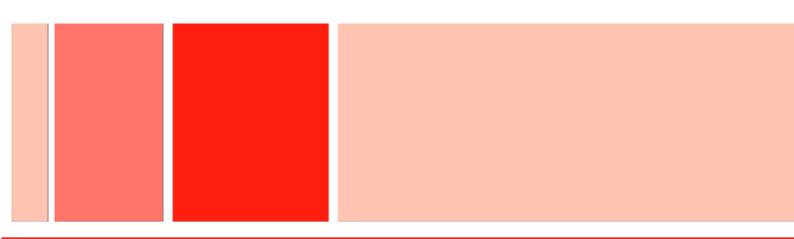




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This report contains tourism-related data for the South West Wales region for the period 2016-2018 providing comparisons with the overall GB level, all-Wales level and the other regions of Wales. Please refer to the other three Wales regional tourism profiles also and the local authority profile for comparative information.

Following the advice of the Office for National Statistics, in order to maximise statistical robustness, figures are presented as annual averages over 3 years. 2018 is the most recent year for which we have detailed data at this level of geography and so the profiles contain the most up-to-date information currently available.

The profiles contain tables on domestic overnight, international overnight and domestic day visitors to Wales, occupancy rates, bedstock supply information as well as employment statistics covering the tourism sector.

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1. Overview and Key Points



In 2016-2018, South West Wales accounted for 20 per cent of overnight domestic GB trips, 19 per cent of international visits and 24 per cent of Tourism Day visits to Wales.

All tourism

The annual average spending on all tourism visitor types (overnight domestic GB trips, international visits and Tourism Day visits) in South West Wales between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 has increased by 5 per cent to £1.282 billion. In comparison, related expenditure for Wales overall increased by 4 per cent to £6.315 billion. *Please refer to Table* 1.0

Overnight Domestic GB Visitors

Both South West Wales and all Wales experienced similar levels of decreases in the annual average volume of overnight domestic GB trips between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018; South West Wales decreasing by 2 per cent to 1.862 million and all Wales by 1 per cent to 9.451 million. Furthermore, related expenditure over the same period for South

West Wales decreased by 3 per cent to £374 million and for Wales overall decreased by 2 per cent to £1,723 million. *Please refer to Table 1.1*

International Visitors

The annual average volume of international visits to South West Wales between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 decreased by 3 per cent to 198,000. However, related expenditure over the same time frame in South West Wales increased by a considerable 13 per cent to £95 million. In comparison, during the same period, the volume of international visits to all Wales increased by 1 per cent to 1.060 million, while related expenditure increased by 2 per cent to £446 million. Please refer to Table 1.2

Tourism Day Visits

Between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018, the annual average volume of Tourism Day visits in South West Wales increased by 9 per cent to 24 million, while related expenditure increased by 8 per cent to £813 million. In comparison, the volume of Tourism Day visits to Wales overall increased by 3 per cent to 99 million, while related expenditure increased by 8 per cent to £4,146 million. Please refer to Table 1.3

Overall spending on trips in South West Wales increased between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018

| Table 1.0 Expenditure (£ millions) by Three Year Annual Averages for Overnight |
|--|
| GB Domestic Trips, International Visits and Tourism Day Visits |

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey, International Passenger Survey & Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| | Spend (£ millions) | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
| GB | £112,376 | £113,583 | 1% |
| Wales | £6,052 | £6,315 | 4% |
| North Wales | £1,535 | £1,636 | 7% |
| Mid Wales | £740 | £755 | 2% |
| South East Wales | £2,226 | £2,304 | 4% |
| South West Wales | £1,218 | £1,282 | 5% |

Expenditure on all types of tourism in South West Wales in 2016-2018 had increased by 5 per cent compared with the previous period. However other regions showed greater increases, and in North Wales spending increased by 7 per cent.

Domestic overnight trips and expenditure to South West Wales decreased between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018.

| Table 1.1 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) and Related | |
|--|--|
| Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages | |

| Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Trips (millions) | | | |
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
| GB | 121.519 | 119.562 | -2% |
| Wales | 9.593 | 9.451 | -1% |
| North Wales | 3.428 | 3.378 | -1% |
| Mid Wales | 1.740 | 1.887 | 8% |
| South East Wales | 2.463 | 2.252 | -9% |
| South West Wales | 1.890 | 1.862 | -2% |
| Spend (£ millions) | | | |
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
| GB | £23,862 | £23,574 | -1% |
| Wales | £1,764 | £1,723 | -2% |
| North Wales | £613 | £626 | 2% |
| Mid Wales | £304 | £314 | 3% |
| South East Wales | £422 | £373 | -11% |
| South West Wales | £384 | £374 | -3% |

Domestic overnight trips and spending have fallen by 2 and 3 per cent respectively in South West Wales between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 but only by 1 and 2 per cent in Wales on average. The Wales average was driven by an 8 per cent increase in overnight domestic trips in Mid Wales and smaller increases in related spending in North and Mid Wales.

International visitor expenditure to South West Wales between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 increased more than any other region in Wales, though volume of visits decreased.

Table 1.2 Volume of International Visits (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages

| Source: International Passenger Survey |
|--|
|--|

| Visits (millions) | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
| GB | 39.000 | 40.164 | 3% |
| Wales | 1.050 | 1.060 | 1% |
| North Wales | 0.298 | 0.303 | 2% |
| Mid Wales | 0.107 | 0.107 | 0% |
| South East Wales | 0.526 | 0.525 | 0% |
| South West Wales | 0.203 | 0.198 | -3% |
| Spend (£ millions) | | | |
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
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| | Spena (£ millions) | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change |
| GB | £25,749 | £26,631 | 3% |
| Wales | £438 | £446 | 2% |
| North Wales | £92 | £90 | -2% |
| Mid Wales | £62 | £54 | -13% |
| South East Wales | £192 | £196 | 2% |
| South West Wales | £84 | £95 | 13% |

The volume of international visits to South West Wales fell between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018 by 3 per cent, the largest fall of all Welsh regions, whilst overall international visits to Wales saw a slight increase of 1 per cent to 1.060 million per year. Despite a fall in the number of visits, the related spending on international visits to South West Wales increased by 13 per cent between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018, whereas overall in Wales associated spending only increased by 2 per cent.

Tourism day visits and expenditure to South West Wales increased between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018.

Table 1.3 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages

| Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| Visits (millions) | | | | |
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change | |
| GB | 1,794 | 1,777 | -1% | |
| Wales | 96 | 99 | 3% | |
| North Wales | 24 | 25 | 3% | |
| Mid Wales | 11 | 11 | 0% | |
| South East Wales | 38 | 39 | 2% | |
| South West Wales | 22 | 24 | 9% | |
| Spend (£ millions) | | | | |
| | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | % change | |
| GB | £62,765 | £63,378 | 1% | |
| Wales | £3,850 | £4,146 | 8% | |

£830

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£920

£388

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£1,735

11%

4%

8%

8%

The Volume of Tourism Day visits in South West Wales increased by 9 per cent between 2015-2017 and 2016-2018, the largest increase of all regions. Related spending increased by 8 per cent over the same period, in line with the increase seen across Wales on average, but below the increase of 11 per cent in spending seen in North Wales.

North Wales

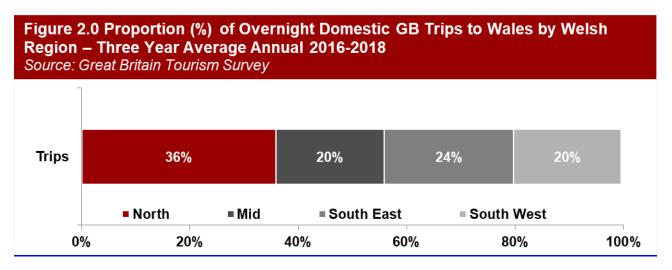
South East Wales

South West Wales

Mid Wales

2. Overnight Domestic GB Visitors

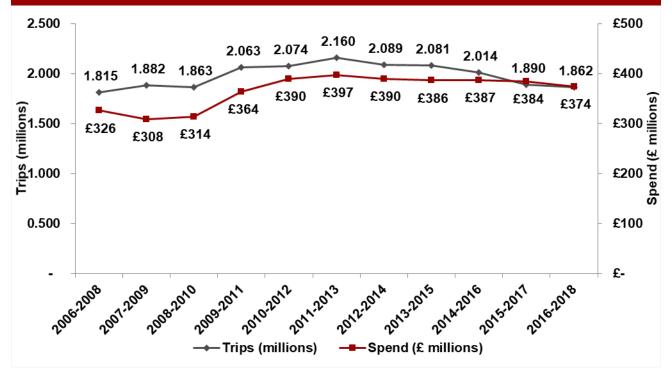
All the data used for this section has been sourced from the <u>Great Britain Tourism Survey</u>. Figures shown are the averages taken over three years, 2016-2018, unless stated otherwise.



Over the period of 2016-2018, South West Wales received an average of 1,862,000 overnight domestic overnight GB trips per year. During this period these visitors generated an annual average associate spend of £374 million. South West Wales received a fifth (20 per cent) of all overnight domestic GB trips to Wales.

