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# Statistics for the public good

High quality data and analysis to inform the UK,  
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# The UK Statistical System

- The UK Statistical System encompasses every aspect of statistical work from collection of data and information to the publication and regulation of statistics which touch on every aspect of daily life in the United Kingdom.
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- *“High quality useable data has never been so important”.*

# UK Statistical System

- The UK statistical system comprises:
- the Board of the UK Statistics Authority, which is responsible for oversight of the statistical system;
- the Office for Statistics Regulation, which is the regulatory arm of the UK Statistics Authority;
- the Office for National Statistics(ONS), which is the largest producer of official statistics in the UK and the UK's National Statistical Institute;
- and the Government Statistical Service(GSS), which is a community of all those involved in the production of official statistics in the UK.

# Official Statistics



- Three types of statistics produced by public bodies.
- Official Statistics – produced by an organisation named by the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and described by that organisation as an official statistic.
- National Statistics – Official Statistics that have been assessed by the Office for Statistics Regulation as fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Statistics.
- Experimental Statistics - newly developed or innovative statistics, published so that users and stakeholders can be involved in the assessment of their suitability and quality at an early stage.

# The Code of Practice for Statistics

- The Code of Practice for Statistics sets the standards that producers of official statistics should commit to.
- Compliance with the Code gives confidence that published government statistics have public value, are high quality, and are produced by people and organisations that are trustworthy.
- The framework for the Code of Practice is based on three pillars – **Trustworthiness, Quality and Value.**
- The Code also has three cross-cutting themes - **collaboration, coherence, and transparency.**
- The Office for Statistics Regulation reviews compliance with the Code.

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- The UK Statistics Authority has launched its new five strategy.
- Statistics for the public good.
- With core principles: ambitious; radical; inclusive; and sustainable.
- Keeping up the momentum of the statistical system's response to the pandemic.
- Greater data sharing; innovation; wider reach; greater collaboration across Whitehall, academia and the private and third sectors.
- Keeping the sense of collaboration and building on it.



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