Introductory webinars 2019

To help you get the most from the UK Data Service, our series of webinars introduce different aspects of the Service and explain our key datasets. These free webinars run from 15.00—16.00.

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Introduction to the UK Data Service

The UK Data Service holds the UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data. This introductory webinar is for anyone with an interest in social research who wants to hear about the vast array of resources that 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, how to register to access datasets in a number of different formats, how some of our data collections can be viewed and analysed online, and the support and training resources available for students, researchers and teachers.

2 May
14 November

Finding and accessing data in the UK Data Service

This webinar provides a practical overview of the tools that the Service provides to help you find the data you need, particularly our data catalogue tool which will help you to make the most of your data searches. We discuss best approaches to searching data, how to narrow down search results, and explain other service resources to help you locate data and related information.

9 May
21 November

Key issues in reusing data

Discover the key issues in secondary analysis as a method. This webinar briefly outlines the pros and cons of reusing data and the importance of learning about the origins of your data. The session discusses quantitative and qualitative secondary analysis, providing examples and issues of context, sampling and ethics.

23 May
28 November

Data management basics

Data management is essential to make sure that your research project presents well-organised, well-documented, high quality and shareable research data. This webinar provides an overview of how to manage, document, store and safeguard research data, and how to plan and implement good data management in research projects with a view to optimising data sharing.

16 May
5 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? Would you just like to explore how publishing in ReShare happens in practice? Join our interactive online webinar, where we 'walk' you through the process of submitting a data collection into the ReShare repository.

6 June
12 December

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UK and cross-national surveys   10 October

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. This webinar outlines key features of surveys available through the Service, including the British Social Attitudes Survey, the Labour Force Survey, the Health Survey for England and the Eurobarometer surveys.

Longitudinal surveys   17 October

This introductory webinar outlines the wide range of longitudinal datasets available via the UK Data Service, such as 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. Attendees will learn how to access these surveys and how to get further help and support.

Census data   24 October

The UK Data Service provides 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. This helpful introduction also demonstrates tools to access key census data.

Qualitative data   31 October

Listen to an overview of the key features of qualitative or mixed-methods data that are made available through the UK Data Service. Data in our collection include Peter Townsend's Last Refuge and Neighbourhood Boundaries, Social Disorganisation and Social Exclusion. This webinar provides examples of how some of these data have been used and key issues that can arise when using qualitative data.

Business data   5 November

This webinar provides 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. It presents an overview of the business survey areas covered (e.g. earnings and skills), the data available, and examples of research that have used business microdata. It also show you how to apply to access these data through the Secure Lab.

Data about countries   12 November

This webinar provides an overview of the diverse topics contained within the international time series data available from the UK Data Service, which include open data produced by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Your host will demo our interface and highlight key issues in using these data.