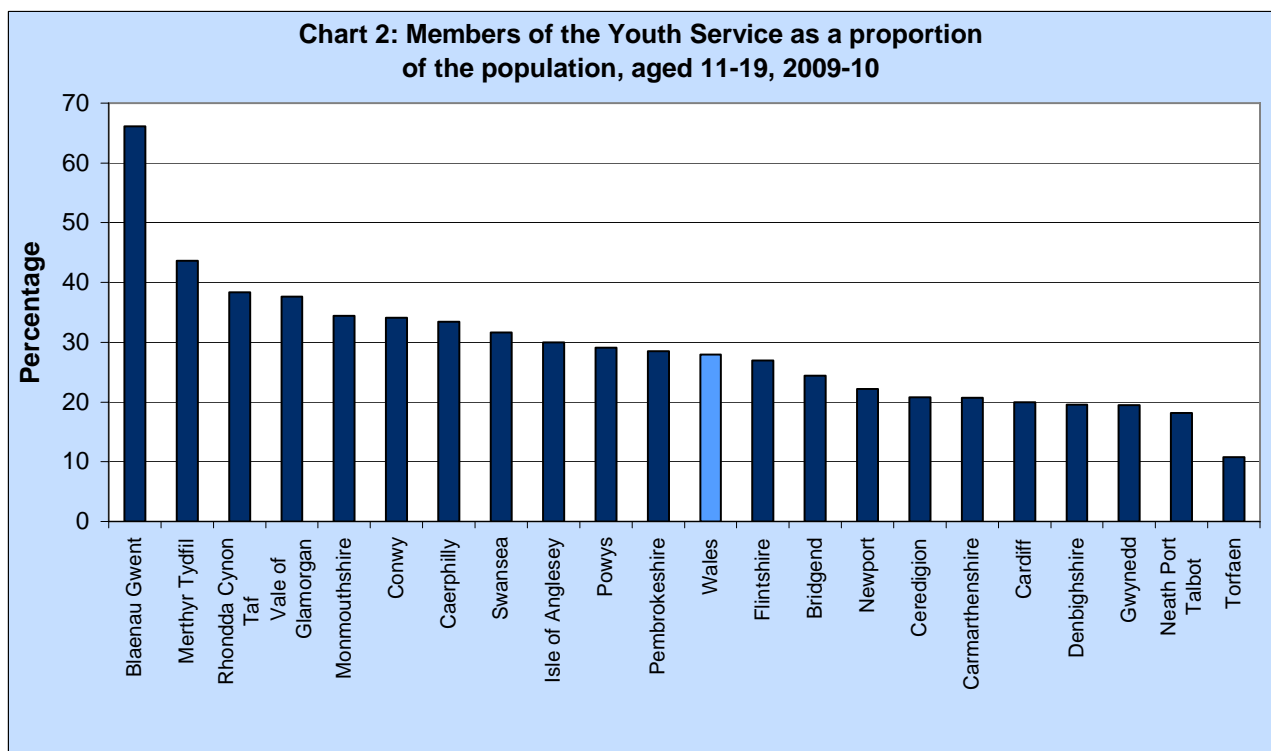
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Members of the youth service in Wales

21 of the 22 local authorities in Wales provided data about members of the youth service in 2009-10. These local authorities reported that 100,183 young people were members of the Youth Service in Wales, representing 18 per cent of the population of 11 to 25 year olds. Within these 21 authorities, the number of Youth Service members decreased between 2008-09 and 2009-10 by almost 10,000 or 9 per cent. This decrease may partly be a reflection of improvements in data quality – see Key Quality Information.



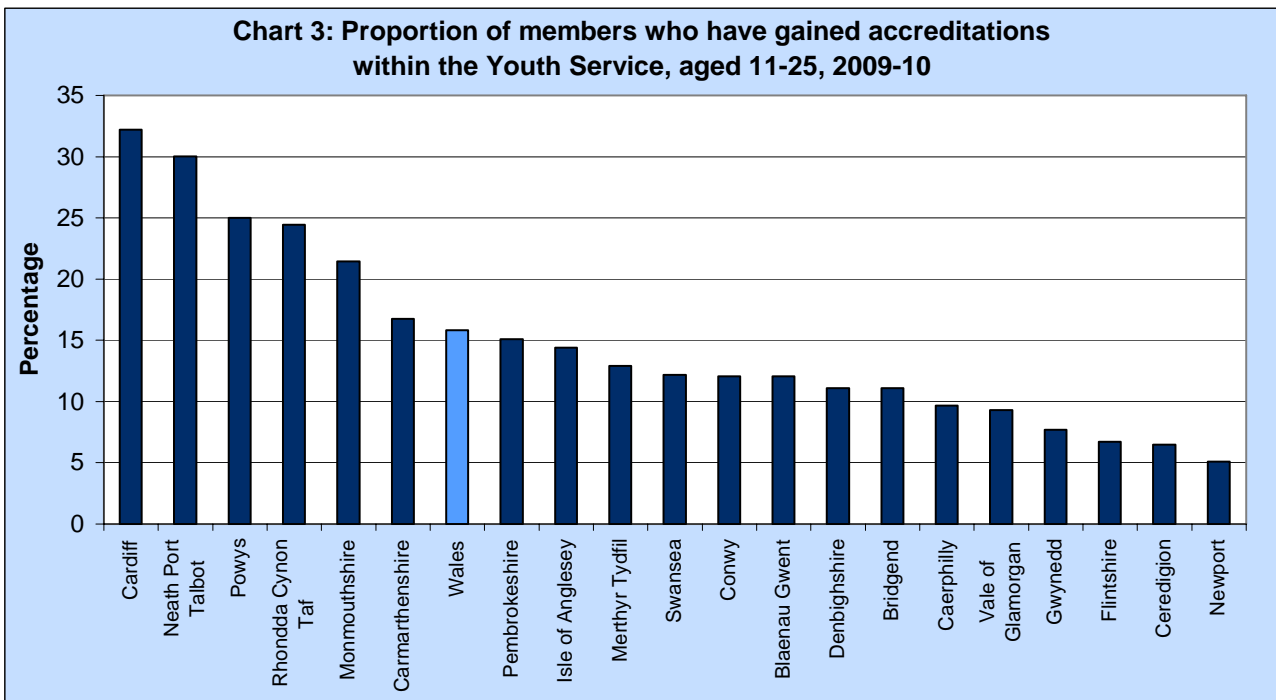
23 per cent of members were aged 11-12 years, 69 per cent were aged 13-19 years and 7 per cent were aged 20-25. 53 per cent of the 100,183 were male and 47 per cent were female.



