



Our purpose

Data are the lifeblood of research.

We are here to provide the social science community with a pipeline to this valuable public resource.

The UK Data Service is a comprehensive resource funded by the ESRC to support researchers, teachers and policymakers who depend on high-quality social and economic data.

Here you will find a single point of access to a wide range of secondary data of interest to social scientists and economists.

All data are backed with extensive support, training and guidance.

Data in our collection

There are more than 6,000 datasets in our collection.

Our data include:

- data from major UK surveys
- cross-national survey data
- longitudinal studies
- UK Census data from 1971
- international macrodata
- business microdata
- qualitative and mixed methods data

Our data come from:

- national statistical authorities
- UK government departments
- intergovernmental organisations
- research institutes
- market research agencies
- other data archives worldwide
- individual academics with research grants

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Access the data

Search and browse our collections in Discover

In Discover you will find full descriptions of each dataset along with related resources such as survey questionnaires, support guides and case studies of how the data were used. All are freely available on the website.

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Download our data

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