

# Data Insight: School Teacher Welsh Language 2025



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## Registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh

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The Education Workforce Council (EWC) is the independent, professional regulator for the education workforce in Wales. All data included in this summary is derived from the EWC Register of Education Practitioners and relates specifically to school teachers.

In this insight, we will breakdown various characteristics of school teachers by their ability to speak Welsh.

### **Introduction to the Education Workforce Council's school teacher Welsh language Data Insight for 2025**

These statistics have been produced using data from the Register of Education Practitioners. The information that we are able to hold on the Register is set out in the Education Workforce Council (Main Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, as amended.

The Register is real time and provides a unique source of data about the 13 registered education groups in Wales. No equivalent data is available from any other body or organisation. Consequently, comparison should not be made with other sources such as the Welsh Government School Workforce Annual Census (SWAC), also published annually. For the school sector in particular, unlike SWAC, our data includes all supply staff, peripatetic workers, freelance workers, and others who provide education or training in a school, as well as other education settings. We also hold significant historic data which enables us to provide trend information.

The statistics in this report are based on the following criteria:

- registrant numbers are recorded as actuals, rather than full-time equivalent
- the census date used for the data taken from the Register is 1 March each year
- where a registrant has more than one employment record on the Register (e.g. school teacher in a school and a further education teacher in a college) the relevant employment information is recorded in each category they are registered in
- the information recorded on the Register is obtained directly from the practitioner and/or their employer
- percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

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# 1. Registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh

## 1.1 Registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh

Table 1.1: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh.

Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh		Unknown		Total	
Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
11,786	33.4	22,688	64.3	792	2.2	35,266	100

## 1.2 Gender

Table 1.2: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and gender.

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
Female	9,133	77.5	17,073	75.3
Male	2,649	22.5	5,606	24.7
Not specified	4	0.0	9	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

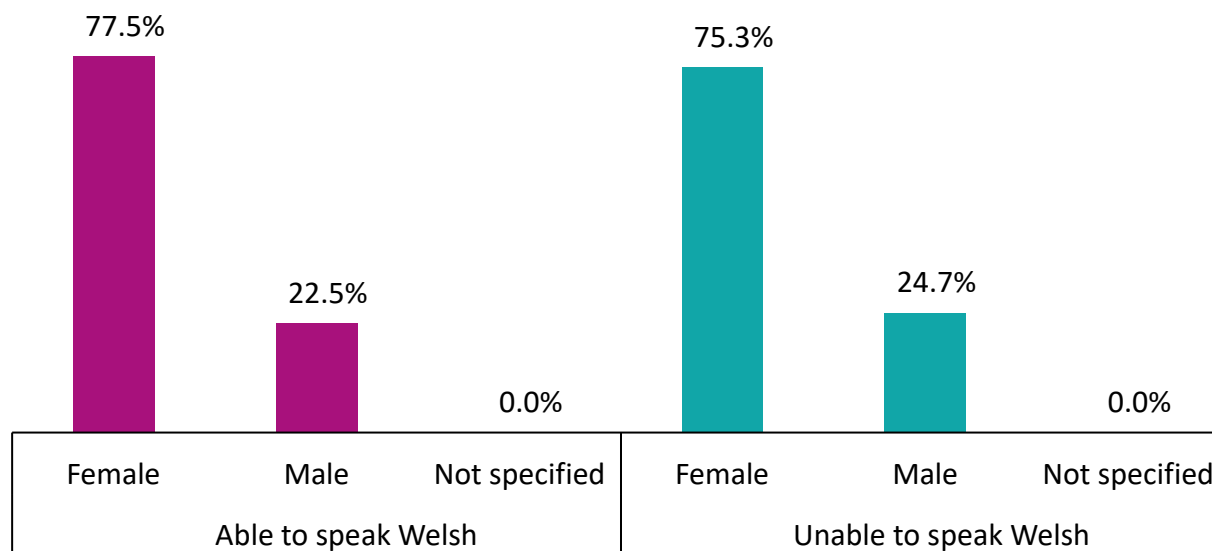


Chart 1: Percentage of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and gender.

