

APPENDIX 6

New housing occupancy survey Denbighshire

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Introduction

The Corporate Research and Information Unit at Conwy County Borough Council was commissioned by the Welsh Language Board to conduct a survey of new dwellings built in Denbighshire between 2007 and 2011. The findings will be used to look at the impact of newly built dwellings on the Welsh language.

However, though this report looks at the characteristics of the residents of new build housing, it is not able to provide a commentary on how these characteristics differ from all households who have moved within or into the area in the same period, as we have not surveyed the residents of all households who have moved. Where comparison is possible, it can only be made against the resident population of Denbighshire as a whole, and therefore gives only a partial picture of the impact of new-build housing within the wider housing market.

This report contains a summary of the findings and analysis from the survey.

The full dataset, which can be used to drill down into the survey findings, has been provided to the Welsh Language Board.

In October and November 2011, questionnaires were posted to all dwellings the Valuation Office Agency and the Denbighshire Land and Property Gazetteer had recorded as built between April 2007 and March 2011

Of the 670 questionnaires which were delivered successfully, 180 were returned completed. This gives a response rate of 27%, and is a reasonable return rate for a survey of this kind. However, not all respondent households answered all questions – non-response is shown in the data tables.

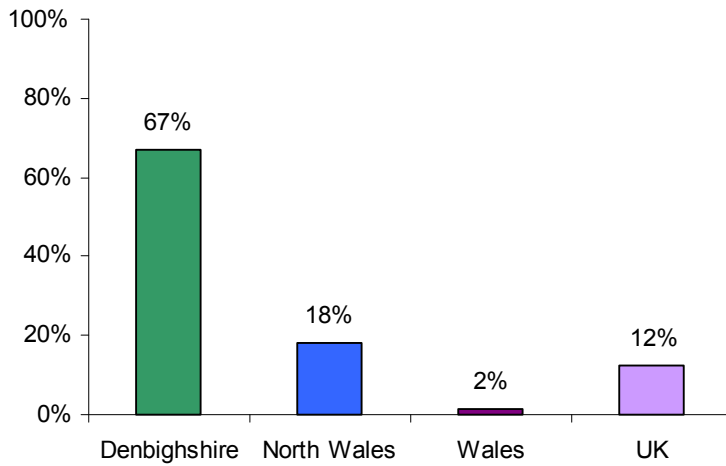
The survey was sent out bilingually; 7% of returned questionnaires were completed in the medium of Welsh.

The results of the survey are presented below. A brief analysis of the findings is presented, together with data from the survey in table and graph form.

A copy of the survey questionnaire is available in the appendices.

About moving to the property

Where did you live before you moved to this property?



Denbighshire	121	67%
Rest of North Wales	33	18%
Rest of Wales	3	2%
Rest of UK	22	12%
Outside UK	0	0%
No response	2	1%