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In addition to providing, since 1981, an annual volume of Welsh housing statistics, the Welsh Office has produced over the years a number of reports on housing. These include occasional surveys of the condition of the Welsh housing stock, as well as projections of households. They have been supplemented by reports and surveys undertaken or commissioned by such other bodies as Tai Cymru (Housing for Wales, the equivalent of the Housing Corporation in England) and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. In addition, the census volumes continue to provide information on housing and households. Against all this it may seem surprising that the number of tables in this section is not greater than the thirteen offered. One reason is that many of the reports and surveys are addressing a particular situation at a particular time: often their strength is in their detail which lends itself less readily to the tracking of trends which has been the main concern of this volume. More specifically a decision was taken to concentrate on a few issues on housing which were both of central importance and where the long-run tendencies could be statistically indicated. Given the large influence of housing on overall economic activity, the economic aspects of housing were an obvious candidate: the other major topics selected were: the ownership and age of the housing stock; the social aspects of housing and housing policy; and the composition of households together with their possession of various household amenities.

These are not water-tight compartments: indeed, most of the tables are relevant to more than one category. The series on the number of new dwellings started and completed (Table 11.1) obviously serves as a crucial economic indicator: but in showing also the dramatic reversal of the relevant contributions of local authority and housing association activity it also casts light on political and social shifts. The similar series at a county level (Tables 11.2 and 11.3) demonstrates not only the locational variations within counties, but also the way

in which the balance between private and public also varied between counties and over time. Tables 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6 shift the emphasis from the flow of building to the overall existing stock, giving breakdown respectively by type of ownership (tenure) and by the age of the houses. The notes to Table 11.4 need to be read carefully because, unlike the two earlier tables, it involves a degree of estimation for the intercensal years although the detailed information for the actual census years (1981,1991) provides a firm anchorage for the series as a whole. There had always been some selling of local authority dwellings but Table 11.7 indicates the huge leap upwards in this practice in the early 1980s and also shows its explicit connection with the right to buy legislation.

Public contributions towards the maintenance and improvement of the privately owned housing stock (Tables 11.8 and 11.9) obviously involves some difficult problems of categorisation, but the interesting shifts in both the number and the distribution of such grants are too definite for such marginal considerations to cast serious doubt on their reliability. There is perhaps a greater degree of estimation in the series (Tables 11.10 and 11.11) dealing with rent rebates and housing benefits. This was largely unavoidable given the complexity of the definitions and administrative arrangements of providing rebates or benefits to meet housing costs, operating means tests, having schemes applying to both public and private tenants, and - above all - the frequent adjustments to the rules and regulations to accommodate policy shifts in both housing provision and local government finances. But, as the notes indicate, the estimates are based on a great deal of knowledge and experience: it is reasonable to be cautious about attaching too much reliance on the precision of any particular figure; but the overall picture presented is solidly based. Rather more care is needed in the interpretation of the series on mortgages and selling prices (Tables 11.13 and 11.14). This critical indicator of both a major determinant of housing activity and of its social impact

necessarily involves three large elements of uncertainty: the possible variation in the quality and reliability of the information provided by a range of building societies; the practical necessity of relying on a five per cent sample survey; and the need largely to deal in averages in an area where it is often the variations which are most illuminating. Towards the end of the period there was the added complication that government policies were leading to a shift in the range and balance of the institutions involved in mortgaging activities as banks took on building society functions, and building societies converted themselves into banks. But, as a subjective judgement, it is not considered that over the years covered here there was any major distorting effect.

The information relating to households (Tables 11.15 to 11.21) returns to much firmer ground. The first six tables are drawn directly from the material derived from the statutory population censuses and are restricted to the information provided for these years. Changes in the broad structure and status of households together with their access to basic amenities are not aspects which vary greatly from year to year: information which is solidly-grounded for particular years at regular intervals provide a sufficient guide to the overall trends. The information on access to specific durable goods (refrigerators, washing machines etc.) is unavoidably weaker for two reasons: it is drawn from the annual family expenditure surveys based on the voluntary co-operation of a number of private households; and the number of sampled families living in Wales is quite small.

## 11.1 New dwellings started and completed by tenure

	Dwellings started				Dwellings completed			
	Private sector	Housing Associations	Local authorities (a)	All tenures	Private sector	Housing Associations	Local authorities (a)	All tenures
1974	5,948	161	6,989	13,098	8,137	176	3,498	11,811
1975	7,386	279	9,073	16,738	8,967	275	8,061	17,303
1976	7,959	331	7,024	15,314	7,647	182	7,472	15,301
1977	6,536	1,285	3,902	11,723	7,190	388	6,903	14,481
1978	7,165	1,184	4,014	12,363	7,158	1,072	4,475	12,705
1979	7,586	657	3,183	11,426	6,980	1,016	3,335	11,331
1980	5,033	384	2,446	7,863	5,947	917	3,704	10,568
1981	4,494	460	1,176	6,130	5,116	540	3,536	9,192
1982	5,437	695	2,121	8,253	5,100	794	1,880	7,774
1983	6,224	640	2,008	8,872	5,414	529	1,738	7,681
1984	5,608	326	908	6,842	6,289	593	2,152	9,034
1985	7,232	579	893	8,704	6,563	607	1,075	8,245
1986	7,151	507	743	8,401	7,169	534	870	8,573
1987	8,782	1,014	911	10,707	8,119	467	812	9,398
1988	10,735	1,583	722	13,040	9,679	719	794	11,192
1989	9,951	1,612	501	12,064	9,303	1,663	630	11,596
1990	7,663	2,253	338	10,254	8,159	1,685	610	10,454
1991	6,724	2,496	175	9,395	7,262	2,463	418	10,143
1992	5,998	2,658	261	8,917	7,055	2,460	134	9,649
1993	7,307	3,206	75	10,588	6,265	2,853	172	9,290
1994	7,445	2,964	180	10,589	6,879	2,841	227	9,947
1995	6,761	2,416	45	9,222	6,518	2,258	176	8,952

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

(a) Includes new towns and government departments.

