

12 March 2024

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 20209

Your request

You asked for the following information which I received on the 13/02/2024:

Evidence and research that shows that the number of people making active travel journeys has increased.

Our Response

We routinely [publish statistics on active travel in Wales](#). This data is collected through the National Survey for Wales. This gives us annual data on the frequency with which adults in Wales make walking and cycling journeys, and every other year it also collects data on travel to school. It however does not tell us how that relates to wider travel behaviour.

We are developing a new National Travel Survey for Wales, that will allow us track the mode share of different travel modes as, well as trip purposes and distances. [Wales National Travel Survey | Transport for Wales \(tfw.wales\)](#)

Sustrans' Walking and Cycling Index collects active travel data for Cardiff as well as other cities in England, Scotland and Ireland. A new report was published at the start of this month, and Cardiff's report is available here:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/13265/cardiff-walking-and-cycling-index-2023.pdf>

The Cardiff 2021 report is available here: [Walking and Cycling Index 2021: Cardiff \(sustrans.org.uk\)](#).

Data on travel to school is also available from a number of sources. For schools participating in the Active Journeys Programme, data is collected annually. The Annual Programme Report 2022-23 shows that active travel as the usual school travel mode has increased from 44.4% to 49.0%. Fewer pupils are being driven to school. Car use as the usual school travel mode has decreased from 44.0% to 33.6%.

Public Health Wales have started rolling out an annual Hands Up Survey in primary schools. The 2022 results are available from Public Health Wales here:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/travel-to-school-hands-up-survey/travel-to-school-hands-up-survey-2022-summary-table/>.

Data on secondary school travel is collected biennially through the School Health Research Network. [National Data - School Health Research Network \(shrn.org.uk\)](#)

Local authorities have a duty to report on changes of levels of use of their active travel routes each time they submit their network maps to the Welsh Ministers, but the data collection methods are diverse and not suited to being aggregated. Local authorities in Wales also publish their annual active travel reports and some usage data on their websites.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely