

Country:	United Kingdom
Region:	Wales
Capital and Assembly head office address:	National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, United Kingdom, CF64 1EL
Population:	2,999,319 (Mid 2009 estimates)
Languages spoken:	Welsh, English

Number of Assembly Members	The National Assembly for Wales has 60 Members.
GVA (2009)	£44.5 billion (2009)
Unemployment rate (February to April 2011)¹	7.9% (Number of unemployed people aged over 16 as a percentage of the total economically active population)
Employment rate (February to April 2011)²	68.6% (percentage of people aged 16-64 in employment)
Economic activity rate (February to April 2011)³	74.7% (percentage of people aged 16-64 who are economically active)
Active Enterprises⁴ (2009)	91,125
Value of Exports⁵ (2010)	£11.8 billion
Value of Imports⁶ (2010)	£6.48 billion

¹ Source: Office for National Statistics – [Regional Labour Market data, June 2011](#)

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Welsh Government, [Business Demography statistics, 2009](#)

⁵ Source: Welsh Government – [Value of Exports, 2010](#). The figures relate to goods that are exported to destinations outside the UK. This means that exports from Wales to other parts of the UK are not included and there is no element included for components produced in one region when the final product is completed in and then exported from another part of the UK. These figures also do not contain any information on the import or export of services such as banking or tourism.

⁶ Source: HM Revenue and Customs: [Regional Trade Statistics Data, 2010](#). The figures exclude the movement of goods between Wales and other regions of the UK.

International Airports⁷ (2010)	Number of flights	Number of passengers
Cardiff Wales Airport	17,258 ⁸	1,397,864 ⁹

Total jobs by industry¹⁰ (2008)	Number of jobs
All industries	1,354,300
Agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing	42,000
Production	178,300
Construction	102,000
Distribution, transport and communication	361,900
Finance and business activities	191,800
Public administration, education, health and other services	478,300

⁷ Source: UK Civil Aviation Authority – [UK Airport Statistics 2010](#)

⁸ *Air transport movements* are landings or take-offs of aircraft engaged on the transport of passengers, freight or mail on commercial terms. All scheduled movements, including those operated empty, loaded charter and air taxi movements are included.

⁹ A *terminal passenger* is a passenger joining or leaving an aircraft at the reporting airport. A passenger travelling between two reporting airports is counted twice, once at each airport. A passenger who changes from one aircraft to another, carrying the same flight number (change of gauge) is treated as a terminal passenger, as is an interlining passenger.

¹⁰ Source: Welsh Government - [StatsWales](#)

Tourism

Number of visits to Wales by overseas residents¹¹ (2009)	991,000
Number of UK domestic tourist trips to Wales¹² (2009)	9.0 million

¹¹ Source: Welsh Government - [StatsWales](#)

¹² *ibid*