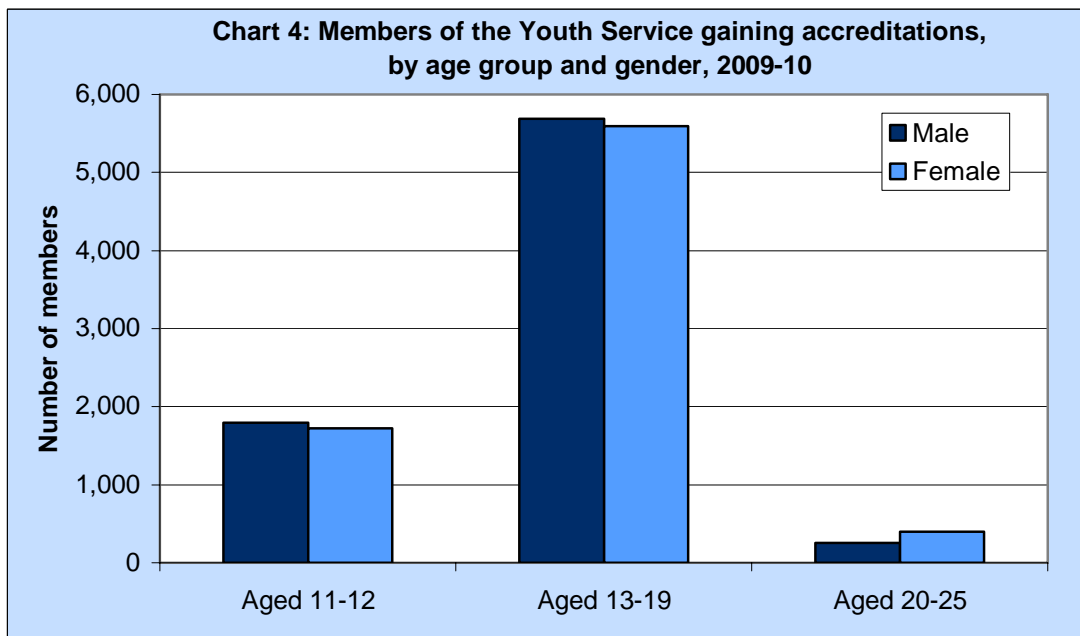
92,745 members were aged 11-19 years, representing 28 per cent of the 11-19 population. The proportions reported ranged from 66 per cent in Blaenau Gwent to 11 per cent in Torfaen. More detailed information can be found in table 1.

Accreditation of youth service members

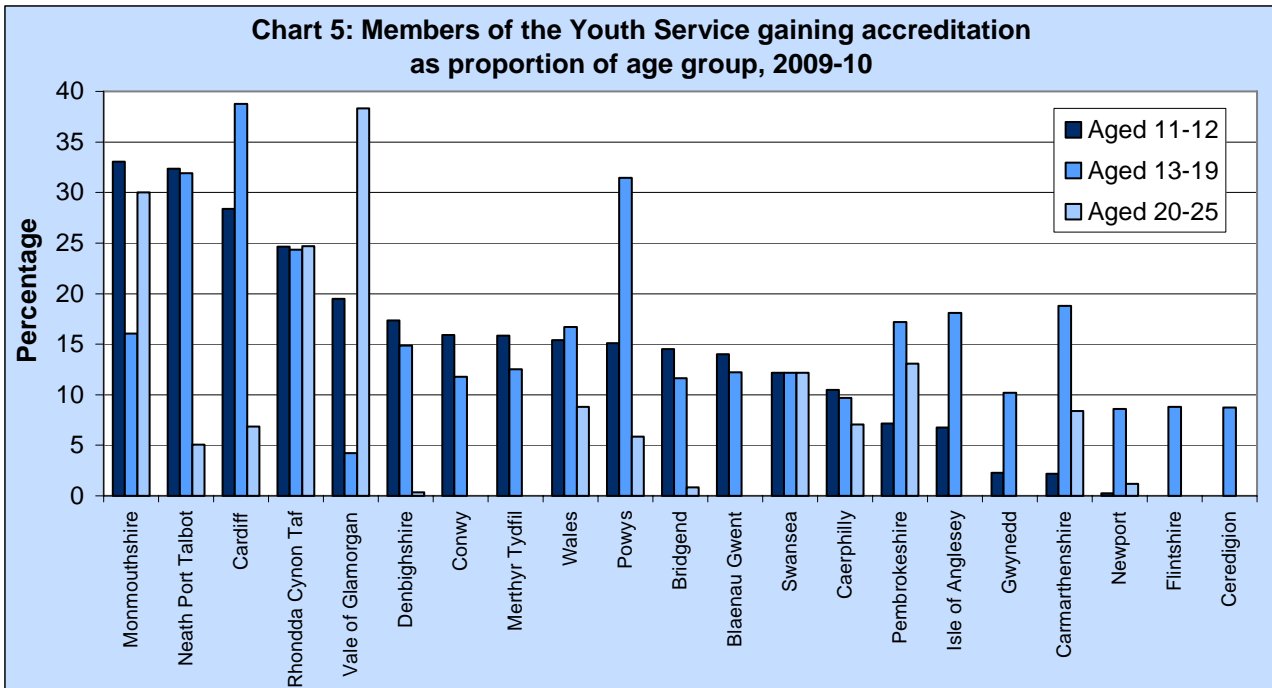
The survey collects information on individuals gaining accreditations within the Youth Service. Two of the 22 local authorities were unable to report on accreditations, with a further local authority unable to report on accreditations by gender.



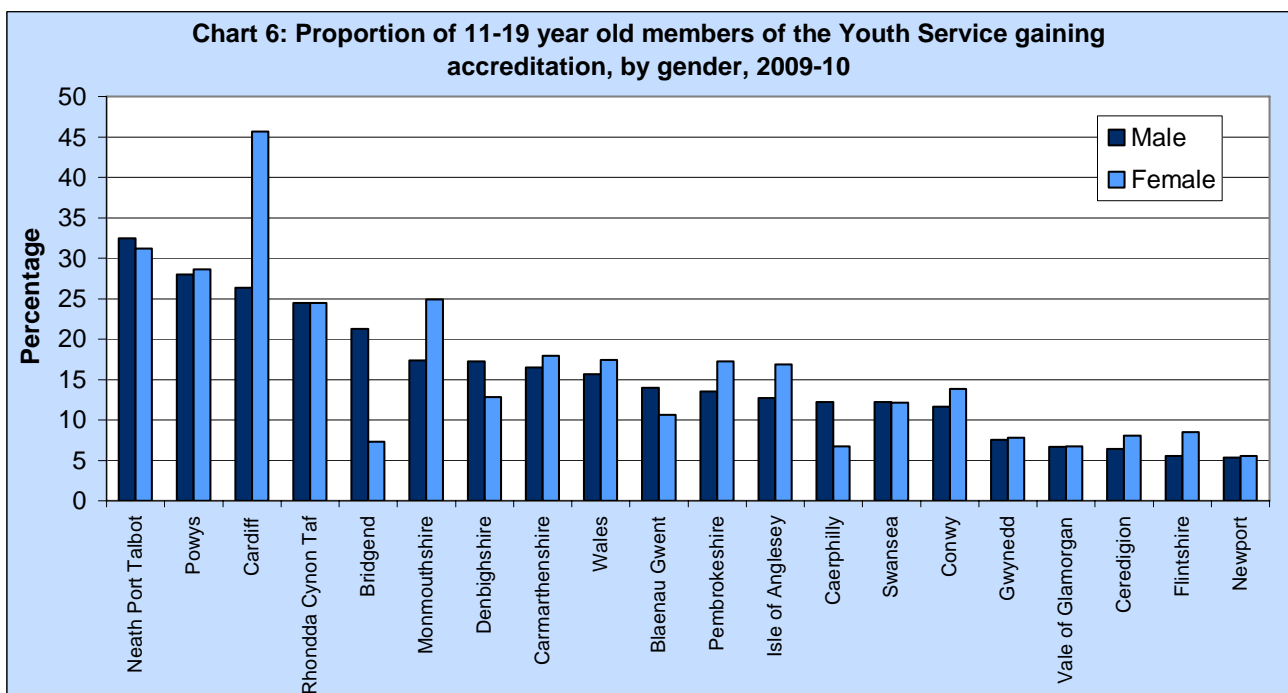
Amongst the authorities providing details, there were 15,844 young people who were reported as having gained an accreditation in 2009-10 (16 per cent of all members). The proportion of members reported as gaining accreditations ranged from 32 per cent in Cardiff to 5 per cent in Newport.



For Wales as a whole, most young people gaining accreditations were aged 13-19 (73 per cent). 23 per cent were aged 11-12 and 4 per cent aged 20-25. The gender split was equal; 50 per cent of those gaining accreditations were male and 50 per cent were female.



Monmouthshire reported the highest proportion of 11-12 year olds gaining accreditation (33 per cent), Cardiff the highest proportion of 13-19 year olds gaining accreditation (39 per cent) and the Vale of Glamorgan the highest proportion of 20-25 year olds gaining accreditation (38 per cent).



The proportion of male members aged 11-19 reported as gaining accreditation ranged from 32 per cent in Neath Port Talbot to 5 per cent in Newport. The proportion of female members aged 11-19 reported as gaining accreditation range from 46 per cent in Cardiff to 6 per cent in Newport. More detailed information can be found in table 1.

Contacts¹

There were 1,422,950 contacts in Wales in 2009-10, a 9 per cent increase from 2008-09. The average number of contacts per member in 2009-10 was 14 compared to 12 in 2008-09.

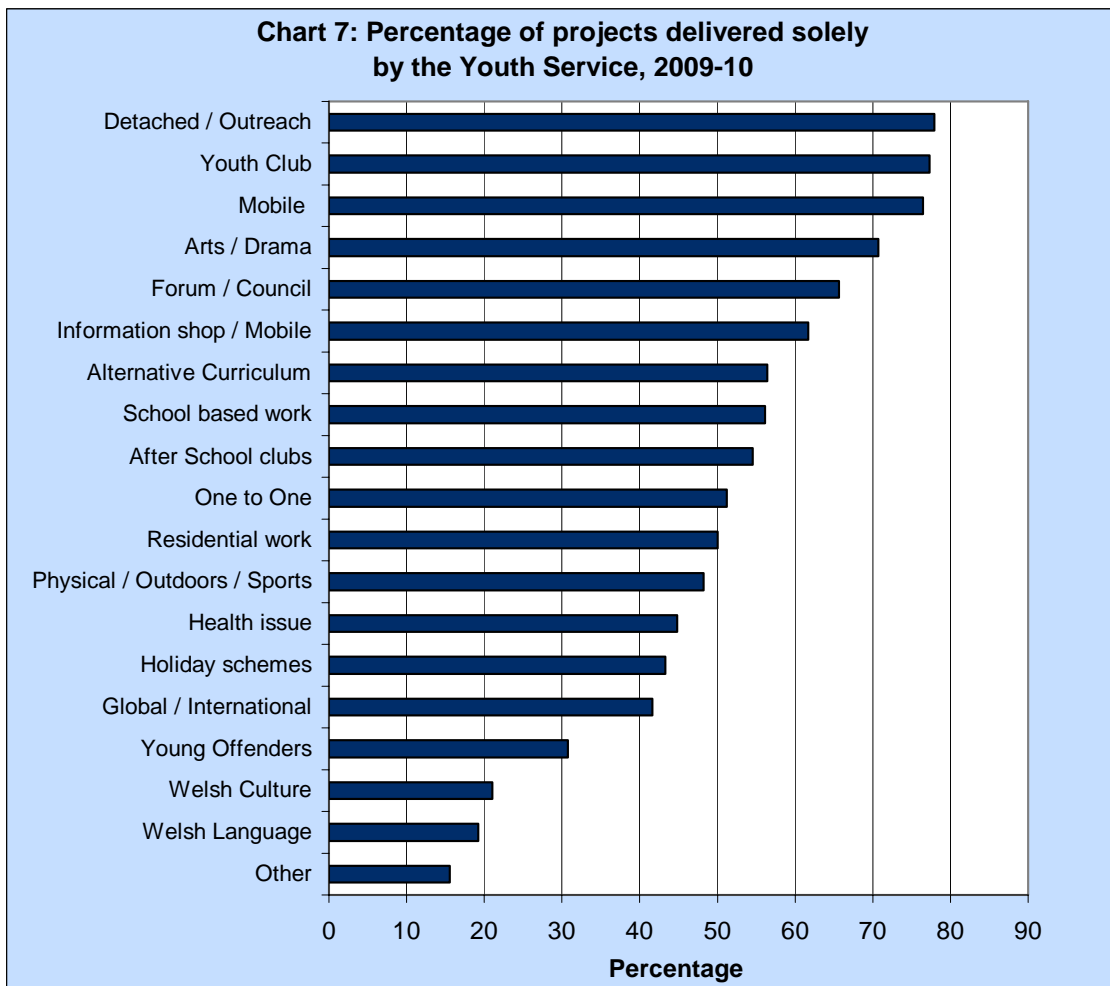
¹ A contact is defined as a session covering up to 3 hours, allowing for 3 sessions to take place per day (morning/afternoon/evening). One contact is an individual attendance at one session.

Youth Service Projects

Local authorities provided information about the Youth Service projects that were running across Wales. These projects may be delivered by the local authority youth service alone, or in partnership with other statutory or voluntary bodies.

In 2009-10 local authorities reported 1,398 projects running across Wales. 834 (60 per cent) of these were delivered solely by the Youth Service.

476 (34 per cent) of the 1,398 projects running across Wales fell into the 'Youth Club' category. The next largest categories were 'School Based Work', 'Detached/Outreach' and 'Alternative Curriculum' all at around 7 per cent of the total number of projects.



Over 75 per cent of all 'Detached/Outreach', 'Youth Club' and 'Mobile' projects were delivered solely by the Youth Service. Around 20 per cent of 'Welsh Culture' and 'Welsh Language' projects were delivered solely by the Youth Service, with the majority being delivered in partnership with other voluntary bodies.

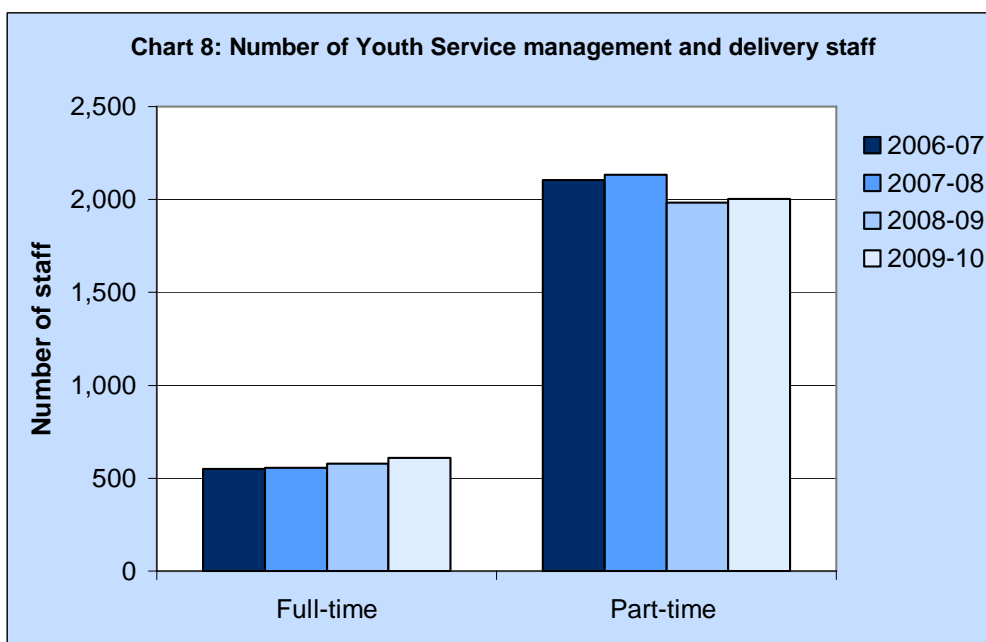
There were 51,824 individuals attending Youth Clubs in Wales in 2009-10. The next most popular project delivered was categorised as 'Health issues' which had 11,875 individuals, followed by 'School based work' with 11,496 individuals attending. It should be noted that individuals are likely to attend more than one project.