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## 11.2 New dwellings started by tenure and county

	Clwyd	Dyfed	Gwent	Gwynedd	Mid Glamorgan	Powys	South Glamorgan	West Glamorgan
Private sector:								
1976	1,477	1,040	846	960	1,526	393	949	768
1977	1,241	609	755	691	1,545	433	916	346
1978	1,371	798	1,057	829	1,143	414	1,101	452
1979	1,790	923	795	950	1,075	443	1,096	514
1980	1,009	821	422	675	718	344	337	707
1981	788	641	588	414	569	305	824	365
1982	976	659	838	453	724	274	1,067	446
1983	1,414	657	1,111	363	925	250	1,039	465
1984	823	726	899	380	762	321	1,368	329
1985	1,100	599	1,565	372	1,020	349	1,736	491
1986	1,133	769	933	471	958	365	1,940	582
1987	1,401	831	1,321	479	1,385	498	2,275	592
1988	1,929	1,477	1,243	750	1,542	833	2,034	927
1989	1,545	1,596	1,335	795	1,606	816	1,252	1,006
1990	1,617	1,249	835	547	1,364	497	713	841
1991	1,341	895	708	499	1,128	412	939	802
1992	1,092	981	769	393	1,150	331	846	436
1993	1,145	1,306	910	498	1,133	455	1,060	800
1994	1,099	1,345	962	424	1,178	359	1,371	707
1995	824	1,103	935	444	1,427	289	911	828
Public sector (a):								
1976	841	757	1,586	243	1,556	457	898	1,017
1977	566	358	1,398	436	768	333	587	741
1978	255	396	1,026	423	1,254	304	1,007	533
1979	511	403	699	211	982	19	681	334
1980	321	260	754	253	282	148	304	508
1981	137	108	337	65	441	103	289	156
1982	365	277	562	144	464	183	529	292
1983	235	262	635	129	336	169	400	482
1984	185	13	512	48	116	64	192	104
1985	193	252	306	70	307	99	82	163
1986	165	250	318	101	117	93	88	118
1987	147	172	671	121	303	34	312	165
1988	269	291	346	89	220	261	406	423
1989	127	112	367	73	436	60	397	541
1990	472	309	390	207	288	125	606	194
1991	447	274	391	166	324	159	695	215
1992	372	298	490	211	450	261	519	318
1993	481	388	375	257	516	215	411	638
1994	361	328	177	162	431	226	397	1,062
1995	421	394	376	190	403	147	276	254

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

(a) Includes housing associations, local authorities, new towns and government departments.

## 11.3 New dwellings completed by tenure and county

	Clwyd	Dyfed	Gwent	Gwynedd	Mid Glamorgan	Powys	South Glamorgan	West Glamorgan
Private sector:								
1976	1,587	976	942	738	1,298	429	925	752
1977	1,460	714	961	677	1,405	364	942	667
1978	1,336	749	774	688	1,181	373	1,109	948
1979	1,492	780	808	726	1,257	395	861	661
1980	1,230	864	633	692	869	466	658	535
1981	1,039	671	668	503	739	351	680	465
1982	955	547	747	548	716	297	961	329
1983	1,086	584	676	447	852	310	942	517
1984	1,320	774	1,007	369	891	288	1,143	497
1985	958	555	1,481	619	931	352	1,324	343
1986	1,359	737	1,158	480	863	387	1,602	583
1987	1,113	986	1,108	619	1,183	512	1,915	683
1988	1,462	1,155	1,208	551	1,524	570	2,357	852
1989	1,451	1,236	1,214	566	1,412	683	2,028	713
1990	1,386	1,364	1,055	443	1,426	477	1,281	727
1991	1,442	828	792	615	1,238	496	927	924
1992	1,265	1,204	846	453	1,321	375	971	620
1993	944	1,029	939	361	1,084	332	878	698
1994	1,062	1,141	904	461	1,263	306	1,190	552
1995	819	875	965	434	1,185	376	1,187	677
Public sector (a):								
1976	644	866	1,624	361	1,344	773	1,235	807
1977	961	718	1,734	320	1,461	409	865	823
1978	688	408	1,411	303	1,131	375	553	678
1979	293	435	775	376	822	285	659	706
1980	389	372	849	338	1,269	230	797	377
1981	530	313	984	353	773	141	629	353
1982	281	201	635	143	522	129	520	243
1983	302	208	428	133	390	129	400	277
1984	272	297	560	124	323	211	470	488
1985	156	139	597	67	261	37	242	183
1986	177	188	474	47	166	122	74	156
1987	212	275	208	93	197	57	63	174
1988	113	147	437	73	203	87	258	195
1989	226	248	444	138	330	233	489	185
1990	231	118	450	116	335	97	492	456
1991	408	354	482	219	425	154	612	227
1992	509	119	374	136	387	130	612	327
1993	320	291	473	236	540	214	476	475
1994	454	273	265	220	520	318	426	592
1995	271	294	337	185	332	160	357	498

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

(a) Includes housing associations, local authorities, new towns and government departments.

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## 11.4 Number of dwelling stock estimates by tenure (a)

Thousands

	Rented from local authorities or new town corporations	Owner occupier	Housing association (b)	Private rented (c)	All tenures
1971 April	273	532	..	154	960
1981 April	298	669	11	105	1,083
1991 April	222	837	28	97	1,184
1974	279	582	..	141	1,002
1975	288	593	..	136	1,017
1976	295	603	..	131	1,029
1977	302	613	..	127	1,042
1978	306	623	..	124	1,053
1979	308	630	..	124	1,062
1980	306	637	..	124	1,068
1981	293	679	12	105	1,089
1982	278	699	14	105	1,096
1983	271	713	15	104	1,103
1984	267	724	16	105	1,112
1985	262	739	18	101	1,120
1986	258	752	19	98	1,128
1987	253	771	20	93	1,137
1988	244	793	21	90	1,148
1989	232	817	23	87	1,159
1990	226	828	24	91	1,169
1991	218	844	30	98	1,190
1992	215	851	33	99	1,199
1993	212	859	37	100	1,208
1994	209	866	41	102	1,218
1995	207	873	43	103	1,227

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Estimates are at 31 December, unless indicated otherwise and have been derived as follows:
- i. April 1981 and 1991, based on information collected in the Census of Population for that year. Due to changes in the census information collected stock figures based on different censuses are not exactly comparable. The breakdown into tenure is estimated from census information, local authority returns and housing association returns.
  - ii. the 1971 census data is adjusted to take account of new housebuilding, demolitions and transfers between tenures through sales and conversions.
  - iii. 1981-1990, as (ii) but using 1981 census as a base.
  - iv. 1991-1995 using the 1991 census data as the base with adjustments to take account of new housebuilding etc. Tenure breakdown has been derived using census information of more detail than previous censuses, data from local authority and housing association returns, and information on stock movements in the private sector.
- (b) Data included with privately rented until 1981.
- (c) Includes housing association stock until 1981.