### 1.3 Age

Table 1.3: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and age.

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
Under 25	461	3.9	820	3.6
25 to 29	1,353	11.5	2,641	11.6
30 to 34	1,709	14.5	3,021	13.3
35 to 39	1,800	15.3	3,394	15.0
40 to 44	1,740	14.8	3,434	15.1
45 to 49	1,641	13.9	3,257	14.4
50 to 54	1,552	13.2	2,951	13.0
55 to 59	960	8.1	1,933	8.5
60 to 64	390	3.3	865	3.8
65+	180	1.5	372	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

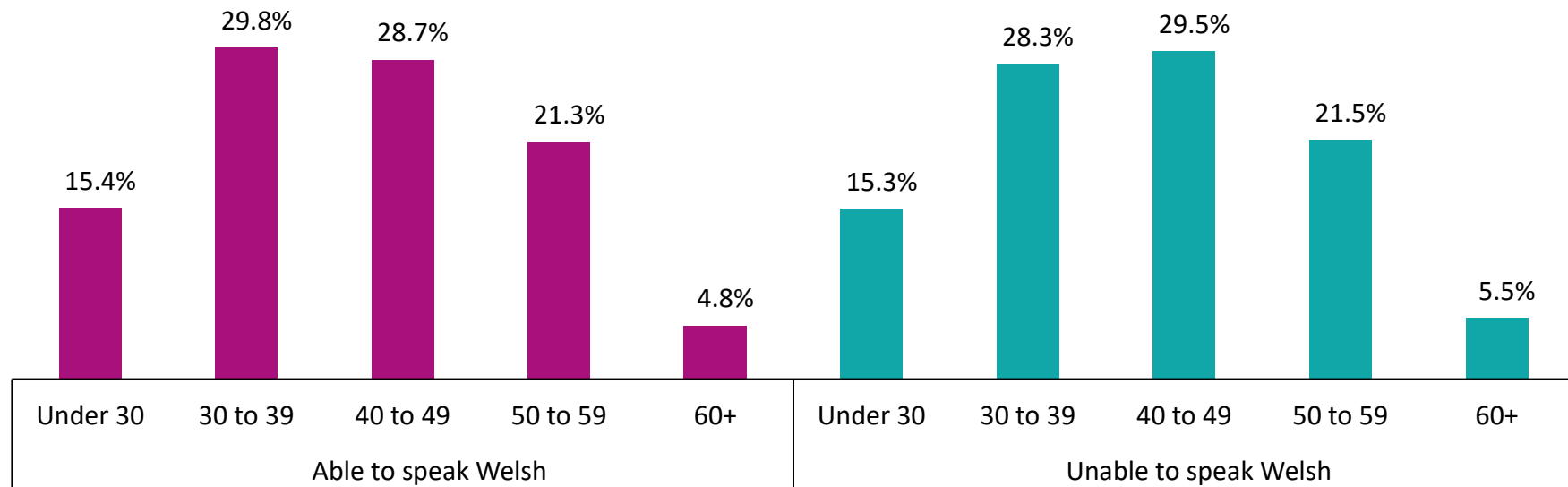


Chart 2: Percentage of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and age.

## 1.4 Ethnic group

The data below is provided in an aggregate format to prevent the disclosure of registrants. The ethnic group options as detailed on the Register of Education Practitioners can be found on the [Government Analysis function website](#).

**Table 1.4: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and ethnic group.**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
White	11,175	94.8	21,361	94.2
Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups	34	0.3	212	0.9
Asian/Asian British	17	0.1	279	1.2
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	5	0.0	104	0.5
Other ethnic group	8	0.1	65	0.3
Does not wish to record ethnic group	123	1.0	285	1.3
Unknown	424	3.6	382	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

## 1.5 National identity

**Table 1.5: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and national identity.**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
Welsh	9,901	84.0	12,684	55.9
British	1,327	11.3	6,961	30.7
English	83	0.7	1,754	7.7
Scottish, Irish or Northern Irish	10	0.1	248	1.1
Other	22	0.2	498	2.2
Does not wish to record nationality	61	0.5	187	0.8
Unknown	382	3.2	356	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

### 1.6 Years since qualified teacher status (QTS)

Table 1.6: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and years since QTS.

