

Dear

ATISN 26658– Business Rates Charged on Public Houses in Wales

Thank you for your request which I received on 4 February. You asked for:

1. The total amount of business rates charged on public houses in each year 2019/20 to 2024/25.
2. The amount of business rates assessed for 2025/26 and 2026/27.
3. The number of public houses in Wales for each year.

Our response

1. The total amount of non-domestic rates charged on public houses in each year 2019-20 to 2024-25 is not held by the Welsh Government. Individual local authorities may have information for their own areas.
2. The amount of non-domestic rates assessed for 2026-27 is not yet available and so not held by the Welsh Government. The estimated net liability for all properties in Wales for 2025-26 was £1,142,343,563. The portion of this liability that applied to pubs was estimated to be £32,395,559.
3. The following table contains numbers of public houses on the non-domestic rating list from 2019-20 to 2026-27. Note that these figures are taken at a snapshot at the beginning of each financial year. The 2026-27 data should be treated as provisional as the official snapshot date has not yet passed.

Year	Number of public houses on the non-domestic rating list in Wales
2019-20	3,266
2020-21	3,206
2021-22	3,162
2022-23	3,114
2023-24	3,061
2024-25	2,993
2025-26	2,965
2026-27	2,947

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: Freedom.ofinformation@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,