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## WELSH TRANSPORT STATISTICS 2008

The latest edition of 'Welsh Transport Statistics' is published today by the Welsh Assembly Government. This annual publication brings together a wide range of statistics on transport and transport related topics.

As in recent years, this edition has been published initially on the Internet on a chapter by chapter basis. In some instances data or tables in this final edition of the publication may supersede or add to those previously published on the Internet.

Some summary points from the latest publication are set out below.

### Summary

- The total road length in Wales in 2008 was 34,164 km, an increase of 53 km from the previous year. This is mainly due to an increase in the length of minor surfaced roads.
- In 2007, 3.3 per cent of the motorway network and 8.0 per cent of the trunk road network required close monitoring of structural condition compared with 7.9 per cent and 11.1 per cent respectively in 2006.
- There were around 118,000 new vehicle registrations in Wales during 2007.
- The number of road vehicles licensed in Wales increased by 2 per cent between 2006 and 2007, to 1,728,800 vehicles. Over three-quarters (76 per cent) of all road vehicles licensed were cars in the private and light goods category.
- 78 per cent of households in Wales had access to a motor vehicle in 2006.
- Estimates for 2006/07 suggest that 81 per cent of men and 62 per cent of women hold a full car driving licence.
- In 2007, around 68 million tonnes of goods were moved within Wales by UK registered HGVs and a further 62 million tonnes were moved between Wales and the rest of the UK.
- In 2007 almost three-quarters (73 per cent) of the tonnage of goods leaving Wales by road in UK registered HGV's, were transported to the South West of England, the North West of England and the West Midlands (26 per cent, 24 per cent and 24 per cent respectively).

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- 8,340 personal injury road accidents were reported in Wales in 2007. There were 12,270 casualties, 422 fewer than in 2006.
- In 2007, there were around 100,000 motoring offences dealt with by court proceedings, 20 per cent fewer than in 2006.
- In 2007 driving licence, vehicle insurance and vehicle test related offences accounted for 49 per cent of all motoring offences dealt with by court proceedings.
- In 2007 around 54,000 breath tests were carried out in Wales. 11 per cent of these tests had a positive result.
- In 2006, around 81 per cent of people used a car, van, or minibus as their main mode of travel to work, slightly higher than the proportion in the previous year (80 per cent).
- In 2006/07, 77 per cent of households were estimated to be within 15 minutes journey time on foot or by public transport, of a doctor. Similarly, 19 per cent of households were estimated to be within 15 minutes journey time of a hospital.
- More than half (53 per cent) of individuals never use local buses, or use them less than once a year.
- It is estimated that the volume of motor vehicle traffic on all roads in Wales in 2007 was 2 per cent higher than in 2006.
- Traffic on motorways accounted for 12 per cent of all road traffic during 2007.
- There were an estimated 122 million passenger journeys on local bus services in 2007-08.
- Local bus fares continue to rise steadily in Wales where there was an increase in real terms of 1 per cent between 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- There were approximately 21.9 million rail passenger journeys which either started or ended in Wales in 2006-07, an increase of 9 per cent compared to the previous year. Around two-thirds (67 per cent) of these journeys were within Wales.
- There were 53 train incidents in 2007, an increase of 7 compared to the previous year. 43 of these incidents were due to missiles and running into obstructions.
- There were 7 potentially high-risk train accidents in 2007. 3 of these were due to running into road vehicles at level crossings.
- In 2007, there were 8,956 ship arrivals in Wales, 1 per cent more than in 2006.
- Milford Haven and Holyhead each had around one-third of all these ship arrivals (34 per cent and 33 per cent respectively).
- In 2007 there were around 44,000 aircraft movements at Cardiff International Airport, 5 per cent more than in 2006.
- The total number of passengers using Cardiff International Airport increased by 4 per cent in 2007, to 2.11 million.
- The total forecasted outturn of direct central government expenditure in 2008-09 was 386.3 million, of which, rail franchise and rail service support accounted for 42 per cent.
- Of the total forecast outturn expenditure on road and transport (609.1 million), one third was accounted for by grants to Local Authorities.
- There were an estimated 987,000 visits to Wales by overseas residents in 2007.