

WBQ Resource Pack

Global Citizenship Challenge

Topic: Living Sustainably - Recycling

1. Reuse/recycling/composting rates by local authority and year

<https://statswales.gov.wales/>

2012 – 2013

	Percentage of Household Waste Reused / Recycled	Percentage of Household Waste Composted	Percentage of Non-Household Waste Reused / Recycled / Composted	Percentage of Waste Reused / Recycled / Composted (Statutory Target)
Wales	32.2	17.1	3.0	52.3
Rural	30.9	19.3	3.7	53.9
Urban	30.7	18.0	2.7	51.4
Valleys	35.5	13.2	2.4	51.1
Anglesey	26.4	28.8	0	55.2
Gwynedd	23.4	18.2	9.7	51.2
Conwy	30.9	18.0	7.5	56.4
Denbighshire	35.1	22.5	0.4	58.0
Flintshire	31.5	22.5	0.9	54.9
Wrexham	32.0	20.2	0.6	52.8
Powys	28.2	16.8	6.0	50.9
Ceredigion	38.7	13.7	1.2	53.6
Pembrokeshire	32.5	15.6	5.0	53.1
Carmarthenshire	36.1	17.3	0.3	53.8
Swansea	28.4	15.5	4.0	47.9
Neath Port Talbot	32.4	13.3	2.7	48.3
Bridgend	37.9	15.6	3.6	57.1
Vale of Glamorgan	33.4	21.0	0.1	54.5
Cardiff	32.0	15.9	4.2	52.2
Rhondda Cynon Taff	37.2	7.9	1.1	46.2
Merthyr Tydfil	30.8	13.5	4.9	49.1
Caerphilly	37.3	17.2	2.6	57.1



Blaenau Gwent	38.2	12.1	0.9	51.2
Torfaen	30.0	14.9	2.2	47.1
Monmouthshire	29.2	25.6	0.7	55.5
Newport	28.2	19.1	1.5	49.2

2014 – 2015

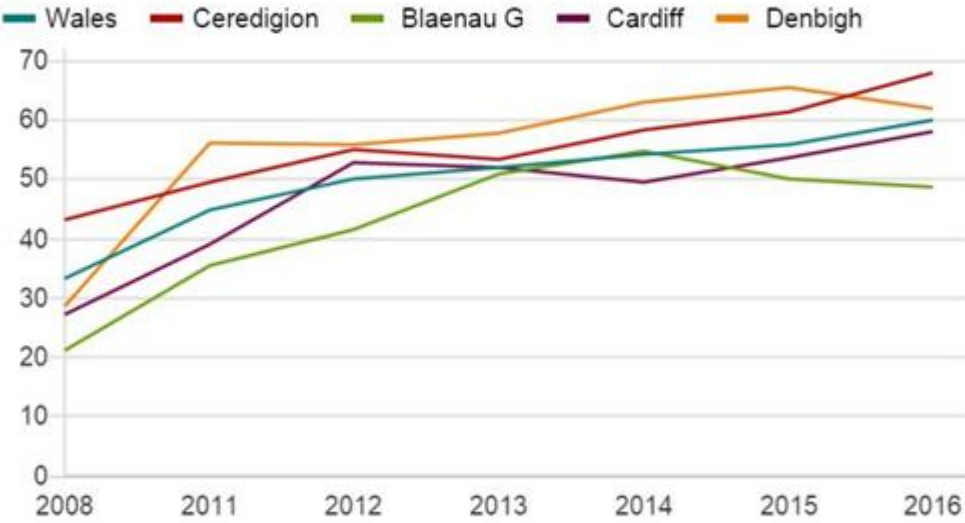
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Rural	31.2	20.8	10.0	62.0
Urban	28.3	17.6	13.1	59.0
Valleys	31.4	14.9	13.0	59.3
Anglesey	25.8	27.5	6.2	59.5
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Carmarthenshire	40.3	17.7	5.5	63.5
Swansea	29.0	16.2	14.3	59.5
Neath Port Talbot	30.8	19.4	8.1	58.3
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2. Recycling rate hits 60% as councils seek to avoid fines

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-37167691>

Recycling rates in Wales



Natural Resources Wales/Welsh Government, August 2016



3. Home visits to increase food recycling in Caerphilly

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-36992632>

Home visits to increase food recycling in Caerphilly

6 August 2016

Every home in Caerphilly county will be visited as part of a new campaign to get more people recycling their food waste.

