

Name of the Tool

UK Statistics Authority

Home Page

The screenshot shows the UK Statistics Authority website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the UKSA logo on the left, a search bar on the right, and the tagline "Better Statistics, Better Decisions" in the center. Below the header, a navigation menu includes links for Home, About the Authority, News, Reports and Correspondence, Office for Statistics Regulation, and National Statistician. The main content area features several images: a photo of a door labeled "BOARDROOM" with the UKSA logo; a photo of the Palace of Westminster with the text "Data access legislation"; and a photo of two people writing with the text "Correspondence". A banner at the bottom left says "Sir David Norgrove takes up office". On the right side, there is a "Shortcuts" section with links to the Code of Practice, Strategy and Business Plan, Current Assessments, and Guidance about Assessment. Below this, there is a "Latest from DG for Regulation" section featuring a photo of a man and a link to "Crime interventions" dated 6 April 2017. Another "Latest from DG for Regulation" section on the right features a photo of a document and a link to "Business rates revaluation" dated 17 March 2017. A search bar is located at the top left of the main content area.

Logo



URL

<https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/>

Subject

Statistics - United Kingdom

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

UK Statistics Authority

Brief History

The UK Statistics Authority was established on 1 April 2008 under the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

Scope and Coverage

UK Statistics Authority has two main functions: oversight of the Office for National Statistics (ONS), replacing the oversight role previously performed by HM Treasury ministers and independent monitoring and assessment of official statistics, maintaining a Code of Practice for Official Statistics and accrediting Code-compliant statistics as 'National Statistics'. It operates at arm's length from government as a non-ministerial department and reports directly to the UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly. It evaluates government performance and indicates the direction of economic and commercial activities.

Kind of Information

The authority has also produced reports on the impact of cuts to specific statistical activity, such as the citizenship survey, especially where these changes affect users in other bodies. Other reports focus on statistics relating to a particular sector such as health and charities both of which have relevant data collected by more than one government body. It provides information on official statistics enabling sound policy decisions and providing a firm evidence base for decision-making both inside and outside of government for the benefit of society and the economy as a whole. Statistics provide valuable data and evidence for analysts, researchers, public and voluntary bodies, enabling the public to hold to account all organizations that spend public money, and informing wider public debate.

It gives idea on strategy and business plan. The business Plan outlines how the Strategy will be delivered from the perspective of two of the three principal elements of the UK official statistics system for which it has oversight: professional oversight of the UK system of official statistics and exclusive responsibility for the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Issues log are running record of statistical matters on which concern has been expressed directly, or to which the Authority's attention has been drawn. Issues log are given with date, title and related links. An example is given below:

Date	Details	Related links
February 2017		
9 February	Leak of management information on Accident and Emergency admissions data.	Letter from Ed Humpherson to Ed Smith regarding leaks of Accident and Emergency attendance data Letter from Ed Humpherson to Sir Malcolm Grant regarding leaks of Accident and Emergency attendance data

It provides links to reviews currently being undertaken or recently completed by, or on behalf of, the UK Statistics Authority. Mainly two types of reviews can be seen as follows:

- UK consumer price statistics : a review
- Governance of price statistics

Each review is given with relevant photographs, brief description and related downloads. Example is like:

This review considered matters relating to the governance arrangements and structures supporting the production of consumer price statistics by the Office for National Statistics to ensure that these statistics best meet the needs of users in future. The review report was published in February 2014.

Vacancy details are also given with related links. It also states about Office for Statistics Regulation which provides independent regulation of all official statistics produced in the UK. This section of the website provides information about regulatory function, including the Code of Practice and links to published reports. It also provides information on national statistician, producers of national statistics, types of national statistics, policy, Administrative Data Research Network (ADRN) and so on.

Special Features

- News can be filtered by selecting the types and time (in year).
- Correspondence can be downloaded in PDF format.
- Advance search facility is available.

Arrangement Pattern

News are given in descending chronological order as shown below:

Standards for Statistical Reports

26 November 2012 — Statement

This statement sets out the Statistics Authority's expectations in relation to the drafting of statistical reports⁽¹⁾. It draws on the then Statistics Commission's 2008 report Releasing Official Statistics: A...

Numbers and public policy

11 November 2012 — News story

TAGS: IFS The Authority's Chair, Andrew Dilnot, gave this year's Institute for Fiscal Studies annual lecture, Numbers and public policy: the power of official statistics and statistical communication in public...

Appointments to the Board of the UK Statistics Authority

2 July 2012 — News release

The UK Statistics Authority warmly welcomes the appointment of Professor Sir Adrian Smith FRS and Professor David Rhind CBE FRS FBA as Deputy Chairs of the UK Statistics Authority, and...

Themes of conference papers are arranged alphabetically as follows:

Agriculture and Environment
Business and Energy
Children, Education and Skills
Crime and Justice
Culture and Society
Defence and International Affairs
Economy

Remarks

The Authority is an independent statutory body. It has an operational role of producing reports on code compliance of specific sets of national statistics and also a role making more strategic recommendations for the improvement of statistical outputs, in terms of both the presentation and coverage of official statistics as well as monitoring public trust in government statistics.

Comparable Tools

- Office for National Statistics (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>)
- Statistics - GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics>)

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