Volume of Trips and Related Expenditure

Figure 2.1 Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) to South West Wales - Three Year Annual Averages
Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

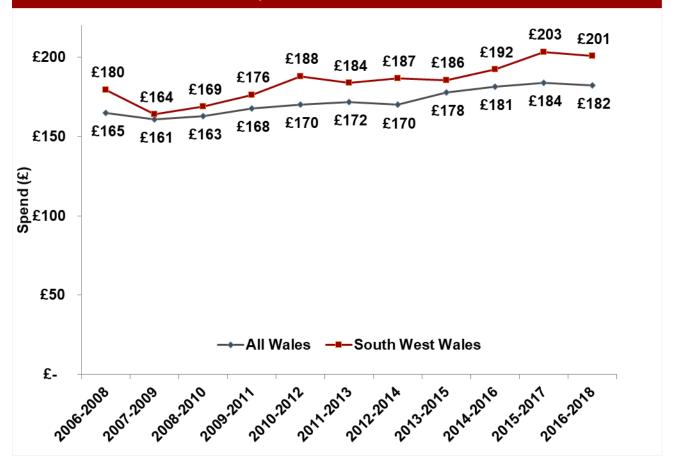


Both volume of overnight domestic GB trips and related expenditure to South West Wales peaked in 2011-2013, with 2,160,000 trips and £397 million. From then on, trips and related expenditure have continued to decrease slightly over the years.

Average Spend per Trip

Figure 2.2 Average Spend per Overnight Domestic GB Trip (£) to Wales and South West Wales - Three Year Annual Averages

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

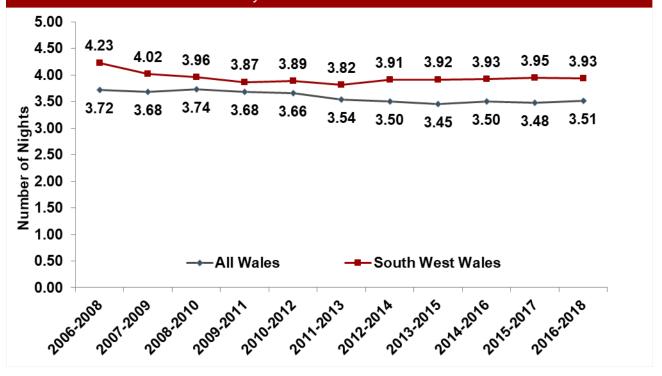


Although volume of overnight domestic GB trips and related expenditure have decreased in recent years, South West Wales, of all the Welsh regions, had the highest spend per overnight domestic GB trip in 2016-2018 at £201. In comparison, the overall Wales average for the same period was £182.

Average Number of Nights per Trip

Figure 2.3 Average Numbers of Nights per Overnight Domestic GB Trip to Wales and South West Wales – Three Year Annual Averages

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



The average number of nights per overnight domestic GB trip to South West Wales has consistently been higher than the all Wales average. In 2016-2018, the average number of nights per trip in South West Wales was 3.93, while the average for Wales overall was 3.51. Moreover, in 2016-2019 South West Wales had the highest average number of nights per overnight domestic GB trip of all the Welsh regions.

Purpose of Trip

Table 2.1 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) by Purpose of Trip to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Trips | 9.451 | 1.862 |
| Holiday | 5.904 | 1.212 |
| Visiting Friends and Relatives | 2.492 | 0.485 |
| Business | 0.746 | 0.118 |

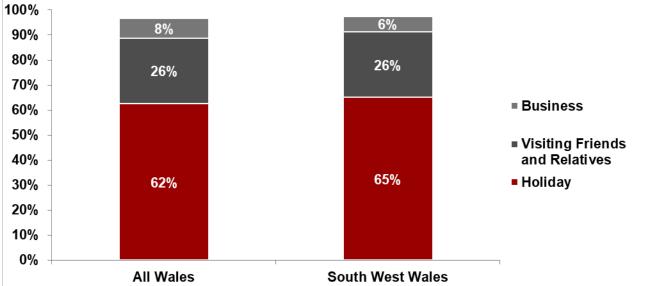
During 2016-2018, more than a quarter of overnight domestic GB trips to South West Wales were to visit friends and relatives (26 per cent). In addition, 65 per cent of visitors came for a holiday, while 6

per cent came on business.

South West Wales was the only Welsh region to show nearly identical purpose of trip proportions to Wales overall.

Figure 2.4 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Purpose of Trip – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



^{*}Please note that the figures might not add to 100 per cent due to survey participants not answering this question or selecting 'Don't Know'/'Other'.

Duration of Holiday Trips

Figure 2.5 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Holiday Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Duration of Trip – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



For holiday visits to South West Wales in 2016-2018, the most popular length of stay was between 1-3 nights (49 per cent), and over 4 in 10 (42 per cent) stays were 4-7 nights. South West Wales had the largest proportion of holiday trips lasting 4 or more days of any Welsh region. These proportions have been relatively consistent over the last few periods, though over time there has been a small increase in the proportion of holidays lasting 8+ nights in South West Wales.

Lifestage of Holiday Trips

Table 2.2 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Holiday Trips (millions) by Lifestage to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

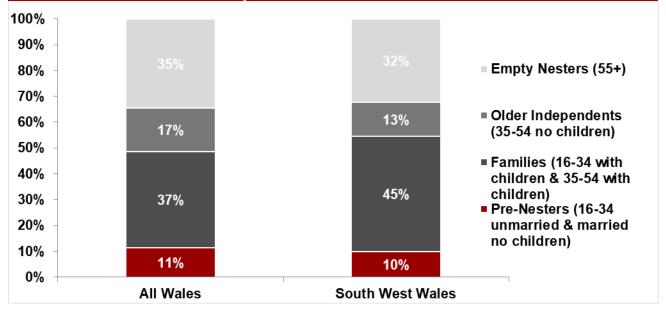
Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Total Holiday Trips | 5.904 | 1.212 |
| Pre-Nesters (16-34 unmarried & married no children) | 0.672 | 0.120 |
| Families (16-34 with children & 35-54 with children) | 2.198 | 0.541 |
| Older Independents (35-54 no children) | 0.991 | 0.159 |
| Empty Nesters (55+) | 2.041 | 0.392 |

During 2016-2018, the majority of overnight domestic GB holiday trips to South West Wales were made by families (45 per cent), an increase from 41 per cent in 2015-2017, and higher than for Wales on average (37 per cent). Furthermore, South West Wales had a lower proportion of empty nesters (32 per cent) compared to Wales overall (35 per cent), and this decreased from 36 per cent in 2015-2017. In addition, South West Wales had a lower proportion of older independents (13 per cent) compared to all Wales (17 per cent). The proportions of older independents and pre-nesters has been relatively stable over the past few years.

Figure 2.6 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Holiday Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Lifestage – Annual Average 2016-2018





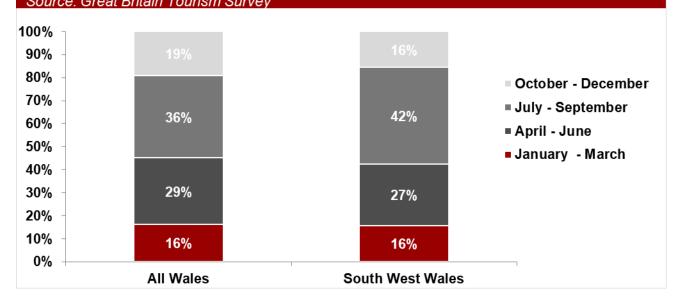
Seasonality of Trips

Figure 2.7 for South West Wales reflects typical high and low season periods. Overnight domestic GB visitors tended to arrive during the summer months of July-September (42 per cent) or April-June (27 per cent), with Easter usually falling during the month of April.

During 2016-2018, South West Wales shared a similar seasonality pattern to that of all Wales, but saw a higher proportion of overnight trips between July and September than Wales on average (36 per cent).

Figure 2.7 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Season – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



Type of Place Visited

Table 2.4 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) by Type of Place Visited to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018 Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Trips | 9.451 | 1.862 |
| Seaside | 4.015 | 1.096 |
| Large city / large town | 1.738 | 0.208 |
| Small town | 1.789 | 0.268 |
| Countryside / village | 2.208 | 0.367 |

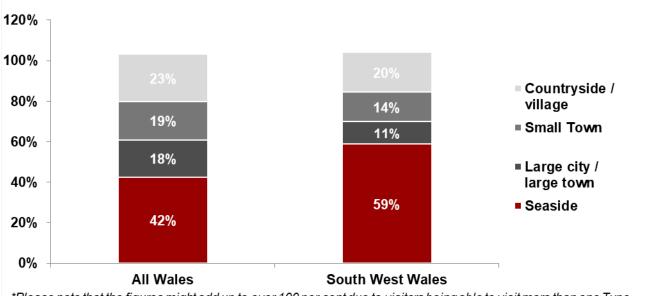
In 2016-2018 the most popular destination for overnight domestic GB trips to South West Wales was the seaside (59 per cent), a higher proportion than the overall Wales average of 42 per cent.

The least popular destination to visit on an overnight domestic GB trip to South West Wales in 2016-2018 was a large city or town (11 per cent). In contrast, during the same period, 18 per cent of all the overnight domestic GB trips to Wales were to this type of location. Furthermore, of all the Welsh regions, South West Wales had the smallest proportion of overnight domestic GB trips visiting a small town (14 per cent).

