

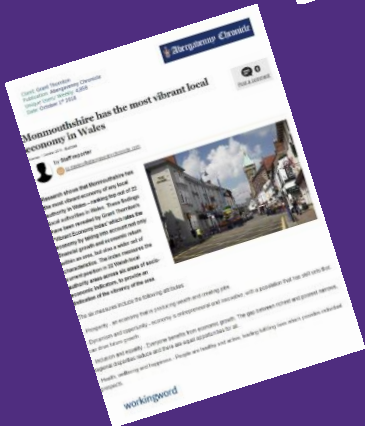
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Vibrant Economy Index for Wales

Findings of the Vibrant Economy Index which measures the Vibrancy of the 22 Welsh local authority areas, based on six broad social and economic objectives, paint a picture of the economic landscape across Wales highlighting a range of factors including prosperity, health and community.



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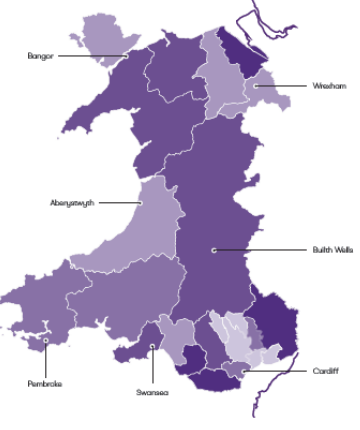
The geography of vibrancy

A new way to measure the economic success of the UK

To shape a vibrant economy, Wales needs places where people and businesses can flourish. The Vibrant Economy Index seeks to define and measure the components that create these successful areas. In doing so, it establishes a basis from which to drive positive change and track progress in each area. By identifying places that are successful in developing vibrant economies, the index highlights ideas and approaches that others can learn from.

The measures included in the Vibrant Economy Index extend beyond the traditional economic measures of success to include components related to inclusive and sustainable growth (see Table 1). This provides a framework for a broader assessment of the 22 local authority areas in Wales and identifies strengths, opportunities and challenges to help people, businesses and local leaders think and act differently. It is not an assessment of the local authorities themselves, but provides a perspective on the local environment within their boundaries.

Across all the vibrant economy measures, Monmouthshire is the top-performing place, followed by Vale of Glamorgan, Flintshire and Bridgend. While three of the four top-ranking areas are in South Wales, the region is diverse and also holds the four bottom-ranking areas. Areas from across Wales rank in the top ten, with Powys in Mid-Wales, and Conwy and Gwynedd in the North, ranking five to seven.



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