## 11.5 Percentage of dwelling stock estimates by tenure (a)

Per cent

	Rented from local authorities or new town corporations	Owner occupier	Housing association (b)	Private rented (c)	All tenures
1971 April	28	55	..	16	100
1981 April	28	62	1	10	100
1991 April	19	71	2	8	100
1974	28	58	..	14	100
1975	28	58	..	13	100
1976	29	59	..	13	100
1977	29	59	..	12	100
1978	29	59	..	12	100
1979	29	59	..	12	100
1980	29	60	..	12	100
1981	27	62	1	10	100
1982	25	64	1	10	100
1983	25	65	1	9	100
1984	24	65	1	9	100
1985	23	66	2	9	100
1986	23	67	2	9	100
1987	22	68	2	8	100
1988	21	69	2	8	100
1989	20	70	2	8	100
1990	19	71	2	8	100
1991	18	71	3	8	100
1992	18	71	3	8	100
1993	18	71	3	8	100
1994	17	71	3	8	100
1995	17	71	4	8	100

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Estimates are at 31 December, unless indicated otherwise and have been derived as follows:
- i. April 1981 and 1991, based on information collected in the Census of Population for that year. Due to changes in the census information collected stock figures based on different censuses are not exactly comparable. The breakdown into tenure is estimated from census information, local authority returns and housing association returns.
  - ii. the 1971 census data is adjusted to take account of new housebuilding, demolitions and transfers between tenures through sales and conversions.
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- (b) Data included with privately rented until 1981.
- (c) Includes housing association stock until 1981.

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## 11.6 Stock of dwellings by date of construction, census years (a)

	1971			1981			1991		
	Number of dwellings (thousands)	Percentage of all dwellings	Wales as percentage of Great Britain	Number of dwellings (thousands)	Percentage of all dwellings	Wales as percentage of Great Britain	Number of dwellings (thousands)	Percentage of all dwellings	Wales as percentage of Great Britain
Pre 1891	254	26.1	6.7	248	22.7	7.4	246	20.6	7.6
1891-1918	203	20.8	6.8	197	18.0	6.7	196	16.4	6.7
1919-1944	155	15.9	3.4	154	14.1	3.4	154	12.9	3.5
1945-1970	347	35.6	4.7	347	31.8	4.7	347	29.1	4.7
Post 1970	15	1.5	..	146	13.4	4.7	249	20.9	4.8
Total	974	100.0	5.1	1,093	100.0	5.2	1,193	100.0	5.2

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics and Digest of Welsh Statistics

(a) At 31 December. The data in this table has been reworked using available demolition and newbuild figures. The totals therefore do not compare with previously published census data.

## 11.7 Sales of public sector dwellings

	From local authorities:			Average selling price (£) (c)	New towns	Housing associations
	Right to buy (a)	Other/voluntary (b)	Total			
1974	.	832	832	..	..	..
1975	.	99	99	..	..	..
1976	.	253	253	..	..	..
1977	.	485	485	..	..	..
1978	.	1,031	1,031	6,201	..	..
1979	.	1,187	1,187	7,186	33	..
1980	4	1,842	1,846	6,513	305	..
1981	7,588	909	8,497	7,879	339	28
1982	14,943	364	15,307	7,516	1,136	499
1983	8,674	170	8,844	8,076	515	537
1984	5,266	227	5,493	8,516	341	699
1985	5,265	171	5,436	8,577	287	312
1986	5,233	142	5,375	9,108	108	236
1987	5,506	179	5,685	9,527	35	391
1988	9,386	217	9,603	10,012	47	373
1989	12,468	273	12,741	12,319	58	278
1990	6,279	98	6,377	14,443	69	359
1991	3,382	260	3,642	15,219	54	423
1992	2,717	38	2,755	15,658	48	119
1993	2,715	478	3,193	15,789	39	127
1994	3,008	55	3,063	15,871	25	368
1995	2,265	116	2,381	17,000	27	537

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Sales under Right to Buy legislation commenced in October 1980.  
 (b) The 1991 figure includes the large scale voluntary transfer of 206 dwellings on the Oldford Estate, Montgomeryshire to Clwyd Alyn Housing Association. Similarly the 1993 figure includes 434 dwellings transferred to Newydd Housing Association, from Taff Ely Borough Council under the terms of the tenants choice legislation.  
 (c) Includes new towns from 1987.



## 11.8 Completed renovation grants to private owners and tenants (a)

	Improvement and conversion (b)	Intermediate and special(c)	Repair (d)	Total
Number:				
1974	22,363	2,365	-	24,728
1975	6,694	632	30	7,356
1976	5,954	528	75	6,557
1977	6,515	388	114	7,017
1978	5,373	414	144	5,931
1979	5,569	399	148	6,116
1980	6,789	412	147	7,348
1981	5,511	780	809	7,100
1982	5,050	1,236	4,703	10,989
1983	7,231	1,689	18,403	27,323
1984	8,337	2,640	19,001	29,978
1985	4,809	3,512	8,831	17,152
1986	3,984	3,584	11,003	18,571
1987	4,477	3,485	11,135	19,097
1988	5,144	3,100	11,943	20,187
1989	5,722	2,776	11,576	20,074
1990 (e)	6,498	2,385	16,229	25,112
1991	3,061	1,017	6,006	10,084
1992	416	287	516	1,219
1993	64	12	33	109
1994	101	16	38	155
Value (£ thousands) (f):				
1974	24,661	822	-	25,483
1975	7,459	200	7	7,666
1976	7,346	264	26	7,636
1977	7,865	184	40	8,089
1978	7,995	267	69	8,331
1979	10,027	282	89	10,398
1980	13,379	342	114	13,835
1981	12,513	1,161	840	14,514
1982	15,788	2,540	7,937	26,265
1983	27,988	4,487	41,898	74,373
1984	41,364	7,356	52,943	101,663
1985	22,026	10,149	25,046	57,221
1986	16,649	10,397	31,125	58,171
1987	18,929	9,766	30,796	59,491
1988	21,767	8,884	33,399	64,050
1989	23,423	7,765	34,656	65,844
1990 (e)	28,732	6,733	48,453	83,918
1991	19,535	3,362	25,835	48,732
1992	2,655	880	1,654	5,189
1993	403	60	87	550
1994	396	34	81	511

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics and Housing and Construction Statistics

- (a) Under Housing Act 1974 and Housing Act 1985.  
 (b) Improvement and conversion grants for major improvements and associated repairs and replacements and other works of improvement.  
 (c) Intermediate grants for the installation of missing standard amenities plus associated repairs and replacements. Special grants for the installation of standard amenities and means of escape from fire in Houses in Multiple Occupation and for associated repairs and replacements.  
 (d) Repair grants for substantial and structural repairs to pre-1919 houses or for the replacement of lead plumbing.  
 (e) Grant approvals under the 1985 Act ceased on 1 July 1990: from this date approvals were made under the 1989 Act: see Table 11.9  
 (f) Amount paid on completed grants only. Included the total payment for any grants which were completed during a year, and thus includes instalments actually paid in earlier years on those grants.