It is important to bear in mind that respondents themselves choose how to classify the place they visit and responses are therefore subjective. For example, someone might classify their location as a 'village' and not a 'small town'.

Figure 2.8 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Trips by Type of Place Visited to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



*Please note that the figures might add up to over 100 per cent due to visitors being able to visit more than one Type of Place.

Type of Accommodation Used on Trip

Please note that overnight domestic GB visitors can stay in more than one type of accommodation during a single trip. Because of this, proportions of total trips by all accommodation types will always add up to over 100 per cent. Furthermore, only the accommodation types with a large enough sample for analysis across all four Welsh regions have been included in this section.

Please refer to <u>Table 8.8</u> for a full list of answer options that have been included under each accommodation type to calculate three year averages.

| Table 2.5 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) | by Type of |
|--|------------------|
| Accommodation Used during a trip to Wales and South Wes | t Wales – Annual |
| Average 2016-2018 | |
| Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey | |
| All Wales | South West Wal |

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Total Trips | 9.451 | 1.862 |
| Hotel/Motel | 2.286 | 0.336 |
| Guest house/Farmhouse/B&B | 0.716 | 0.101 |
| Self catering | 1.314 | 0.379 |
| Friend's home/Relative's home/Second home/Timeshare | 2.587 | 0.502 |
| Caravan and Camping | 2.414 | 0.548 |

During 2016-2018, South West Wales and all Wales had similar proportion for overnight domestic GB visitors staying in 'Caravan and Camping' (29 per cent and 26 per cent respectively) and 'Friend's home/Relative's home/Second home/Timeshare' (both at 27 per cent). On the other hand, South West Wales had a higher proportion of trips involving a stay in 'Self catering' than the all Wales average (20 per cent and 14 per cent respectively).

Figure 2.9 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Type of Accommodation - Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

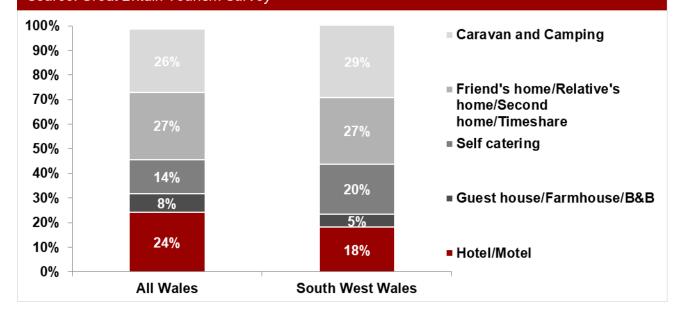


Table 2.6 Value of Related Expenditure (£ millions) from Overnight Domestic GB Trips by Type of Accommodation Used during a trip to Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

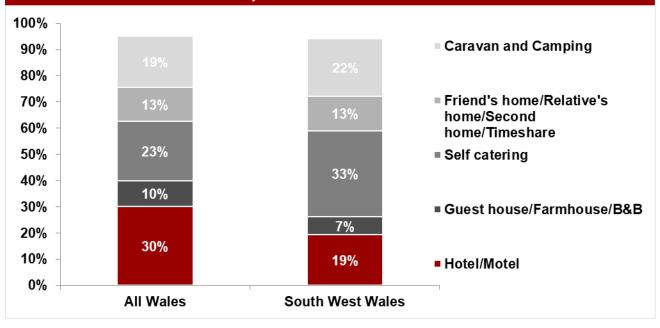
Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| Total Expenditure | £1,723 | £374 |
| Hotel/Motel | £521 | £72 |
| Guest house/Farmhouse/B&B | £168 | £26 |
| Self catering | £392 | £123 |
| Friend's home/Relative's home/Second home/Timeshare | £222 | £49 |
| Caravan and Camping | £336 | £83 |

In South West Wales, even though only a fifth of (20 per cent, 379,000 trips) overnight domestic GB visitors stayed in 'Self catering', this type of accommodation accounted for a third (33 per cent, £123 million) of related expenditure. This trend was also seen in all Wales, where even though only 14 per cent of overnight domestic GB trips involved a stay in 'Self catering' accommodation, these trips accounted for 23 per cent (£392 million) of related expenditure.

Figure 2.10 Proportion (%) of Related Expenditure of Overnight Domestic GB Trips to All Wales and South West Wales by Type of Accommodation – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey



Region of Origin

Table 2.7 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions) by Region of Origin to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

| Source. Great Britain Tourism C | divey | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| | All Wales | South West Wales |
| Total Trips | 9.451 | 1.862 |
| Scotland | 0.120 | 0.017 |
| Wales | 1.631 | 0.502 |
| England | 7.701 | 1.342 |
| | | |
| North East England | 0.101 | 0.035 |
| North West England | 1.789 | 0.097 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 0.390 | 0.054 |
| East Midlands | 0.567 | 0.092 |
| West Midlands | 1.830 | 0.293 |
| East of England | 0.340 | 0.110 |
| London | 0.637 | 0.115 |
| South East England | 1.018 | 0.270 |
| South West England | 1.028 | 0.277 |
| | | |

For 2016-2018, South West Wales, had a higher proportion of overnight domestic GB trips originating from Wales (27 per cent) than seen in Wales on average (17 per cent) and a smaller proportion of English visitors (72 per cent) when compared to Wales overall, with 81 per cent.

Visitors from the West Midlands, South East England and South West England made up 45 per cent

of all overnight visitors to South West Wales in 2016-2018. Compared to Wales on average, South West Wales saw a larger proportion of visitors from South East and South West England and a smaller proportion from North West England and the West Midlands.

Table 2.8 Proportion (%) of Overnight Domestic GB Trips by Region of Origin to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

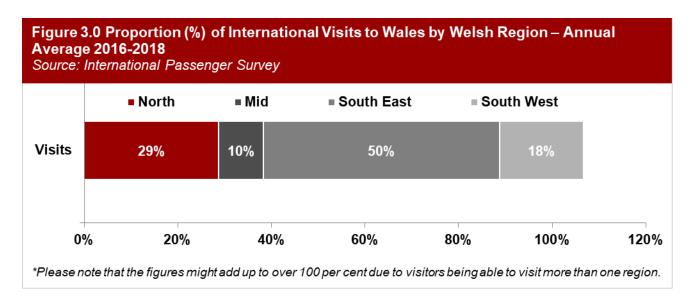
| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total Trips | 100% | 100% |
| Scotland | 1% | 1% |
| Wales | 17% | 27% |
| England | 81% | 72% |
| | | |
| North East England | 1% | 2% |
| North West England | 19% | 5% |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 4% | 3% |
| East Midlands | 6% | 5% |
| West Midlands | 19% | 16% |
| East of England | 4% | 6% |
| London | 7% | 6% |
| South East England | 11% | 15% |
| South West England | 11% | 15% |
| East Midlands West Midlands East of England London South East England | 6% 19% 4% 7% 11% | 5% 16% 6% 6% 15% |

3. International Visitors

All the data used for this section has been sourced from the <u>International Passenger Survey</u>. Figures shown are the averages taken over a period of three years, 2016-2018, unless stated otherwise.

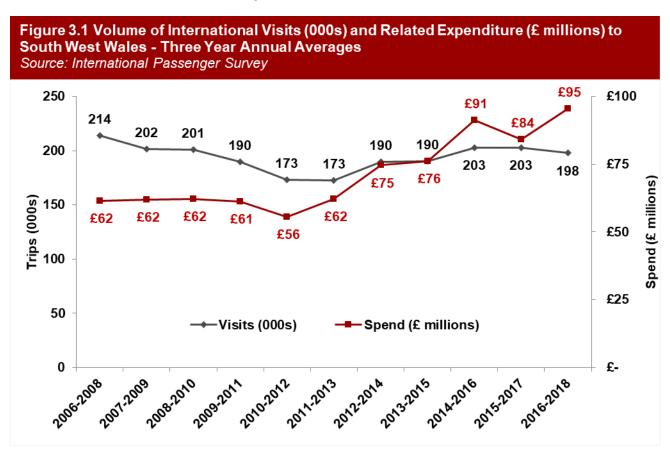
In May 2020, the Office for National Statistics published revised estimates from the International Passenger Survey for inbound visits covering 2009 to 2019 based on an updated weighting method. Further details can be found on the Office for National Statistics travel and tourism pages.

This section uses the updated data so figures for 2009 to 2018 quoted here will not match those in previous publications. Tables summarizing the original and revised data for 2009 – 2018 are in Table 8.2.



Over the period of 2016-2018, South West Wales received an annual average of 198,000 international visits per year. Over this same period these visits have contributed an average of £95 million per year to the Welsh economy. South West Wales received just under a fifth (18 per cent) of all international visits to Wales.