Youth Service Workforce

Staffing Levels

At the end of March 2010, there were 1,058 full-time equivalent (FTE) Youth Service management and delivery staff working across local authorities in Wales, a 15 per cent increase compared to the 922 FTE staff in 2008-09. 152 (14 per cent) of these FTE posts were in management and 906 (86 per cent) were in youth work delivery posts.

The total head count for management and delivery staff was 2,612. 609 (23 per cent) were full-time and 2,003 (77 per cent) were part-time.



Between March 2009 and March 2010, the number of full-time staff increased from 579 to 609 (5 per cent) and the number of part-time staff increased from 1,984 to 2,003 (1 per cent).

The number of full-time management staff remained at 135, whilst the number of part-time management staff decreased by 56 per cent from 41 in March 2009 to 18 in March 2010.

The number of full-time delivery staff increased from 444 to 474 (7 per cent) and the number of part-time delivery staff increased from 1,943 to 1,985 (2 per cent).

Local authorities were asked to provide separate figures for core delivery staff and short term project workers. Of the 2,459 delivery staff, 2,112 (86 per cent) were core delivery staff and 347 (14 per cent) were short term delivery staff. The proportion of core delivery staff has increased by 2 percentage points from 84 per cent in 2008-09.

There were a further 135 administrative staff (132 in 2008-09) and 468 volunteers. This is a 22 per cent increase in volunteers from the 383 in 2008-09, and an overall 208 per cent increase from the 152 volunteers in 2006-07.

Qualifications²

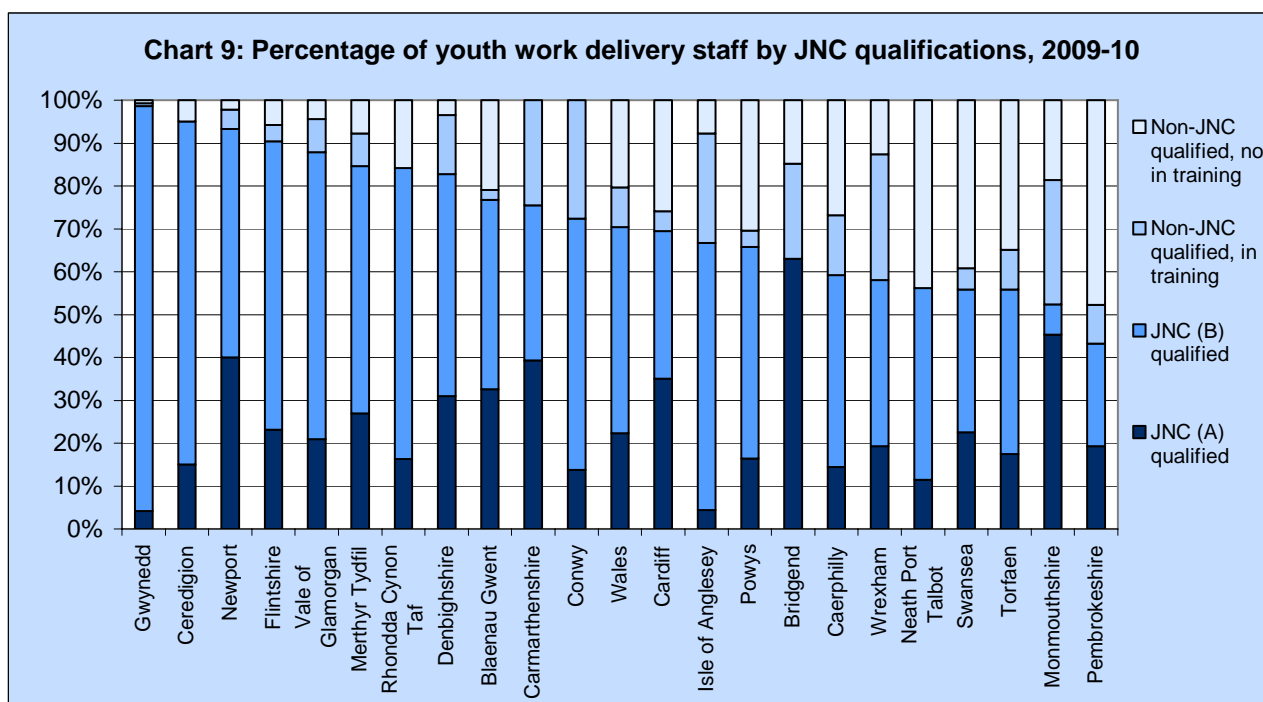
In 2009-10, 72 per cent of all management and delivery staff held Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) professional (A or B) qualifications. 93 per cent of management staff and 70 per cent of youth work delivery staff were qualified to this level.

The proportion of staff who were professionally (A) qualified decreased from 28 per cent (707 staff) in 2008-09 to 26 per cent in 2009-10 (679 staff). The proportion that were youth support work (B) qualified increased from 42 per cent (1089 staff) in 2008-09 to 46 per cent (1194 staff) in 2009-10.

In Wales in 2009-10:

- 84 per cent of Youth Service management were JNC professionally (A) qualified;
- 9 per cent of Youth Service management staff were JNC youth support work (B) qualified;
- 21 per cent of Youth Service core delivery staff were JNC professionally (A) qualified;
- 51 per cent of Youth Service core delivery staff were JNC youth support work (B) qualified;
- 30 per cent of Youth Service short-term delivery staff were JNC professionally (A) qualified;
- 31 per cent of Youth Service short-term delivery staff were JNC youth support work (B) qualified.

Of the 739 staff without JNC qualifications, 233 (32 per cent) were in training. More detailed information can be found in Table 2.



Staff Ratios

The ratio of FTE management staff to FTE youth work delivery staff in Wales in 2009-10 was 1:6 compared to 1:5 in 2008-09.

The ratio of the youth population aged 11-25 to FTE youth delivery staff was 657 young people per worker in 2009-10 compared with 761^r young people per worker in 2008-09. For the 11-19 population, the ratios were 383:1 in 2009-10 and 449:1^r in 2008-09.