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## 11.9 Completed renovation grants to private owners and tenants (a)

	Renovation		Disabled Facilities		Other		Minor Works	Total
	Mandatory	Discretionary	Mandatory	Discretionary	Mandatory	Discretionary		
Number:								
1990	30	1	26	1	-	-	1,352	1,410
1991	2,604	419	1,125	42	67	8	6,879	11,144
1992	7,522	544	2,047	116	213	12	4,975	15,429
1993	7,898	381	2,308	326	267	10	4,767	15,957
1994	6,521	364	2,389	266	340	8	4,578	14,466
1995	8,160	179	2,791	307	327	10	5,537	17,311
Value (£ thousands):								
1990	290	5	45	8	-	-	828	1,176
1991	36,535	3,192	4,358	154	665	200	4,992	50,096
1992	125,023	6,297	9,059	452	2,663	308	3,655	147,457
1993	140,395	7,706	10,942	1,262	3,467	82	4,015	167,871
1994	121,542	6,488	10,731	1,069	4,920	89	4,015	148,854
1995	135,914	3,744	13,595	1,207	3,937	124	5,001	163,522

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

(a) Grants completed under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

## 11.10 Rent rebates, allowances and rate rebates

	Rent rebates		Rent allowances		Rate rebates	
	Number of recipients	Amount (£ millions) (a)	Number of recipients (b)	Amount (£ millions) (c)	Number of recipients (Thousands)	Amount (£ millions)
1974-75	102,245	12.3	10,547	1.0	..	..
1975-76	111,491	16.0	20,343	2.4	126	4.1
1976-77	117,340	16.3	27,298	2.6	132	4.6
1977-78	120,211	19.8	24,307	2.4	135	5.1
1978-79	124,555	21.9	24,117	2.9	133	5.6
1979-80	125,401	24.9	25,513	3.4	137	7.0
1980-81	134,081	31.3	23,892	3.7	148	9.2
1981-82	75,135	25.2	7,276	1.9	161	11.7
1982-83	80,000	31.4	7,500	2.0	176	14.8

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) The Housing Finance Act 1972 required every housing authority to bring into operation by October of that year a scheme for granting rent rebates to persons occupying council dwellings. Under the Act, Exchequer subsidy was payable to local authorities on a reducing scale: after 1975-76 central government contributions amounted to 90 per cent of the amounts paid by local authorities. The cost of administering the rent rebate system was met by the local authorities. In 1981-82 the total amount paid by local authorities in Wales to some 75,000 council tenants totalled £25 million, a weekly average of about £6 per tenant. These schemes were replaced by Housing Benefit in April 1993: see Table 11.11.
- (b) Includes tenants receiving rebates/allowances directly from Department of Health and Social Security up to and including 1980-81.
- (c) The 1972 Act also provided Exchequer support, a subsidy of 100 per cent for the standard amount of rent allowances paid to private tenants but with the local authorities bearing the cost of administering the scheme.

## 11.11 Housing benefit expenditure (a)

	Rent rebates		Rent allowances		Rate rebates (d)	
	Number of recipients (b)	Amount (£ thousands) (c)	Number of recipients (b)	Amount (£ thousands) (c)	Number of recipients (b)	Amount (£ thousands) (c)
1983-84	180,654	101,555	44,364	22,793	358,324	37,096
1984-85	189,238	118,340	47,195	30,904	375,376	46,496
1985-86	183,585	123,429	53,230	39,601	359,866	49,745
1986-87	186,549	130,068	58,237	47,621	353,115	56,032
1987-88	182,624	130,641	57,127	48,480	362,818	59,885
1988-89	160,000	148,101	45,000	49,351	239,586	48,351
1989-90	153,000	156,455	51,000	64,843	240,760	50,298
1990-91	151,000	171,144	52,000	81,630	.	.
1991-92	153,000	189,838	58,000	109,483	.	.
1992-93	153,000	215,765	67,000	141,102	.	.
1993-94	153,000	233,491	76,000	175,398	.	.
1994-95	152,000	249,690	87,000	202,144	.	.

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Housing Benefit was introduced in April 1983 and is awarded on a means related basis by housing and rating authorities. It is designed to provide assistance with rent and, prior to 1 April 1990, rates payable in respect of residential accommodation. There were three categories of Housing Benefit in England and Wales prior to the introduction of community charge on 1 April 1990 which rendered the rate rebate element redundant:  
 Rent rebate - provides assistance with rent paid by housing authority tenants.  
 Rent allowance - provides assistance with rent paid by people who are not housing authority tenants.  
 Rate rebate - provided assistance with rates (irrespective of whether rates were paid direct to the rating authority or as part of rent).  
 The housing benefit system was revised in April 1988 to bring it in line with the income support system (which replaced supplementary benefit). Before April 1988, there were two types of housing benefit cases: certified cases where the householder had applied to the Department of Social Security (DSS) for supplementary benefit, in which case the DSS notified the local authority of the case; and standard cases where the householder applied directly to the local authority for benefit. The entitlement to housing benefit was up to 100 per cent of the rent/rates bill, depending on the means of the applicant. Since April 1988, the maximum rebate payable under housing benefit is 100 per cent of the rent bill total and was 80 per cent of the rates bill. Cases are now distinguished by whether or not the applicant is entitled to income support.
- (b) Local authority estimates of average number of recipients during the year for the years prior to 1988-89. From 1988-89 estimates by Department of Social Security are based on caseload information at the end of the months May and August.
- (c) Data for the years 1983-84 to 1987-88 are the amounts paid to local authorities and new towns. These are not directly comparable with the amounts granted to recipients. The data from 1988-89 onwards are not available in the same terms as earlier years. The amounts shown represent the authorities actual expenditure as benefit granted to claimants.
- (d) From 1 April 1983 (under the housing benefit scheme) all persons eligible for rate rebates, including those receiving supplementary benefit have been paid by local authorities. In previous years recipients of supplementary benefit received rate rebates directly from Department of Health and Social Security. Figures for earlier years (Table 11.9) are therefore not directly comparable with those under the housing benefit scheme. Rate rebates were replaced first by Community Charge Benefit in April 1990 and then by Council Tax Benefit in April 1993.