Volume of Visits and Related Expenditure

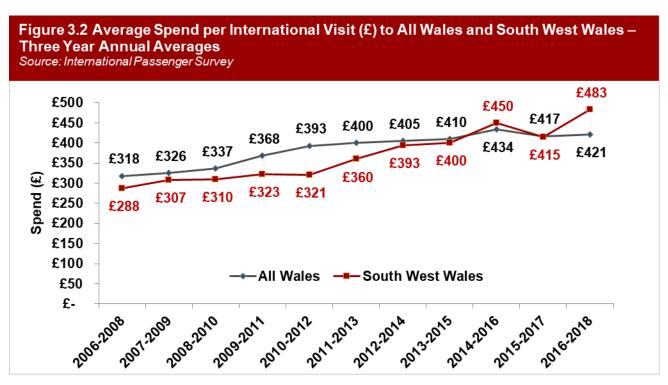


The related expenditure from international visits to South West Wales has increased from a low of £56 million in 2010-2012 to £95 million in 2016-2018, this has been a continuous increase with the

exception of 2015-2017 which saw a dip to £84 million.

The volume of international visits to South West Wales decreased steadily from 214,000 in 2006-2008 to a low of 173,000 in 2010-2012. This was followed by a slow recovery, reaching 203,000 in 2014-2016, before dipping in 2016-2018 to 198,000.

Average Spend per Visit



The average spend per international visit to South West Wales was consistently below the Wales average until 2014-2016. In 2016-2018 the average spend per international visit to South West Wales rose to £483 from £415 in 2015-2017, well above the Wales average of £421 which shows a steady increase over the period covered.

Average Number of Nights per Visit

Figure 3.3 Average Number of Nights per International Visit to Wales and South West Wales - Three Year Annual Averages.

Source: International Passenger Survey



Between 2006-2008 and 2009-2011, the average number of night per international visit to South West Wales was higher than the all Wales average. Following this, between 2010-2012 and 2013-2015 the South West Wales average was below the all Wales average.

Since 2013-2015, the average number of nights spent by international visitors to South West Wales has remained similar to the all Wales average, and in 2016-2018 was 7.04 nights, comparable to the all Wales average of 6.87 nights.

Purpose of Trip

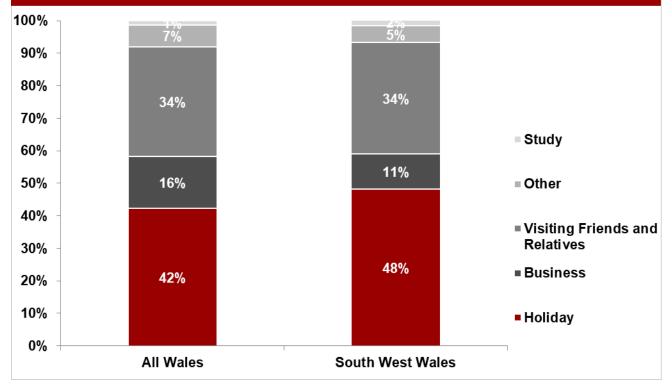
Table 3.1 Volume of International Visits (000s) by Purpose of Trip to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: International Passenger Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Trips | 1,060 | 198 |
| Holiday | 449 | 95 |
| Business | 168 | 21 |
| Visiting Friends and Relatives | 358 | 68 |
| Other | 70 | 10 |
| Study | 14 | 5 |

Figure 3.4 Proportion (%) of International Visits to All Wales and South West Wales by Purpose of Trip – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: International Passenger Survey



During 2016-2018, 48 per cent of all the international visitors to South West Wales came for a holiday, a higher proportion than the overall Wales average of 42 per cent. In contrast, South West Wales received 11 per cent of international business visits, below the Wales average of 16 per cent.

Table 3.2 Related Expenditure (£ millions) of International Visits by Purpose of Trip to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: International Passenger Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Expenditure | £446 | £95 |
| Holiday | £179 | £34 |
| Business | £56 | £6 |
| Visiting Friends and Relatives | £123 | £27 |
| Other | £26 | £3 |
| Study | £62 | £38 |

As seen across all four Welsh regions, international visitors coming to study account for a larger proportion of related expenditure in relation to the volume of visits. In 2016-2018, the 2 per cent of international visitors coming to South West Wales to study accounted for two fifths (40 per cent) of all related expenditure from international visitors to the region. Conversely, international holiday

visitors accounted for almost half of the volume of trips in 2016-2018, but only one third (35 per cent) of related expenditure.

Figure 3.5 Proportion (%) of Related Expenditure of International Visits to All Wales and South West Wales by Purpose of Trip – Annual Average 2016-2018 Source: International Passenger Survey 100% 90% 6% 80% 70% Study 28% 60% 28% Other 50% 13% 40% ■ Visiting Friends and 7% Relatives 30% Business 20% 40% 35% 10% Holiday 0% All Wales **South West Wales**

Country of Origin

Please note that table 3.3 shows only the top ten countries of origin of international visitors by volume of visits to South West Wales and all Wales.

| Table 3.3 Top 10 Countries of Origin of International Visits by Volume of Visits (000s) with proportions (%) to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018 Source: International Passenger Survey | | | | | |
|---|-------|------|----------------|-------|------|
| All Wales | | | South West | Wales | |
| All Visits | 1,060 | 100% | All Visits | 198 | 100% |
| 1. Ireland | 174 | 16% | 1. Ireland | 45 | 23% |
| 2. USA | 98 | 9% | 2. Germany | 18 | 9% |
| 3. Germany | 81 | 8% | 3. France | 14 | 7% |
| 4. France | 78 | 7% | 4. USA | 13 | 7% |
| 5. Netherlands | 56 | 5% | 5. Australia | 11 | 6% |
| 6. Australia | 56 | 5% | 6. Netherlands | 10 | 5% |
| 7. Spain | 49 | 5% | 7. Spain | 9 | 4% |
| 8. Poland | 45 | 4% | 8. Italy | 9 | 4% |
| 9. Italy | 43 | 4% | 9. Poland | 8 | 4% |
| 10. Canada | 34 | 3% | 10. Belgium | 6 | 3% |

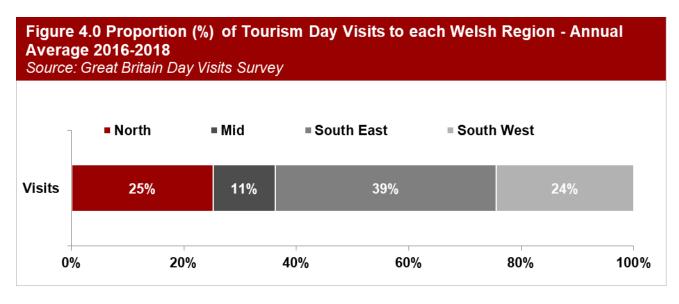
The most common country of origin for international visitors to South West Wales was Ireland (23 per cent), followed by Germany (9 per cent) and France (7 per cent).

The top 10 countries of origin for international visitors to South West Wales in 2016-2018 mirrored those for Wales on average, with the exception of Canada which does not feature in the top 10 for South West Wales, being replaced at number 10 by Belgium.

4. Tourism Day Visits

All the data in this section has been sourced from the <u>Great Britain Day Visits Survey</u>. There are three types of day visits: '3 Hour+ Leisure Day Visits, 'Tourism Day Visits' and 'Activities Core to Tourism Visits'. **This section will only cover figures for Tourism Day Visits.** Figures for other leisure day visits can be found in the Great Britain Day Visits <u>Annual reports</u>. Figures shown, unless otherwise stated, are the averages taken over three years: 2016-2018.

Please note that since 2016 there have been several revisions to the way this survey has been carried out which has affected the comparability of 2011-2015 figures with those from 2016 onwards. To remedy this, figures pre-2016 have been reweighted by +15 per cent in order to be able to compare them. Thus some of the Tourism Day visits figures below might not match those previously published.

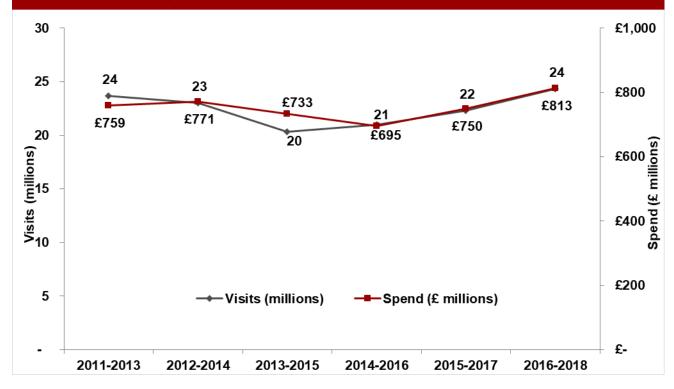


During 2016-2018, South West Wales received an annual average of 24 million Tourism Day visits with a related expenditure of £813 million. South West Wales accounted for 24 per cent of all Tourism Day visits to Wales.

Tourism Day Visits and Related Expenditure

Figure 4.1 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) to South West Wales - Three Year Annual Averages

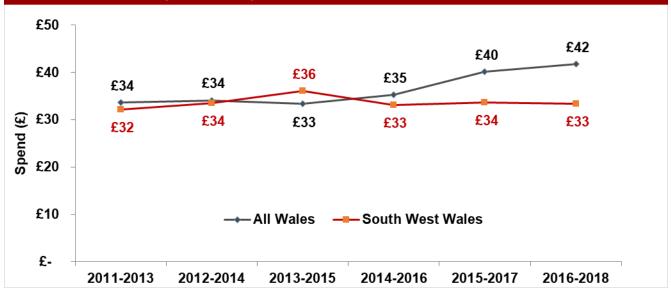
Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey



The volume of Tourism Day visits to South West Wales between 2014-2016 and 2016-2018 has steadily increased from 21 million to 24 million visits, while related expenditure has also increased, from £695 million to £813 million.

