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Questions to the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister list the schools in Wales where less than 30% of pupils achieved 5 or more A* to C grades including English and Mathematics at GCSE in each year since 1997? (WAQ54192)

Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire): Will the Minister list the schools in Wales where less than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE in each year since 1997? (WAQ54193)

The Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (Jane Hutt): Pupils' examination results are collected annually from awarding organisations for the school performance exercise. Table 1 lists the schools where less than 30 per cent of pupils aged 15 achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade A*-C in English or Welsh first language and mathematics in 2007 and 2008. This information was not collected prior to 2007. Table 2 lists the schools where less than 30 per cent of pupils aged 15 achieved the Level 2 threshold since 1997. The Level 2 threshold is equivalent to the volume of 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C. The information below is listed alphabetically and relates to maintained secondary schools only.

Table 1: Schools in Wales where less than 30 per cent of pupils achieved the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade A*-C in English or Welsh first language and mathematics, 2007 and 2008

Year	Local Authority	School Name
2007	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Aberdare Boys' School
	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Afon Taf High School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Cardiff	Cantonian High School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Community School
	Neath Port Talbot	Cymer Afan Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	Holywell High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Newport	Lliswerry High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Cardiff	Michaelston Community College
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Cardiff	St Illtyds R.C. High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Community College
	Blaenau Gwent	Tredeggar Comprehensive School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Cardiff	Willows High School

	Conwy	Ysgol Bryn Elian
	Wrexham	Ysgol Clywedog
	Carmarthenshire	Ysgol Glan-Y-Mor School
	Isle of Anglesey	Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdybi
2008	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Aberdare Boys' School
	Torfaen	Abersychan Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Bishop Hedley High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Blaengwawr Comprehensive School
	Bridgend	Cynffig Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Blaenau Gwent	Ebbw Vale Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Ferndale Community School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Flintshire	Flint High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Caerphilly	Heolddu Comprehensive School
	Flintshire	Holywell High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Bridgend	Maesteg Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Cardiff	Michaelston Community College
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Caerphilly	Risca Community School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Cenydd Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Community College
	Cardiff	Willows High School
Wrexham	Ysgol Bryn Alyn	
Isle of Anglesey	Ysgol Uwchradd Caerdybi	

Table 2: Schools in Wales where less than 30 per cent of pupils achieved the Level 2 threshold, 1997 to 2008

Year	Local Authority	School Name
1997	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	The Vale of Glamorgan	Barry Boys' Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	Bedwelty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Blaengwawr Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Cathays High School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	Cwmcarn High School
	Neath Port Talbot	Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School
	Neath Port Talbot	Cymer Afan Comprehensive School
	Bridgend	Cynffig Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dillwyn Llewelyn Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dynevor Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Ferndale Comprehensive School

	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Carmarthenshire	Graig Comprehensive School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Newport	Lliswerry High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Newport	Newport Duffryn Comprehensive School
	Bridgend	Ogmore Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Penlan Comprehensive (Boys School)
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Porth County Comprehensive School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Caerphilly	Rhymney Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Neath Port Talbot	Sandfields Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Cardiff	St Illtyds R.C. High School
	Wrexham	The Groves High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonyrefail Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Tredeggar Comprehensive School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
	Bridgend	Ynysawdre Comprehensive School
	Wrexham	Ysgol Rhiwabon
1998	The Vale of Glamorgan	Barry Boys' Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	Bedwellty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive School
	Bridgend	Cynffig Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dillwyn Llewelyn Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dynevor Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Ferndale Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Flintshire	Flint High School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Newport	Lliswerry High School
	Bridgend	Maesteg Comprehensive School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Penlan Comprehensive (Boys School)
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Porth County Comprehensive School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Caerphilly	Rhymney Comprehensive School
	Neath Port Talbot	Sandfields Comprehensive School

	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	The Coedylan Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Tredeggar Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
1999	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	The Vale of Glamorgan	Barry Boys' Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	Bedwelty Comprehensive School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Cardiff	Cantonian High School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Comprehensive School
	Neath Port Talbot	Cymer Afan Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dillwyn Llewelyn Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Dynevor Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Penlan Comprehensive (Boys School)
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Caerphilly	Rhymney Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Neath Port Talbot	Sandfields Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
2000	Caerphilly	Bedwelty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Community School
	Swansea	Dillwyn Llewelyn Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dynevor School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Caerphilly	Lewis Boys' Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Swansea	Penlan Comprehensive (Boys School)
	Wrexham	The Groves High School
	Blaenau Gwent	Tredeggar Comprehensive School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
2001	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Cardiff	Cathays High School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Community School
	Swansea	Dillwyn Llewelyn Community School
	Swansea	Dynevor School