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## 11.12 Summary of homelessness

	<u>Enquiries</u>	<u>Cases presented</u>	<u>Cases accepted</u>	<u>Priority accepted</u>	<u>Non-priority accepted</u>	<u>Non-priority accommodated</u>	<u>Cases intentionally homeless</u>
1978 (a)	..	5,042	3,204	2,541	663	..	468
1979	..	7,084	4,676	3,766	910	..	611
1980	..	8,277	5,446	4,445	1,001	..	674
1981	..	8,609	5,462	4,564	898	196	683
1982	..	9,061	5,611	4,498	1,113	201	715
1983	..	9,191	5,008	4,278	730	223	694
1984	..	8,845	4,999	4,105	894	239	617
1985	..	9,206	5,371	4,490	881	293	546
1986	..	9,861	5,965	4,934	1,031	303	703
1987 (b)	11,425	8,423	5,683	4,752	931	283	485
1988	13,447	10,007	6,818	5,766	1,052	325	532
1989	14,450	11,489	7,805	6,341	1,464	321	694
1990 (c)	18,604	14,753	9,963	8,391	1,572	304	737
1991	18,335	14,172	9,843	7,664	2,179	323	550
1992	20,245	12,896	10,270	7,332	2,938	282	452
1993 (d)	20,366	13,430	11,125	7,757	3,368	377	333
1994	18,503	12,472	10,293	6,956	3,337	514	396
1995	18,031	12,382	9,001	5,811	3,190	487	362

Source: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Data relates only to period from April as the monitoring of homelessness under the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act, 1977 did not commence in Wales until then.
- (b) Excludes data for Islwyn, October to December.
- (c) Figures include estimates of 2,000 households made homeless in Colwyn as a result of the major flooding incident in February 1990 in the cases presented, cases accepted and priority need categories.
- (d) Figures include estimates of 237 households made homeless in Aberconwy as a result of the flooding incident in Llandudno during June 1993 in the cases presented, cases accepted and priority needs categories.

## 11.13 Building society mortgages (a)

	Average selling price of all dwellings, current prices (b)	Average advance	Average percentage advance	Average recorded incomes of borrowers	Percentages of mortgages for first time buyers	Percentage of buyers under 25 years of age
Wales:						
1974	9,400	6,000	64.3	3,100	56	23
1975	10,100	6,700	66.7	3,700	55	22
1976	11,100	7,400	66.5	4,300	53	21
1977	11,700	7,900	68.1	4,800	54	22
1978	13,400	9,100	68.3	5,200	48	21
1979	17,100	10,500	61.7	6,100	46	20
1980	19,400	11,800	61.2	7,700	50	23
1981	20,200	13,100	64.9	8,000	51	23
1982	19,700	14,100	71.5	8,500	61	22
1983	22,500	15,900	70.5	9,100	55	20
1984	23,700	17,400	73.4	9,600	53	21
1985	25,000	18,500	74.0	10,100	55	19
1986	27,400	20,500	74.8	11,000	54	21
1987	29,700	21,400	72.1	11,600	50	18
1988	34,200	24,800	72.5	12,500	51	20
1989	43,000	29,200	67.9	14,700	57	18
1990	46,500	33,300	71.7	16,800	56	20
1991	49,000	35,600	72.6	17,800	55	20
1992	49,700	36,600	73.7	17,800	58	18
1993	52,100	38,800	74.6	18,800	56	15
1994	52,100	39,000	74.9	18,700	57	17
1995	52,500	39,600	75.4	18,800	55	16
United Kingdom:						
1974	11,000	6,600	59.8	3,400	51	19
1975	11,800	7,300	62.3	4,000	47	19
1976	12,700	8,300	65.2	4,600	49	19
1977	13,700	8,800	64.6	5,200	48	18
1978	15,600	10,100	65.0	5,700	47	18
1979	19,900	11,600	58.2	6,700	45	20
1980	23,600	13,200	55.8	8,200	47	21
1981	24,200	14,900	61.5	8,800	50	20
1982	23,600	16,100	68.2	9,300	54	20
1983	26,500	18,100	68.2	9,900	53	19
1984	29,100	20,100	69.0	10,800	52	19
1985	31,100	21,700	69.7	11,500	53	19
1986	36,300	25,400	70.0	12,900	50	19
1987	40,400	27,600	68.2	13,800	48	19
1988	49,400	33,300	67.6	15,700	47	19
1989	54,800	36,800	67.1	17,200	52	19
1990	59,800	41,000	68.6	19,600	53	19
1991	62,500	43,500	69.7	20,500	47	17
1992	60,800	43,400	71.4	20,800	51	17
1993	61,200	44,000	71.9	21,000	54	15
1994	63,100	46,000	72.8	21,500	55	14
1995	63,200	47,200	74.7	22,100	53	14

Sources: Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Based on 5 per cent sample survey: figures are rounded to the nearest 100 where appropriate.  
 (b) Figures include the discounted price dwellings purchased by local authority sitting tenants where these were financed by building society mortgages.

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## 11.14 House selling prices (a)

Percentage of dwelling cost

	Less than £10,000	£10,000- £15,000	£15,000- £20,000	More than £20,000			
1974	68.5	..	..	..			
1975	60.1	..	..	..			
1976	52.2	..	..	..			
1977	46.9	..	..	..			
1978	32.3	..	..	..			
1979	15.4	33.4	24.3	26.9			
	Less than £15,000	£15,000- £20,000	£20,000- £30,000	£30,000- £40,000	£40,000- £50,000	More than £50,000	
1980	38.1	29.0	22.6	6.2	4.1 (c)	..	
1981	32.8	28.2	24.6	14.4 (b)	..	..	
1982	34.5	28.1	24.3	13.1 (b)	..	..	
1983	25.8	23.8	30.0	12.0	8.3 (c)	..	
1984	19.9	23.0	36.1	10.8	10.2 (c)	..	
1985	19.1	21.1	34.0	13.5	12.3 (c)	..	
1986	13.8	19.4	37.6	15.2	6.4	7.6	
1987	14.5	13.8	34.5	17.7	9.9	9.6	
1988	11.4	11.9	28.2	21.9	11.8	14.8	
	Less than £25,000	£25,000- £30,000	£30,000- £40,000	£40,000- £50,000	£50,000- £60,000	£60,000- £70,000	More than £70,000
1989	25.6	9.5	20.9	15.4	8.1	6.9	13.6
1990	18.2	11.0	20.0	20.4	10.3	5.7	14.5
1991	12.7	10.3	22.0	21.0	11.1	6.5	16.4
1992	10.3	7.6	23.8	23.3	12.2	6.7	16.0
1993	9.7	8.8	21.7	19.7	12.3	8.7	19.2
1994	10.3	7.3	22.8	18.8	13.9	8.3	18.6
1995	8.3	8.2	25.4	19.7	12.0	6.8	19.4

Sources: Digest of Welsh Statistics and Welsh Housing Statistics

- (a) Based on a 5 per cent sample survey; the figures are subject to sampling error. Figures include the discounted price of dwellings purchased by local authority sitting tenants where these are financed by building society mortgages. All given at current prices.
- (b) More than £30,000.
- (c) More than £40,000.