Average Spend per Visit

Figure 4.2 Average Spend per Tourism Day Visit (£) to All Wales and South West Wales - Three Year Annual Averages
Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey



Average spend per Tourism Day visit to South West Wales has been lower than the all Wales average since 2011-2013, except for in 2013-2015. Whilst average spend per visit in South West Wales has remained relatively level since 2014-2019 at £33 or £34, for Wales overall this has increased in recent years to reach £42 in 2016-2018.

Activities Undertaken

Table 4.1 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) and Proportion (%) of activities undertaken during a Tourism Day Visit to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| All Wales | | | South West Wale | S | |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-------------------------------|------|------|
| All Visits | 99.3 | 100% | All Visits | 24.3 | 100% |
| Visiting friends or family | 22.3 | 22% | Visiting friends or family | 5.3 | 22% |
| Going out for a meal | 11.0 | 11% | Going out for a meal | 2.6 | 11% |
| Outdoor activities | 9.7 | 10% | Outdoor activities | 2.7 | 11% |
| General day out | 9.0 | 9% | General day out | 2.3 | 9% |
| Going on a night out | 7.3 | 7% | Going on a night out | 1.7 | 7% |
| Special shopping | 6.3 | 6% | Special shopping | 1.4 | 6% |
| Going out for entertainment | 5.0 | 5% | Going out for entertainment | 1.2 | 5% |
| Going to visitor attractions | 4.7 | 5% | Going to visitor attractions | 1.3 | 5% |
| Watching live sporting events | 3.3 | 3% | Watching live sporting events | 1.2 | 5% |
| Special personal events | 3.0 | 3% | Special personal events | 8.0 | 3% |
| Special public events | 2.3 | 2% | Special public events | 0.5 | 2% |
| Taking part in sports | 1.3 | 1% | Taking part in sports | 0.5 | 2% |
| Day out to health/beauty spa | 0.7 | 1% | Day out to health/beauty spa | 0.2 | 1% |
| Other leisure/ hobbies | 2.3 | 2% | Other leisure/ hobbies | 0.4 | 2% |
| Other day out for leisure | 3.0 | 3% | Other day out for leisure | 0.6 | 2% |

Just over a fifth (22 per cent) of Tourism Day visits in South West Wales in 2016-2018, 5.3 million, were to visit friends or family, making it the most popular activity undertaken on a Tourism Day Visit to this region, a similar proportion to that of the all Wales average of 22 per cent. A slightly higher proportion of visits to South West Wales were to watch a live sporting event (5 per cent) compared to Wales on average (3 per cent).

Type of Place Visited

Table 4.2 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) by Type of Place Visited to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Visits | 99 | 24 |
| City / Large town | 29 | 6 |
| Small town | 25 | 6 |
| Village / Countryside | 26 | 7 |
| Seaside / Coast | 18 | 4 |

During 2016-2018 in South West Wales, the type of location most visited on a Tourism Day visit was the village/countryside, with 7 million (28 per cent) Tourism Day visitors choosing this kind of place. The distribution of types of place visited for Tourism Day trips differ from that for overnight visits, of which 20 per cent were to a village / countryside, and 59 per cent were to the seaside / coast (see Figure 2.8).

South West Wales had a smaller proportion than for Wales overall of Tourism Day visits to a city or large town (23 per cent and 29 per cent respectively).

Figure 4.3 Proportion (%) of Tourism Day Visits to All Wales and South West Wales by Type of Place Visited - Annual Average 2016-2018 Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey 100% 90% 80% 70% 27% Seaside / Coast 28% 60% 50% ■ Village / 25% Countryside 40% 25% ■ Small town 30% 20% City / Large 29% 23% 10% town 0% All Wales South West Wales

*Please note that the figures might not add to 100 per cent due to survey participants not answering this question or selecting 'Don't Know'/'Other'.

Mode of Transport Used

Table 4.3 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) by Mode of Transport to All Wales and South West Wales – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Visits | 99 | 24 |
| Car - own/friends/family | 71 | 16 |
| Train | 7 | 1 |
| Walked | 7 | 2 |
| Bus\coach | 4 | 1 |
| Other | 9 | 3 |

Like all the other regions in Wales, the car is the most preferred mode of transportation in South West Wales, with the majority (67 per cent) of Tourism Day visitors choosing to travel this way.

As seen in Figure 4.4, the proportions of mode of transport used on a Tourism Day visit to South West Wales are similar to those for Wales on average, with slightly more in South West Wales using other modes of transport, and slightly fewer using cars and trains, compared to Wales overall.

Figure 4.4 Proportion (%) of Tourism Day Visits to All Wales and South West Wales by Mode of Transport Used - Annual Average 2016-2018 Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey 100% 90% Other 80% 70% Bus\coach 60% 50% Walked 40% 72% 67% 30% Train 20% Car -10% own/friends/family 0% All Wales South West Wales *'Other' category includes: hired car, organised coach tour, taxi, bicycle, tube, tram, Motorised caravan/campervan, plane, boat, lorry/van

Distance Travelled

Table 4.4 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) by Distance Travelled in All Wales and South West Wales – Three Year Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| | All Wales | South West Wales |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Total Visits | 99 | 24 |
| Less than 5 miles | 14 | 4 |
| Between 5 and 10 miles | 15 | 4 |
| 11 to 20 miles | 17 | 4 |
| 21 to 40 miles | 14 | 3 |
| 41 to 100 miles | 18 | 4 |
| Over 100 miles | 16 | 3 |

^{*}Please note that the travel distance categories vary in size.

The distribution of distances travelled for Tourism Day visits during 2016-2018 in South West Wales follows the approximate distribution for Wales on average. For both South West Wales, and Wales on average, around 3 in 10 (29 per cent) Tourism Day visits involved travelling 0-10 miles.

Figure 4.5 Proportion (%) of Tourism Day Visits to All Wales and South West Wales by Distance Travelled - Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey



^{*}Please note that the figures might not add to 100 per cent due to survey participants not answering this question or selecting 'Don't Know'/'Other'.

Region of Residence

Table 4.5 Volume (millions) and Proportion (%) of Tourism Day Visits to South West Wales by Region of Residence – Annual Average 2016-2018

Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

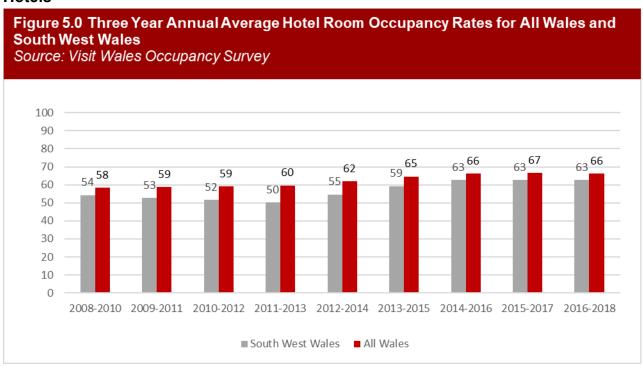
South West Wales All Visits 24 100% South West Wales 12.60 52% South East Wales 1.99 8% 1.49 6% East of England 1.38 South West England 6% West Midlands 1.28 5% London 1.18 5% East Midlands 1.09 4% 1.06 4% South East England North West England 0.84 3% Mid Wales 0.40 2% Yorkshire and The Humber 0.39 2% 0.33 North East England 1% North Wales 80.0 0% Scotland 0.07 0% During 2016-2018, the largest proportion of Tourism Day visitors in all four regions originated from the Welsh region in question. Over half of the Tourism Day visits to South West Wales originated from South West Wales itself (52 per cent, 12.60 million).

The second most common region of origin of Tourism Day visits to South West Wales in 2016-2018 was South East Wales with an average of 1.99 million Tourism Day visitors (8 per cent) from this area.

5. Accommodation Occupancy Rates

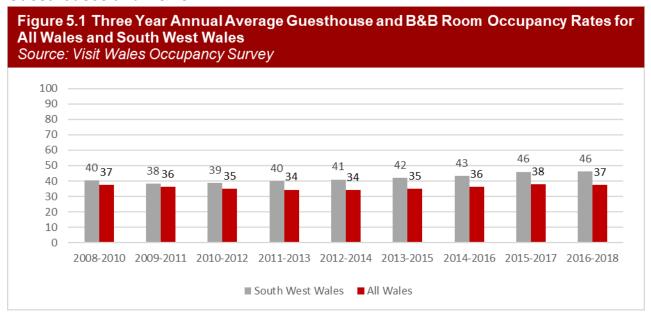
All the data used for this section has been sourced from the <u>Wales Tourism Accommodation</u> <u>Occupancy Survey</u>. Figures shown are the averages taken over three years, 2016-2018, unless stated otherwise.