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
0 to 5	2,197	18.6	4,910	21.6
6 to 10	1,660	14.1	3,223	14.2
11 to 15	1,756	14.9	3,418	15.1
16 to 20	1,817	15.4	3,581	15.8
21 to 25	1,697	14.4	3,186	14.0
26+	2,659	22.6	4,370	19.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

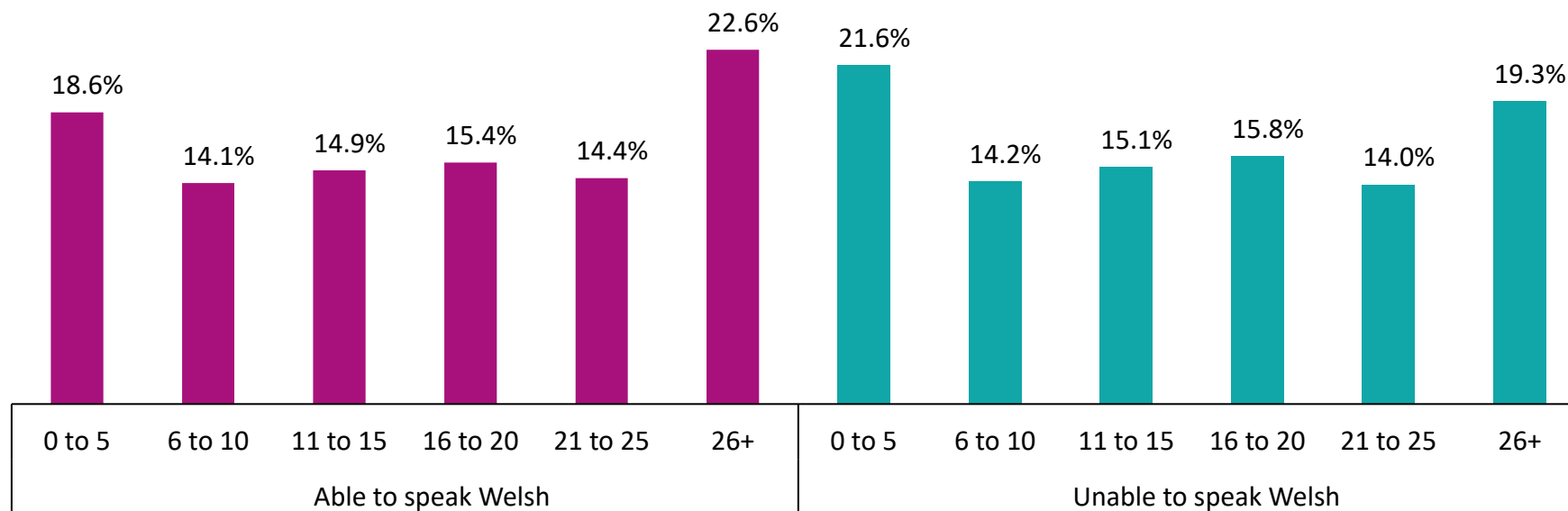


Chart 3: Percentage of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and years since QTS.