## 11.15 Number of households, various tenures, census years

	Type of tenure in permanent buildings							
	Total (a)	Privately rented			Rented			In non-permanent buildings
		Owner occupied	Furnished	Unfurnished	With job or business	From housing association	From local authority or New Town	
<b>Clwyd:</b>								
1971	121,015	64,350	2,935	16,915 (b)	..	..	36,195	405
1981	139,698	86,857	2,528	7,691	2,495	963	38,664	500
1991	160,448	113,293	4,135	6,023	2,787	2,742	30,585	883
<b>Dyfed:</b>								
1971	105,790	58,490	2,625	15,740 (b)	..	..	27,540	1,210
1981	117,700	72,175	2,431	6,944	3,296	446	31,038	1,370
1991	135,677	96,461	4,870	5,080	2,966	1,882	22,568	1,850
<b>Gwent:</b>								
1971	144,035	70,625	2,100	16,880 (b)	..	..	53,730	505
1981	155,023	84,965	1,699	6,145	2,164	1,131	58,531	388
1991	172,368	115,423	3,190	4,062	2,254	3,978	43,045	416
<b>Gwynedd:</b>								
1971	74,285	39,080	2,975	13,300 (b)	..	..	18,325	465
1981	81,612	49,458	2,091	6,196	2,312	602	20,521	432
1991	94,384	65,789	3,745	4,874	2,332	1,441	15,430	773
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	173,460	98,560	1,555	24,855 (b)	..	..	47,675	535
1981	187,817	119,363	1,472	8,473	1,976	1,422	54,622	489
1991	204,918	150,291	3,194	4,598	1,979	5,647	38,774	435
<b>Powys:</b>								
1971	32,825	16,430	485	7,570 (b)	..	..	7,965	335
1981	38,805	21,446	631	3,763	1,807	290	10,461	407
1991	46,452	31,236	1,077	3,217	1,788	987	7,523	624
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	126,225	66,455	6,865	19,165 (b)	..	..	32,795	565
1981	134,245	82,916	5,962	7,403	2,021	3,270	32,333	340
1991	154,678	109,865	8,593	4,446	2,339	5,929	23,120	386
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	123,240	68,095	2,720	13,395 (b)	..	..	38,120	665
1981	131,424	79,922	2,322	5,053	1,211	1,022	41,407	487
1991	142,764	100,309	3,690	3,162	1,451	3,782	29,877	493
<b>Wales:</b>								
1971	900,880	482,085	22,255	127,815 (b)	..	..	262,350	4,685
1981	986,324	597,102	19,136	51,668	17,282	9,146	287,577	4,413
1991	1,111,689	782,667	32,494	35,462	17,896	26,388	210,922	5,860

Source: Census returns, Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 totals includes households in permanent dwellings, but tenure not stated.

(b) In 1971 rented unfurnished includes those rented with job or business and from housing associations.

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## 11.16 Number of persons in various tenures, census years

	Type of tenure in permanent buildings							
	Total (a)	Owner occupied	Privately rented		Rented			In non-permanent buildings
			Furnished	Unfurnished	With job or business	From housing association	From local authority or New Town	
<b>Clwyd:</b>								
1971	348,210	181,760	6,475	43,820 (b)	..	..	114,660	945
1981	380,773	243,175	4,504	16,175	8,066	1,944	105,729	1,180
1991	401,295	297,078	7,027	11,981	7,423	4,872	71,005	1,909
<b>Dyfed:</b>								
1971	305,675	163,510	6,845	44,485 (b)	..	..	87,285	3,085
1981	318,814	197,454	4,970	16,539	10,756	982	84,992	3,121
1991	338,625	249,015	9,262	11,426	8,461	3,452	53,056	3,953
<b>Gwent:</b>								
1971	433,600	208,700	4,395	43,865 (b)	..	..	174,800	1,290
1981	432,543	243,338	3,031	12,842	6,904	2,721	162,840	867
1991	437,437	307,267	5,886	8,482	5,706	7,862	101,401	833
<b>Gwynedd:</b>								
1971	207,835	103,885	7,655	34,685 (b)	..	..	60,100	1,145
1981	217,319	131,222	4,046	13,710	7,516	1,348	58,487	990
1991	230,515	165,343	6,913	10,210	6,484	2,635	37,462	1,468
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	524,735	292,645	3,735	66,230 (b)	..	..	159,895	1,430
1981	530,064	339,744	2,929	18,212	6,420	3,752	157,902	1,105
1991	529,826	401,562	6,076	9,069	5,130	11,572	95,548	869
<b>Powys:</b>								
1971	95,095	46,775	1,275	20,755 (b)	..	..	25,520	685
1981	105,987	59,185	1,300	8,695	6,045	595	29,372	795
1991	115,529	80,847	1,973	6,948	5,134	2,010	17,462	1,155
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	377,515	200,110	14,550	48,025 (b)	..	..	112,475	1,360
1981	370,700	237,977	10,961	14,783	6,376	7,625	92,198	780
1991	386,867	285,557	17,237	8,633	6,508	12,078	56,076	778
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>								
1971	366,010	199,175	5,375	34,640 (b)	..	..	124,455	1,730
1981	360,547	224,729	4,311	10,354	3,829	2,532	113,656	1,136
1991	357,080	261,903	7,032	6,062	3,694	7,106	70,339	944
<b>Wales:</b>								
1971	2,658,675	1,396,565	50,300	336,510 (b)	..	..	859,190	11,665
1981	2,716,747	1,676,824	36,052	111,310	55,912	21,499	805,176	9,974
1991	2,797,174	2,048,572	61,406	72,811	48,540	51,587	502,349	11,909

Source: Census returns, Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 totals include persons in permanent dwellings, but tenure not stated.

(b) In 1971 rented unfurnished includes those rented with job or business and from housing associations.