Hotels



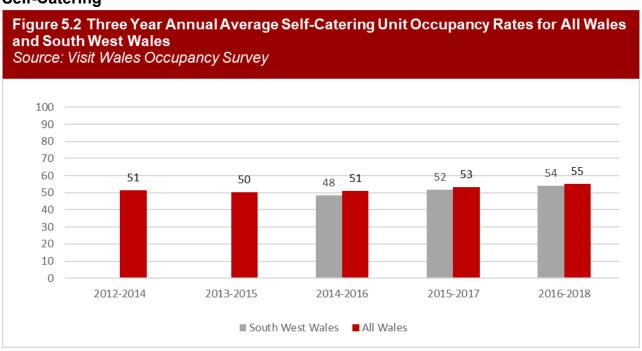
Hotel room occupancy rates in South West Wales have continuously increased over the years, reaching 63 per cent in 2016-2018. However, this was below the all Wales average of 66 per cent.

Guesthouses and B&Bs



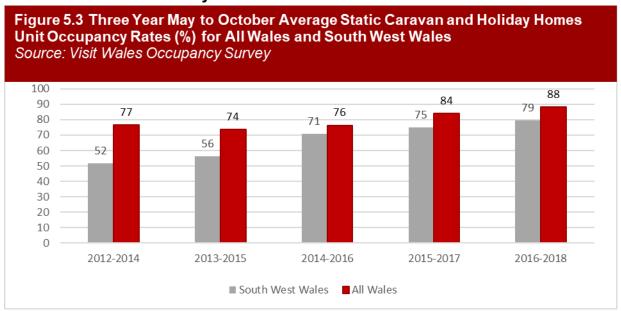
Even though Guesthouse/B&B room occupancy rates have only slightly increased since 2015-2017, South West Wales had the highest rate of all the Welsh regions in 2016-2018 at 46 per cent. In comparison, the all Wales average during the same period was 37 per cent.

Self-Catering



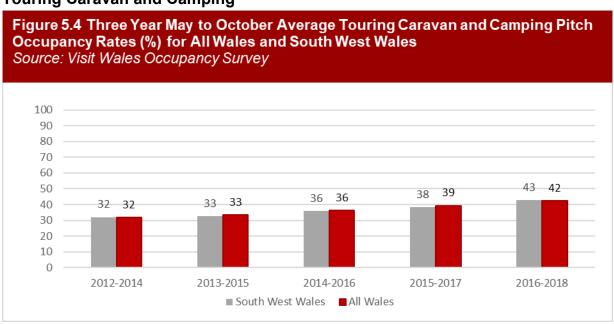
Following slight increases over recent years, self-catering unit occupancy rates for South West Wales in 2016-2018, at 54 per cent, remain close to that of the all Wales average of 55 per cent.

Static Caravan and Holiday Homes



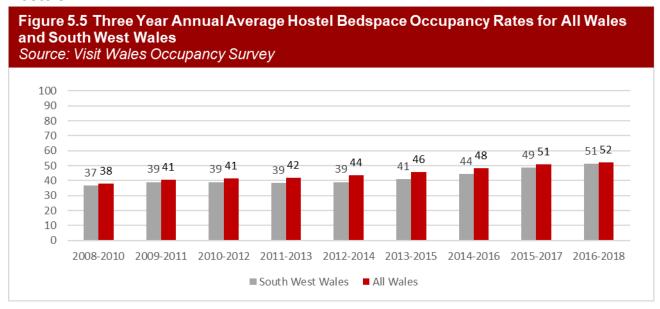
Unit occupancy rates for static caravan and holiday homes in South West Wales have increased sharply since the start of the data series, to reach 79 per cent in 2016-2018. However, they have consistently been, and are still, below the all Wales average of 88 per cent.

Touring Caravan and Camping



Pitch occupancy for touring caravan and camping in South West Wales has been similar to the Wales average since 2012-2014, and having increased steadily in the last few years, reached 43 per cent in 2016-2018.

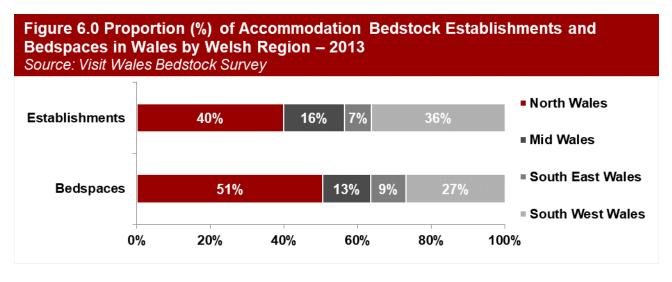
Hostels



South West Wales had slightly lower hostel occupancy for 2016-2018 (51 per cent) than the all Wales average of 52 per cent.

6. Bedstock

The data used for this section has been sourced from the <u>Accommodation Bedstock</u> report. All figures in this section refer to 2013 data only.



South West Wales had 36 per cent of all accommodation establishments and 27 per cent of all bedpsaces in Wales. The dominant type of accommodation establishment in both South West

Wales (3,066) and all Wales (7,067) was self-catering, while the majority of bedspaces were Caravan/Camping (104,469 and 399,124 respectively).

Table 6.0 Volume of Establishments by Type of Accommodation in each Welsh Region and All Wales – 2013

Source: Visit Wales Bedstock Survey

| | Serviced | Self Catering | Caravan/Camping | Hostel | Alternative* |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Total Establishments in Wales | 3,205 | 7,067 | 1,322 | 224 | 50 |
| North Wales | 1,260 | 2,730 | 671 | 74 | 1 |
| Mid Wales | 646 | 995 | 214 | 69 | 28 |
| South East Wales | 499 | 276 | 74 | 29 | 3 |
| South West Wales | 800 | 3,066 | 363 | 52 | 18 |

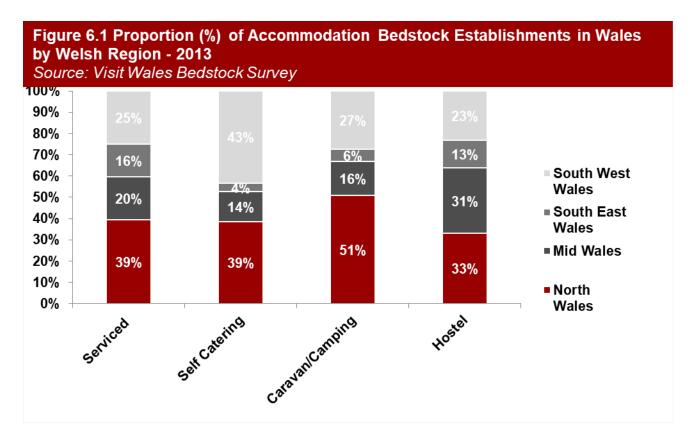
^{*}Includes nomadic structures such as tipis and yurts, as well as Romany caravans.

Table 6.1 Volume of Bedspaces by Type of Accommodation in each Welsh Region and All Wales – 2013

Source: Visit Wales Bedstock Survey

| | | - / | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| | Serviced | Self Catering | Caravan/Camping | Hostel | Alternative* |
| Total Bedspaces in Wales | 79,086 | 63,168 | 399,124 | 17,300 | 1,013 |
| North Wales | 30,265 | 24,193 | 223,368 | 4,970 | 2 |
| Mid Wales | 8,883 | 9,681 | 50,269 | 3,943 | 383 |
| South East Wales | 24,865 | 2,903 | 21,018 | 4,341 | 25 |
| South West Wales | 15,073 | 26,391 | 104,469 | 4,046 | 603 |

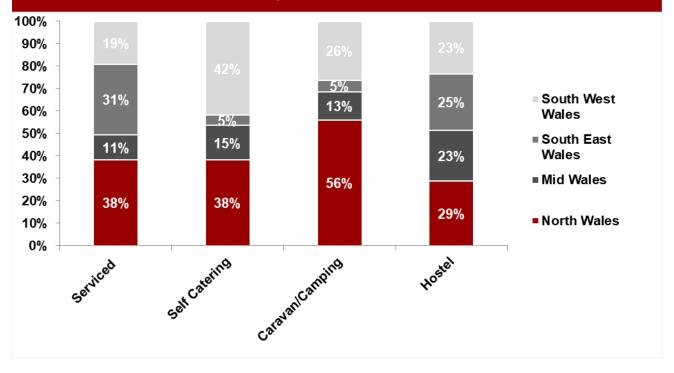
^{*}Includes nomadic structures such as tipis and yurts, as well as Romany caravans.



In addition, as seen in in Figure 6.1, a quarter (25 per cent) of serviced accommodation, 27 per cent of caravan/camping and over a fifth (23 per cent) of hostel establishments in Wales are found in South West Wales. Furthermore, over two fifths (43 per cent) of the self-catering accommodation establishments in Wales are based in South West Wales.