² The definitions below explain the categories of youth work qualifications i.e. JNC (Joint Negotiating Committee for Youth and Community Workers):

- Professional Youth Worker/Nationally Qualified = BA/Post-Grad/HE Diploma in Youth & Community/Teacher trained pre-1988
- Youth Support Worker/Locally Qualified = Foundation course pre 2007/QCA4/NOCN/NVQ2/NVQ3

^r This figure has been revised due to revisions to Mid-Year Population Estimates

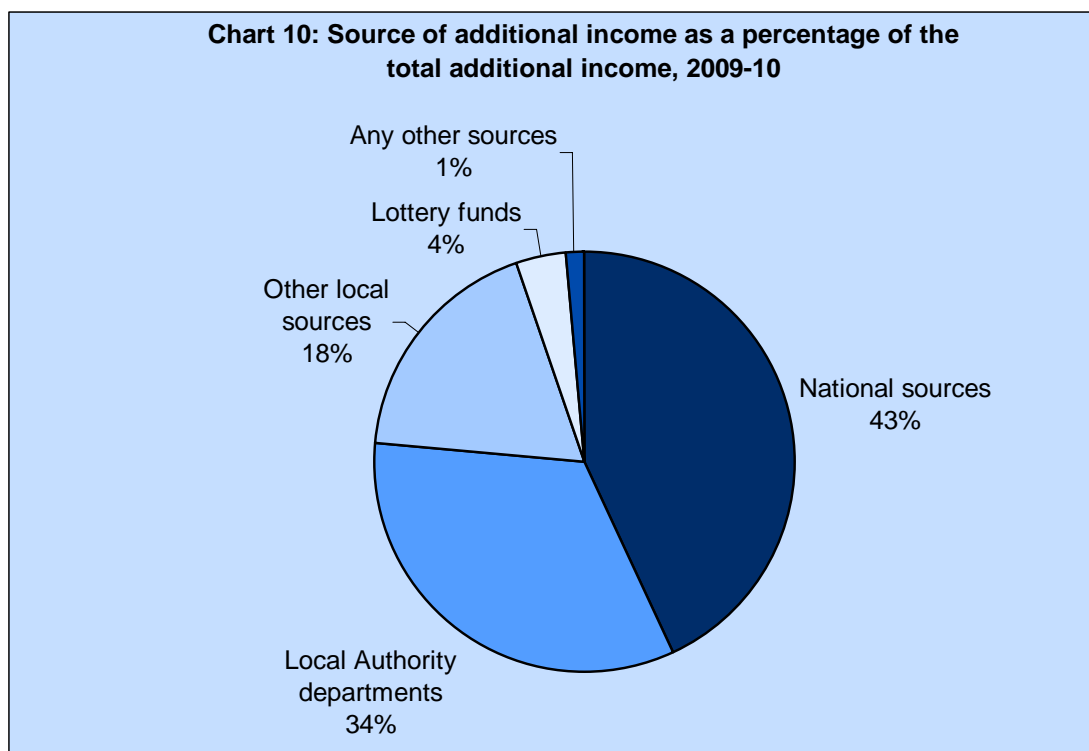
Youth Service Finance

Income

The total income for the Youth Service decreased by 4 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10, from £44.1 million to £42.9 million.

The income figure for 2009-10 included a sum of £2.9 million capital funding provided by the Welsh Assembly Government under the One-Wales Youth Service Fund.

The total of core Youth Service budgets across Wales decreased by 4 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10 from £25.3 million to £24.1 million. Overall, the contribution made by core Youth Service budgets to the total Youth Service income across Wales is similar to 2008-09, at 56 per cent in 2009-10. This percentage varied between authorities in 2009-10, ranging from 80 per cent in Gwynedd to 31 per cent in Carmarthenshire.

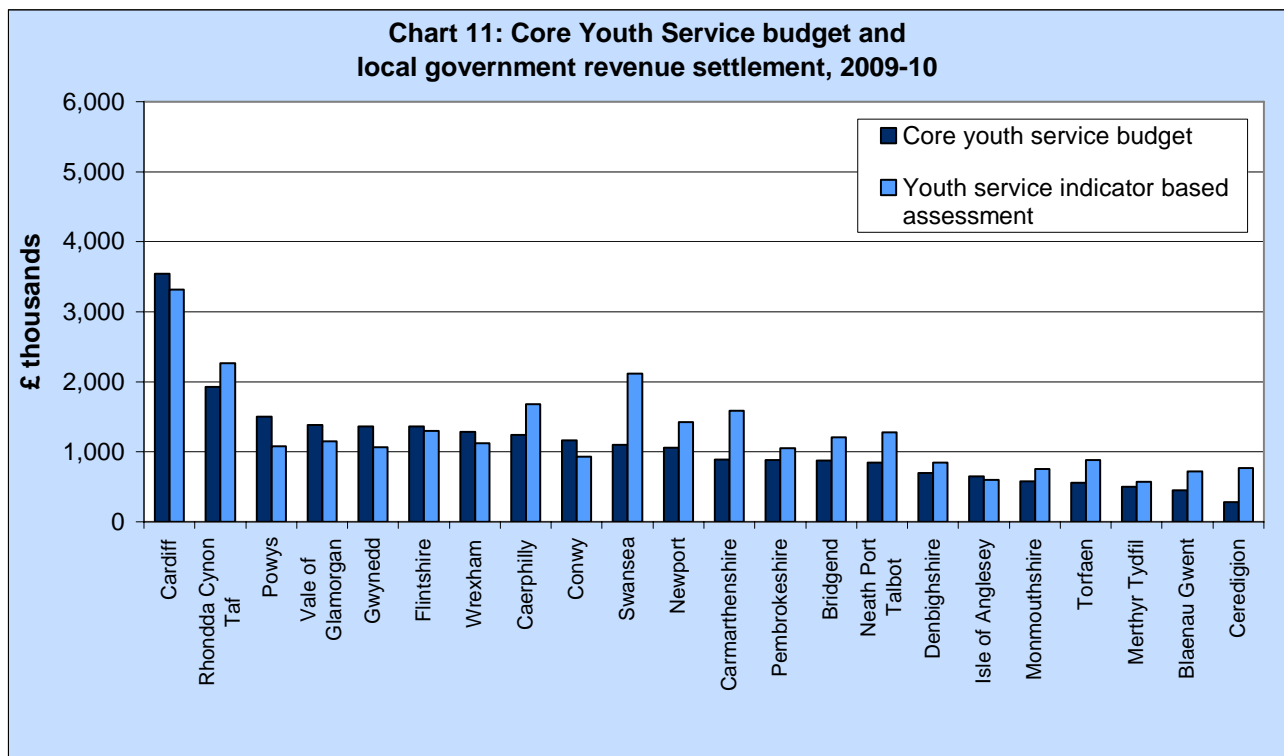


In addition to the core Youth Service budget, the total budget for the Youth Service in Wales for 2009-10 included income of £18.8 million from other sources, accounting for 44 per cent of the total income. 'National Sources' contributed the majority (£8.1 million or 43 per cent) of these funds, £5.6 million of which was provided by Cymorth.