	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Ferndale Community School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Newport	Lliswerry High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Penlan Comprehensive (Boys School)
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Cardiff	St Illyds R.C. High School
	Wrexham	The Groves High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
	Conwy	Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan
2002	Blaenau Gwent	Abertillery Comprehensive School
	Caerphilly	Bedwelty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Cardiff	Cathays High School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Blaenau Gwent	Ebbw Vale Comprehensive School
	Cardiff	Glan Ely High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonyrefail Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
2003	Caerphilly	Bedwelty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Cardiff	Cantonian High School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Michaelston Community College
	Swansea	Pentrehafod School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Wrexham	The Groves High School

	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
	Bridgend	Ynysawdre Comprehensive School
	Wrexham	Ysgol Rhiwabon
2004	Newport	Bettws High School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Swansea	Cefn Hengoed Community School
	Bridgend	Cynffig Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Torfaen	Fairwater High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Michaelston Community College
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
	Wrexham	Ysgol Rhosnesni
2005	Caerphilly	Bedwellty Comprehensive School
	Newport	Bettws High School
	Cardiff	Cathays High School
	Neath Port Talbot	Cymer Afan Comprehensive School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Newport	Duffryn High School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Torfaen	Fairwater High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Ferndale Community School
	Cardiff	Fitzalan High School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanedeyrn High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Mountain Ash Comprehensive School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
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	Cardiff	St Iltyds R.C. High School
	Rhondda,Cynon,Taff	Tonypandy Community College
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Vaynor and Penderyn High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
	Wrexham	Ysgol Clywedog
2006	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School

	Cardiff	Rumney High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
2007	Newport	Bettws High School
	Denbighshire	Blessed Edward Jones R.C. School
	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Cardiff	Glyn Derw High School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Cardiff	Llanrumney High School
	Cardiff	Mary Immaculate R.C. High School
	Merthyr Tydfil	Pen-Y-Dre High School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Caerphilly	St Ilan School
	Cardiff	St Illyds R.C. High School
	Torfaen	Trevethin Community School
	Cardiff	Willows High School
2008	Swansea	Daniel James Community School
	Swansea	Dylan Thomas Community School
	Newport	Hartridge High School
	Flintshire	John Summers High School
	Blaenau Gwent	Nantyglo Comprehensive School
	Denbighshire	Rhyl High School
	Cardiff	Willows High School

Questions to the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What estimate has a) her Department and b) the Environment Agency made of the number of households who burn household rubbish in their gardens? (WAQ54158)

The Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing (Jane Davidson): I refer you to my answer to WAQ54157.

Information about the number of nuisance bonfires reported is available from each local authority Environmental Health Department.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What research has a) her department and b) the Environment Agency undertaken into the burning of household waste inside the curtilage of domestic dwellings? (WAQ54159)

Jane Davidson: As part of the evidence base for the revision of the Wales waste strategy DESH commissioned RPS consulting to study the relative polluting impacts of collecting material for centralised composting and burning the same material in gardens within the curtilage of domestic dwellings.

The conclusions of the report are that: ‘...in order to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and dioxins, the burning of garden waste should be discouraged and the centralised collection and composting of green waste should be encouraged.’

The Assembly Government will continue to promote home composting and centralised composting of garden wastes over burning it in gardens based on scientific evidence.

The Environment Agency has provided the following information in response to your question:

‘As the Environment Agency has no direct regulatory remit on burning of household wastes at domestic properties, we have not carried out any estimates or research on this.

Householders can legally burn their own waste in their gardens. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act extends the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act to householders to ensure that this does not cause pollution or harm to human health. The Local Authority is the competent authority in this regard and can take action regarding nuisance from bonfires.

As Local Authorities provide a wide range of waste collection services and availability of household waste recycling centres, there should be little need to burn waste in gardens and wastes such as hedge and grass clippings can be composted effectively at home as well.’

Questions to the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What specific discussions has the Minister had with local authorities regarding fluctuating fuel prices? (WAQ54152)

The Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery (Andrew Davies): I have not had any specific discussions with local authorities regarding fluctuating fuel prices.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What specific discussions has the Minister had with National Health Service representatives regarding fluctuating fuel prices? (WAQ54153)

Andrew Davies: I have not had any specific discussions with National Health Service representatives regarding fluctuating fuel prices.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): What specific financial contingencies has the Minister made to address the issue of fluctuating fuel prices on public bodies in Wales? (WAQ54154)

Andrew Davies: The Assembly Government’s approach in developing the Final Budget for approval by the Assembly each year is for contingency reserves to be set at a low but prudent level—in general no more than 1 per cent of the Assembly Government’s total budget for the year ahead—which are not earmarked for specific purposes. This enables the Assembly Government to respond to developing pressures and priorities that emerge in-year.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): How much has the Welsh Assembly Government spent on taxi fares in each year since 1999? (WAQ54166)

Andrew Davies: The Welsh Assembly Government does not collate information on this basis in relation to Cabinet Ministers.

Questions to the Minister for Heritage

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): When did the Assembly Government last discuss proposals with the UK Government to make St David’s Day a bank holiday? (WAQ54126)

The Minister for Heritage (Alun Ffred Jones): The last discussion was in 2002 but the UK Government are aware of the Assembly Government’s continued support for a St David’s Day holiday.