## 11.17 Number of households with various amenities, census years, 1971-91

	Type of amenity						
	Total	With bath or shower			With inside WC		No inside WC
		Exclusive use	Shared	None	Exclusive use	Shared	
<b>Clwyd:</b>							
1971	121,015	109,230	1,830	9,960	106,355	1,715	12,950 (a)
1981	139,698	135,902	1,159	2,637	135,008	1,115	3,575
1991	160,448	158,619	1,128	701	158,527	1,119	802
<b>Dyfed:</b>							
1971	105,790	90,570	1,185	14,035	85,215	1,090	19,480 (a)
1981	117,700	111,677	763	5,260	110,258	638	6,804
1991	135,677	133,101	859	1,717	132,764	782	2,131
<b>Gwent:</b>							
1971	144,035	125,115	2,195	16,725	118,235	1,935	23,865 (a)
1981	155,023	149,704	920	4,399	147,494	822	6,707
1991	172,368	170,970	657	741	170,606	627	1,135
<b>Gwynedd:</b>							
1971	74,285	61,290	980	12,015	61,340	935	12,010 (a)
1981	81,612	77,214	575	3,823	77,406	555	3,651
1991	94,384	92,627	536	1,221	92,751	490	1,143
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	173,460	135,695	1,305	36,460	121,650	1,055	50,755 (a)
1981	187,817	175,853	551	11,413	170,036	421	17,360
1991	204,918	202,163	419	2,336	201,090	346	3,482
<b>Powys:</b>							
1971	32,825	26,540	220	6,060	25,520	215	7,090 (a)
1981	38,805	36,590	147	2,068	36,317	138	2,350
1991	46,452	45,658	82	712	45,585	77	790
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	126,225	109,765	6,485	9,980	102,085	5,670	18,475 (a)
1981	134,245	129,015	2,649	2,581	127,023	2,675	4,547
1991	154,678	153,377	950	351	153,114	949	615
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	123,240	109,460	2,330	11,450	96,680	1,975	24,595 (a)
1981	131,424	127,098	1,070	3,256	123,950	911	6,563
1991	142,764	141,249	808	707	140,857	612	1,295
<b>Wales:</b>							
1971	900,880	767,670	16,530	116,685	717,080	14,585	169,215 (a)
1981	986,324	943,053	7,834	35,437	927,492	7,275	51,557
1991	1,111,689	1,097,764	5,439	8,486	1,095,294	5,002	11,393

Source: Census returns; Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 includes category described as 'no flush toilet'.

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## 11.18 Percentage of households with various amenities, census years

	Total	Type of amenity					
		With bath or shower			With inside WC		No inside WC
		Exclusive use	Shared	None	Exclusive use	Shared	
<b>Clwyd:</b>							
1971	100	90.3	1.5	8.2	87.9	1.4	10.7 (a)
1981	100	97.3	0.8	1.9	96.6	0.8	2.6
1991	100	98.9	0.7	0.4	98.8	0.7	0.5
<b>Dyfed:</b>							
1971	100	85.6	1.1	13.3	80.6	1.0	18.5 (a)
1981	100	94.9	0.6	4.5	93.7	0.5	5.8
1991	100	98.1	0.6	1.3	97.9	0.6	1.6
<b>Gwent:</b>							
1971	100	86.9	1.5	11.6	82.1	1.3	16.5 (a)
1981	100	96.6	0.6	2.8	95.1	0.5	4.3
1991	100	99.2	0.4	0.4	99.0	0.4	0.7
<b>Gwynedd:</b>							
1971	100	82.5	1.3	16.2	82.6	1.3	16.2 (a)
1981	100	94.6	0.7	4.7	94.8	0.7	4.5
1991	100	98.1	0.6	1.3	98.3	0.5	1.2
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	78.2	0.8	21.0	70.1	0.6	29.2 (a)
1981	100	93.6	0.3	6.1	90.5	0.2	9.2
1991	100	98.7	0.2	1.1	98.1	0.2	1.7
<b>Powys:</b>							
1971	100	80.9	0.7	18.5	77.7	0.7	21.6 (a)
1981	100	94.3	0.4	5.3	93.6	0.4	6.1
1991	100	98.3	0.2	1.5	98.1	0.2	1.7
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	87.0	5.1	7.9	80.9	4.5	14.7 (a)
1981	100	96.1	2.0	1.9	94.6	2.0	3.4
1991	100	99.2	0.6	0.2	99.0	0.6	0.4
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	88.8	1.9	9.3	78.4	1.6	20.0 (a)
1981	100	96.7	0.8	2.5	94.3	0.7	5.0
1991	100	98.9	0.6	0.5	98.7	0.4	0.9
<b>Wales:</b>							
1971	100	85.2	1.8	13.0	79.6	1.6	18.8 (a)
1981	100	95.6	0.8	3.6	94.0	0.7	5.2
1991	100	98.7	0.5	0.8	98.5	0.4	1.0

Source: Census returns; Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 includes category described as 'no flush toilet'.

## 11.19 Number of persons with various amenities, census years

	Type of amenity						
	Total	With bath or shower			With inside WC		No inside WC
		Exclusive use	Shared	None	Exclusive use	Shared	
<b>Clwyd:</b>							
1971	348,210	321,895	3,580	22,730	312,915	3,365	31,925 (a)
1981	380,773	374,067	1,814	4,892	371,523	1,729	7,521
1991	401,295	398,580	1,540	1,175	398,296	1,517	1,482
<b>Dyfed:</b>							
1971	305,675	269,985	2,545	33,145	254,290	2,325	49,065 (a)
1981	318,814	307,154	1,287	10,373	303,552	1,134	14,128
1991	338,625	334,569	1,185	2,871	333,712	1,079	3,834
<b>Gwent:</b>							
1971	433,600	387,910	4,670	41,025	367,395	4,180	62,025 (a)
1981	432,543	422,645	1,475	8,423	416,786	1,384	14,373
1991	437,437	435,470	845	1,122	434,699	802	1,936
<b>Gwynedd:</b>							
1971	207,835	178,885	1,980	26,970	177,880	1,885	28,065 (a)
1981	217,319	209,441	1,014	6,864	209,495	982	6,842
1991	230,515	227,895	748	1,872	227,970	703	1,842
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	524,735	427,055	3,185	94,495	384,490	2,650	137,595 (a)
1981	530,064	505,737	1,061	23,266	490,865	825	38,374
1991	529,826	525,736	527	3,563	523,448	459	5,919
<b>Powys:</b>							
1971	95,095	80,310	465	14,320	76,925	450	17,720 (a)
1981	105,987	101,651	301	4,035	100,834	267	4,886
1991	115,529	114,240	125	1,164	114,003	117	1,409
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	377,515	338,795	13,125	25,600	315,315	11,375	50,830 (a)
1981	370,700	361,004	4,394	5,302	355,896	4,466	10,338
1991	386,867	384,977	1,279	611	384,380	1,285	1,202
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	366,010	333,945	4,795	27,270	297,445	3,955	64,615 (a)
1981	360,547	352,670	1,724	6,153	345,296	1,506	13,745
1991	357,080	354,943	1,008	1,129	354,017	811	2,252
<b>Wales:</b>							
1971	2,658,675	2,338,780	34,340	285,555	2,186,655	30,185	441,840 (a)
1981	2,716,747	2,634,369	13,070	69,308	2,594,247	12,293	110,207
1991	2,797,174	2,776,410	7,257	13,507	2,770,525	6,773	19,876

Source: Census returns; Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 includes category described as 'no flush toilet'.

