

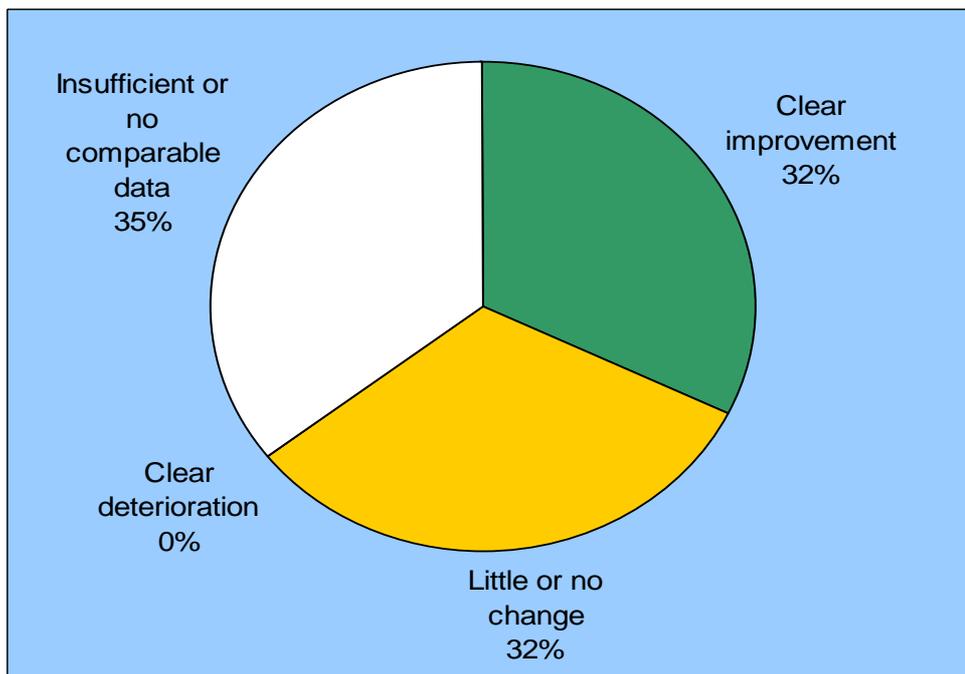
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## Eradicating Child Poverty in Wales: Child Poverty Milestones and Targets Update 2008

This bulletin summarises the latest information on the indicators monitoring progress against the Welsh Assembly Government's Child Poverty Strategy.

### Chart 1: Summary of the progress against the Child Poverty Strategy indicators



- Almost two thirds of the indicators have sufficient data to allow an assessment (i.e. both a baseline and at least one later figure);
- Of the indicators that have been assessed, 50 per cent show a clear improvement, with the remainder showing little or no change;
- None of the 31 indicators show a clear deterioration.

The remainder of this bulletin presents the progress for individual indicators organised by the five main themes of the Child Poverty Strategy.

