



To help you get the most from the UK Data Service we run a series of webinars which introduce different aspects of the Service and explain our key datasets. The webinars run from 15.00–16.00 and they are free to attend.

You can find other webinars on more specialised topics on our [events pages](#).

To book your place click on the dates below or go to ukdataservice.ac.uk/news-and-events/events.

Introduction to the UK Data Service

The UK Data Service holds the UK's largest collection of research data. This introductory webinar is for anyone with an interest in social research who wants to hear about the vast array of resources we offer. Participants will learn about the different types of quantitative and qualitative data we hold, how to find those data collections using our online resource discovery tools, and how to register to access datasets in a number of different formats. We will also demonstrate how some of our data collections can be viewed and analysed online, as well as providing an overview of our support and training resources for students, researchers and teachers.

[26 April](#)
[22 November](#)

Finding and accessing data in the UK Data Service

This introductory webinar is intended for anyone who wants to hear about finding data from the UK Data Service. Participants will be given a practical overview of the tools that the service provides, particularly our Discover tool to help you to make the most of your data searches. We will discuss best approaches to searching data and how to use the search tool to narrow down search results. We will also explore other service resources provided to help you get the data you want and related information.

[3 May](#)
[29 November](#)

Key issues in reusing data

Participants will hear about the key issues in secondary analysis as a method. The introductory session will briefly cover the pros and cons of reusing data and the importance of learning about the origins of your data. Quantitative and qualitative secondary analysis will be discussed with examples and issues of context, sampling and ethics will be raised.

[22 May](#)
[4 December](#)

Data management basics

This introductory webinar is intended for anyone who wants to learn about data management. Data management is essential to make sure that well organised, well documented, high quality and shareable research data result from your research project. This webinar provides an overview of how to manage, document, store and safeguard research data well and how to plan and implement good data management in research projects, with a view to optimising data sharing.

[17 May](#)
[6 December](#)

Guided walk through ReShare

Are you an ESRC grant holder, whose grant has ended and is required to submit your research data into the ReShare repository? Are you a researcher interested in depositing data into ReShare to make them available for reuse, or as evidence for a published paper? Are you just curious to explore how publishing in ReShare happens in practice? Join our interactive online webinar, where we will 'walk' you through the process of submitting a data collection into the ReShare repository.

[12 June](#)
[11 December](#)





We provide the UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resources suitable for research and teaching. To help you navigate the data that we hold we run introductory webinars on key data, which focus on our most popular datasets. The webinars run from 15.00–16.00 and are free to attend.

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UK and cross-national surveys

[11 October](#)

This webinar is intended for anyone who wants to learn about the key survey datasets available from the UK Data Service which provide snapshots of the UK or that allow comparisons to be made across countries. We provide access to a wide range of survey series such as the British Social Attitudes Survey, the Labour Force Survey and the Health Survey for England. We also provide access to a number of cross-national surveys such as the Eurobarometer surveys and the European Election Studies.

Longitudinal surveys

[18 October](#)

This introductory webinar is intended for anyone who wants to learn about the wide range of longitudinal datasets available via the UK Data Service. The Service provides access to various types of longitudinal data. One of these are the British Birth Cohort Studies (e.g. the National Child Development Study 1958 and The Millennium Cohort Study) which follow the same group of children born in a specific year throughout their lives, tracking changes and unravelling the reasons behind them. Another type is the successor of BHPS, Understanding Society, an innovative and world-leading study about lives and its changes in the UK in the 21st century.

Census data

[25 October](#)

This webinar is intended as an introduction to Census data available from the UK Data Service. We provide access to Census data in a range of formats including counts about characteristics of people and households in areas (aggregate data), data about commuter and migration movements between areas (flow data), anonymised samples of records for flexible use (microdata) and boundary data to map them.

Qualitative data

[8 November](#)

This introductory webinar is intended for anyone who wants to learn about the qualitative or mixed-methods data available from the UK Data Service. The UK Data Service provides access to a range of qualitative and mixed-methods data including Peter Townsend's Last Refuge and Neighbourhood Boundaries, Social Disorganisation and Social Exclusion. These collections cover many topics and most of them can be downloaded after a short registration. They can be used for research or for teaching.

Business data

[15 November](#)

This webinar is an introduction to Office for National Statistics (ONS) business data available from the UK Data Service, such as the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings. The webinar includes an overview of the business survey areas covered (e.g. earnings and skills) and the data available. Examples of research that have used business microdata will be presented. As the business data are potentially identifiable, they must be accessed through the Secure Lab. The webinar will show you how to apply to access these data.