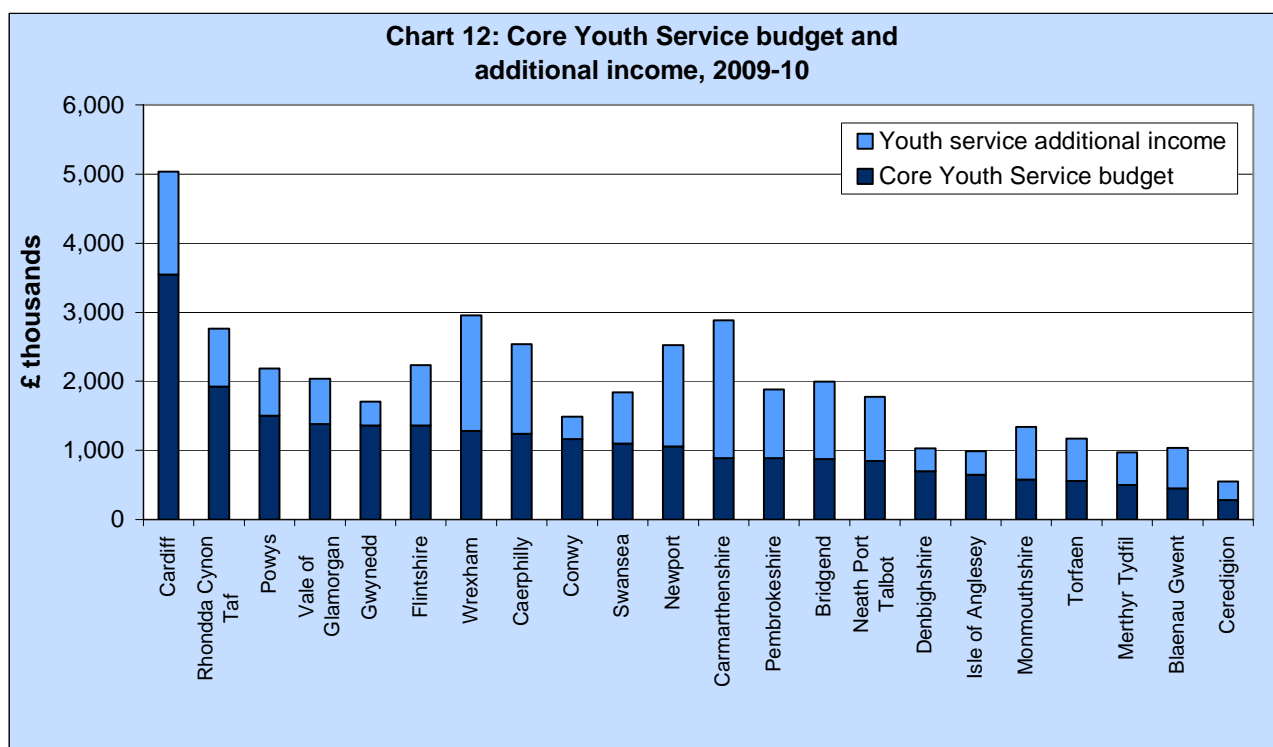
Other important sources of additional income in 2009-10 were local authority departmental budgets (particularly Welsh Assembly Government grants) (£6.3 million), Communities First (£1.2 million), 14-19 Pathways (£1.0 million), national community safety funds (£0.8 million), and lottery funds (£0.7 million).

Local Government Revenue Settlement

The Welsh local government revenue settlement includes an indicative figure for each local authority for the provision of the Youth Service in Wales. This indicative figure is based on population and other demographic variables. In 2009-10 the total core Youth Service budget represented 87 per cent of this allocation, having decreased from 94 per cent in 2008-09. More detailed information can be found in table 3.



Most local authorities had a core budget that was smaller than the revenue settlement allocation, and supplemented this core budget with income from other sources. The contributions of the core Youth Service budget and additional income from other sources in each local authority is shown in the graph below.



Expenditure

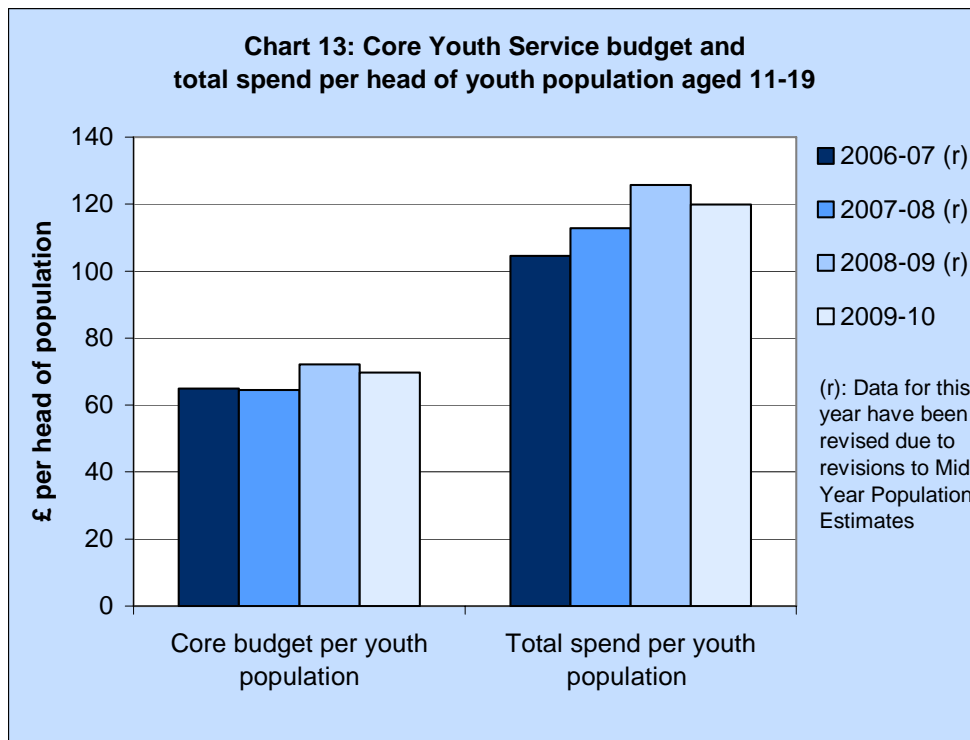
The total spend by the Youth Service in Wales in 2009-10 was £41.6 million, a 6 per cent decrease from £44.1 million in 2008-09. The expenditure ranged from £0.6 million in Ceredigion to £5 million in Cardiff. The total figure included an amount of £2.8 million of capital expenditure, reflecting the capital spend by local authorities using funds provided by Welsh Assembly Government in 2009-10 under the One-Wales Youth Service Fund.

The majority of Youth Service spending in 2009-10 was on employees, at 65 per cent of all expenditure, representing a slightly higher proportion than in 2008-09 when the level was 63 per cent. In 2009-10, 2 per cent of Youth Service expenditure across Wales went on staff training and development.

Of the remaining funds, 10 per cent were spent on resources and a further 8 per cent on accommodation.

The Youth Service in Wales gave grant aid of £0.7 million (2 per cent of the expenditure) to the voluntary sector in 2009-10. A further £1.7 million of grant aid to the voluntary sector came from the wider local authority budget and £0.1 million from in-kind support. The amount amounted to a contribution of £2.5 million in grant aid by local authorities to voluntary youth services in Wales during the year.

Spend per head of population



In 2009-10, the total spend by the Youth Service per head of population aged 11-19 years was £119.92, a decrease of 5 per cent on the level in 2008-09. The core Youth Service budget spend per head of population aged 11-19 years showed a decrease of 3 per cent from £72.16 in 2008-09 to £69.67 in 2009-10. Full details can be seen in Table 4.