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Indicator		Progress since baseline year
1. Low birth weight	Most deprived fifth	1998-2002
	Middle deprived fifth	1998-2002
	Ratio most to middle	1998-2002
2. Infant Mortality Rate	Most deprived fifth	1998-2001
	Least deprived fifth	1998-2001
	Ratio most to least	1998-2001
3. 5 year olds with dental caries	Mean dmft: Most deprived fifth	2003-2004
	Mean dmft: Middle deprived fifth	2003-2004
	Mean dmft: Ratio most to middle	2003-2004
	Percentage dmft: Most deprived fifth	2003-2004
	Percentage dmft: Middle deprived fifth	2003-2004
	Percentage dmft: Ratio most to middle	2003-2004
4. Young people with dental carries experience	Mean dmft: Most deprived fifth	2004-2005
	Mean dmft: Middle deprived fifth	2004-2005
	Mean dmft: Ratio most to middle	2004-2005
	Percentage dmft: Most deprived fifth	2004-2005
	Percentage dmft: Middle deprived fifth	2004-2005
	Percentage dmft: Ratio most to middle	2004-2005
5. Child care places		N/A
6. Pupils achieving Key Stage 2 CSI		2006
7. Pupils achieving Key Stage 3 CSI		2005
8. Pupils leaving full time education with no approved qualification		2005
9. 15 year olds achieving the Core Subject Indicator		2006
10. Pupils aged 15 achieving the Level 2 threshold (5 or more GCSE A*-C)		2006
11. 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training		2002/03
12. Teenage conceptions for under 16 year olds	Wales rate	1999-2001
	Highest local authority rate	1999-2001
	Ratio highest to Wales average	1999-2001
13. Child obesity		N/A
14. Pedestrian injuries 5-14 year olds (reported to the police)	Most deprived fifth	2000-2002
	Middle deprived fifth	2000-2002
	Ratio most to middle	2000-2002
15. Pedestrian injuries 5-14 year olds (hospital inpatient)	Most deprived fifth	1999-2002
	Middle deprived fifth	1999-2002
	Ratio most to middle	1999-2002
16. Children killed or seriously injured casualties	Number	1994-1999
	Percentage reduction	1994-1999
17. Living in B&B accommodation		2005
18. Living in temporary accommodation		2005
19. Living in overcrowded conditions		2004
20. Children's environmental health		N/A
21. Children living in relative low-income households		1998/99-2000/01
22. Children living in workless households		2006
23. Lone parents in employment		2004-2006
24. Credit Union membership		N/A
25. Child Trust Fund vouchers		N/A
26. Adult learning		N/A
27. Adult learning Working age adults with basic skills in literacy		N/A
28. Adult learning Working age adults with basic skills in numeracy		N/A
29. Adult learning Qualification equivalent to an NVQ 2 or above		2004
30. Adult learning Qualification equivalent to an NVQ 3 or above		2004
31. Adult learning Qualification equivalent to an NVQ 4 or above		2004

## Background

This bulletin presents an overview of progress against the Welsh Assembly Government's Child Poverty Strategy.

The statistics come from a range of sources in Wales and across the UK, which are updated at different times and intervals. Figures are shown for the baseline and latest available year, and in many cases data for the intervening years are also included. The full set of data and notes on all of the indicators will be available through our [StatsWales](#) website which the user can manipulate or download data. The indicators will also be presented in a series of online reports linked to these tables and these will be available early in 2009; this will be announced on the [Due Out Soon](#) page. Please refer to the StatsWales reports for information about specific data issues which is held in the metadata (follow the  symbol).

Once in place, the StatsWales reports will be updated periodically throughout the year as new data becomes available. This bulletin will be updated annually to provide a snapshot of progress across all the indicators.

The contribution of data and information by organisations which monitor child poverty is gratefully acknowledged. Although most indicators are currently measured, some further work is planned to develop the other indicators.

## The Child Poverty Strategy

In October 2006 the Welsh Assembly Government published its own cross cutting child poverty targets published in 'Eradicating Child Poverty - Measuring Success', across a number of policy areas in order to measure our progress in tackling child poverty. The milestones and targets that have been adopted to measure progress towards eradicating child poverty by 2020 cover five main themes. They are:

Early years,  
Education,  
Health,  
Safe Home and Community,  
and Income Poverty

They have mainly been taken from existing targets and are informed by departmental strategic plans such as The Learning Country 2 and the Road Safety Strategy for Wales.

## Assessing Indicators

It is useful to be able to summarise what the indicator measures tell us. To highlight whether or not things are moving in the right or wrong direction, a set of 'traffic lights' is used:

-  Clear improvement
-  Little or no change
-  Clear deterioration
-  Insufficient or no comparable data

The traffic light is determined by comparing the measure in the latest year with its position in the base year. It only reflects the overall change in the measure from the base year to its latest position and does not reflect fluctuations during the intervening years. The text in the 'Progress since baseline year' column indicates the baseline year. N/A indicates that there is no comparison (either baseline data, later monitoring data or both missing).

## Data Issues

Issues around particular indicators, such as source of data and volatility, have been taken into account. Work on summarising the assessment of progress as a guidance document is ongoing and will be published when completed. This will explain the general approach taken to assigning the 'traffic lights'.

**Notes**

The full set of data, analysis and notes on all of the indicators will be available through our StatsWales website. On StatsWales, the indicators are presented in a series of tables which the user can manipulate or download, the baseline year and the year used for the assessments in this Bulletin are marked for each indicator. Data for indicators 1, 2, 12, 14 and 15 are available in the Children and Young People's Well-being Monitor for Wales at [www.wales.gov.uk/research](http://www.wales.gov.uk/research). These indicators are going to be re-assessed using WIMD and data will be available on StatsWales at that point.