The move follows a monitoring programme by Caerphilly council of 7,000 randomly-selected homes which found only 38% were recycling.

Over the next few weeks, council officials will go to 80,000 homes in a bid to increase that figure.

The authority said 7,000 tonnes of food waste was not being recycled.

Councillor Nigel George, cabinet member for community and leisure services, said: "If every household participated in recycling food waste, the council could save nearly £200,000 a year which could go towards protecting other frontline services."

The Welsh Government has set targets which require councils to recycle at least 64% of all waste collected by 2019-20 and 70% by 2024-25.

Failure to do so could lead to significant fines of up to £1m being imposed on councils.



4. Pembrokeshire opinion poll on monthly black bag collections

From www.westerntelegraph.co.uk (08/12/2015)

Your vote

Should Pembrokeshire move towards monthly black bag collections?



5. Conwy Council discusses monthly collections

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cymrufyw/35518119>

Rubbish: Conwy Council to debate monthly collections

8 February 2016

A council in north Wales will be debating a recommendation to collect rubbish once a month, in order to encourage more people to recycle. Conwy Council is considering changing the current system of fortnightly collections.

If the plan goes ahead, Conwy will be the first part of Wales to move to monthly collections.

According to the council, around 59% of waste gets recycled, but the county wants to raise this figure.

John Eastwood, Manager of Conwy Waste said: "We're looking at what's in the rubbish, and over 50% of the waste that goes into the black bins is stuff that could and should be put in the recycling and food waste boxes that we offer as part of the service."

'Big Savings'

He added that collecting rubbish less frequently is the option that would "increase recycling rates the most" and "enable big savings too", instead of spending the money on landfill.

Mr Eastwood said that an inspection made by the county of 11,000 people came to the conclusion that over 55% of them could regulate their waste with less frequent collections.

He added that the council is considering extra measures, such as collecting nappies separately, giving extra bins to bigger families and collecting recyclable rubbish more often at times such as Christmas.

If the Scrutiny Committee is in favour of change, Conwy Council will debate the idea later on this month.



6. Towards a Zero Waste Future

http://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/waste_recycling/zerowaste/?lang=en

Wales' overarching waste strategy document

Towards Zero Waste' (TZW) is the overarching waste strategy document for Wales. It was published in 2010. TZW sets out at a high level strategy for how we will manage waste in Wales to produce benefits not only for the environment, but also for our economy and social wellbeing.

The strategy outlines the actions we must all take if we are to reach our ambition of becoming a high recycling nation by 2025 and a zero waste nation by 2050.

2015 progress report

This document sets out progress we have made in waste management since the publication Towards Zero Waste. Particular achievements outlined in the report include:

- Wales leads the UK in recycling municipal waste by a significant margin, achieving 54.3% in 2013/14. It is also in fourth place in relation to the performance of EU member states.
- We have reduced waste sent to landfill at permitted sites by 37% between 2010 and 2013.
- Since 2009-10 we have made progress in reducing household waste arisings by an average of 1.8% per year, and the recycling rate of local authority collected waste has improved by 13.8%.
- We met the EU target 2020 for biodegradable waste collected by local authorities and others sent to landfill eight years early.
- We have also reduced the greenhouse gas emissions from waste by 4.7% per year since 2007, exceeding the target reduction of 3% per year set in our Climate Change Strategy.