Nick Bourne (Mid and West Wales): Will the Minister provide details of the number of a) children and b) adults registered as members of libraries in Wales in each year since 1999, broken down into local authority area? (WAQ54129)

Alun Ffred Jones: The main source of public library statistics is the annual survey carried out by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). Data relating to public library membership is no longer collected and has been replaced by data relating to 'active borrowers'. CIPFA does not divide the data by children and adults. Please find below a table outlining the number of 'active borrowers' for each public library authority in Wales since 1999.

Please note that 'active borrowers' does not provide a complete picture of public library usage. Members of the public do not have to be a library member or a borrower to take advantage of a wide range of services such as reading newspapers, using the reference service to answer enquiries, using local studies collections or taking part in the increasing range of activities.

An 'active borrower' is currently defined as someone who has borrowed an item from the public library service in the last 12 months. However the CIPFA definition for 'active borrower' has changed over the years making comparisons difficult. In 2002-03 the guidance given for completing the statistical return stated: 'Authorities which have only some of their service points automated should estimate figures for the remainder from the automated system. Authorities which do not have any automated service points are asked to report membership figures.' (Public Library Statistics, 2003-04 Actuals, CIPFA, p.134). Subsequently, the following year this definition for Active Borrowers had changed to: 'This figure should come from the library management system and relate to borrowing and not membership figures.' (Public Library Statistics, 2004-05 Actuals, CIPFA, p.127). As a result, figures for some authorities will have been measured differently and will show marked changes in the table. Some authorities implemented this change only recently e.g. Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Copies of the annual CIPFA survey, Public Library Statistics CIPFA Actuals, are available in the Assembly Library Service.

Notes

The figures are from Public Library Statistics CIPFA Actuals, which are based on returns provided by the local authorities. Some authorities did not complete returns in some years as shown with the notation '...'.

	Number of Active borrowers (borrowed at least 1 item in last year)								
Authority	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Blaenau Gwent	15,913	16,713	17,603	18,278	14,631	12,788	21,358	11,908	21,698
Bridgend	70,301	73,516	72,659	46,558	60,757	31,080	56,882	26,115	23,562
Caerphilly	87,549	92,160	97,624	102,238	104,276	108,160	113,216	119,704	21,617
Cardiff	76,081	96,289	68,892	63,682	60,370	64,067	59,045	58,489	46,067
Carmarthenshire	83,688	78,359	78,968	34,909	32,842	33,009	29,544	29,520	28,909
Ceredigion	21,534	11,090	9,448	11,555	12,398	10,058	12,000	13,480	11,009
Conwy	24,493	26,092	...	...	29,787	24,991	26,536	29,575	29,991
Denbighshire	21,059	10,271	19,626	16,583	17,772	...	...	19,256	...
Flintshire	26,593	25,663	25,068	20,720	19,590	22,446	21,195	21,610	25,178
Gwynedd	31,288	29,983	31,101	31,718	32,311	29,844	30,032	32,664	30,996
Isle of Anglesey	16,828	16,825	21,664	...	15,136	14,346	14,732	15,107	...
Merthyr Tydfil	24,105	24,008	21,850	...	14,533	13,202	20,173	11,456	11,413

Monmouthshire	32,197	29,562	40,456	46,071	25,825	26,669	24,196	31,176	29,230
Neath Port Talbot	57,985	54,612	...	...	23,186	15,818	13,561	21,486	...
Newport	37,895	32,564	...	34,706	32,597	30,577	27,252	25,616	22,305
Pembrokeshire	42,580	46,898	52,442	55,583	49,727	...	...	...	...
Powys	...	...	...	29,188	38,433	24,547	23,530	23,786	22,791
Rhondda Cynon Taff	83,292	91,278	96,389	102,954	107,363	108,672	113,105	120,050	128,026
Swansea	107,881	85,480	85,515	77,017	38,444	41,580	43,895	42,581	50,251
Torfaen	19,475	18,254	21,715	21,066	21,601	19,223	16,495	15,905	15,741
Vale of Glamorgan	56,280	60,992	59,477	63,164	22,325	20,296	...	24,408	25,861
Wrexham	85,910	85,040	88,065	90,168	99,307	...	...	18,869	...

Notes

The figures are from *Public Library Statistics CIPFA Actuals*, which are based on returns provided by the local authorities.

Some authorities did not complete returns in some years as shown with the notation ‘...’.

An ‘Active Borrower’ is someone who has borrowed an item from the public library service in the last 12 months. It therefore does not include people who use the library service for other activities e.g. newspapers, events, enquiries.

The CIPFA method for calculating ‘active borrower’ figures has changed over the years making comparisons difficult. Local authorities in Wales have implemented the differing recording methods at different times eg Caerphilly, Wrexham.