

Statistics - where to find them in the Library and on the Web

Introduction

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Department of Health are the two main Government departments who produce UK statistical information on health and related subjects including births, mortality, morbidity, social and population trends, public health. Generally, their publications are freely available in print and electronic formats. Electronic copies can be found on the websites of ONS (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>) and Department of Health (<http://www.dh.gov.uk/>).

The Library holds some print publications in the Statistics section in Quick Reference. Using the Library catalogue, a 'word or phrase' search or a title search with relevant search terms eg birth statistics, mortality, morbidity etc will give a list of references available in the Library or online.

Many one-off statistical publications are located on the main Library shelves and can be located using the Library Catalogue - e.g. *Health of Adult Britain 1841- 1994* Class Mark **WA100**

Journals can also be a good source for health statistics information. Initially, perform a search of the online databases such as Medline or CINAHL.

Below are listed the main sources of statistics for the UK and world-wide. For a detailed list sources of UK statistics by subject, both print and online, please see the help sheet 'Where to find UK statistics by subject' available online at <http://www.sgul.ac.uk/depts/library/training/help-sheets/>

UK statistics

Source	Type of Statistics provided	How to access
Department of Health	Five main areas covered: healthcare, workforce, public health, social care, expenditure	http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/PublicationsAndStatistics/Statistics/ Some of the publications here can also be found on the Office of National Statistics (ONS) site – see below
Health and Social Care Information Centre	Provides overview of statistics available – including those on the DoH and ONS sites	http://www.ic.nhs.uk/ See Our Services & Statistical Publications sections
Health Protection Agency	Infectious diseases	http://www.hpa.org.uk/ Select Infectious Diseases (on left side of screen) Select disease from Infections A - Z list
Health and Safety Executive	Work-related ill-health, injuries, dangerous occurrences, enforcement and gas safety	http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/
Office of Health Economics	Compendium of Health Statistics - information on population and health trends in the UK, the finances and structure of the NHS.	Print copy held in Statistics collection Online version at http://www.ohc.org/ is not subscribed to by the Library
Office of National Statistics (ONS)	Wide range of topics including Health	http://www.statistics.gov.uk Search options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Browse by theme eg Health and care, Population and Migration, Social and Welfare • Select UK Snapshot, select subject eg Health – for latest statistics for the subject • Select Neighbourhood for local information • Virtual bookshop – for publications by theme • Search using keywords
	Guide to Official Statistics	Use search on this site for 'Guide to Official statistics'

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Strategic Health Authority for London	Annual reports, general information and organisations within it: - Acute Trusts - Ambulance Trusts - Care Trusts - Mental Health Trusts - Primary Care Trusts	http://www.london.nhs.uk
South West London	Annual reports and general information	Epsom & St.Helier NHS Trust http://www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk Kingston Hospital NHS Trust http://www.kingstonhospital.nhs.uk Mayday Healthcare NHS Trust http://www.maydayhospital.nhs.uk St George's Hospital Healthcare NHS Trust http://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk South West London & St.George's Mental HealthTrust http://www.swlstg-tr.nhs.uk South London and Maudsley Mental Health Trust http://www.slam.nhs.uk/ Croydon PCT http://www.croydon.nhs.uk Kingston PCT http://www.kingstonpct.nhs.uk/ Richmond & Twickenham PCT http://www.richmondandtickenham.nhs.uk Sutton and Merton PCT http://www.suttonandmerton.nhs.uk Wandsworth PCT http://www.wandsworthpct.nhs.uk

European and International Statistics

Source	Type of Statistics provided	How to access
Eurostat Statistical Office of the European Communities	Covers European Union, its Member States and its partners - published under a variety of themes (including Population and Social Conditions) and publications	http://europa.eu.int/comm/eurostat/
Global Health Facts	Data by country on HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other key health and socio-economic indicators.	http://www.globalhealthfacts.org
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	Wide range by topic including Health, Social and Welfare for the OECD member countries	http://www.oecd.org/statistics
United Nations Global Statistics	Covers economics, demography and social, environment and energy	http://unstats.un.org/unsd/ Select Statistical databases
World Health Organization (WHO) – Statistical Information system	Health-related epidemiological and statistical information. The WHOSIS site will help you find it. Includes the annual World Health Report on human health around the world, including research on health risks, diseases and disabilities	WHO http://www.who.org WHOSIS http://www3.who.int/whosis/ World Health Report http://www.who.int/whr/en/