Table 1: Youth Service Members 2009-10

	11-25 year olds					11-19 year olds				
	Mid-year population estimate 2009	Number of individual members	Numbers of individuals gaining accreditations	Members as percentage of population	Members with accreditations as percentage of total members	Mid-year population estimate 2009	Number of individual members	Numbers of individuals gaining accreditations	Members as percentage of population	Members with accreditations as percentage of total members
Isle of Anglesey	11,908	2,259	325	19	14	7,467	2,239	325	30	15
Gwynedd	25,063	2,738	210	11	8	14,072	2,738	210	19	8
Conwy	18,224	4,336	523	24	12	12,153	4,145	523	34	13
Denbighshire	16,741	2,951	327	18	11	10,820	2,116	324	20	15
Flintshire	26,846	4,667	313	17	7	16,924	4,563	313	27	7
Wrexham	24,370	14,403
Powys	21,695	5,102	1,275	24	25	14,990	4,354	1,231	29	28
Ceredigion	18,422	2,205	143	12	6	9,601	1,997	143	21	7
Pembrokeshire	20,467	4,084	617	20	15	13,690	3,908	594	29	15
Carmarthenshire	32,150	4,411	739	14	17	20,348	4,220	723	21	17
Swansea	50,328	9,540	1,161	19	12	25,643	8,109	987	32	12
Neath Port Talbot	25,280	3,030	910	12	30	15,476	2,813	899	18	32
Bridgend	24,055	3,983	441	17	11	14,882	3,630	438	24	12
Vale of Glamorgan	23,676	6,201	578	26	9	15,106	5,684	380	38	7
Cardiff	88,495	9,022	2,907	10	32	39,909	7,955	2,834	20	36
Rhondda Cynon Taf	47,104	10,649	2,604	23	24	27,104	10,406	2,544	38	24
Merthyr Tydfil	11,071	2,965	383	27	13	6,606	2,881	383	44	13
Caerphilly	33,055	7,331	710	22	10	20,206	6,763	670	33	10
Blaenau Gwent	13,848	5,707	688	41	12	8,425	5,575	688	66	12
Torfaen	17,794	1,177	..	7	..	10,926	1,177	..	11	..
Monmouthshire	14,989	3,616	775	24	21	10,440	3,596	769	34	21
Newport	29,632	4,209	215	14	5	17,452	3,876	211	22	5
Wales	595,213	100,183	15,844	18	16	346,643	92,745	15,189	28	16

Table 2: Percentage of Staff with and without Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) Qualifications 2009-10

	Management staff				Delivery staff				Total staff			
	JNC (A) qualified	JNC (B) qualified	Non-JNC qualified, in training	Non-JNC qualified, not in training	JNC (A) qualified	JNC (B) qualified	Non-JNC qualified, in training	Non-JNC qualified, not in training	JNC (A) qualified	JNC (B) qualified	Non-JNC qualified, in training	Non-JNC qualified, not in training
Isle of Anglesey	67	33	0	0	4	62	26	8	6	61	25	8
Gwynedd	44	56	0	0	4	94	1	1	7	92	1	1
Conwy	100	0	0	0	14	59	28	0	26	50	24	0
Denbighshire	100	0	0	0	31	52	14	3	35	48	13	3
Flintshire	100	0	0	0	23	67	4	6	29	62	4	5
Wrexham	92	0	8	0	19	39	29	13	26	35	27	11
Powys	58	33	0	8	16	49	4	30	22	47	3	27
Ceredigion	100	0	0	0	15	80	0	5	19	76	0	5
Pembrokeshire	78	22	0	0	19	24	9	48	25	24	8	43
Carmarthenshire	80	20	0	0	39	36	24	0	41	35	23	0
Swansea	100	0	0	0	23	33	5	39	24	33	5	39
Neath Port Talbot	90	0	0	10	11	45	0	44	15	43	0	42
Bridgend	80	0	10	10	63	0	22	15	68	0	19	14
Vale of Glamorgan	100	0	0	0	21	67	8	4	22	66	8	4
Cardiff	100	0	0	0	35	34	5	26	36	34	4	26
Rhondda Cynon Taf	83	0	0	17	16	68	0	16	20	64	0	16
Merthyr Tydfil	100	0	0	0	27	58	8	8	31	55	7	7
Caerphilly	92	0	0	8	14	45	14	27	18	43	13	26
Blaenau Gwent	50	0	25	25	33	44	2	21	34	40	4	21
Torfaen	100	0	0	0	17	38	9	35	22	36	9	33
Monmouthshire	100	0	0	0	45	7	29	19	49	7	27	17
Newport	90	10	0	0	40	53	4	2	45	49	4	2
Wales	84	9	2	5	22	48	9	20	26	46	9	19

Table 3: Local Government Revenue Settlement and Core Youth Service budget 2009-10

	Revenue Settlement (£)				Core budget (£)				Core Youth Service budget as a percentage of local government revenue settlement			
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Isle of Anglesey	515,620	567,810	585,921	599,348	600,320	593,410	632,600	650,280	116	105	108	108
Gwynedd	890,079	996,736	1,036,922	1,066,757	1,211,304	1,111,149	1,235,878	1,363,514	136	111	119	128
Conwy	801,436	875,877	892,235	930,222	1,090,000	1,110,145	1,162,658	1,163,000	136	127	130	125
Denbighshire	716,323	794,673	810,754	847,406	599,298	633,866	697,666	696,862	84	80	86	82
Flintshire	1,124,679	1,232,319	1,255,581	1,298,318	960,000	1,095,556	1,169,771	1,362,207	85	89	93	105
Wrexham	980,452	1,068,645	1,086,215	1,119,426	1,222,003	1,178,656	1,174,576	1,286,194	125	110	108	115
Powys	906,367	1,007,456	1,033,987	1,083,521	1,380,797	1,462,152	1,531,146	1,504,613	152	145	148	139
Ceredigion	656,691	719,736	735,691	766,268	234,581	299,233	299,470	282,521	36	42	41	37
Pembrokeshire	891,743	989,957	1,019,035	1,052,223	766,150	815,254	851,697	885,478	86	82	84	84
Carmarthenshire	1,348,709	1,490,405	1,524,517	1,588,315	977,758	1,076,218	839,486	889,767	72	72	55	56
Swansea	1,870,277	2,066,488	2,074,792	2,116,195	1,044,900	997,100	1,057,300	1,097,700	56	48	51	52
Neath Port Talbot	1,109,432	1,218,659	1,252,092	1,281,158	591,894	579,533	692,579	849,498	53	48	55	66
Bridgend	1,030,051	1,133,183	1,168,549	1,205,077	860,060	867,660	880,443	876,439	83	77	75	73
Vale of Glamorgan	974,518	1,069,857	1,121,972	1,153,123	1,176,279	1,284,000	1,225,285	1,384,220	121	120	109	120
Cardiff	2,870,224	3,152,595	3,220,558	3,314,156	3,013,266	3,177,978	4,995,227	3,544,827	105	101	155	107
Rhondda Cynon Taf	1,985,655	2,178,335	2,225,962	2,264,272	2,565,680	2,663,495	2,510,761	1,926,795	129	122	113	85
Merthyr Tydfil	508,806	555,632	563,591	572,949	543,520	526,510	517,470	499,580	107	95	92	87
Caerphilly	1,456,780	1,602,005	1,638,262	1,679,675	1,310,235	650,000	1,000,000	1,240,000	90	41	61	74
Blaenau Gwent	622,786	686,721	703,429	719,429	450,250	421,114	499,010	448,564	72	61	71	62
Torfaen	777,329	855,154	869,275	884,873	630,110	583,300	678,392	558,229	81	68	78	63
Monmouthshire	616,563	687,591	723,464	757,596	755,167	564,228	589,202	579,642	122	82	81	77
Newport	1,231,581	1,356,418	1,382,992	1,422,719	1,046,186	1,063,575	1,038,792	1,059,881	85	78	75	74
Wales	23,886,103	26,306,253	26,925,796	27,723,024	23,029,758	22,754,132	25,279,409	24,149,811	96	86	94	87

