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Topics covered by this series include:

Constituency profiles and an introduction to constituency level data.

(Social statistics) Agriculture; charities; crime; civil service; defence; education; elections; energy; environment; local government; health; housing; migration; parliament; population; transport; vital statistics (demography); social security.

(Economic statistics) Business; growth; industries; inflation and prices; interest rates; labour market; public finances and taxation; trade.

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Each of the 27 subject-specific notes contained within this publication exists as an independent briefing paper online. Refer to each independent briefing paper for the most up-to-date version of each subject-specific note.

All sources referenced in this series follow the same quick-reference format:

- [DWP Benefits expenditure by Parliamentary constituency 2000/01 to 2013/14](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; UK, by country, region and constituencies; from 2000/01)
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- 1- **Hyperlinked sources** direct to the named publication. In cases where a publication is regularly updated or is part of a series this hyperlink directs to the top-level contents page of the series in question.
- 2- **Author/authority** responsible for the source's publication.
- 3- **Area** the source covers.
- 4- **Geographies** for which data is available (for example, this DWP data series provides data for the constituencies, regions and countries of the UK).
- 5- **Frequency** with which updates to a series are published (for example, annually).
- 6- **Series start date** (and, where appropriate, end date).

Constituency statistics

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This note is a guide to constituency statistics on a range of topics. For in depth examination of individual topics, please refer to other [Sources of Statistics](#) guides in this series.

Introduction: parliamentary geographies and constituency profiles

Official statistics are primarily available from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), Government departments and associated agencies for a range of geographies. This “federalism” of statistical authorities means there can be different approaches to compiling data between sources.

Constituency boundaries in England, Wales and Northern Ireland have been in place since 2010; previous constituencies were in place since 1997. In Scotland, current constituencies have been in place since 2005.

An interactive map of constituencies in Great Britain is available from the ONS; this tool further provides a socio-economic profile for each constituency. The ONS’ guide to parliamentary constituencies explains the relationship between the constituencies of the House of Commons, National Assembly of Wales, Scottish Parliament and Northern Ireland Assembly. Its annual Data Catalogue brings together a searchable index of all ONS statistics available at constituency level.

- [Interactive maps for parliamentary constituencies in Great Britain](#)
(Office for National Statistics; Great Britain)
- [Guide to parliamentary constituencies](#)
(Office for National Statistics; constituencies for the Westminster Parliament and devolved legislatures)
- [ONS Data Catalogue for parliamentary constituencies](#)
(Office for National Statistics; constituency level statistics for UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; annual update)

Constituency profiles are available from three Library products. An interactive socio-economic profile is available by constituency from the UK Parliament’s *My Constituency* app, available from iTunes. *Constituency Explorer*, an interactive online tool created by the Library, ESRC and University of Durham, allows users to explore and compare a range of social and economic data by constituency; constituency profiles are also available for download.

- [Constituency Explorer](#)
(House of Commons Library, University of Durham, ESRC; Westminster constituencies)
- [My Constituency App – UK Parliament](#)
(UK Parliament, House of Commons Library; available from iTunes)
- [Constituency profiles – House of Commons Library](#)
(House of Commons Library; UK wide)
- [Constituency population & demography statistics – Census 2011 profiles](#)
(House of Commons Library tabulation tool; Westminster constituencies)

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Charities

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport's Lottery Grants search tools allows users to search all records of National Lottery grants received by constituency since 1995.

- [DCMS Lottery Grants Search](#)
(Department for Culture, Media and Sport; UK, countries, region, constituency; since 1995)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Charities, social action and civil society](#) guide for further information.

Education

The Department for Education provides school and college performance tables available to search online for constituencies in England. The Department's Schools, pupils and their characteristics publication provides data on the number of schools and pupils by area.

- [School and college performance tables](#)
(Department for Education; by school, constituency and local authority; England)
- [Schools, pupils and their characteristics](#)
(Department for Education; by school, constituency and local authority; England)
Note: school level data is contained within the "underlying data" download linked to each annual release, together with constituency indicators)

Figures for young people who went into education, employment or training the year after they completed key stage 4 or 5 are also available by constituency. The Skills Funding Agency provides statistics by constituency on entrants into Further Education. HEFCE's trends in young participation by constituency examine the proportion of young people who enter higher education by the age of 19; UCAS' End of Cycle report details the entire Higher Education admissions cycle for the preceding year.

- [Destinations of key stage 4 and key stage 5 pupils](#)
(Department for Education; by school, constituency and local authority; England)
- [Further Education and Skills data by geography, equality and diversity](#)
(Skills Funding Agency; England; by constituency, local authority and region)
- [Trends in young participation by parliamentary constituency](#)
(Higher Education Funding Council for England; by constituency; 1998-2011)
- [UCAS Analysis Reports](#)
(University and Colleges Admissions Service; by parliamentary constituency and region)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Education](#) guide for further information.

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Elections and electorates

For analysis of UK General Election results by Parliamentary constituency, see the Library's 2001, 2005 and 2010 General Election research papers. Further information on election results is available from the Electoral Commission, founded in 2001; the BBC's dedicated General Election pages also provide an abundance of statistical information and media analysis.

- General Election results by constituency [2001](#), [2005](#), [2010](#)
(House of Commons Library Research Papers)
- BBC General Election results [1997](#), [2001](#), [2005](#), [2010](#)
(BBC; analysis by constituency, region and UK wide)
- [General Election results – Electoral Commission](#)
(Electoral Commission; from 2001)

Polling data at a constituency level is limited due to the expense of polling local areas. Lord Ashcroft's collection of constituency polls, collected on a one-off and rolling basis, provide a range of information for constituencies across Great Britain. UK Polling Report's online constituency guide collates further electoral statistics, latest polls and candidate information.

- [Lord Ashcroft Constituency Polls](#)
(LordAshcroftPolls; Great Britain, selected constituencies)
- [UK Polling Report constituency guides](#)
(UK Polling Report; UK Parliamentary Constituencies, by region)

The ONS provides annual publications on electorate registration statistics by constituency. Information on the rural/urban classification of constituencies in England is also available. The Ordnance Survey election maps and boundary tool allows users to compare and overlay multiple administrative geographies.

- [Electoral registration and electorate statistics](#)
(Office for National Statistics)
- [Ordnance Survey election maps and boundary tool](#)
(UK Polling Report; UK Parliamentary Constituencies, by region)
- [ONS rural/urban local authority and constituency classification \(England\)](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England; by local authority and constituency)
Note: constituency level data is found on the bottom right hand corner of the page under downloads.

See the [Sources of Statistics: Elections](#) guide for further information.

Fuel Poverty

The Department of Energy and Climate Change publishes annual statistics on the number and proportion of households that are fuel poor by parliamentary constituency and a range of other small area geographies.

- [Fuel Poverty sub-regional statistics](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK, sub-regions and constituencies; from 2010)

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Health Service

Most health service statistics are available for Local Authority, hospital providers or Clinical Commissioning Group but not constituencies. In England, the Health & Social Care Information Centre's annual Quality Outcomes Framework provides information on patients registered at GP practices and geographical prevalence of disease. The online data tool NOMIS allows users to analyse constituency level data on the general health of usual residents, together with information on providers of unpaid care and the number of hours of care that they provide. Statistics on blood and transplant donation are available in England by constituency from the NHS.

- [Quality and Outcomes Framework](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England, GPs and CCGs; annual release; since 2004)
- [General health statistics, by constituency](#)
(NOMIS official labour market statistics; England & Wales; a range of output areas inc. constituencies)
- [Health and provision of unpaid care](#)
(NOMIS official labour market statistics; England & Wales; a range of output areas inc. constituencies)
- [NHS Blood and Transplant Service statistics](#)
(NHS Blood and Transport Services; England; by local authority and constituency)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Health and Social Care](#) guide for further information.

Housing

DCLG publishes monthly statistics on the government's Help to Buy equity loan scheme and Help to Buy New Buy scheme; publications include data for England by local authority, postcode sector and parliamentary constituency. Further housing data is available for UK constituencies from the census via the NOMIS online search tool (England & Wales), Scottish Census and from the Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency.

- [Help to Buy statistics](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England, by constituency; from 2012)
- Census housing statistics, [NOMIS](#) (England & Wales)
(NOMIS census statistics; England & Wales; a range of output areas inc. constituencies)
Notes: See in particular census variables for [dwellings](#), [tenure](#) and [rooms](#).
- [Scottish Census 2011 housing statistics](#) (Scotland)
(Scotland's Census 2011; Scotland; by a range of geographies including constituencies)
- [2011 Census housing statistics – Northern Ireland](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency; Northern Ireland; by a range of areas inc. constituencies)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Housing](#) guide for further information.

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Incomes, taxpayers, tax credits

HMRC's personal income by tax year statistics provide data on the incomes, income source gender and age of UK tax payers by Parliamentary constituency. The Income and tax by Parliamentary constituency series provides further information on self-employment, employment and pension income by constituency. DWP's personal tax credits publications provide summary statistics on individuals and households receiving Working Tax Credits and/or Child Tax Credits by parliamentary constituency.

- [Personal income by tax year statistics](#)
(HM Revenue & Customs; UK, by country, region and constituency; from 2010)
- [Income and tax by Parliamentary constituency](#)
(HM Revenue & Customs; UK, by country, region and constituency; from 2010)
- [Personal tax credits: finalised award statistics – geographic statistics](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; UK, countries, regions and constituencies; from 2008)

See the [Sources of Statistics guide on Social Security](#) for further information.

Labour market – unemployment, employment and wages

Monthly data on Jobseeker's Allowance claimants are presented in the Library's *Unemployment by Constituency* research paper (published monthly) and on the Library's *Constituency Profiles* intranet pages. Figures on employment and unemployment from the ONS *Annual Population Survey* may be downloaded from the ONS Nomis website. Data on earnings levels are published by ONS in its *Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings* release. The annual numbers of apprenticeship starts by constituency are provided in the Library's note on *Apprenticeship Statistics*. Figures on the number of Work Programme starts and referrals can be downloaded from the DWP tabulation tool.

- [Unemployment by Constituency research papers](#)
(House of Commons Library; UK, by constituency; monthly)
- [ONS NOMIS – Annual Population Survey dataset](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK by country, region, local authority and constituency, quarterly)
Note: data on employment, unemployment and earnings by constituency are survey-based and small numbers of survey respondents mean the data should be interpreted with care.
- [ONS Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK by region, local authority and constituency; annual)
Note: data on employment, unemployment and earnings by constituency are survey-based and small numbers of survey respondents mean the data should be interpreted with care.
- [Apprenticeships Statistics](#)
(House of Commons Library; UK, by constituency; quarterly)
- [DWP Work Programme Statistics](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; GB, by constituency; quarterly)

See the [Sources of Statistics guide on the Labour Market](#) for further information.

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Population, demography and migration

The ONS's Neighbourhood statistics online tool provides a range of data on population, gender, age, ethnicity, region, household composition, qualifications and other attributes by Westminster constituency. Data is based on the latest census. Similar tools are available for Scotland and Northern Ireland, though data from the Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics tool is based on constituencies for the Scottish Parliament as opposed to the House of Commons.

- [ONS Neighbourhood Statistics](#) (England and Wales)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales, by Westminster constituency)
- [Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics](#) (Scotland)
(Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics, the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament 2011 Constituencies)
- [Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Statistics](#) (Northern Ireland)
(Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service; Northern Ireland, by Westminster constituency)

For constituency profiles displaying a range of census data, see:

- [Data.Parliament constituency statistics – Census 2011 profiles](#)
(House of Commons Library tabulation tool; Westminster constituencies)

Annual estimates of population size by constituency are available from the ONS' *Small Area Population Estimates*, starting mid-2013. Estimates 2002-2013 are available from the ONS' former series *Parliamentary Constituency Population Estimates*.

- [ONS Small Area Population Estimates](#)
(Office for National Statistics; data by Westminster Parliamentary constituency; from 2013)
- [Parliamentary Constituency Population Estimates 2002-12](#)
(Office for National Statistics; data by Westminster Parliamentary constituency; 2002-13)

Although data are not available for parliamentary constituencies, ONS publishes migration data for local authorities for both internal and international migration in its Local Area Migration Indicators. It also publishes estimates of resident population with non-British nationality and non-UK country of birth, and data for Migrant National Insurance Number registrations, Flag 4 GP registrations and Workers registrations.

- [ONS Local Area Migration Indicators](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK, by local authority)

See the Sources of Statistics guides on [Vital Statistics](#), [Migration](#) and [Population and Religion](#) for further information.

