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As in recent years, this edition has been published initially on the Internet on a chapter by chapter basis. In some instances data or tables in this final edition of the publication may supersede or add to those previously published on the Internet.

Among the points from the data published are:

- The number of road vehicles licensed in Wales increased by 3 per cent between 2004 and 2005, to 1,663,800 vehicles. Over three-quarters (77 per cent) of all road vehicles licensed were cars in the private and light goods category. (Table 2.4)
- In 2005, around 64 million tonnes of goods were moved within Wales by UK registered HGVs and a further 60 million tonnes were moved between Wales and the rest of the UK. (Table 3.11)
- 8,710 personal injury road accidents were reported in Wales in 2005. There were 12,733 road accident casualties, 954 fewer than in 2004. (Table 4.1)
- An estimated 72 per cent of trips were made by car or van in 2004/05, compared to 63 per cent in the period 1995/97. (Tables 6.1 and 6.7)
- It is estimated that the volume of motor vehicle traffic on all roads in Wales in 2005 was similar to the volume in 2004. (Table 7.1)
- There were an estimated 118 million passenger journeys on local bus services in 2005-06. (Table 8.1)
- There were approximately 20.1 million rail passenger journeys which either started or ended in Wales in 2005-06, an increase of 1 per cent compared to the previous year. Around two-thirds (66 per cent) of these journeys were within Wales. (Table 9.1)
- The total number of passengers using Cardiff International Airport decreased by 6 per cent in 2005, to 1.78 million. (Table 11.1)
- Direct central government expenditure on roads and transport in Wales decreased by 6 per cent to £166 million in 2005-06. (Table 12.1)
- There were an estimated 973,000 visits to Wales by overseas residents in 2005. (Table 13.4)

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