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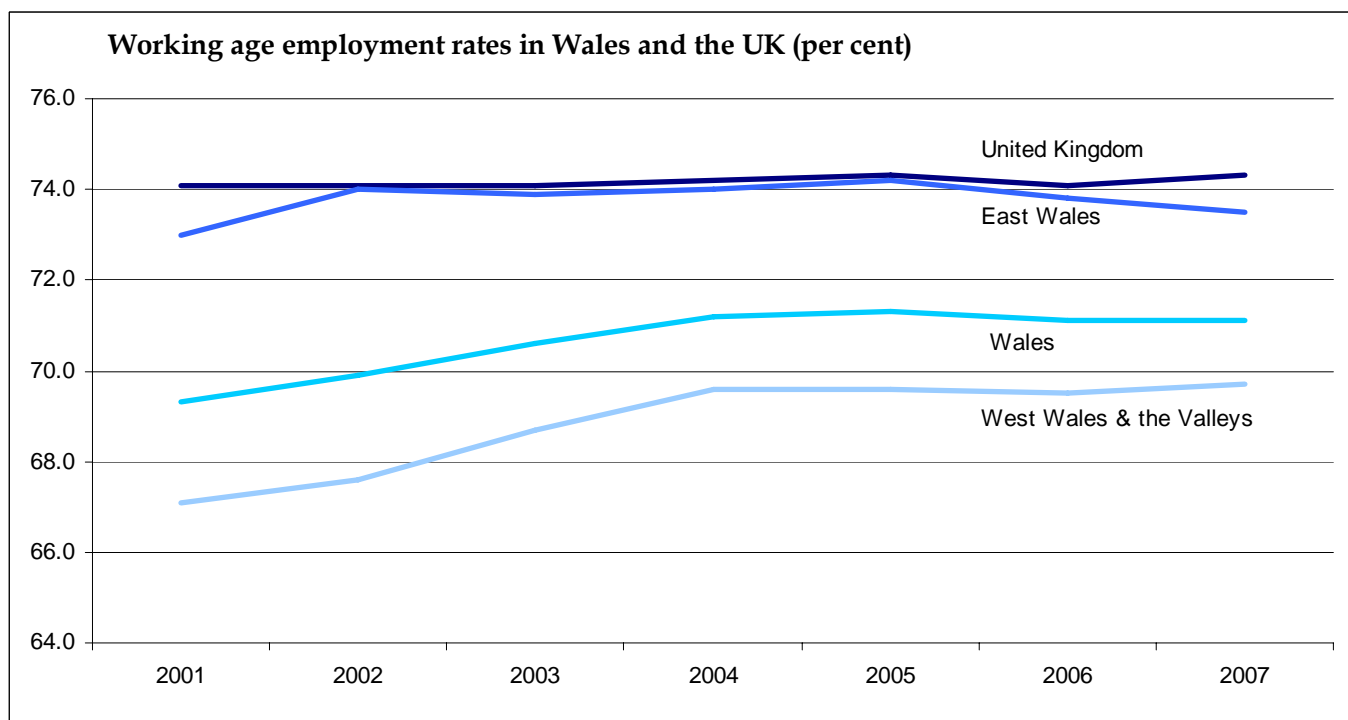
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Annual Population Survey: Calendar Year 2007

The results from the 2007 Annual Population Survey (APS) are released today by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). A series of analyses will be published on the StatsWales website over the next few days.

The key labour market results from the 2007 APS are as follows:

- The working age employment rate in West Wales and the Valleys was 69.7 per cent, whilst that for East Wales was 73.5 per cent (Wales: 71.1 per cent, UK: 74.3 per cent).
- In West Wales and the Valleys, the employment rate was up 2.6 percentage points on 2001. In East Wales it was up 0.5 percentage points. (Wales up 1.9 percentage points and UK up 0.1 percentage points).
- Amongst the economic regions for Wales, North Wales had the highest employment rate at 74.4 per cent. The rates in Mid Wales, South West Wales and South East Wales were similar at 70.7, 70.6 and 70.0 per cent respectively.



In Wales, the APS is based on the boosted sample that previously contributed to the annual Welsh Local Labour Force Survey (WLLFS) and is based on roughly 20,000 households in Wales.

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The APS provides labour market data for local areas in Wales in a rolling four-quarter series (as well as for UK countries and English regions), and is the primary source for such local area information. The APS also covers other subject areas such as qualifications, welsh language, national identity, ethnicity and disability. Tables for these subject areas will also be included on StatsWales for calendar year 2007, at the following link:

<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/ReportFolders.aspx>

A list of the main reports included on StatsWales is given below:-

Report [002961]	Labour market data, West Wales and the Valleys
Report [002962]	Labour market data, East Wales
Report [000960]	Labour market data, by gender and age, Welsh NUTS 2 areas
Report [000958]	Labour market data for population aged 16 or more, Welsh local authorities
Report [000959]	Labour market data, for working age population, Welsh local authorities
Report [003213]	Labour market data, for population aged 50 to retirement, Welsh local authorities
Report [005509]	Labour market data, employees by occupation
Report [003339]	Labour market data, employment status of those of working age, Welsh local authorities
Report [003337]	Labour market data, employment status of those aged 16 and over, Welsh local authorities
Report [005500]	Ethnicity by Welsh local authority
Report [005510]	People of working age with disabilities by Welsh local authority
Report [005502]	People aged 3 and over who say they can speak Welsh by Welsh local authority
Report [005501]	National identity by Welsh local authority
Report [005503]	Employees of working age receiving training in the last 4 weeks by gender and Welsh local authority
Report [005504]	Employees aged 50 to retirement age receiving training in the last 13 weeks by gender and Welsh local authority
Report [003717]	Welsh residents in employment born outside the UK
Report [003715]	Welsh residents born outside the UK
Report [003357]	Qualification levels of working age adults by NQF level, Welsh local authority and Welsh NUTS 2 area