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Social security benefits

Data for claimants of jobseekers allowance in the 2010 constituencies is available back to 2004. This can be downloaded from ONS' National Online Manpower Information System (NOMIS), using the 'Wizard Query' option. The DWP tabulation tool gives statistics on a range of social security benefits for constituencies in Britain. Data for before May 2010 are given for the pre-2010 constituencies. The benefits covered include attendance allowance, bereavement benefits, carer's allowance, disability living allowance, employment and support allowance, jobseekers allowance and incapacity benefit.

A wide range of social security benefits statistics are available at constituency level. For caseload (number of claimants) and average award per claimant, see the DWP tabulation tool (note that pre 2010 statistics are for pre-2010 constituency boundaries) and the ONS' NOMIS tool.

- [ONS Nomis DWP benefits by theme](#)
(Office for National Statistics; data is available for a range of geographies, including by constituency)
- [ONS Nomis Claimant Count statistics](#)
(Office for National Statistics; data is available for a range of geographies, including by constituency)
- [DWP statistics tabulation tool](#)
(HM Revenue & Customs; UK, by country, region and constituency; from 2010)

With considerable overlap, these tools provide constituency information on:

- The DWP working age client group (which groups together working-age claimants by main reason for claim – this includes the 'all out of work benefits' aggregation)

Plus benefit-by-benefit caseload figures on:

- Employment and support allowance and predecessors (Incapacity benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance)
- Income Support
- Job seekers allowance
- Carers allowance
- Disability living allowance (DLA) (entitled cases and cases in payment)
- Attendance Allowance
- Pension credit
- State pension
- Bereavement benefits

Also, the [DWP Stat-Xplore tool](#) provides constituency level statistics on:

- *Housing Benefit* (including the number affected by the under occupation deduction in the social rented sector, also dubbed the 'Bedroom Tax' or 'Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy' depending on whether one opposes or supports the measure)
- *Personal Independence payment (PIP)* (introduced in 2013 to replace DLA for working-age claimants)
- *Benefit Sanctions* (JSA and ESA)
- *The 'Benefit Cap'* (the number of working-age out-of-work households whose total benefit is or has been capped at either £500pw (couples/lone parents) or £350 (single no children) since spring 2013 when it was introduced)
- [DWP Stat-Xplore](#) (Housing Benefit, National Insurance, Jobseekers Allowance, Employment and Support Allowance, Personal Independence Payment)
(Department for Work & Pensions; UK; data is available by a range of geographies including constituencies)

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The total amount spent on benefits in each constituency is available from the DWP's Benefit expenditure and caseload tables.

- [DWP Benefits expenditure by Parliamentary constituency 2000/01 to 2013/14](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; UK, by country, region and constituencies; from 2000/01)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Social Security](#) guide for further information.

Transport and traffic

The Department for Transport's Traffic Counts online tool provides street-level data for junction-to-junction links of the A road and motorway network in Great Britain. Users can analyse information on specific roads/junctions and by local authority. See the Department for Transport's road accident and safety statistical tables for small area data on road accidents and casualties.

- [Traffic counts: Department for Transport online tool](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; by region and local authority)
- [Road accident and safety: statistical tables](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain)

See the [Sources of Statistics: Transport](#) guide for further information.

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Agriculture and fisheries offer some of the UK's longest running statistical series, with data series on fisheries available from 1866 to the present day. Statistics on farm management, income and food production are available at a country, UK, European and global level.

From the Library

- [Agriculture in the home countries: social indicators page](#)
- [Agricultural incomes and subsidies: social indicators page](#)
- [Agriculture: Historic Statistics](#)
- [See Fisheries statistics](#)
- [Dairy industry in the UK: Statistics](#)
- [Bovine Tuberculosis Statistics: Great Britain](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

General and UK wide releases

DEFRA publishes statistics on the environment, family food, the rural economy, farming and farm management, together with livestock numbers and farm-gate commodity prices. Further DEFRA publications examine the structure of the UK's agricultural industry and organic farming. The Family Food survey is a comprehensive annual survey examining food costs and expenditure for households and individuals in the UK; statistics are broken down by income and other demographics.

- [Statistics at Defra: Subjects by Topic](#)
(Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra); UK wide coverage)
- [Family Food statistics](#)
(Defra; UK wide; annual release from 2002 with estimates from the National Food Survey 1940-2000)
- [Structure of the agriculture industry in England and the UK at June](#)
(Defra; for England and the UK; annual release; from 2012)
- [Organic farming statistics](#)
(Defra; UK wide; annual release; from 2011)

Agricultural regional releases

The Farm Business Survey provides data for farm income, productivity, land management and other performance indicators for farms in England. Datasets with similar coverage are available for Wales and Scotland. The Statistical Review of Northern Ireland provides economic data while the Agricultural Census covers a wide range of other topics.

- [Farm Business Survey, England](#)
(Defra; England only; annual survey into the activities, income & management of farms; from 2010/11)
- [Environment & Countryside statistics, Wales](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales only)
- [Agriculture & Fisheries statistics, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland only)
- [Department of Agriculture and Rural Development statistics](#), Northern Ireland
(Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development; Northern Ireland. See in particular the annual [Agricultural Census](#) and [Statistical Review of Northern Ireland Agriculture](#))

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International agricultural statistics

An array of historic (1990 – 2007), economic and production data is available for each country of the EU from Eurostat; the European Commission also publishes an agricultural fact sheet for each member state. The Commission's Financing the Common Agricultural Policy pages detail the historical role of the policy, its regulation and place within the European budget. The UN's FAOSTAT provides global data on food production, prices, balances and security.

- [Eurostats: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries & Organic Farming](#)
(European Commission, *Eurostats*)
- [Agriculture in the European Union and the Member States – Statistical Factsheets](#)
(European Commission, Agriculture and Rural Development; factsheet per EU member country)
- [Financing the Common Agricultural Policy](#)
(European Commission; European Union)
- [Food & Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations](#)
(FAOSTAT, United Nations statistics division; profiles by continent and country)

Fisheries

Fisheries statistics are available for the UK, England, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland from the Marine Management Organisation and devolved legislatures. Fisheries statistics are one of the UK's longest running data series, extending back to 1866.

- [UK Sea Fisheries Annual Statistics](#)
(Marine Management Organisation; annual report; since 2012)
- [UK Sea Fisheries Statistics, Archive](#)
(Marine Management Organisation; annual report; since 1866)
- [Marine planning, pollution, licensing, funding, quotas & protected species - England](#)
(Marine Management Organisation; England only)
- [Salmonid and freshwater fisheries statistics](#)
(Environment Agency; England and Wales; since 2010)
- [Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; 1990 to 2004)
- [Fisheries information & statistics, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Northern Ireland)

Charities, social action and civil society

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The National Council of Voluntary Organisations, itself an independent charity, and its annual Almanac is the authoritative source for voluntary sector statistics in the UK. Information provided below includes the number of organisations within, size, income and activities of the UK's voluntary sector, rates of volunteering and charitable giving and further financial information.

From the Library

- [Charities, social action and the voluntary sector: statistics](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Charities & the third sector

There are different estimates for the size, income and activities of the voluntary sector. The NCVO collates UK wide statistics based upon the ONS's 'general charities' definition, excluding organisations such as private schools from its research. The Charity Commission provides data from the Register of Charities for England and Wales.

- [NCVO UK Civil Society Almanac](#)
(National Council Voluntary Organisations; UK wide; annual release)
- NCVO Almanac: the [number](#) & [activities](#) of voluntary organisations
(National Council Voluntary Organisations; UK wide; 2014 release for the year 2011/12)
- [Charity register statistics](#)
(The Charity Commission; England & Wales)
- [Charity register search](#)
(The Charity Commission; England & Wales)

Volunteering & civil society

The Cabinet Office Community Life Survey is the primary source of statistics on volunteering, charitable giving and other measures of civic engagement in England. 'v' and the National Citizen Service are schemes the aim of which is to encourage social action among young people, backed by the former Labour government and current Coalition respectively.

- [Community Life Survey](#)
(Cabinet Office; adults in England; annual; from 2012)
- [V Inspired impact report 2013-14](#)
(V Inspired; 2013-14)
- [Formative Evaluation of V: The National Young Volunteers' Service](#)
(National Centre for Social Research; for 'V' (later V Inspired); August 2011)
- [The 2011 National Citizen Service pilot: long-term impacts](#)
(National Centre for Social Research; for the 'National Citizen Service'; 2011)
- [Evaluation of National Citizen Service](#)
(National Centre for Social Research; for the 'National Citizen Service'; July 2013)
- [National Citizen Service 2013 Evaluation](#)
(Ipsos MORI; for the 'National Citizen Service'; August 2014)

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Finances & funding

The NCVO provides an authoritative estimation of the income and income sources of the UK's voluntary sector. Multiple releases are available from the Cabinet Office, Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital on the social investment market, a centrepiece of the Coalition's 'Big Society'. Funding Central provides funding information and overviews for charities.

- NCVO Almanac: voluntary sector [total income & spending](#); [income sources](#)
(National Council of Voluntary Organisations; UK wide; 2014 edition, for 2011-12)
- [Growing the social investment market: vision & strategy](#)
(Cabinet Office; February 2011)
- [Growing the social investment market: the landscape and economic impact](#)
(Cabinet Office; July 2013)
- [Social investment & social enterprise: resources & statistics](#)
(Big Lottery Fund; research reports available for UK & Scotland specifically)
- [Funding Central](#)
(Funded by NCVO & the Cabinet Office)
- [Big Society Capital](#) annual reports
(Big Society Capital; annual reports; from 2012)

Crime, Policing & Justice

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This note provides sources of statistics on crime, policing and criminal justice.

From the Library

Crime

- [Crime: social indicators page](#)
- [Drug use, seizures and offending: Social Indicators page](#)
- [Knife crime statistics](#)
- [The August 2011 riots: a statistical summary](#)

Prisons

- [Prison population: social indicators page](#)

Policing

- [Police funding: social indicators page](#)
- [Police numbers: Social Indicators page](#)
- [Police service strength](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

General

From crime and solvency rates, to prosecutions and convictions, police officer numbers to prison overcrowding, statistics on crime and justice have been topical for a while. For that reason, longer time series are often available with wide ranging coverage. However, crime statistics have to be used with caution: differing legal systems and jurisdictions, with their origin in separate legal traditions, coupled with varying acts and legislation, mean there is a considerable inconsistency with what and how data is recorded in the constituent nations of the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, problems with the colloquial use of legal terms can lead to confusion when searching for a specific statistic; for example there is no such crime type as 'domestic abuse', rather this is an aggravation of a range of offences. The acronym 'PCSO' commonly refers to a Community Support Officer, individuals empowered under statute who work alongside sworn police officers, but in Scotland would refer to a custody officer, Community Support Officers nonexistent outwith England and Wales. Burglary is a specific offence in England and Wales under S.9 of the Theft Act 1968, but in Scotland would be the common law crime of 'Theft by Housebreaking'. Likewise the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) applies throughout Northern Ireland and England and Wales, however the police in Scotland largely revert to common law powers for arrests and statutory legislation for powers of detention.

Police record crime in accordance with the National Crime Recording Standard (due to sufficiency of evidence rules this is a different policy in Scotland). There has recently been some upheaval in the police recording of crime data, with the statistics having been found to not meet the standard required for designation as National Statistics.

The primary sources for crime and justice statistics are: in England and Wales, the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice; in Scotland, the

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Scottish Government; in Northern Ireland, the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Department of Justice.

- [ONS Crime & Justice](#)
(ONS; England and Wales)
- [Home Office Crime Statistics](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales)
- [Statistics at MOJ](#)
(Ministry of Justice; England and Wales)
- [Scottish Crime and Justice Statistics](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland)
- [Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland)
- [Department of Justice, Statistics & Research Publications](#)
(Department of Justice; Northern Ireland)

Crime

Recorded Crime

The ONS Crime Statistics bulletin, combining police recorded crime data with results from the Crime Survey England and Wales (CSEW), is the primary source of crime statistics for England and Wales. Detection rates in England and Wales, including outcomes data, is published by the Home Office who also publish historical crime data since 1898.

In Scotland, police recorded crime data is released annually, and includes detection rates. This publication is complemented by the Scottish Crime Survey, with the two expected to be combined in the future.

Likewise, in Northern Ireland, police recorded crime data is published by the PSNI, with the separate Northern Ireland Crime Survey published by the Department of Justice.

- [ONS Crime Statistics](#)
(ONS; police force and local authority in England & Wales; annual with quarterly bulletin; from 2002/03)
- [Home Office, Crime Outcomes in England and Wales](#)
(Home Office; by police force in England & Wales; annual publications; from 2002/03)
- [Home Office, Historical Crime Data](#)
(Home Office; by crime type; annual updates; since 1898)
- [Recorded Crime in Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by local authority in Scotland; annual publications; since 1997)
- [Scottish Crime Survey](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; annual; since 1993)
- [PSNI Police Recorded Crime Statistics](#)
(PSNI; by policing district; monthly updates; since 1968)
- [Northern Ireland crime survey](#)
(Department of Justice; Northern Ireland; annual publications; since 1994/95)

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Youth Crime

The Ministry of Justice, in conjunction with the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales, publish statistics regarding young people (aged 10-17) in the Youth Justice System in England and Wales. This includes offences and associated disposal, court statistics and custody data. Scotland and Northern Ireland do not separated out youth justice data from the main series.

- [MOJ, Youth Justice Statistics, England and Wales](#)
(MOJ; by region and local authority; annual with additional ad hoc releases; from 2008)

Drug Crime

Statistics on drug seizures by territorial police forces, the British Transport Police and the UK Border Force are provided by the Home Office in England and Wales, the Scottish Government and the PSNI. Other data related to drug offences and alcohol related crime is to be found within the main publications.

- [Seizures of Drugs in England and Wales](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales; by police force; annual publications; since 2000)
- [Drug Seizures by Scottish Police Forces](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; by police force (prior to April 2013; annual publications; since 1996/97)
- [Drug Seizure Statistics \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland; by district and region; annual publications; since 2002/03)

Policing

Police Workforce

Police workforce statistics are published for each jurisdiction separately: the Home Office covering the 43 territorial forces in England and Wales, as well as the British Transport Police; the Scottish Government the numbers for Police Scotland; and PSNI publishing their officer numbers. Workforce also includes police staff and Special Constables, and Police Community Support Officers in England and Wales. HM Inspectorate of Constabulary have also collated data on police officer numbers in England and Wales, including frontline officer numbers, as a response to budget cuts since 2010 under their 'Valuing the Police' inspection programme.

- [Police Workforce England and Wales Statistics](#)
(Home Office; by police force; England and Wales; from 1998)
- [Police Strength, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; quarterly; from 2006)
- [Strength of Police Service Statistics](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland; updated annually)
- [HMIC Valuing the Police Data](#)
(HMIC; by police force; England and Wales; annual; since 2010)

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Police Powers & Procedures

The availability of statistics covering general policing duties varies according to jurisdiction. In both England and Wales, and Northern Ireland, statistics of procedures carried out under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, including detentions, arrests, stop and searches, breath tests and fixed penalty notices are published regularly. The Home Office also provides statistics on the police use of Taser and firearms for England and Wales, but these remain unavailable for Scotland and are not published for Northern Ireland where police officers remain routinely armed. Included in this section are statistics on the number of firearms and shotgun certificates issued, including visitors' permits.

- [Police powers and procedures England and Wales statistics](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales; since 2001/02)
- [Use of Taser Statistics](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales; since 2004)
- Police Use of Firearms Statistics, [2009/10](#), [2010/11](#), [2011/12](#), [2012/13](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales; annual; since 2001/02)
- [PACE Order Statistics](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland; since 2011/12)
- [Stop and Search Statistics](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland; since 2008/09)
- [Police Use of Force Statistics](#)
(PSNI; Northern Ireland; biannual; since 2011/12)
- [Firearm Certificates in England and Wales Statistics](#)
(Home Office; England and Wales; since 1971)
- [Firearms Certificates Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; since 2000)

Complaints about the Police

Complaints about the police which are not resolved at a force level or are of a serious nature, are referred to an independent third party: the Independent Police Complaints Commission in England and Wales, the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner in Scotland, and the Police Ombudsman in Northern Ireland.

- [IPCC Annual Police Complaints Statistics](#)
(Independent Police Complaints Commission; England and Wales; annual; from 2004)
- [Police Complaints: Statistics for Scotland](#)
(PIRC; Scotland; annual; since 2008/09)
- [Complaint Statistics in Northern Ireland](#)
(Police Ombudsman; Northern Ireland; annual; since 1997/98)

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Justice

Prisons and Custody

Prison population and projection statistics are published by the Ministry of Justice in England and Wales, by the Scottish Government in Scotland, and by the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland.

- [Prison Population Statistics](#)
(Ministry of Justice; England and Wales; from 2009)
- [Prison Population Projections](#)
(Ministry of Justice; England and Wales; annual publications; since 2008)
- [Prison Population and Projections, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; Scotland; annual publications; from 1997)
- [Prison population, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Justice; Northern Ireland; from 2009)

Prison staffing levels are available from the respective prison services directly through their annual reports, and with limited statistics from the Ministry of Justice quarterly publication on NOMS.

- [National Offender Management Service Workforce Statistics](#)
(MOJ & NOMS; England and Wales; quarterly publications; since 2013)
- [Scottish Prison Service, Annual Reports](#)
(SPS; Scotland; annual publications; from 2001/02)
- [Northern Ireland Prison Service, Annual Reports](#)
(NIPS; Northern Ireland; annual publications; from 2008/09)

Various other statistics for England and Wales covering subjects such as offender management, safety in custody, and public protection from violent or sexual offenders are available from the Ministry of Justice:

- [Prisons and Probation Statistics](#)
(MOJ; England and Wales; various publications; from 1993)

Civil Justice

There are a range of statistics on civil, rather than criminal, court actions. The key publications are listed below, however further detail can be obtained by looking directly for the specific court or court service of interest in each jurisdiction.

- [Civil Justice Statistics Quarterly](#)
(MOJ; quarterly publication; since 2014; previously published as 'Court Statistics' since 2009)
- [Civil Law Statistics in Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by court; annual publication; since 2008)
- [Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service, Statistics & Research](#)
(Northern Ireland; various publications by court and action; annual publications; since 2008)

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Courts and Convictions Data

There are various publications of prosecution and conviction data from the MOJ, Scottish Government and the Department of Justice. Further data may be found from the prosecution services listed below, or from specific courts websites if looking for statistics on the courts of higher audience.

- [Criminal Justice Statistics Quarterly](#)
(MOJ; annual publication with quarterly updates; since 2012)
- [Crown Prosecution Service Case Outcomes Data](#)
(CPS; by CPS area; annual publications; since 2010)
- [Criminal Proceedings](#)
(Scottish Government; by court type; annual publications; since 1996)
- [Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Statistics](#)
(COPFS; Scotland)
- [Prosecutions and Convictions](#)
(Department of Justice; Northern Ireland; annual publications; since 2007)
- [Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service, Statistics & Research](#)
(Northern Ireland; various publications by court and action; annual publications; since 2008)

International Comparisons

As highlighted at the beginning of this note, making comparisons in crime statistics between different legal jurisdictions should be approached with caution. This is even more the case when considering comparisons with different countries which can apply both differing legal traditions (common or civil law), or even different moral standards to what we might consider justice.

If an international comparison is to be made, the European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics is an invaluable source covering everything from policing statistics and crime rates, to conviction rates and victimisation surveys. Other useful sources listed below provide detailed statistics on prison populations and incarceration rates in different countries around the world.

- [European Sourcebook of Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics](#)
(European Sourcebook; various European countries; latest 5th edition (2014), earliest covers from 1990)
- [Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics](#)
(SPACE I & SPACE II; various European countries; annual publication; since 2010)
- [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#)
(US Bureau of Justice)
- [Eurostat](#)
(European Commission)
- [International Centre for Prison Studies, World Prison Brief](#)
(International Centre for Prison Studies)

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This note provides sources of statistics on the Civil Service.

From the Library

- [Civil Service statistics](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Civil Service

UK wide series on Civil Service recruitment and personal are available from the ONS, Cabinet Office and Civil Service. Further publications are available for public sector employment in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

United Kingdom

- [Number, ethnicity, working patterns, gender, earnings, region and responsibility of Civil Servants](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 2006 onwards)
- [Industry, working patterns and regions of Public Sector workers](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; quarterly; 2011 onwards)
- [Civil Service Fast Stream recruitment](#)
(Cabinet Office; UK; annually; 2009 onwards)
- [Civil Service Staff Survey](#)
(Civil Service; UK; annually; 2009 onwards)
- [Government sponsored public bodies and reforms](#)
(Cabinet Office; UK; annually; 2010 onwards)
- [Report on Senior Salaries](#)
(Civil Service; UK; annually; 2012 onwards)

Scotland

- [Public sector employment statistics](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; quarterly; 1999 onwards)

Wales

- [Employment in the public land private sectors by Welsh local authority and status](#)
(Stats Wales; Wales; annually; from 2001 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Civil Servants by home and work location](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 2005 onwards)
- [Analysis of personnel statistics](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 2009-2012)

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The primary source for UK defence statistics is the MOD's annual UK Defence Statistics Compendium, summarising multiple data sources and trends. Long running data series tracking international defence spending are available from the Military Balance, SIPRI Year Book and NATO.

From the Library

- [Defence personnel statistics](#)
- [Defence expenditure](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

The United Kingdom

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is the main source of Official and National statistics on defence related topics in the UK. All publications and datasets since May 2010 can be found on the department's [gov.uk web-pages](#).

Older publications and statistical releases are available via the [UK Government Web Archive](#).

Topics covered by MOD statistics include:

- Finance
- Personnel
- Health (including casualties)
- Equipment
- Search and Rescue activities

The MOD also publishes an annual compendium, UK Defence Statistics (UKDS). This provide a good overview of all the statistical releases in the year of publication as well as more general trends. UKDS has been in continuous publication since 1992 when it replaced [Statement on the defence estimates](#).

- [UK Defence Statistics compendium 1992-2013](#)
(Ministry of Defence; UK; annual summary publication; 1992-2013)
- [UK Defence Statistics compendium 2010-2014](#)
(Ministry of Defence; UK; annual summary publication; 2010-2014)

NATO

NATO multimedia publishes various [online reports and summaries](#) covering topics such as troop contributions, policy and international spending. Further data on [Defence Expenditure](#) as a proportion of GDP for member countries is also available (also see the World Bank's [online search engine](#) for further analysis).

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International defence statistics

There are three primary sources for international defence statistics:

- [The Military Balance](#)
An annual publication from the Institute of Strategic Studies which provides assessment of military capabilities and defence spending of over 170 countries. Available in hard copy from the Library, or online through the Commons Library e-Journals.
- [The SIPRI Yearbook](#)
Published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, this is a collection of data and analysis on security and conflicts across the globe. Includes information on military spending, arms production and nuclear forces. Available in hard copy from the Library.
- [Jane's Defence & Security Intelligence & Analysis](#)
Provides detailed news and analysis of current topics on worldwide defence issues. It can be accessed online through the House of Commons Library Online Resources.

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As a devolved matter education statistics on school funding, teachers, pupil numbers and performance are available for each constituent country of the UK. A range of detailed international surveys and comparisons are available, together with data on higher and further education in the UK.

From the Library

Schools

- [Free school statistics](#)
- [Converter academies: statistics](#)
- [Education expenditure: social indicators page](#)
- [Teachers: social indicators page](#)

Further Education

- [Participation in education and training: 16-18 year olds: social indicator page](#)

Higher Education – participation

- [Participation in higher education: social indicator page](#)
- [Applicants and entrants to higher education: social indicators page](#)
- [HE in England from 2012: student numbers](#)

Higher Education – finances

- [Tuition fee statistics](#)
- [Student loan statistics](#)
- [HE in England from 2012: funding and finance](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

General

The Department for Education publishes a range of statistical series for education in England, including data on school and pupil numbers, primary, secondary and post-16 attainment and the destination of key stage 4 & 5 pupils. Data is available within each series for a range of geographies.

- [School and pupil numbers](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority & region; annual release)
- [Performance tables on attainment of primary, secondary and post-16 pupils](#)
(Department of Education; England)
- [16 to 19 attainment](#)
(Department of Education; England)
- [Destination of key stage 4 & 5 pupils](#)
(Department for Education; by school, constituency and local authority; England)

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School/service level expenditure data is available per local authority in England via the Department of Education's local authority school expenditure tables. Grants received by local authorities from central government are detailed within Dedicated Schools Grant releases; planned expenditure benchmarks offer projections for local authority funding. Similar releases are available for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

England

- [Local authority & school expenditure](#)
(Department of Education; by school & local authority; annual release by financial year; from 1999)
- [Dedicated Schools Grant](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority; annual release by financial year)
- [Open academies and academy projects in development](#)
(Department of Education; by academy school; monthly release)
- [Planned expenditure on schools, education, children & young people's services](#)
(Department of Education; by local authority; annual release; benchmarking from 2010-11)

Wales

- [Finance data: delegated school budgets, outturn and reserves](#)
(StatsWales; by school & local authority & per pupil; annual update by financial year)

Northern Ireland

- [Schools finance: common funding, grant maintained schools & voluntary grammar income](#)
(Department for Education; by school & local authority; annual release; from 2005)

International data: how does the UK compare?

The OECD's annual Education at a Glance publication collates data on the education structure, finance and performance from governments around the world. UNESCO's Institute for Statistics similarly provides data on education in over 200 countries. The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) surveys the educational performance of resources available to 15 years olds in 65 economies. The TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science study) has measured trends in mathematics and science for the past twenty years. The PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Literacy Study) has measured reading comprehension for the past 15.

- [Education at a glance](#)
(OECD; by each of 34 member countries; annual publication; 2014)
- [Programme for International Student Assessment \(PISA\)](#)
(Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development; 60-70 countries; triennial; since 2000)
- [Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study \(TIMSS\)](#)
(International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement; every 4 years; since 1995)
- [Progress in International Reading Literacy Study \(PIRLS\)](#)
(International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement; every 5 years; since 2001)
- [UNESCO education data centre](#)
(UNESCO Institute for Statistics; covering around 200 countries & territories)

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Teachers

Workforce

Statistics on the number, qualifications and sickness absences of teachers are available for each constituent country of the UK.

- [Statistics: school workforce in England](#)
(Department of Education; England; annual release, November; since 2010)
- [Teachers and school workforce in England](#) (historic)
(Department of Education; England; annual releases; 1997 – 2011)
- [Teacher Census Results in Scotland](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; annual releases; from 2004)
- [Schools census in Wales](#)
(StatsWales; Wales; 1974 – 2005 & from 2005)
- [Teacher numbers in Northern Ireland](#)
(Department for Education; Northern Ireland; annual releases; since 2004)

Pay

The School Teachers Review Body makes recommendations for and reviews the conditions of teacher's pay in England and Wales.

- [School Teacher's Review Body](#) (STRB)
(Department of Education; England & Wales; annual reports; since 2012)

Training

Teacher training performance data is available from the Department of Education for England and the Welsh Government for Wales.

- [Initial teacher training performance profiles & census data](#) (England)
(Department for Education; England; annual reports; from 2010)
- [Initial teacher training census](#) (Wales)
(The Welsh Government; Wales; annual releases; from 2004)

Further education

The Education Funding Agency gathers funding statistics for England while the Skills Funding Agency provides data on course up take and qualifications. The gov.uk Further Education data library provides an ample collections of Further Education statistics from the Skills Funding Agency and Department for Business, Innovation & Skills.

- [Further Education data library](#)
(Skills Funding Agency & Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- [Education Funding Agency](#)
(Education Funding Agency; England)
- [Skills Funding Agency](#)
(Skills Funding Agency; England)

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Higher education

UCAS provide an array of higher education statistics on applications, acceptances, acceptances according to applicant characteristics and a number of other issues. The UCAS statistical enquiry tool allows first hand analysis of historic data (note this data is not up-to-date). The UK wide Higher Education Statistics Agency provides further analysis of higher education enrolments, courses studied and the characteristics of students. HESA performance indicators provide comparative indicators on efforts to widen participation in education and retain students and graduates' employment prospects. Official statistics on student loans are available from the Student Loans Company.

- [UCAS data & analysis](#)
(Universities & Colleges Admissions Service; United Kingdom)
- [UCAS statistical enquiry tool](#)
(Universities & Colleges Admissions Service; United Kingdom; years 1996 - 2011)
- [Higher education summary statistics](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Agency; United Kingdom; 2012/13 summary)
- [Higher education statistics: students, staff, destination of leavers and finance](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Agency; United Kingdom)
- [UK performance indicators in Higher Education](#)
(Higher Education Statistics Authority; United Kingdom)
- [Student Loans Company official statistics](#)
(Student Loans Company; United Kingdom)

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Topics covered here include electoral results, polling reports and social attitudes surveys. Historic and international datasets also provide important context to electoral analysis. In depth reporting, research and analysis of local, European and UK general elections is available from Library research papers for elections since 1997.

From the Library

General Elections

- [UK Election Statistics: 1918-2012](#)
- [General Election 2010](#)
- [General Election 2005](#)

Local elections

- [Local Elections 2014](#)

European Parliament elections

- [European Parliament Elections 2014](#)
- [European Parliament Elections: Turnout trends](#)

Referendums

- [Scottish Independence Referendum](#)
- [Alternative Vote Referendum 2011](#)

Other

- [Elections: Turnout](#)
- [Membership of UK political parties](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Polling and electoral indicators

UK Polling Report collates polling and analysis from multiple pollsters in the UK. Individual polling companies host extensive archives or their own research and reporting.

- [UK Polling Report](#)
(Anthony Wells at YouGov; collates the latest polls from a wide range of sources; from May 2005)
- [Ipsos MORI](#)
(Ipsos MORI; a range of regional, national and international polling starting from c.1980)
- [ICMUnlimited](#)
(ICM Unlimited; polling at a regional, national and international level since c. 1997)
- [Populus](#)
(Populus research and strategy; polling at a regional, national and international level since c.2002)
- [Survation](#)
(Survation; surveys and polling for a range of customers; from c. 2010)
- [YouGov archive](#)
(YouGovUK; a range of regional, national and international polling; since c. 2002)

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Electoral studies and surveys

The British Election Study is one of the world's longest running election studies, analysing the political attitudes and voting behaviours of voters since 1964. The British Social Attitudes Survey has surveyed around 3,000 people annually since 1984 to track changes in a range of social, political and moral attitudes. Questions on the survey are rotated year on year, meaning consecutive surveys cover different topics.

- [The British Election Study](#)
(The British Election Study; UK wide; general election years 1974 onwards)
- British Social Attitudes [29 \(2012\)](#), [30 \(2013\)](#), [31 \(2014\)](#)
(National Centre for Social Research; Britain; since 1983)

Past UK elections and governments

In print, Rallings and Thrasher's *British Electoral Facts* provides a comprehensive guide to statistics on general elections, referendums, political parties, electoral administration and public opinion 1832 to 2012. Butler's and Butler's *British Political Facts* is similarly thorough, providing long running data and information series on ministries and ministers, elections, parties, parliament, social conditions, the economy, the media and international affairs from 1900 to the present day.

Online, official results for recent elections are published by the Electoral Commission. UKPOL Magazine and UK Political Info collate election results – often at a constituency level – for a range of UK elections. Data is available on Local Authority by-elections since 1996 from the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors' Local Authority Byelection Results site.

- Rallings, Colin & Thrasher, Michael; *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2012*
(Biteback Publishing; electoral data from c. 1832 onwards)
- Butler, David & Butler, Gareth; *British Political Facts*
(Palgrave Macmillan; electoral and political data from c. 1900 onwards)
- [Past elections & referendums](#)
(Electoral Commission; local elections, devolved legislature elections, police and crime commissioner elections, referendums, European elections and general elections; founded in 2001)
- [UK Politics Magazine: electoral records](#)
(UKPOL Magazine; local, regional and UK wide elections and referendums; 1995 onwards)
- [UK Political Info](#)
(UK Political Info; UK wide; electoral records and commentary from 1945 onwards)
- [Local Authority By-Election Results](#)
(Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors; UK wide; by-elections since 1996)

General Elections

Archived BBC webpages offer extensive media analysis of general elections since 1997. Further in-depth statistical analysis of general elections results is available from House of Commons Library Research Papers, many of which are listed above.

- BBC General Elections Coverage: [1997](#), [2001](#), [2005](#), [2010](#)
(British Broadcasting Cooperation; results by party, constituency, country and UK wide; general elections 1997-2010)

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Political party registration and funding

Registered parties and their accounting units with income or spending of over £25,000 must submit their annual accounts to the Electoral Commission. The below search engine allows users to search party accounts per year, area (inc. constituency) and party. The Commission's [guidance pages](#) provide further detail on the submission of accounts.

- [UK Electoral Commission registration, donation, loans and accounts database](#)
(Electoral Commission; for all registered parties in the United Kingdom, accounts available at a constituency, regional and UK wide level; founded 2001)

International parliaments, elections and political studies

The Inter-Parliamentary Union's PARLINE database contains information on the structure, composition and working methods of 265 parliamentary chambers in 189 countries. The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance provides datasets on a range of electoral issues.

- [PARLINE database of national parliaments](#)
(Inter-Parliamentary Union; 265 parliamentary chambers in 189 countries; elections since 1967)
- [Direct democracy, electoral justice & systems, gender quotas, political finance and voter turnout database](#)
(International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance; international database)

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This note provides sources of statistics for energy in the United Kingdom.

From the Library

Energy consumption, pricing and poverty

- [Energy Use Social Indicator Page](#)
- [Energy Prices](#)
- [Energy imports and exports](#)
- [Components of an energy bill](#)
- [Fuel Poverty](#)

Renewable and nuclear energy

- [Nuclear Power](#)
- [Nuclear energy statistics](#)
- [Renewable Energy Statistics](#)

Oil, gas and road fuel

- [Road fuel prices and taxes across the EU](#)
- [Road fuel prices social indicator](#)
- [Oil Prices](#)
- [Petrol and diesel prices](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Energy consumption, pricing and poverty

The annual publication *Energy Consumption in the United Kingdom* provides data on total UK energy consumption, together with specific chapters for consumption by the transport, domestic, industrial and services sectors. The Department for Energy and Climate Change provides further consumption data by local authority. The Department also publishes quarterly energy price statistics with comparisons to fuel prices elsewhere in the EU and for other G7 countries. Statistics on fuel poverty are available for the UK and by local authority; series on energy efficiency (inc. data on domestic efficiency and smart meters) are published for various geographies, while domestic energy fact files are available for Great Britain.

- [Energy consumption in the UK \(ECUK\)](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK wide, by sector; annual release; data from 1970)
- [Sub-national energy consumption statistics](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK, by local authority; annual release; from 2012)
- [Quarterly energy prices](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK wide; quarterly release; from 2012)
- [Fuel poverty, England](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; England, by local authority; annual; from 2003)
- [Energy efficiency statistics – including domestic usage, smart meters and energy Green Deal statistics](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change)
- [Domestic energy consumption fact files](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK, GB and England; from 1970)

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Energy sector

The DUKES (*Digest of UK energy statistics*) series contains annual data on coal, petroleum, gas, electricity, renewables and other power sources together with extensive analysis of power production past and present; the Department of Energy & Climate Change's energy sector statistics draw upon these publications to produce a series of accessible data tables. *UK energy sector statistics* consolidates further data available to the Department in one annual digest. The National Grid's data pages provide a real time data on system operations together with forecasts for demand on the grid and associated costs.

- [Digest of UK energy statistics \(DUKES\)](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK wide, by fuel type; annual release; since 1948)
- [Energy sector statistics](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK wide by fuel type)
- [UK energy sector indicators](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK wide; from 2012)
- [National Grid real time system performance data](#)
(National Grid)

Renewable and nuclear energy

Energy Trends section 6 consolidates a number of statistical series in one quarterly bulletin. Regional data tables on the generation, installation capacity, site no. and economic viability of renewable energy is available from the Department of Energy & Climate Change. Chapter 6 of DUKES provides information on specifically the sources of renewable energy. Renewable UK is a not for profit organisation publishing a range of reports and information packs. On nuclear power, the Department publishes lists of past and present nuclear reactors and the World Nuclear Association provides data on Uranium production, nuclear generation by country and other reactor statistics.

- [Energy Trends, section 6 \(renewables\)](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK & England; annual release; data by quarter from 2009)
- [Regional Renewable Statistics](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; regions of England; annual; from 2003)
- [Renewable sources of energy: chapter 6 \(DUKES\)](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK; annual; from 1998)
- [Renewable UK publications: wind and marine energy](#)
(Renewable UK)
- [Past and present nuclear reactors in the UK](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK; from 1962)
- [Key nuclear energy data: facts and figures](#)
(World Nuclear Association)

Energy

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Oil, gas and road fuel

Data from the Department of Energy & Climate Change on oil and gas fields includes field production history, income, expenditure on exploration, spills and remaining reserves. The AA publishes a monthly fuel 'pump price' review.

- [Oil and gas: field data](#)
(Department of Energy & Climate Change; UK Continental Shelf; annual release; from 1975)
- [National and regional fuel price report](#)
(AA; for the UK and by region; monthly release)

International data

A range of data series on energy tax rates, the energy intensity of an economy, greenhouse gas emissions, the market share of a country's largest electricity generator and renewable energy are available from the Eurostat Energy Statistics tool, together with series on the quantities and prices associated with energy production. The EU's Market Observatory for Energy publishes weekly data on consumer prices and net prices for petroleum products. A monthly overview of the oil market is available from the International Energy Agency. Data on oil, natural gas and coal production and consumption is available from the US Energy Information Administration online search tool. BP's annual Review of World Energy provides a history of energy production since 1952.

- [Eurostat Energy Statistics](#)
(Eurostat; EU Member States; from c.1995)
- [EU Oil Bulletin](#)
(European Union Market Observatory for Energy; EU Member States; weekly; from 2009)
- [International Energy Agency Oil Market Report](#)
(International Energy Agency; global; monthly; from 1991)
- [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#)
(U.S. Energy Information Administration; global)
- [Statistical Review of World Energy](#)
(BP; global; annual publication; 1952 onwards)

Environment

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This note examines sources of statistics on environmental indicators including biodiversity, natural asset extraction and the environmental impact of economic activity, together with climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable development and local waste and recycling.

From the Library

- [Sources of Social Statistics: Energy and Environment](#)
- [The Weather: Social Indicators](#)
- [Greenhouse gas emissions: social indicators](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

General publications

Department of Energy, Food and Rural Affairs statistics cover a range of environmental series including air quality and emissions, biodiversity and water quality. The ONS's UK Environmental Accounts focus on the environmental impact of UK economic activities, including natural asset extraction, energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Further statistics are available per nation of the UK and internationally.

United Kingdom

- [Defra Statistics page](#)
(Department for Energy, Food and Rural Affairs; United Kingdom)
- [UK Environmental Accounts](#)
(Office for National Statistics; United Kingdom; annually; 2011 onwards)

Scotland

- [Scottish environmental statistics](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland)

Wales

- [Welsh environmental statistics](#)
(The Welsh Government; Wales)

Northern Ireland

- [Environment statistics report](#)
(Northern Ireland Environment Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 2009 onwards)

International

- [Environmental statistics, accounts, indicators and data centres](#)
(Eurostat; EU)
- [United Nations Environmental Data Explorer](#)
(United Nations Environment Programme; global)
- [Data and maps by country](#)
(European Environment Agency; European Union; annually)
- [OECD Environment Statistics](#)
(OECD; OECD nations)

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Climate change and greenhouse gas emissions

Long running UK climate information is available from the Met Office (from 1659, in the case of temperatures for central England). The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change publishes reports on world greenhouse gas emissions. Further data on greenhouse gasses, together with other emissions including aerosols, non-methane hydrocarbons, radiation and ozone, are available from the US Department of Commerce's Global Monitoring Division.

- [UK Climate Summaries](#)
(Met Office; UK/ England; 1659 onwards)
- [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change publications](#)
(United Nations (UN); UN States; 1990 onwards)
- [Gas emissions and ozone levels by country](#)
(US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration Global Monitoring Division; worldwide)

Sustainable development

Sustainable development indicators from the ONS provide an overview of progress toward a sustainable economy, society and environment. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe produces a range of publications on how best to monitor sustainable development.

- [Sustainable development indicators](#)
(Office for National Statistics; United Kingdom; annually; 2014 onwards)
- [Statistics on sustainable development](#)
(United Nations (UN) Economic Commission for Europe; UN States; annually)

Waste and recycling

Waste and recycling statistics are available per local authority from each devolved government of the UK.

- [Defra Waste and recycling stats](#)
(Department for Food and Rural Affairs; England; annually; 2006/07 onwards)
- [Local authority municipal waste management](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annually; 2004/05 onwards)
- [Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#)
(Scottish Environment Protection Agency; Scotland; annually; 2011 onwards)
- [Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste](#)
(Northern Ireland; 2004/05 onwards)

Local Government

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The Department for Communities and Local Government is the primary sources of local government statistics in England; similar statistical series are provided by the respective departments responsible for this topic in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

From the Library

- [Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16 – initial analysis](#)
- [Local government finance: social indicators page](#)
- [English local government finance: issues and options](#)
- [Local government in England: capital finance](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Local government finance

DCLG provide a wide range of data series on local government in England; subjects covered include council tax, land use change, local government finance and local government pensions. Similar data series are available from the respective authorities responsible for local government in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

England

- [A guide to the local government finance settlement](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England)
- [Local authority revenue expenditure and financing](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; annually; 2007 onwards)
- [Local government finance](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; annually; 2010 onwards)
- [Capital payments and receipts](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; annually; 2003 onwards)
- [Local authority capital expenditure and financing](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; biennially; 2000 onwards)
- [Council tax levels and collection rates](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; annually; 2005 onwards)
- [National non-domestic rates collected by councils](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; annually; 2009 onwards)

Scotland

- [Scottish local government council tax collection rates, non-domestic rates and reduction](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; annually; 1995 onwards)

Wales

- [Local government finance statistics, Wales](#)
(Stats Wales; Wales; by local authority)

Northern Ireland

- [District council rates](#)
(Department of the Environment; district councils of Northern Ireland; 2014/15 release)

Health and social care

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A devolved matter, health statistics are available per constituent country of the UK. Information is available on waiting times, hospital admissions, beds availability, screening programmes, adult and child social care and health and social care funding.

From the Library

General

- [*NHS Indicators, February 2015*](#)
- [*NHS Winter Pressures 2014/15*](#)
- [*NHS Wales Statistics*](#)

Waiting lists

- [*Waiting times for hospital treatment*](#)
- [*Waiting times: social indicators page*](#)

Accident & Emergency

- [*Accident and emergency care in the UK*](#)

Workforce

- [*NHS workforce statistics*](#)

Abortion

- [*Statistics on abortion*](#)

Mental Health

- [*Talking therapies for mental health problems*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)*](#)
- [*Sources of Statistics \(the complete series\)*](#)

Waiting lists

Waiting list data is available for CCGs, Area Teams and nationally for England, Scotland and Wales; data is gathered by Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. Waiting lists data is available for multiple events including A&E visits, cancer and cardiac surgeries.

- [NHS England consultant-led referral to treatment waiting times](#)
(NHS England; by CCG, Area Team and NHS England; monthly and annual reports; from 2011)
- [ISD Scotland waiting times](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland; monthly & annual reports)
- [StatsWales NHS hospital waiting times](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)
- [Northern Ireland waiting times statistics](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; Northern Ireland; monthly updates; from 1999)

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Hospital activity

Hospital admissions

Hospital episode statistics are available for each constituent country of the UK at CCG (or equivalent), Area Team and national level. Inpatients - those people admitted to an available staffed hospital bed to remain overnight, including those discharged early - and day cases - where a person makes a planned admission to an available staffed bed for clinical care and is discharged on the same day as planned – are the primary focus of episode statistics.

- [HSCIC England hospital episode statistics, admitted patient care](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; by CCG, Area Team, England; annual releases; from 1998)
- [HSCIC England provisional monthly hospital episode statistics, admitted patient care](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; by CCG, Area Team, England; monthly provisional release)
- [Hospital admissions data, Wales](#)
(The Welsh Government; by CCG, Area Team, Wales; annual reports; from 1999)
- [ISD Scotland inpatient and day case activity](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, Area Team, Scotland)
- [Inpatient & day case activity, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; by Trusts, Northern Ireland; annual reports; from 1998)

Beds availability and occupancy

Beds availability and occupancy data are available from the Hospital Episode Statistics published per constituent country of the UK.

- [NHS England bed availability & occupancy](#)
(NHS England; by CCG, Area Team, England; by quarter; from 2000)
- [NHS beds, Wales](#)
(The Welsh Government/StatsWales; by CCG, Area Team, Wales; annual reports; from 2005)
- [ISD Scotland hospital care](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, Area Team, Scotland; by quarter & year ending March; from 2010)
- [ISD Scotland available beds](#) (historic)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, area team, Scotland; by quarter & year ending March; 2001-2010)
- [Inpatient & daycase activity – beds, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; by Trusts, Northern Ireland; annual reports; from 2009/10)

Ambulances: calls, response times & patient journeys

Data on ambulance calls, response times and patient journeys are available for each constituent country of the UK.

- [NHS England ambulance quality indicators](#)
(NHS England; by Ambulance Trusts in England; annual release; from 2011)
- [Ambulance services, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by area, Wales; monthly update)
- [HEAT standard ambulance response performance](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; annual report; 2012/13)
- [Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health & Social Care Trust annual reports](#)
(Health & Social Care trust; Northern Ireland; annual reports; from 1999)

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Health screening: screening programmes, breast cancer & cervical cancer

A national population-based breast screening programme operates in the UK, offering screening to all women aged 50-70 (50-64 until 2003/04) once every three years. Cervical screenings are similarly available once every three years to all women aged 25-64 in England and Wales and all women aged 20-60 in Scotland. Data is available per constituent country of the UK.

England

- [NHS England breast screening programme releases](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England; annual releases; from 2006)
- [NHS England cervical screening programme](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England; annual releases; from 2004)

Wales

- [Breast Test Wales releases](#)
(NHS Wales, Breast Test Wales; Wales; annual releases; from 2011/12)
- [Cervical Screening Wales statistical reports](#)
(NHS Wales, Cervical Screening; Wales; from 2001)

Scotland

- [Scottish Breast Screening Programme](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland)
- [Scottish Cervical Screening Programme](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland)

Social care

Social care statistics – including information on adult and children's care services, staffing and user experience – are available per constituent country of the UK.

- [Social care activity, expenditure & workforce in England](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England)
- [Social services data releases, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)
- [Health and social care information, Scotland](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland)
- [Social Care statistics, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; Northern Ireland)

Health expenditure

Trends in UK wide health expenditure are tracked by the Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses published by HM Treasury. Reference costs – the average unit cost to the NHS of providing healthcare to patients – are available for England, Wales and Scotland.

- [Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2014](#)
(HM Treasury; annual releases)
- [NHS England reference costs](#)
(Department of Health; England; annual release; from 2009)
- [NHS Wales budget programme statistics](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)
- [ISD Scotland cost books & annual accounts](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland; for each of 16 boards; from 2000)

Housing

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Commonly monitored at local authority level, housing statistics on building, stock, prices, rents, homelessness and repossessions are available for each constituent country of the UK.

From the Library

- [House prices: Social Indicator Page](#)
- [Housebuilding: Social Indicator Page](#)
- [Housing Market](#)
- [Homeless households in temporary accommodation \(England\)](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)](#)
- [Sources of Statistics \(the complete series\)](#)

House building

Statistics are available on new build starts and completions per constituent country of the UK.

- [House building statistics, England](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; by local authority, England; quarterly; from 2010)
- [New house building, Wales](#)
(Stats Wales; by local authority, Wales; annual; since 1974)
- [Housing statistics for Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by local authority, Scotland; quarterly; since 1996)
- [Northern Ireland Housing Bulletins](#)
(Department for Social Development; by local government agency, Northern Ireland; quarterly; since 2008)

Dwelling stock

Dwelling stock statistics are available by local authority per constituent country of the UK.

- [Live tables on dwelling stock \(including vacants\), England](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; by local authority, England; annual; from 1961)
- [Dwelling stock estimates, Wales](#)
(Stats Wales; by local authorities, Wales; annual; since 2000)
- [Housing statistics for Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by local government districts, Scotland; quarterly; since 1996)
- [Northern Ireland Housing Bulletins](#)
(Department for Social Development; by local government districts, Northern Ireland; quarterly; since 2008)

House condition surveys are available for England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- [English Housing Survey \(England\)](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England; from 2008)
Note: the English Housing Survey was created in 2008 by merging the former English house condition survey with the survey of English housing.
- [Scottish Household Survey \(Scotland\)](#)
(Scottish Government; by local government districts, Scotland; quarterly; since 1996)
- [Northern Ireland House Condition Survey \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
(Housing Executive; Northern Ireland; from 2001)

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House prices

Multiple sources on house prices exist due to the range of ways in which the housing market may be modelled. The ONS, Lloyds and Nationwide all provide long-running indices that allow analysis of market trends over time. Halifax and Nationwide publish adjusted house price series for local areas that account for the changing range of property types available on the market. The ONS further provides a long running series of house prices for first time buyers. DCLG provides affordability estimates per region, comparing earnings to prices.

- [ONS House Price Index](#)
(Office for National Statistics; by country and UK wide; monthly; from 1986)
- [Halifax house price index](#)
(Lloyds Banking Group; by region and UK wide; monthly; from 1983)
- [Live tables on housing market house prices](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; by local authority, UK; annual; from 1990)
- [Nationwide house price index](#)
(Nationwide; by region and UK wide; annual; from 1973)

Homelessness

Each country of the UK publishes statistics on rough sleeping, statutory homelessness and action towards prevention and relief. Data is commonly available on both applications and acceptances for statutory homelessness together with reasons for homelessness.

- [Statutory homelessness in England](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; by local authority, England; quarterly; from 2008)
- [Homelessness, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by local authority, Wales; annual; from 2003)
- [Homelessness reference tables and guidance, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by local authority, Scotland)
- [Northern Ireland Housing Bulletins](#)
(Department for Social Development; by local government agency, NI; quarterly; since 2008)

Mortgages & repossessions

The Council of Mortgage Lenders is a UK wide not-for-profit organisation that publishes statistics and analysis for mortgage lending, arrears and possessions in the UK. The Ministry of Justice publishes the number of repossession actions in the county courts of England and Wales; the Courts and Tribunals Service does likewise for Northern Ireland.

- [Council of Mortgage Lenders Statistics](#)
(Council of Mortgage Lenders; England, Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland)
Note: some data is available by subscription only.
- [Mortgage and landlord possession statistics](#)
(Ministry of Justice; England & Wales; quarterly; from 2011)
- [Mortgages: Action for possession statistics, Northern Ireland](#)
(Courts and Tribunals Service; Northern Ireland; quarterly; from 2013)
- [Help to Buy statistics](#)
(Department for Communities and Local Government; England, by constituency; from 2012)

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Social housing

Data on social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing rents, stock and types are available for each constituent country of the UK.

- [Affordable housing supply, England](#)
(Department for Communities & Local Government; by local authority, England; annual; since 2009)
- [Live tables on social housing sales, England](#)
(Department for Communities & Local Government; England, by local authority; since 1980)
- [Social housing stock, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by local authority, Wales)
- [Social Sector Housing Tables, Scotland](#)
(Scottish Government; by local authority, Scotland; annual; from 2008)
- [Northern Ireland Housing Bulletins](#)
(Department for Social Development; by local government area, Northern Ireland; quarterly; since 2008)

Renting

The ONS provides a UK wide index of private rental prices allowing analysis of trends since 2005. In England statistics on social tenancies are published by DCLG; private rental statistics are published by the Valuation Office Agency, an executive agency of HMRC. Similar series are available for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- [Index of Private Housing Rental Prices](#)
(Office for National Statistics; by region, country and UK wide; quarterly; from 2005)
- [Live tables on rents, lettings and tenancies, England](#)
(Department for Communities & Local Government; by local authority, England)
- [Private Rental Market Statistics, England](#)
(Valuation Office Agency; by region, England; since 1980)
- [Private Sector rents, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by local authority, Wales; from 2010)
- [Social housing rents, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by local authority and type, Wales; from 2002)
- [Housing Statistics for Scotland, Summary Tables](#)
(Scottish Government; by local authority, Scotland)
- [Performance of the private rental market in Northern Ireland](#)
(Northern Ireland Housing Executive; Northern Ireland; biennial; since 2007)

Migration

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This note focuses on sources of UK and international migration, including immigration, emigration, net migration and asylum. Separate Sources of Statistics notes are available for Vital Statistics (key data on mortality and other aspects of demography) and Population.

From the Library

- [Migration Statistics](#)
- [Asylum Statistics](#)
- [Asylum Seekers: social indicators page](#)
- [Asylum decisions: social indicators page](#)
- [International migration: social indicators page](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

UK migration

The Office for National Statistics releases provide comprehensive and up-to-date estimates of international migration to and from the UK, including regional breakdowns. For the most recent statistics see the ONS's Migration Statistics Quarterly Reports; for a more comprehensive analysis, see the Long-Term International Migration Estimates. The principal source for statistics on managed migration is the Home Office, which publishes quarterly statistical summaries, including asylum data. The 'Migrant Journey' is a Home Office research series that examines the outcomes for migrants entering the UK immigration system and the most common pathways through the system that result in settlement.

- [ONS Migration Indicators Suite](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide, by local authority; annual release; from mid 2003)
- [Migration Statistics Quarterly Report](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide; from May 2009)
- [Long-Term International Migration](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide, England & Wales; annual; from 2008)
- [Immigration statistics](#)
(Home Office; UK wide; quarterly; from 2008)
- [Migrant journey: fourth report](#)
(Home Office & UK Visas and Immigration & Immigration Enforcement)

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International migration statistics

EuroStat publishes data on immigration, emigration and the acquisition of citizenship for European Union countries together with a range of other statistics. The UN's Department of Economics and Social Affairs provides global estimates of migration rates for many countries. For asylum trends and refugees, see publications provided by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). All the publications listed below combine data from a variety of country and regional sources, meaning that figures may differ from national sources if they have been harmonised, or may suffer from comparability issues. National sources are generally preferable for examining trends in individual countries, while international sources are better for comparing countries.

- [EU historical and current statistics and population projections](#)
(The Statistical Office of the European Commission; Europe; annually; 1960 onwards)
- [Worldwide estimates of migrant populations and migration rates](#)
(United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs)
- [The UN High Commissioner for Refugees' Statistical Online Population Database](#)
(United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; worldwide; 1960 onwards)
- [United Nations Asylum Trends publications](#)
(United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Parliament

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This note provides information on the social composition of Parliament, historic records of Parliamentary debates and divisions, MP's expenses and the annual reports of Parliamentary authorities.

From the Library

- [*England, Scotland, Wales: MPs & voting in the House of Commons*](#)
- [*Social background of Members of Parliament*](#)
- [*Women in Parliament: making a difference since 1918*](#)
- [*Women in Parliament and Government*](#)
- [*Ethnic Minorities in Politics and Government*](#)
- [*Civil servants' and MPs' salaries*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics*](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [*Sources of Statistics*](#) (the complete series)

Parliamentary affairs and composition

Full transcripts and division records are available for Commons debates via Hansard's online search engine from November 1988; The Public Whip likewise provides a readily searchable database of Parliamentary divisions. MP's expenses claims and business costs can be searched and downloaded via IPSA. For research into the engagement of BME communities with public institutions and BME representation at Westminster, see Operation Black Vote.

- [Hansard: House of Commons debates by date](#)
(Parliament; UK; daily; since November 1988)
- [The Public Whip: Parliamentary divisions](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 1997-2001 onwards)
- [MP's expenses: the Independent parliamentary Standards Authority \(IPSA\)](#)
(Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority; searchable database from 2010/11 onwards)
- [Operation Black Vote](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 1997-98 onwards)

House of Commons

The House of Commons publications include all House publications covering parliamentary standards, accounts, management, standing orders and MPs' financial interests. The House of Commons Commission publications include the Commons Commission Annual Report and the House Nursery Annual Report. The House of Commons Annual Accounts provide primary financial statements which breakdown House cash flow and changes in taxpayers' equity.

- [House of Commons publications](#)
(Parliament; UK)
- [House of Commons Commission publications](#)
(Parliament; UK)
- [Annual Accounts](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 2001-02 onwards)
- [Sessional Returns](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 1997-98 onwards)

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House of Lords

House of Lords publications include annual reports, business plans, the financial and other interests of Lords and their staff, the peers' reimbursement scheme and standing orders. The Lords Appointments Commission is responsible for making recommendations for non-party-political House of Lords members and the vetting of recommendations made by political parties and the Prime Minister. The Appointments Commissions' annual reports contain the number and name of all individuals vetted by the Commission and appointed to the House of Lords.

- [House of Lords publications](#)
(Parliament; UK)
- [House of Lords Annual Reports, Accounts, Business Plans, Resource Accounts and Strategy for Administration](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 1998-99)
- [House of Lords Appointments Commission Publications](#)
(Parliament; UK; annually; 2000)

Population and Religion

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This Sources of Statistics note focuses on sources of statistics on population and religious affiliation. Separate Sources of Statistics notes are available for vital statistics (key data on fertility, mortality and other aspects of demography) and Migration.

From the Library

- [Population: Social Indicators page](#)
- [Uncertainty in Populations Projections](#)
- [2011 Census of Population: background](#)
- [Census 2011 constituency results: England & Wales](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

UK Annual Mid-Year Population Estimates

Annual mid-year population estimates provide the most recent estimates of population. The most accurate population estimates are those produced from the decennial Census. In the years between Censuses the population estimates are based on the previous year's estimates, which are updated to reflect population change in the most recent year. Historic mid-year population estimates are typically revised after each Census to correct for errors in estimating population change in each year. Mid-year population estimates are produced using the cohort component method, which takes the resident population from a previous year, adjusts it for the change in age, deducts the individuals deceased in the year, adds the individuals who have been born, and adds the effect of net migration.

- [Population estimates by government office regions, local authority and health areas](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 1982 onwards)
- [Population estimates revised in the light of the 2011 Census](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 1981-2011)
- [Population estimates by Westminster parliamentary constituencies](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 2001 onwards)

Scotland

- [Westminster and Scottish parliamentary constituency population estimates](#)
(General Register Office Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1996 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Population estimates by Westminster parliamentary constituency](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 2001 onwards)

Census Data

Censuses in the UK have generally been held every 10 years since 1801, with some exceptions. The Census is the most comprehensive source of demographic and social statistics in the UK. Census data for England and Wales is compiled by the Office for National Statistics; while in Scotland the Census is run by the National Records of Scotland, and in Northern Ireland it is run by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency.

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Some questions asked on the Census questionnaire differ in different parts of the UK, which means the data is not always comparable. Examples include questions on religion, ethnicity and passports held.

These datasets provide the most comprehensive portrayal of population **on the specified census day**. In *certain* cases it may not be the best data for comparison across UK countries (see above).

England and Wales 2001 and 2011

- [Census data for regions, local authorities, parliamentary constituencies and other geographies in England and Wales from both 2001 and 2011](#)
(Office for National Statistics- Neighbourhood Statistics; England and Wales; decennially; 2001 onwards)
- [Historical census data and population estimates](#)
The [wizard query](#) is easier to navigate than the advanced and comes with a [guide for first time users](#).
(Nomis Advanced Search Tool; England and Wales; decennially; 1981 onwards)

Scotland

- [Census data for regions, local authorities, parliamentary constituencies and other geographies](#)
(General Register Office Scotland; Scotland; decennially; 2011)

Northern Ireland

- [Census data for regions, local authorities, parliamentary constituencies and other geographies](#)
(Northern Ireland Neighbourhood Information Service; Northern Ireland; decennially; 2011)

UK Population Projections

The Office for National Statistics produces population projections every two year, based on the mid-year population estimates for a given year and a set of assumptions about fertility, mortality and net migration in future years. The projections include a principal projection, based on current trends, and a set of variant projections, which reflect higher and lower assumed levels of fertility, mortality and migration. They include separate projections for individual countries of the UK and for the UK as a whole. Short-term population projections are produced for each of the 25 years from the baseline year, while long-term projections are produced at five year intervals for the next 100 years.

- [Mid 2012 – Mid 2037 projections](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 2006 onwards)

There are several tools available on the website for easier analysis and extraction of this data relating to future population; these are:

The [interactive table download tool](#)

The [interactive population pyramids](#)

The [interactive population graphs](#)

- [Long term UK population projections \(up to 2112\)](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK; annually; 2007 onwards)

Population and Religion

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International Population Estimates and Projections

International population projections by country are available from several organisations, with varying levels of geographic coverage. Each set of population projections relies on different sources and assumptions, so estimates and projections for any given country will vary between datasets. Comparisons should therefore be made within the same dataset where possible.

- [Population projection and estimates for EU states](#)
(The Statistical Office of the European Commission; Europe; annually; present year onwards)
- United Nations - [whole world population projections and estimates](#)
(United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs; worldwide; annually; present year onwards)
- Population Reference Bureau - [whole world population projections and estimates](#)
(Population Reference Bureau; worldwide; annually; present year onwards)
- US Census Bureau- [whole world population projections and estimates](#)
(United States Census Bureau; worldwide; annually; present year onward)
- World Bank- [whole world population projections and estimates](#)
(World Bank; worldwide; 1960 onwards)

Religion

There are only a handful of routine sources of statistics on religion. The key source is the Census, although Census data on religious affiliation is not strictly comparable between UK countries due differences in the wording of the question asked and the response categories offered in different parts of the UK.

Recent estimates of the population by religious affiliation that are comparable across Great Britain (but not the UK) can be produced from the quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS) down to regional level. The British Social Attitude Survey (BSA) publishes data which allows for the longest time-series analysis between UK countries. The BSA has asked people in Great Britain questions about religious affiliation since 1983, although the data is only available at the national level.

If you wish to receive data from either the LFS or BSA please contact the House of Commons Library.

England and Wales

- [Census religion data](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; decennially)
- [Religion comparison tool](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; decennially; 2001-2011)
- [Religion map comparison tool](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; decennially; 2001-2011)

Northern Ireland

- [Census religion data](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; decennially; 2011)

Scotland

- [Census religion data](#)
(Scotland's Census 2011; Scotland; decennially; 2011)

Social security benefits, tax credits and pensions

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The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) are the primary sources for statistics on social security benefits in Great Britain. Statistics on private and occupational pensions are more fragmented than those for state benefits, coming from a range of official surveys, industry and other sources.

From the Library

- [Social security expenditure: Social Indicators page](#)
- [2015 benefit uprating](#)
- [Statistics on migrants and benefits](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Social security benefits and tax credits

General sources

The DWP's statistical summaries contain the key data on DWP-administered benefits in Great Britain (including the State Pension). The Department for Social Development publishes benefit data for Northern Ireland. HMRC statistics cover Child and Working Tax Credits and Child Benefit for the UK as a whole.

- [Statistics at DWP](#)
(The gateway to all DWP statistics on Gov.uk)
- [DWP statistical summaries](#)
(Monthly and quarterly statistical releases for all DWP-administered benefits, Great Britain)
- [HMRC child and working tax credits statistics](#)
(Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit)
- [Northern Ireland benefits statistical summary and publications](#)
(Department for Social Development; Northern Ireland)

Number of claimants (caseload) and amounts awarded

The *DWP tabulation tool* allows users to analyse benefit caseloads in Great Britain by age, gender, family status, claim type, amount received, duration of claim and a range of geographies. The *ONS Nomis* website provides the monthly Jobseeker's Allowance claimant count in the UK, as well as a large proportion of the DWP caseload data

The DWP's *Stat-xplore* website provides detailed monthly data on Housing Benefit, Personal Independence Payment, benefit sanctions and the numbers affected by the household benefit cap.

For a broader perspective on the family incomes, see the annual Family Resources Survey.

- [DWP benefits statistical tabulation tool](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; quarterly data; Great Britain)
- [DWP Stat-xplore](#)
(DWP, monthly data, Great Britain; log-in required to access full functionality)
- [ONS Nomis labour market statistics tool](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK)
- [Family resources survey](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; UK; since 1992)

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Expenditure

The DWP's Benefit Expenditure and Caseload Tables (updated twice a year) are the main source of figures on DWP benefit expenditure in Great Britain. They provide detailed data for Great Britain as a whole, plus breakdowns by region, local authority and constituency. HMRC publishes total annual and monthly expenditure on tax credits and Child Benefit in the UK alongside its headline figures on tax receipts.

The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) publishes forecasts of total welfare expenditure in the UK. Medium-term forecasts are given in the OBR's Economic and Fiscal Outlook, while their Fiscal Sustainability Report provides longer-term projections.

- [DWP benefit expenditure and caseload tables](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; updated at each Budget and Autumn Statement)
- [HMRC tax receipts and national insurance contributions for the UK](#)
(HMRC; monthly – includes total spend on personal tax credits and Child Benefit)
- [OBR economic and fiscal outlook](#)
(Office for Budget Responsibility; twice-yearly – at Budget and Autumn Statement)
- [OBR fiscal sustainability report](#)
(Office for Budget Responsibility; annual releases)

Fraud and Error

The DWP produces fraud and error estimates for all DWP-administered benefits while HMRC does the same for working and child tax credits.

- [DWP Fraud and error in the benefit system](#)
(DWP; annual estimates; since 2010/11)
- [DWP Housing Benefit recoveries and fraud data](#)
(DWP; twice-yearly)
- [HMRC Child and Working Tax Credits Error and Fraud Statistics 2012 to 2013](#)
(HMRC; annual estimates; estimates available since 2002)

Further research

DWP commissions a wide range of research reports to complement its administrative duties. The Institute for Fiscal Studies' survey of the UK benefits system provides a comprehensive overview of current benefits and tax credits, including historical background.

- [DWP research reports, 2010 onwards](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; since 2010)
- [DWP ad-hoc research, 2010 onwards](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; since 2010)
- [IFS briefing note BN13: A survey of the GB benefit system](#)
(Institute for Fiscal Studies; Great Britain; since 2000)

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Pensioner incomes and non-state pensions

The ONS compendium *Pension Trends* brings together data on non-state (occupational and personal) pension provision, contributions, pension providers and fund investments. *Pension Trends* draws upon a range of specific surveys including the *Occupational Pension Schemes Survey*. The *Pensioners' Income Series* estimates the levels, sources and distribution of pensioners' incomes.

The independent Pensions Policy Institute provides analysis and summary data on the pension system. The Association of British Insurers publishes key data on the annuity market.

- [ONS Pension Trends publications](#)
(Office for National Statistics; latest version of each chapter [here](#); all releases [here](#))
- [Pensioners' incomes series](#)
(Department for Work and Pensions; United Kingdom; from 1997/98)
- [ONS Occupational pension schemes survey](#)
(Office for National Statistics; latest editions – 2009 onwards – [here](#); 2000 to 2008 [here](#))
- [Association of British Insurers: statistical releases on annuities and retirement](#)
(Association of British Insurers; UK)
- [Pensions Policy Institute: pension facts](#)
(Pensions Policy Institute)

Transport

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This note provides sources for national and international statistics on transportation with a particular focus on roads, railways, busses, air travel, walking and cycling.

From the Library

- [Passenger transport: social indicators page](#)
- [Railways: fares statistics](#)
- [Railway performance and subsidy statistics](#)
- [Rail Safety Statistics](#)
- [Air transport statistics](#)
- [Reported road accident statistics](#)
- [Road cycling: statistics](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

General publications

Transport Statistics Great Britain is the Department of Transport's main statistical compendium analysing trends in British transport. The Department of Transport publishes a wide range of statistical series on transportation, as do authorities in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Great Britain

- [All transport statistics from the Department for Transport](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain)
- [Transport Statistics Great Britain \(TSGB\)](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; annual release; from 2011)

Northern Ireland

- [Transport statistics publications](#)
(Department for Transport; Northern Ireland annually; 1999-2000 onwards)

Scotland

- [Transport statistics](#)
(Transport Scotland; Scotland)

Wales

- [Transport statistics and research](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales)
- [Transport and travel in Wales, comparisons with Great Britain](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annually; 2011 onwards)
- [All chapters of Welsh transport statistics](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annually; 2003-2011)

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Airlines

The UK Civil Aviation Authority is the primary provider of UK airport and airline statistics.

- [UK Airlines Annual Statistics](#)
(The Civil Aviation Authority; United Kingdom; monthly; 1990 onwards)
- [UK Airports Annual Statistics](#)
(The Civil Aviation Authority; United Kingdom; monthly; 1990 onwards)

Roads and infrastructure

Road network statistics are gathered for Great Britain by the Department of Transport. The Welsh Government publishes further statistical series on road casualties and conditions. In Northern Ireland, the annual Report of the Chief Constable provides information on road incidents.

Great Britain

- [Road network size and condition](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; annual release; from 2011)
- [Road congestion and reliability statistics](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; annual release; from 2012)
- [Road accidents and safety](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; annual release; from 2010)

Wales

- [Young people road casualties](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annual publications; 2012 onwards)
- [Road lengths and conditions](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annual publications; 2007 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Report of the Chief Constable](#)
(Police Service of Northern Ireland; Northern Ireland; annual publications; 2006/06 onwards)

Walking and cycling

Walking and cycling statistics in England are based on the Active People Survey run by Sports England. Publications provided for Scotland are from the Scottish Parliament Information Service, the Scottish Parliament's equivalent to the House of Commons Library.

England

- [Walking and cycling prevalence](#)
(Department for Transport; England; annual publications; 2012 onwards)

Scotland

- [Walking and cycling regularity, distance and safety averages](#)
(Scottish Parliament Information Centre; Scotland; 25 April 2014)
- [Cycling](#)
(Scottish Parliament Information Centre; Scotland; 28 March 2012)

Wales

- [Walking and cycling trends](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annual publications; 2005/06 onwards)

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Railways

Railway statistics are produced primarily by the Office of Rail Regulation, Great Britain.

Great Britain

- [All Office of Rail Regulation statistical releases](#)
(Office of Rail Regulation; Great Britain)

Wales

- [Access to stations, train incidents, fatalities and crime](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annually; 2011 onwards)
- [Rail station usage](#)
(Welsh Government; Wales; annually; 2010-11 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Railway journeys by amount](#)
(Department for Regional Development; Northern Ireland; 2000 onwards; quarterly)

Buses

In Great Britain the Department of Transport provides annual and quarterly studies of bus prices. The Department for Regional Development provides similar studies for Northern Ireland.

Great Britain

- [Subsidy, mileage and technology statistics by region and country](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; annual publications; 2010/11 onwards)
- [Bus fare index and passenger journeys](#)
(Department for Transport; Great Britain; quarterly; Q2 2012 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Ulsterbus and Metro bus company statistics](#)
(Department for Regional Development; Northern Ireland; annual publications; 1999/2000 onwards)

International statistics

A range of international transport statistics are available online, the primary providers being the OECD, the World Bank and the World Health Organisation.

- [European Union member states transport statistics](#)
(Eurostat; European Union; annually)
- [International Road Traffic and Accident Database](#)
(Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); worldwide; annually)
- [Worldwide transport statistics](#)
(Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); worldwide; quarterly)
- [Passenger and goods transport statistics](#)
(Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); worldwide; annually)
- [Transport services by use and type](#)
(World Bank; worldwide)
- [Air transport, registered carrier departure worldwide](#)
(World Bank; worldwide)
- [Road traffic legislation, the number of deaths and the number of vehicles by country](#)
(World Health Organisation; worldwide)

Vital Statistics (population, demography and health)

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This Sources of Statistics note focuses on sources of vital statistics, which are key data on fertility, mortality and other aspects of demography. Separate Sources of Statistics notes are available for Migration and Population.

From the Library

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)*](#)
- [*Sources of Statistics \(the complete series\)*](#)

Birth and adoption

A range of data on births in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland are available from the UK's various statistical agencies, including data on the characteristics of mothers giving birth. For Scottish birth statistics, the 'historic' source provides the longest running data series while the 'detailed' series provide more information on recent statistical trends.

England and Wales

- [Births summary tables](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide; annual release; from 2008)
- [Births by Parent's country of birth](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide; annual; from 2010)
- [Live births and characteristics of mother](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide; annual; from 2008)
- [Adoptions by gender, age and marital status of biological parents](#)
(Office for National Statistics; UK wide; annual; from 2008)

Scotland

- [Historic: births by gender, mother's age, geographical area and year](#)
(General Register Office of Scotland; Scotland; annual release; 1855 onwards)
- [Detailed: Live births by gender, mother's age, geographical area and year](#)
(General Register Office of Scotland; Scotland; annual release; 1951 onwards)
- [Still births and infant deaths](#)
(General Register Office of Scotland; Scotland; annual release; 1946 onwards)
- [Adoptions](#)
(General Register Office of Scotland; Scotland; annual release; 1930 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Live births by sex, marital status or parents and geographical area](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistical Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annual release; 1887 onwards)

Mortality statistics

A range of mortality statistics are available from the UK's statistical agencies in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.

United Kingdom

- [Alcohol related deaths](#)
(Office for National Statistics; United Kingdom; annual release; from 1991)
- [Number of suicides by narrative verdicts](#)
(Office for National Statistics; United Kingdom; annual release; from 1991)

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England and Wales

- [Deaths registered](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2006 onwards)
- [Deaths related to drug poisoning](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2009 onwards)
- [Avoidable mortality](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2010 onwards)
- [Unexplained deaths in infancy](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2006 onwards)
- [Excess Winter Mortality](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2010 onwards)
- [Child mortality](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2008 onwards)

Scotland

- [Time series for deaths](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1855 onwards)
- [Detailed statistics on the country of birth, gender, age and ethnic group of the deceased](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1971 onwards)
- [Suicides by gender, cause and age](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1974 onwards)
- [Accidental deaths](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1979 onwards)
- [Alcohol related deaths](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1979 onwards)
- [Drugs related deaths](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1997 onwards)
- [Deaths by cause](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1950 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Deaths](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 1887 onwards)

Vital Statistics (population, demography and health)

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Cohabitation, marriage, divorce, civil partnership and dissolution

A range of statistics are available on cohabitation, marriage, divorce, civil partnership and dissolution for each part of the UK.

United Kingdom

- [Details about type of family including married couples, cohabiting couples and lone parents](#)
(Office for National Statistics; United Kingdom; annually; 2001 onwards)

England and Wales

- [Marriages by previous marital status, age of individuals married and type of ceremony](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2007 onwards)
- [The number of divorces, divorced couples by number of children and by duration of marriage](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2008 onwards)
- [Civil partnership and dissolution numbers and details including gender, age and previous status of individuals involved](#)
(Office for National Statistics; England and Wales; annually; 2008 onwards)

Scotland

- [Marriages and civil partnerships](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1855 onwards)
- [Divorces time series data](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1855 onwards)
- [Marriages and civil partnerships](#)
(General Register Office for Scotland; Scotland; annually; 1855 onwards)

Northern Ireland

- [Civil partnership dissolutions](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 2011 onwards)
- [Divorces by grounds, duration of marriage, age of divorcees and children of divorcee](#)
(Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency; Northern Ireland; annually; 1983 onwards)

Business

Subject specialist: Chris Rhodes Last updated: 9 March 2015

Matthew Ward, Richard Keen (series editor)

This note provides sources of statistics on UK business. For up-to-date information and analysis see the Library's *Economic Indicators* series.

From the Library

Business Statistics:

- [*Business Statistics*](#)

Small Businesses

- [*Small Business and the UK Economy*](#)
- [*Public Procurement: Small Business and Savings*](#)
- [*Apprenticeships and Small Businesses*](#)

Business Support

- [*Business Support Schemes: Statistics*](#)
- [*Regional Growth Fund*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics*](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [*Sources of Statistics*](#) (the complete series)

Business statistics

Statistical series on numbers of businesses by industry, size and location are available from the ONS, who also publish figures on business births and deaths. The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills also publish business population estimates at a national and regional level.

- [Business Activity, Size and Location](#)
(ONS; UK wide, local authority; constituency; annual release; data from 1998)
- [Business Demography](#)
(ONS; UK wide, local authority; annual release; from 2009)
- [Business Population Estimates](#)
(Department for Business, Innovation and Skills; UK wide and region; annual release; from 2010)
- [Annual Business Survey](#)
(ONS; UK wide; annual release; comparable data from 2008, other from 1995)

Growth and Output

Subject specialist: Daniel Harari Last updated: 9 March 2015

Matthew Ward, Richard Keen (series editor)

This note provide sources of statistics for economic growth and output. For up-to-date information on UK GDP see the Library's *Economic Indicators* pages.

From the Library

GDP

- [Gross Domestic Product: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Components of GDP: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [GDP: International Comparisons: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [GDP and the National Accounts: 2014 Revisions](#)

Output

- [Regional and Local Economic Growth Statistics](#)
- [Services: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Manufacturing: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Productivity: Economic Indicators Page](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

National Accounts

Quarterly estimates of gross domestic product are published by the ONS in three bulletins, published in successive months, GDP Preliminary estimate, Second estimate of GDP and Quarterly National Accounts.

- [GDP: Preliminary Estimate](#)
(ONS; UK wide; quarterly release)
- [Second estimate of GDP](#)
(ONS; UK wide; quarterly release)
- [Quarterly National Accounts](#)
(ONS; UK wide; quarterly release)

The ONS Blue Book is the key annual compendium of National Accounts statistics, providing detailed estimates of national production, income and expenditure for the UK.

- [The Blue Book](#)
(ONS, UK wide, annual release)

Industries

Subject specialist: Chris Rhodes Last updated: 9 March 2015

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This note provides sources of statistics on UK industries. The Library has produced a series of notes on specific industries including manufacturing, tourism and construction.

From the Library

General

- [Industries in the UK](#)
- [Industrial Policy since 2010](#)
- [State Aid](#)

Specific industries

- [Manufacturing: statistics and policy](#)
- [International comparisons of manufacturing](#)
- [The Construction Industry: statistics and policy](#)
- [Tourism: statistics and policy](#)
- [The Retail Industry: statistics and policy](#)
- [The Aerospace Industry](#)
- [The Motor Industry](#)
- [The financial sector's contribution to the UK economy](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Industry statistics

Statistical series on volumes of production in the manufacturing, mining and quarrying and energy supply industries as well as gross value added for service industries are available from the ONS.

- [Annual Business Survey](#)
(ONS; UK wide; annual release; comparable data from 2008, other from 1995)
- [Index of Production](#)
(ONS; UK wide; monthly release; data from 2010)
- [Index of Services](#)
(ONS; UK wide; monthly release; data from 2010)
- [Travel Trends](#)
(ONS; UK wide; annual release; data from 1999)

Prices and Inflation

Subject specialist: Dominic Webb Last updated: 9 March 2015

Matthew Ward, Richard Keen (Series editor)

This note provides sources of statistics on prices and inflation. For up-to-date analysis of recent trends see the Library's *Economic Indicators* pages.

From the Library

Inflation

- [*Inflation: Economic Indicators Page*](#)
- [*Inflation, International: Economic Indicators Page*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics*](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [*Sources of Statistics*](#) (the complete series)

Prices and Inflation Statistics

The main headline measures of inflation (CPI and RPI) are available from the ONS in a monthly release. Eurostat, the official statistical office of the European Union publish European inflation rates consistent with the UK's CPI measure in a monthly release. The OECD publish inflation in OECD countries and other major world economies.

- [Consumer price indices](#)
(ONS; UK wide; monthly release)
- [European Harmonized Indices of Consumer Prices](#)
(Eurostat; Europe; monthly release)
- [OECD Consumer price inflation](#)
(OECD; world-wide; monthly release)
- [OECD Comparison of price levels of different countries](#)
(OECD; world-wide; monthly release)
- [OECD Purchasing Power Parities](#)
(OECD; world-wide; monthly release)

Interest Rates, Banking and Finance

Subject specialist: Dominic Webb Last updated: 9 March 2015

Matthew Ward, Richard Keen (series editor)

This note provides sources on interest rates, banking and finance. For up-to-date analysis, see the Library's regular publication *Interest Rates* publications.

From the Library

- [*Interest Rates and the Money Supply*](#)
- [*Quantitative Easing*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics*](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [*Sources of Statistics*](#) (the complete series)

Interest rates, banking and finance

UK monetary and financial statistics are available from the Bank of England and British Bankers' Association; international figures are available from the Bank for International Settlements.

- [Bank of England statistical releases](#)
(Bank's statistical releases with recent trends and data)
- [Bank of England Monetary and Financial Statistics \(Bankstats\)](#)
(Detailed breakdowns and time series of data published in the Bank's statistical releases)
- [British Bankers' Association \(BBA\) statistics](#)
(Various banking and financial statistics)
- [Bank for International Settlements \(BIS\) statistics](#)
(International financial statistics)

Monetary policy

For latest information on international monetary policy, see:

- [Bank of England](#)
- [European Central Bank](#)
- [US Federal Reserve](#)
- [People's Bank of China](#)

Labour market

Specialists: Aliyah Dar, Feargal McGuinness, James Mirza-Davies Updated: 09/03/2015

Matthew Ward, Richard Keen (series editor)

The Library produces a monthly research paper, *Unemployment by Constituency*, which contains data on JSA claimants by parliamentary constituency as well as a summary of the latest national and regional labour market statistics. Constituency data are also available on the *Constituency Profiles* section of Library's Intranet pages.

From the Library

Unemployment:

- [Unemployment by Constituency](#)
- [Youth Unemployment Statistics](#)
- [NEET: Young People Not in Employment, Education or Training](#)
- [Unemployment by Ethnic Background](#)
- [Unemployment: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Unemployment, Regional: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Unemployment, International Comparisons: Economic Indicators Page](#)

Employment and earnings:

- [Employment by Country and Birth of Nationality](#)
- [Public sector employment by parliamentary constituency](#)
- [Zero-Hours Contracts](#)
- [Women and the economy](#)
- [The Gender Pay Gap](#)
- [Employment: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Average Earnings: Economic Indicators Page](#)

General:

- [Understanding Statistics on Employment, Unemployment and Earnings](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Labour market statistics

Data on employment and unemployment are published monthly, in ONS *Labour Market Statistics* release. A wide range of labour market data on different themes can also be downloaded from the ONS Nomis site, which includes labour market profiles for parliamentary constituencies and local authorities.

- [ONS Nomis](#)
(ONS; UK wide by constituency/local authority; monthly release; certain constituency data from 2004)
- [Labour Market Statistics](#)
(ONS; UK wide; monthly release; data from 1992, some data from 1971)
- [Regional Labour Market Statistics](#)
(ONS; UK wide by region; monthly release; data from 1992)
- [Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings \(ASHE\)](#)
(ONS; UK wide by constituency/local authority; annual release; from 1997)
- [Public Sector Employment](#)
(ONS; UK wide by region; quarterly release; from 2008)

Public Finances and Taxation

Subject specialist: Matthew Keep Last updated: 9 March 2015

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This note provides sources of statistics on public finances and taxation. For further information, see the Library's Public Finances: Economics Indicators page.

From the Library

Public Finance Statistics

- [Public Finances: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Government borrowing, debt and debt interest: historical statistics and forecasts](#)
- [The Office for Budget Responsibility](#)
- [Public Sector Employment by Parliamentary Constituency](#)
- [Public Expenditure by Country and Region](#)
- [Government borrowing and debt: international comparisons](#)

Recent Budgets and Autumn Statements

- [The Autumn Statement 2014: Background Briefing](#)
- [Budget 2014: A Summary](#)
- [Budget 2014: Background Briefing](#)

Also see:

- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

Public Finance Statistics

Detailed data on public spending are available in the Treasury publication Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses (PESA). Statistics on the Public Sector current budget, net borrowing, net cash requirement and net debt are available in the monthly ONS publication Public Sector Finances. The public finances databank offers both long-run time series and forecasts for key tax, spending, borrowing and debt indicators.

- [Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses \(PESA\)](#)
(HM Treasury; UK wide; annual release; from 2010)
- [Public Sector Finances](#)
(ONS; UK wide, monthly; data from 2009)
- [Public finances databank](#)
(Office for Budget Responsibility; UK wide, ad-hoc; data from 1946/47)
- [Tax and NICs receipts: statistics table](#)
(HMRC; UK wide, monthly; data from 1999-00)

Trade

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This note provides sources of statistics on UK and international trade. For up-to-date statistical briefings on trade, see the Library's *Trade: Economics Indicators* page.

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Trade statistics:

- [Trade: Economic Indicators Page](#)
- [Exchange Rates: Economic Indicators Page](#)

Trade relations and policy:

- [The Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\)](#)
- [Investor-state dispute settlement \(ISDS\) and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\)](#)
- [In brief: UK-EU Economic relations](#)
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- [Sources of Constituency Statistics](#) (an introduction to constituency profiles & data)
- [Sources of Statistics](#) (the complete series)

UK Trade

Statistics on UK trade in goods and services are available from the ONS and HMRC. The annual ONS Pink Book contains detailed annual estimates of the UK balance of payments, including estimates for the current account (trade in goods and services, income and current transfers), the international investment position and statistics on the value of trade with selected countries.

The ONS also publishes a quarterly balance of trade statistics and a monthly summary of import and export activity and the balance of trade position. Monthly statistics on UK national and regional trade in goods are available from the HMRC managed UK Trade Info.

- [UK Trade](#)
(ONS; UK; monthly release)
- [UK Balance of Payments](#)
(ONS; UK; quarterly release)
- [UK Balance of Payments – the Pink Book](#)
(ONS; UK; annual release)
- [UK Trade Info](#)
(HMRC; UK national and regional; monthly data available)

Trade

Statistics on international inter-country trade are available from UNCTAD, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Total value of goods exports and imports by country are available from 1948; total value of service exports and imports by country are available from 1980. Statistics on inter-country trade in goods and services are available from 1995

- [UNCTAD](#)
(United Nations Commission on Trade and Development; International trade statistics; annual statistics; selected figures available from 1948)