

Poverty - the headlines

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Poorest pupils in Wales 'significantly' behind their peers, study says. (Wales Online, 2022)

Child poverty not just a valleys or cities issue, says expert - 05/06/23

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One in five children in Wales lives in poverty, with an expert calling figures "heart-breaking".

BBC NEWS



Department for Work and Pensions figures show 5,128 children in Pembrokeshire were living in relative poverty in the year ending April 2022. It meant 24.7% of children in the area were in a family whose income was below 60% of average household income and claimed child benefit and at least one other household benefit. (Tenby Observer, 2023)

More than a quarter of children in Wales live in poverty (Wales Online, 2023)

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The Bevan Foundation said the new data shows child poverty in Wales needs to be viewed as a national problem

WALES ONLINE



New data shows one in five children in every Welsh county lives in poverty, with an even higher rate in Blaenau Gwent and Ceredigion (BBC Wales, 2023)

'Poorer pupils in England and Wales lag 'significantly' behind, report finds' (The Guardian, 2022)

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Gap in education outcomes between poor children and others is far too wide, says policy thinktank

THE GUARDIAN



Child poverty

28% of children in Wales are now living in poverty. Children are said to be living in poverty if the income in their house is below 60% of median income. (Children in Wales, 2023)

Child Poverty

Latest figures show that 34% of children in Wales are living in poverty. Children are said to be living in poverty if they live in families with an income below 60% of the median income. Poverty can have a devastating effect on a child's life chances, having a negative impact on their education, h...

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The goal for a more equal Wales

In 2020/21, the gap between pupils not eligible for free school meals (FSM) and pupils eligible for FSM awarded GCSE grades A* to A widened to 21.3 percentage points, from 17.8 percentage points in 2019/20

Wellbeing of Wales, 2022 (children and young people's wellbeing): a more equal Wales [HTML] | GOV.WALES

Findings for the goal a more equal Wales.

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Universal free school meals

Get help with school costs

As the cost of living rises, no child should go without. Find out about three types of support you may be entitled to.

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Schools' poverty gap a 'major challenge' - Estyn

By Bethan Lewis BBC Wales education and family correspondent The performance gap between pupils from less well-off homes and their classmates has failed to narrow over a decade and remains a "major challenge," the education watchdog has warned. Closing the gap has been a flagship Welsh Government policy, with £100m a year in grants to boost the performance of more disadvantaged children.

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How does the local area deprivation influence life chances for children in poverty in Wales: A record linkage cohort study

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Children growing up in poverty are less likely to achieve in school and more likely to experience mental health problems. This study examined factors in the local area that can help a child overcome the negative impact of poverty. A longitudinal record...

PUBMED CENTRAL (PMC)



More than a third of children in Wales in poverty

More children in Newport are living in poverty than anywhere else in Wales

MORE than one in three children in Newport are living in poverty, new figures have found - making it the most impoverished local authority area in Wales. Data analysis from child poverty charity coalition End Child Poverty has shown 34 per cent of children in Wales were living in poverty during the 2020/2021 financial year - up from 31 per cent before the Covid-19 pandemic.

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'my mum cries all the time because she has no money... i cant tell her i'm hungry because she'll cry more.'

children's education is suffering because they are worried about whether or not they'll eat at night, have a warm house to come to or if mum or dad is happy. children are left feeling isolated because they are unable to attend school trips or extracurricular activities and are cornered into not saying anything about it because they do not want to upset their parents.

'My mum cries all the time because she has no money'

Children in Wales have described the devastating impact of poverty on their lives

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The pandemic had devastating consequences for our economy, our society and our communities. It exacerbated existing inequalities and had a disproportionate effect on some communities as those who were most vulnerable were hardest hit. (Welsh Government, 2023)

Child poverty strategy: 2022 progress report

Summary of our progress to reduce the number of children living in poverty.

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Welsh Government have created a Draft Child Poverty Strategy for Wales 2023

1. To reduce costs and maximise the incomes of families.
2. To create pathways out of poverty.
3. To support child and family wellbeing, including those with protected characteristics.
4. To ensure children, young people and their families are treated with dignity and respect by support services.
5. To ensure effective cross-government working.

(Welsh Government, 2023)

Draft Child Poverty Strategy for Wales 2023

We are seeking your views on the draft Child Poverty Strategy for Wales.

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Schools' poverty gap a 'major challenge' - Estyn (BBC News, 2020)

Pupils living with long-term and persistent poverty are even further behind and the persistent disadvantage gap was equal to 29 months especially in Wales, where the gap was “notably worse” than England. Also, Pupils from poorer backgrounds are much less likely to reach the top quintile of GCSE scores and more likely to be in the bottom quintile across both nations. It said targeting extra funding at poorer schools had proven effective in narrowing the disadvantage gap, and that more funding should be specifically targeted at pupils experiencing persistent poverty in both nations.

Poorest pupils in Wales are 'significantly' behind, study says

The Education Policy Institute (EPI) said there was less mobility in Wales than in England

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Report of the Auditor General for Wales

November 2022



Time_for_%20Change_%20Poverty_English.pdf

PDF document

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Child commissioner criticises Welsh Government plans to tackle child poverty - 26/09/23

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Cifuentes has criticised the draft strategy and has called for a more "robust" one

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Wales 'has highest child poverty rates in UK' says Save The Children

1/3 of children in Wales live in poverty despite the Welsh government's plan to end poverty by 2020. This has been worsened by the pandemic.

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Almost a third of children in Wales are living in poverty - the highest percentage of any UK nation, according to a leading children's charity. Save The Children has called on the Welsh government to take "urgent" action or risk more children being "swept up" into poverty.

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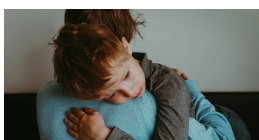
Response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the Draft Child Poverty Strategy for Wales 2023

The Child Poverty Strategy needs to focus attention and resource on reducing health inequalities to avoid the subsequent long-term issues which result from such inequity (NHS Confederation, 2023)

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Welsh NHS Confederation response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the Draft Child Poverty Strategy for Wales 2023

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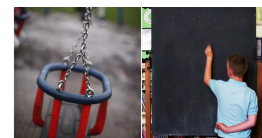
Defying Poverty to Succeed

<https://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/education/welsh-schools-defying-poverty-succeed-11215891>

These Welsh schools are defying poverty to succeed

Breaking the link between poverty and attainment is the holy grail of education - and these schools are showing the way

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Time for change - poverty in wales

the current cost of living crisis with food and energy costs rising its placing more families who have managed to live comfortably into poverty for the first time. (Audit Wales, 2022).

The number of children living in poverty is expected to increase. Less than half of children living in poverty are eligible for free school meals. To reduce poverty more needs to be done as well as free school meals.

Child poverty in Wales: are free school meals the answer

The Welsh Government has announced free school meals for all primary school children by 2023 but will this really end child poverty in Wales

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