



Factsheet: Social Workers on the Register – 1 June 2017

This information comes from the Social Care Wales Register of Social Care Workers.

Social workers practising in Wales must be on the Register.

Number of social workers

There were **5,965** social workers on the Register, a decrease from **6,063** last year



Turnover

480 social workers left the Register and **382** joined in the last year



Age & sex

There were **4,803** women and **1,162** men and their average age was **46**



Employment sectors

75.3% in **local authority social services**
6.2% in the **third sector**
4.5% in the **private sector**
4.7% were **self-employed**

Qualifications

41.4% held the **Diploma in Social Work**
30.9% held the current **social work bachelors** or **masters degree**



Newly qualified

241 social work students qualified in Wales, of whom **222** joined the Register as a social worker



Years in job

32% of social workers had been in their current job for more than five years. **32.4%** had started a new post in the last two years



Welsh language

36.7% of social workers spoke some **Welsh** or were fluent



Further reading

You can read the full report '**Social Workers on the Register in Wales 2017**'

<https://socialcare.wales/collections/current-registration-data-reports>