Figure 6.2 Proportion (%) of Accommodation Bedstock Bedspaces in Wales by Welsh region - 2013

Source: Visit Wales Bedstock Survey



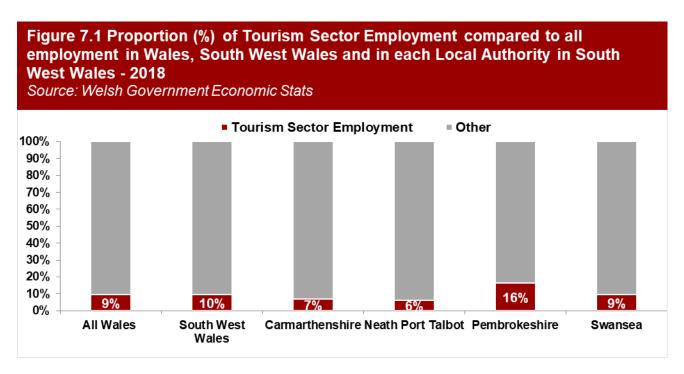
The proportion of accommodation bedspaces (Figure 6.2) in South West Wales for Self Catering, Caravan/Camping and Hostel are similar to those for establishments. For example South West Wales had 43 per cent of all Self Catering establishments and 42 per cent of Self Catering bedspaces in Wales. In contrast, South West Wales had a smaller proportion of serviced bedspaces (19 per cent) than serviced establishments (25 per cent).

7. Tourism Sector Employment

Data for this section has been sourced from the Welsh Government Priority Sector Statistics.

Although Wales increased the number of those employed in the Tourism Sector by 4 per cent, from 127,300 in 2017 to 132,300 in 2018, South West Wales experienced a decreased of 4 per cent in its tourism sector employment from 29,600 to 28,400.

Figure 7.0 Number Employed (000s) per year in the Tourism Sector in All Wales and South West Wales Source: Welsh Government Economic Stats 131.6 131.2 127.3 132.3 140.0 Tourism Employment Sector (thousands) 111.0 114.4 117.7 119.2 123.0 123.1 120.0 105.7 102.8 98.7 100.0 - All Wales -South West Wales 80.0 60.0 40.0 30.1 29.6 28.2 29.0 28.4 27.1 27.0 24.9 24.7 24.1 24.5 22.7 21.4 20.0 0.0 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2017 2018 2016



In 2018, South West Wales had a slightly larger proportion, 10 per cent, of the workforce employed in the Tourism Sector than all Wales, 9 per cent. The proportion of those employed in the Tourism Sector in Pembrokeshire, at 16 per cent, was even higher than the all Wales and South West Wales average.

8. Appendix

Overnight Domestic GB Visitors

Table 8.1 Volume of Overnight Domestic GB Trips (millions), Nights (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages

| Source: Great Brit | ain Tourism | Survey | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Trips (millio | ns) | | | | | | |
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 |
| GB | 118.959 | 118.944 | 117.563 | 121.628 | 122.788 | 125.186 | 121.055 | 120.524 | 119.374 | 121.519 | 119.562 |
| Wales | 8.937 | 8.718 | 8.669 | 9.084 | 9.322 | 9.743 | 9.845 | 10.127 | 9.919 | 9.593 | 9.451 |
| North Wales | 3.105 | 3.030 | 3.184 | 3.264 | 3.417 | 3.488 | 3.655 | 3.713 | 3.626 | 3.428 | 3.378 |
| Mid Wales | 1.642 | 1.591 | 1.577 | 1.585 | 1.540 | 1.618 | 1.717 | 1.763 | 1.750 | 1.740 | 1.887 |
| South East Wales | 2.254 | 2.124 | 1.943 | 2.027 | 2.110 | 2.310 | 2.231 | 2.473 | 2.471 | 2.463 | 2.252 |
| South West Wales | 1.815 | 1.882 | 1.863 | 2.063 | 2.074 | 2.160 | 2.089 | 2.081 | 2.014 | 1.890 | 1.862 |
| | | | N | lights (millio | ons) | | | | | | |
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 |
| GB | 378.860 | 379.046 | 372.160 | 378.725 | 378.989 | 383.059 | 370.464 | 366.751 | 362.068 | 368.704 | 366.920 |
| Wales | 33.238 | 32.084 | 32.380 | 33.429 | 34.144 | 34.450 | 34.484 | 34.974 | 34.739 | 33.385 | 33.198 |
| North Wales | 12.035 | 11.822 | 12.346 | 12.988 | 13.415 | 13.354 | 13.575 | 13.199 | 13.222 | 12.221 | 12.450 |
| Mid Wales | 6.463 | 6.026 | 6.204 | 6.131 | 6.087 | 6.244 | 6.535 | 6.794 | 6.819 | 6.730 | 6.977 |
| South East Wales | 6.202 | 5.818 | 5.476 | 5.241 | 5.370 | 5.494 | 5.291 | 6.097 | 6.213 | 6.350 | 5.866 |
| South West Wales | 7.676 | 7.558 | 7.382 | 7.983 | 8.066 | 8.243 | 8.166 | 8.153 | 7.907 | 7.468 | 7.321 |

| | Spend (£ millions) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 | |
| GB | £20,165 | £20,458 | £20,312 | £21,145 | £22,146 | £23,312 | £23,320 | £23,603 | £23,532 | £23,862 | £23,574 | |
| Wales | £1,473 | £1,403 | £1,413 | £1,523 | £1,587 | £1,673 | £1,673 | £1,802 | £1,800 | £1,764 | £1,723 | |
| North Wales | £492 | £495 | £508 | £544 | £545 | £582 | £591 | £639 | £639 | £613 | £626 | |
| Mid Wales | £239 | £228 | £252 | £257 | £255 | £262 | £281 | £309 | £311 | £304 | £314 | |
| South East Wales | £375 | £328 | £302 | £309 | £349 | £374 | £361 | £418 | £421 | £422 | £373 | |
| South West Wales | £326 | £308 | £314 | £364 | £390 | £397 | £390 | £386 | £387 | £384 | £374 | |

International Visitors

Table 8.2 Volume of International Visits (000s), Nights (000s) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) – Annual original v revised

| revised Source: Internation | nal Passenge | er Survey | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | | | V | isits (000s) | | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Wales - original | 991 | 890 | 879 | 854 | 869 | 933 | 970 | 1,074 | 1,079 | 941 | |
| Wales - revised | 986 | 878 | 877 | 848 | 877 | 935 | 958 | 1,080 | 1,112 | 988 | 1,023 |
| _ | | - | - | Ni | ghts (000s) | | - | - | - | | |
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Wales - original | 6,288 | 6,245 | 6,302 | 7,112 | 5,866 | 6,662 | 7,355 | 7,166 | 6,894 | 6,522 | |
| Wales - revised | 15,013 | 13,233 | 13,838 | 15,229 | 12,540 | 15,794 | 15,859 | 15,791 | 14,450 | 13,906 | 13,73 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Sper | nd (£ millio | ns) | | | | | |
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Wales - original | £332 | £333 | £328 | £346 | £352 | £368 | £410 | £444 | £369 | £405 | |
| Wales - revised | £337 | £336 | £335 | £352 | £353 | £373 | £409 | £507 | £397 | £433 | £515 |

Table 8.3 Volume of International Visits (000s), Nights (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages
Source: International Passenger Survey

| Source. International Passenger Survey | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Visit | s (000s) | | | | | | |
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 |
| UK | 32,460 | 31,913 | 31,120 | 31,119 | 31,502 | 32,558 | 33,708 | 35,232 | 37,086 | 39,000 | 40,164 |
| Wales | 1,063 | 1,013 | 977 | 914 | 868 | 867 | 887 | 923 | 991 | 1,050 | 1,060 |
| North Wales | 298 | 304 | 289 | 270 | 247 | 233 | 229 | 250 | 270 | 298 | 303 |
| Mid Wales | 89 | 82 | 87 | 78 | 80 | 77 | 80 | 85 | 98 | 107 | 107 |
| South East Wales | 511 | 471 | 457 | 433 | 430 | 439 | 446 | 470 | 499 | 526 | 525 |
| South West Wales | 214 | 202 | 201 | 190 | 173 | 173 | 190 | 190 | 203 | 203 | 198 |
| | | | | Nights | (millions) | | | | | | |
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 |
| UK | 256.904 | 246.105 | 241.013 | 241.637 | 242.072 | 248.761 | 258.797 | 272.662 | 287.121 | 298.760 | 301.229 |
| Wales | 7.737 | 6.889 | 6.833 | 6.373 | 6.696 | 6.608 | 6.713 | 6.671 | 7.173 | 7.437 | 7.281 |
| North Wales | 1.792 | 1.576 | 1.495 | 1.545 | 1.712 | 1.700 | 1.647 | 1.555 | 1.686 | 1.633 | 1.668 |
| Mid Wales | 0.637 | 0.630 | 0.640 | 0.509 | 0.513 | 0.498 | 0.565 | 0.619 | 0.740 | 1.045 | 1.001 |
| South East Wales | 3.631 | 3.069 | 3.085 | 2.869 | 3.228 | 3.119 | 3.134 | 3.058 | 3.228 | 3.229 | 3.102 |
| South West Wales | 1.570 | 1.552 | 1.544 | 1.379 | 1.186 | 1.242 | 1.318 | 1.369 | 1.447 | 1.421 | 1.392 |

| Spend (£ millions) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2006- 2008 | 2007- 2009 | 2008- 2010 | 2009- 2011 | 2010- 2012 | 2011- 2013 | 2012- 2014 | 2013- 2015 | 2014- 2016 | 2015- 2017 | 2016- 2018 |
| UK | £15,981 | £16,517 | £17,129 | £18,009 | £18,722 | £20,185 | £21,665 | £23,01 9 | £24,091 | £25,749 | £26,631 |
| Wales | £338 | £330 | £329 | £336 | £341 | £347 | £359 | £378 | £430 | £438 | £446 |
| North Wales | £77 | £82 | £79 | £80 | £81 | £77 | £76 | £80 | £88 | £92 | £90 |
| Mid Wales | £27 | £24 | £28 | £27 | £33 | £34 | £36 | £39 | £58 | £62 | £54 |
| South East Wales | £166 | £156 | £157 | £165 | £169 | £170 | £170 | £178 | £186 | £192 | £196 |
| South West Wales | £62 | £62 | £62 | £61 | £56 | £62 | £75 | £76 | £91 | £84 | £95 |

Tourism Day Visitors

Please note that since 2016 there have been several revisions to the way this survey has been carried out which has affected the comparability of 2011-2015 figures with those from 2016 onwards. To remedy this, figures pre-2016 have been reweighted by +15 per cent in order to be able to compare them. Thus some of the Tourism Day visits figures below might not match those previously provided.