# HOUSING

## 11.20 Percentage of persons with various amenities, census years

	Total	Type of amenity					
		With bath or shower			With inside WC		No inside WC
		Exclusive use	Shared	None	Exclusive use	Shared	
<b>Clwyd:</b>							
1971	100	92.4	1.0	6.5	89.9	1.0	9.1 (a)
1981	100	98.2	0.5	1.3	97.6	0.4	2.0
1991	100	99.3	0.4	0.3	99.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Dyfed:</b>							
1971	100	88.3	0.8	10.8	83.2	0.8	16.1 (a)
1981	100	96.3	0.4	3.2	95.2	0.4	4.4
1991	100	98.8	0.3	0.8	98.5	0.3	1.1
<b>Gwent:</b>							
1971	100	89.5	1.1	9.5	84.7	1.0	14.3 (a)
1981	100	97.7	0.3	1.9	96.4	0.3	3.3
1991	100	99.6	0.2	0.3	99.4	0.2	0.4
<b>Gwynedd:</b>							
1971	100	86.1	1.0	13.0	85.6	0.9	13.5 (a)
1981	100	96.4	0.5	3.2	96.4	0.5	3.1
1991	100	98.9	0.3	0.8	98.9	0.3	0.8
<b>Mid Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	81.4	0.6	18.0	73.3	0.5	26.3 (a)
1981	100	95.4	0.2	4.4	92.6	0.2	7.2
1991	100	99.2	0.1	0.7	98.8	0.1	1.1
<b>Powys:</b>							
1971	100	84.5	0.5	15.1	80.9	0.5	18.6 (a)
1981	100	95.9	0.3	3.8	95.1	0.3	4.6
1991	100	98.9	0.1	1.0	98.7	0.1	1.2
<b>South Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	89.7	3.5	6.8	83.5	3.0	13.4 (a)
1981	100	97.4	1.2	1.4	96.0	1.2	2.8
1991	100	99.5	0.3	0.2	99.4	0.3	0.3
<b>West Glamorgan:</b>							
1971	100	91.2	1.3	7.5	81.3	1.1	17.7 (a)
1981	100	97.8	0.5	1.7	95.8	0.4	3.8
1991	100	99.4	0.3	0.3	99.1	0.2	0.6
<b>Wales:</b>							
1971	100	88.0	1.3	10.7	82.2	1.1	16.7 (a)
1981	100	97.0	0.5	2.6	95.5	0.5	4.1
1991	100	99.3	0.3	0.5	99.0	0.2	0.7

Source: Census returns; Reports for Wales and county volumes, 1971, 1981 and 1991

(a) 1971 includes category described as 'no flush toilet'.

## 11.21 Percent in households with certain durable goods (a)

	Cars			Central heating	Washing Machine	Refrigerator	Freezer or fridge		Telephone	Video Recorder	Home Computer
	1	2	3 or more				freezer	TV			
1973-74	46.5	7.3	0.7	33.0	68.6	73.4	..	94.6	31.5	..	..
1974-75	50.0	8.6	0.9	40.7	74.5	81.0	..	95.9	39.0	..	..
1975-76	47.7	9.8	0.8	40.1	76.7	85.0	..	96.7	38.6	..	..
1976-77	46.5	11.5	1.2	44.7	78.0	88.2	..	95.4	44.3	..	..
1977-78	48.3	13.5	1.3	51.8	77.7	90.9	..	95.8	49.7	..	..
1978-79	47.8	12.3	1.4	53.3	78.3	91.9	..	97.2	51.8	..	..
1979-80	47.7	10.4	2.4	55.0	81.0	93.7	..	97.8	58.3	..	..
1980-81	47.6	11.4	2.3	57.6	82.9	95.9	..	97.7	65.9	..	..
1981-82	49.1	12.1	1.5	58.9	86.4	96.7	..	97.6	72.6	..	..
1982-83	49.3	13.3	1.2	59.1	87.4	97.2	..	97.6	72.8	..	..
1983-84	50.7	13.1	1.4	65.3	86.9	98.6	..	98.0	72.2	..	..
1984-85	50.7	13.4	3.4	70.4	87.2	97.9	68.3	97.4	77.2	27.3	14.1
1985-86	48.6	14.1	3.6	71.1	83.8	96.8	68.9	96.4	78.8	30.3	15.9
1986-87	47.7	14.8	2.3	73.9	84.9	95.9	71.5	97.6	77.1	39.4	16.6
1987-88	48.7	16.1	2.2	76.3	89.1	96.5	76.3	98.7	79.0	48.3	16.1
1988-89	51.6	15.2	2.2	75.9	86.5	98.1	78.7	98.8	82.3	52.8	16.8
1989-90	48.6	15.9	2.5	76.0	85.9	98.3	80.3	98.3	82.3	55.9	16.3
1990-91	44.3	18.2	2.9	79.0	86.8	98.2	81.8	97.9	83.6	60.6	16.4
1992	44.9	14.9	3.4	78.1	87.4	99.4	86.2	99.2	80.3	67.4	18.8
1993	49.1	19.3	3.4	86.2	87.4	98.0	86.2	..	87.6	68.7	..
1994-95	44.2	18.7	3.1	81.9	88.1	97.2	84.1	..	86.4	70.5	..
1995-96	46.6	20.1	3.5	86.7	89.7	98.5	87.0	..	90.0	78.8	..

Source: Family Expenditure Survey

- (a) The information is derived from the Family Expenditure Surveys, which use a voluntary sample of private households. To minimise the errors of using a small sample (around 3-400 a year for Wales) the figures are (except for 1992 onwards) based on an average of two years. For these reasons minor year to year variations are less reliable than the overall trends. Information on additional consumer durable goods tends only to be slowly picked up and are sometimes already significant when first recorded (e.g. Video recorders and freezers). For some items information is only available for the end of the period:

	Tumble Dryer	Microwave	Dish washer	CD Player
1993	49.1	62.9	12.1	34.2
1994/95	43.1	68.3	11.9	35.7

An alternative market research source provides the following:

	Tumble Dryer	Microwave	Video Recorder	CD Player	Video Camera /camcorder
1987	..	36	51	9	..
1988	..	48	60	11	..
1989	..	57	66	15	..
1990	..	59	71	21	6
1991	11	59	72	22	6
1992	12	68	78	31	8
1993	12	69	80	36	9
1994	12	75	82	41	12
1995	15	78	81	50	15

Source: Beaufort Research