## 1.7 Phase

**Table 1.7: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and phase.**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
Nursery	12	0.1	17	0.1
Primary	4,704	39.9	7,631	33.6
Middle	872	7.4	788	3.5
Secondary	3,371	28.6	7,110	31.3
Pupil referral unit	58	0.5	165	0.7
Special	192	1.6	757	3.3
Supply	994	8.4	2,988	13.2
Others in service	266	2.3	405	1.8
Others out of service	1,317	11.2	2,827	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>22,688</b>	<b>100</b>

## 1.8 Local authority

**Table 1.8: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and employed by a local authority.**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
Blaenau Gwent Local Authority	68	0.7	417	2.5
Bridgend Local Authority	262	2.8	975	5.9
Caerphilly Local Authority	388	4.2	1,021	6.2
Cardiff Local Authority	809	8.8	2,402	14.6
Carmarthenshire Local Authority	1,011	11.0	482	2.9
Ceredigion Local Authority	466	5.1	90	0.5
Conwy Local Authority	538	5.8	380	2.3
Denbighshire Local Authority	422	4.6	455	2.8
Flintshire Local Authority	326	3.5	966	5.9
Gwynedd Local Authority	970	10.5	84	0.5
Isle of Anglesey Local Authority	527	5.7	38	0.2
Merthyr Tydfil Local Authority	87	0.9	359	2.2
Monmouthshire Local Authority	86	0.9	552	3.4
Neath Port Talbot Local Authority	337	3.7	782	4.7
Newport Local Authority	236	2.6	1,239	7.5
Pembrokeshire Local Authority	355	3.9	598	3.6
Powys Local Authority	403	4.4	632	3.8
Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Authority	617	6.7	1,239	7.5
Swansea Local Authority	481	5.2	1,473	8.9
Torfaen Local Authority	170	1.8	557	3.4
Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority	320	3.5	982	6.0
Wrexham Local Authority	330	3.6	745	4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,209</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,468</b>	<b>100</b>

## 1.9 Initial teacher education (ITE) subject trained

**Table 1.9: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and ITE subject trained (secondary trained school teachers only).**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Core subjects and religious education</b>				
Biology	185	4.0	450	4.4
Chemistry	127	2.7	303	2.9
Combined/general science	159	3.4	626	6.1
English studies	320	6.8	1,344	13.0
Mathematics	396	8.5	1,220	11.8
Physical science	5	0.1	30	0.3
Physics	77	1.6	188	1.8
Theology and religious studies	177	3.8	402	3.9
Welsh studies	913	19.5	10	0.1
<b>Foundation subjects</b>				
Art	87	1.9	205	2.0
Art and design	63	1.3	232	2.2
Computer science & information technology	85	1.8	329	3.2
Design & technology	216	4.6	563	5.5
Design studies	44	0.9	112	1.1
Fine art	16	0.3	62	0.6
French studies	167	3.6	261	2.5
Geography	158	3.4	443	4.3
Geography: as physical science	34	0.7	69	0.7
German studies	22	0.5	56	0.5
History	303	6.5	683	6.6
Home economics	23	0.5	41	0.4
Italian studies	0	0.0	2	0.0
Spanish studies	78	1.7	162	1.6
Other or unspecified modern languages	25	0.5	44	0.4

**Table 1.9: Number of registered school teachers by ability to speak Welsh and ITE subject trained (secondary trained school teachers only) (continued).**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Non-national curriculum subjects and totals</b>				
Academic studies in education	94	2.0	290	2.8
Additional/special educational needs	2	0.0	10	0.1
Business and management studies	53	1.1	234	2.3
Citizenship	4	0.1	8	0.1
Drama	128	2.7	313	3.0
Economics	3	0.1	17	0.2
Geology	0	0.0	4	0.0
Humanities	0	0.0	4	0.0
Latin studies	0	0.0	5	0.0
Media studies	0	0.0	6	0.1
Music	192	4.1	323	3.1
Physical education	440	9.4	1,041	10.1
Social work	0	0.0	1	0.0
Sociology	9	0.2	49	0.5
Unknown	67	1.4	185	1.8
<b>Total (for all categories)</b>	<b>4,672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>10,327</b>	<b>100</b>

Teachers may be trained in more than one subject.

### 1.10 Newly qualified teacher

**Table 1.10: Number of newly qualified teachers by ability to speak Welsh and country trained.**

	Able to speak Welsh		Unable to speak Welsh	
	Number	%	Number	%
ITE Wales	324	91.8	638	81.8
ITE England	27	7.6	140	17.9
UK	2	0.6	2	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>100</b>