Table 8.4 Volume of Tourism Day Visits (millions) and Related Expenditure (£ millions) - Three Year Annual Averages Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey

| Source: Great Britain Day Visits Survey | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Visits (millions) | | | | | |
| | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| GB | 1,857 | 1,872 | 1,801 | 1,803 | 1,794 | 1,777 |
| Wales | 112 | 108 | 97 | 97 | 96 | 99 |
| North Wales | 27 | 27 | 24 | 27 | 24 | 25 |
| Mid Wales | 13 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| South East Wales | 47 | 44 | 39 | 37 | 38 | 39 |
| South West Wales | 24 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 24 |
| | Spend (£ millions) | | | | | |
| | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| GB | 62,498 | 63,161 | 61,938 | 62,560 | 62,765 | 63,378 |
| Wales | 3,770 | 3,669 | 3,240 | 3,432 | 3,850 | 4,146 |
| North Wales | 831 | 1,011 | 817 | 1,001 | 830 | 920 |
| Mid Wales | 427 | 427 | 449 | 357 | 374 | 388 |
| South East Wales | 1,789 | 1,685 | 1,442 | 1,534 | 1,612 | 1,735 |
| South West Wales | 759 | 771 | 733 | 695 | 750 | 813 |

Accommodation Occupancy Rates

Table 8.5 Accommodation Occupancy Rates in Wales and in each Welsh Region - Three Year Annual Averages Source: Visit Wales Occupancy Survey

| Source: Visit Wale | | | | Hotel - Rooi | m Rates | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | Hotel - Rooi | III IXates | | | | |
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| Wales | 58 | 59 | 59 | 60 | 62 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 66 |
| North Wales | 60 | 61 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 65 | 67 | 67 | 65 |
| Mid Wales | 49 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 53 | 52 | 52 | 52 | 53 |
| South East Wales | 63 | 62 | 61 | 62 | 65 | 69 | 71 | 72 | 73 |
| South West Wales | 54 | 53 | 52 | 50 | 55 | 59 | 63 | 63 | 63 |
| | | | Gue | sthouse/B&B | - Room Rates | | | | |
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| Wales | 37 | 36 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 38 | 37 |
| North Wales | 38 | 38 | 35 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 37 | 38 | 38 |
| Mid Wales | 31 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| South East Wales | 40 | 34 | 31 | 27 | 29 | 31 | 34 | 32 | 24 |
| South West Wales | 40 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 46 | 46 |

| | | | S | elf Catering - | Unit Rates | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| Wales | 48 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 51 | 50 | 51 | 53 | 55 |
| North Wales | 53 | 57 | 56 | 56 | 57 | 57 | 57 | 57 | 59 |
| Mid Wales | 44 | 45 | 47 | 49 | 45 | 45 | 47 | 51 | 51 |
| South East Wales* | - | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 49 | 48 |
| South West Wales* | - | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 52 | 54 |
| | | Static Ca | ravan and Ho | liday Homes | - Unit Rates (I | May-October | only) | | |
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 |
| Wales | 81 | 81 | 80 | 83 | 77 | 74 | 76 | 84 | 88 |
| North Wales | - | - | - | - | 69 | 57 | 48 | 42 | 44 |
| Mid Wales | - | - | - | - | 57 | 58 | 47 | 57 | 57 |
| South East Wales** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| South West Wales | - | - | - | - | 52 | 56 | 71 | 75 | 79 |

^{*}South East Wales and South West Wales figures not available until 2014 **South East Wales figures not shown due to small sample sizes

| | Touring Caravan and Camping - Pitch Rates (May-October only) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | | | |
| Wales | 44 | 45 | 43 | 37 | 32 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | | | |
| North Wales | - | - | - | - | 33 | 35 | 39 | 41 | 42 | | | |
| Mid Wales | - | - | - | - | 35 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 38 | | | |
| South East Wales* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| South West Wales | - | - | - | - | 32 | 33 | 36 | 38 | 43 | | | |
| | | | ŀ | Hostel - Bedsp | pace Rates | | | | | | | |
| | 2008-2010 | 2009-2011 | 2010-2012 | 2011-2013 | 2012-2014 | 2013-2015 | 2014-2016 | 2015-2017 | 2016-2018 | | | |
| Wales | 38 | 41 | 41 | 42 | 44 | 46 | 48 | 51 | 52 | | | |
| North Wales | 38 | 43 | 46 | 49 | 50 | 52 | 54 | 54 | 53 | | | |
| Mid Wales | 39 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 42 | 46 | 50 | 53 | 55 | | | |
| South East Wales | 45 | 43 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 44 | 45 | 48 | | | |
| South West Wales | 37 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 41 | 44 | 49 | 51 | | | |

^{*}South East Wales figures not shown due to small sample sizes

Bedstock

Table 8.6 Volume of Accommodation Bedstock Establishments and Bedspaces in Wales and in each Welsh Region – 2013

Source: Visit Wales Bedstock Survey

| Source. Visit Wales Deusto | ck Survey | <u> </u> | | | <u> </u> |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| | | Establishr | ments | | |
| | Serviced | Self Catering | Caravan/Camping | Hostel | Alternative |
| Wales | 3,205 | 7,067 | 1,322 | 224 | 50 |
| North Wales | 1,260 | 2,730 | 671 | 74 | 1 |
| Mid Wales | 646 | 995 | 214 | 69 | 28 |
| South East Wales | 499 | 276 | 74 | 29 | 3 |
| South West Wales | 800 | 3,066 | 363 | 52 | 18 |
| | | Bedspa | ces | | |
| | Serviced | Self Catering | Caravan/Camping | Hostel | Alternative |
| Wales | 79,086 | 63,168 | 399,124 | 17,300 | 1,013 |
| North Wales | 30,265 | 24,193 | 223,368 | 4,970 | 2 |
| Mid Wales | 8,883 | 9,681 | 50,269 | 3,943 | 383 |
| South East Wales | 24,865 | 2,903 | 21,018 | 4,341 | 25 |
| South West Wales | 15,073 | 26,391 | 104,469 | 4,046 | 603 |
| | | | | | |

Tourism Sector Employment

Table 8.7 Volume of Tourism Sector Employment (thousands) in Wales and in each Welsh Region Source: Welsh Government Economic Stats

| Coarce: Welch Covernment Economic State | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tourism Sector Employment (thousands) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Wales | 98.7 | 105.7 | 102.8 | 111 | 114.4 | 117.7 | 119.2 | 123 | 123.1 | 131.6 | 131.2 | 127.3 | 132.3 |
| North Wales | 23.5 | 24.1 | 27.3 | 25.2 | 30.1 | 28.5 | 29.7 | 30.7 | 27.5 | 32.2 | 31.2 | 32.1 | 29.6 |
| Mid Wales | 8 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 10.3 | 10.4 |
| South East Wales | 45.8 | 48.5 | 45.3 | 52.7 | 50.2 | 57.1 | 52.6 | 55.7 | 59.3 | 58.4 | 59.4 | 55.3 | 63.9 |
| South West Wales | 21.4 | 24.1 | 22.7 | 24.5 | 24.7 | 24.9 | 27.1 | 28.2 | 27 | 29 | 30.1 | 29.6 | 28.4 |

Type of Accommodation used on an Overnight Domestic GB Trip

Table 8.8 Accommodation Categories – Overnight Domestic GB Trips

Source: Great Britain Tourism Survey

Hotel/Motel

Hotel

Motel

Guest house/Farmhouse/B&B

Bed & Breakfast

Guest house

Farmhouse

Self catering

Self-catering in rented flat\apartment

Self-catering in rented house\chalet\villa\bungalow\cottage

Holiday camp\village - self catering

Friend's home/Relative's home/Second home/Timeshare

Friend's home

Relative's home

Own second home\timeshare

Caravan and Camping

Caravan and Camping

Type of Accommodation used on an International Visit

Table 8.9 Accommodation Categories – International visitors

Source: International Passenger

Survey

Commercial Serviced

Hotel/guest house

Bed & Breakfast

Guest with relatives or friends

Free guest with relatives or friends

Paying guest family or friends house

Camping/Caravan

Camping/Caravan

Rented House/Flat

Rented House/Flat

Hostel/university/school

Hostel/university/school

Other

Holiday Village

Own home

Other