Table 4: Core Budget and Spend Per Head of Youth Population

	Core budget per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)				Total spend per youth population aged 11-25 (£ per head)				Core budget per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)				Total spend per youth population aged 11-19 (£ per head)			
	2006-07 (r)	2007-08 (r)	2008-09 (r)	2009-10	2006-07 (r)	2007-08 (r)	2008-09 (r)	2009-10	2006-07 (r)	2007-08 (r)	2008-09 (r)	2009-10	2006-07 (r)	2007-08 (r)	2008-09 (r)	2009-10
Isle of Anglesey	50.69	50.06	53.15	54.61	53.48	52.25	76.21	82.66	75.85	76.28	82.23	87.09	80.03	79.62	117.92	131.82
Gwynedd	50.12	45.34	50.06	54.40	54.49	51.58	61.00	68.18	86.37	79.00	88.74	96.90	93.90	89.86	108.13	121.43
Conwy	60.96	61.67	64.25	63.82	68.13	72.03	81.22	81.73	88.81	89.88	95.00	95.70	99.25	104.98	120.10	122.56
Denbighshire	37.28	38.63	41.86	41.63	60.36	68.96	78.35	61.59	54.90	57.80	63.85	64.40	88.88	103.17	119.51	95.30
Flintshire	35.86	40.80	43.36	50.74	92.22	86.75	91.12	83.19	55.46	63.61	68.50	80.49	142.61	135.26	143.94	131.97
Wrexham	49.63	48.05	47.85	52.78	89.96	103.90	112.71	121.35	83.04	80.77	80.29	89.30	150.52	174.65	189.11	205.32
Powys	66.01	69.18	71.54	69.35	107.61	94.32	114.18	114.53	92.79	97.39	101.76	100.37	151.26	132.79	162.42	165.75
Ceredigion	12.88	16.13	16.08	15.34	17.08	20.37	26.17	29.89	24.23	31.15	31.74	29.43	32.14	39.35	51.64	57.35
Pembrokeshire	38.70	40.77	41.85	43.26	71.00	76.79	88.78	92.14	55.13	58.85	61.55	64.68	101.13	110.83	130.58	137.75
Carmarthenshire	31.10	33.74	26.06	27.68	98.02	163.48	138.09	89.61	47.35	51.84	40.48	43.73	149.23	251.16	214.47	141.59
Swansea	21.24	20.05	21.04	21.81	30.73	29.03	33.55	36.59	39.24	37.76	40.71	42.81	56.76	54.67	64.93	71.81
Neath Port Talbot	23.59	22.99	27.30	33.60	53.59	54.07	53.39	63.33	37.06	36.58	44.23	54.89	84.18	86.03	86.50	103.45
Bridgend	36.39	36.55	36.67	36.43	53.29	78.49	66.93	59.23	56.11	57.37	58.30	58.89	82.16	123.20	106.42	95.74
Vale of Glamorgan	51.20	55.65	52.29	58.47	62.49	63.37	79.18	85.98	77.16	84.64	80.47	91.63	94.18	96.39	121.85	134.76
Cardiff	35.50	36.67	57.01	40.06	48.20	53.26	74.74	56.86	75.10	78.81	124.81	88.82	101.96	114.44	163.62	126.09
Rhondda Cynon Taf	52.80	55.42	52.78	40.91	69.37	69.54	65.51	58.65	89.74	94.79	90.99	71.09	117.90	118.92	112.94	101.93
Merthyr Tydfil	49.44	47.80	46.74	45.13	73.53	83.63	89.08	88.33	78.34	76.39	76.47	75.63	116.51	133.67	145.74	148.03
Caerphilly	40.01	19.80	30.12	37.51	69.60	38.91	44.58	45.33	62.26	31.21	48.49	61.37	108.29	61.32	71.77	74.15
Blaenau Gwent	32.71	30.42	35.87	32.39	67.21	52.31	62.17	74.51	50.23	47.75	57.41	53.24	103.22	82.12	99.49	122.47
Torfaen	36.11	33.33	38.32	31.37	54.26	53.34	60.45	65.88	55.56	52.21	61.11	51.09	83.50	83.55	96.40	107.29
Monmouthshire	52.18	38.47	39.64	38.67	83.46	88.84	94.92	89.38	71.51	53.17	55.82	55.52	114.37	122.79	133.65	128.33
Newport	37.35	37.32	35.64	35.77	72.12	80.18	85.16	89.24	59.21	60.57	59.42	60.73	114.32	130.12	141.99	151.52
Wales	39.47	38.66	42.58	40.57	63.53	67.70	74.23	69.84	64.93	64.45	72.16	69.67	104.52	112.85	125.77	119.92

(r): Figures for this year have been revised due to revisions to Mid-Year Population Estimates

Notes

Source of Statistics

1. This headline release presents data collected as part of the Youth Service in Wales survey carried out amongst the 22 local authorities in Wales in the late summer of 2010.
2. It includes population estimate data for mid 2006 to mid 2009 from the [StatsWales](#) website, in table [025106] Mid-Year Population Estimates (2001 onwards), by local authority and age.
3. Also included are 2006-07 to 2009-10 Welsh Local Government Revenue Settlement figures ("Green Book").
4. Prior to 2009-10, the collection and publication of statistics about the Youth Service in Wales was carried out by the Local Government Data Unit ~ Wales on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. On 1st April 2010, responsibility for this work transferred to the Statistical Directorate of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Key Quality Information

Since the Statistical Directorate assumed responsibility for the collection of data about the Youth Service in Wales in April 2010, work has begun to improve the definitions for the data items collected. The data are outside the scope of National Statistics.

Membership and Accreditations

The decrease in membership from the previous year may partly be a reflection of improvements in data quality, particularly a reduction in the double counting of members. Wrexham was unable to provide any details about membership of the Youth Service, due to concerns about data quality and Merthyr Tydfil was unable to provide a gender breakdown for young people achieving accreditations. All figures in this release which refer to membership numbers, accreditations and rates do not include any data for Wrexham and figures about rates of accreditation amongst male and female members do not include any data for Merthyr Tydfil.

Projects

Wrexham was only able to provide a single total for the number of projects provided by the Youth Service, and could not provide details about the organisations by which projects were delivered, due to concerns about data quality. Wrexham figures are therefore missing from the rates provided for projects delivered by the local authority or in partnership.

Some inconsistent interpretations may have occurred in the recording of projects, and the number of individual participants, by local authorities. Some authorities may have counted projects in which a number of different activities were taking place as several projects, while others may have counted one project only in these circumstances. Similarly, some young individuals may have been counted more than once for certain projects, where they are entitled to remain anonymous, such as in projects dealing with health issues or counselling.

Accredited Outcomes have the following features:

- Successful completion of one or more modules of a locally recognised award - accreditation takes the form of a verified certificate.
- They are undertaken by young people supported within the youth work process - the programme followed fits into the ethos of youth work and enables young people's ownership of the process.

Further information

Supporting data is available through the StatsWales website <http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk>