



Office for
Statistics Regulation

Explaining official statistics

Ever been baffled by the different names for statistics produced by government?

The Office for Statistics Regulation has introduced some clearer definitions to help you keep track

Accredited official statistics

Accredited Official Statistics are a subset of official statistics that have been independently reviewed by OSR and confirmed to comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics. Accredited official statistics are called National Statistics in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007. From 7 June 2024 the AOS badge replaced the National Statistics badge.



Official statistics

Official statistics are statistics produced by a Crown body (such as government departments or devolved administrations), or a body listed within an Official Statistics Order. Official statistics producers work to the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics

Official statistics in development

Official statistics in development are a subset of official statistics that are undergoing development and that will be tested with users, in line with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics. Until September 2023, they were known as 'experimental statistics'.