

What is the UK Data Service?



What are we?

- A single point of access to a wide range of social science data:
 - Data collection, curation and access
 - User support, training and guidance
- Key part of the UK social science research infrastructure
- Since 2012 (1967 as UKDA); curates national data since 2003
- Funded by UKRI/ESRC

Who are we?

- **Five partner universities**
 - UK Data Archive, University of Essex (lead partner)
 - Cathie Marsh Institute, University of Manchester
 - Jisc, University of Manchester
 - EDINA, University of Edinburgh
 - University College London
- 100+ staff

What kind of data do we hold?

- **Social survey microdata:**
 - **Cross-sectional:** large scale government and academic surveys
 - **Longitudinal:** main UK surveys following individuals over time
- **International data:** aggregate databases and survey data
- **Census data:** aggregate/microdata, flow, current/historical data.
- **Business:** Microdata and administrative data
- **Qualitative:** range of multimedia qualitative data sources

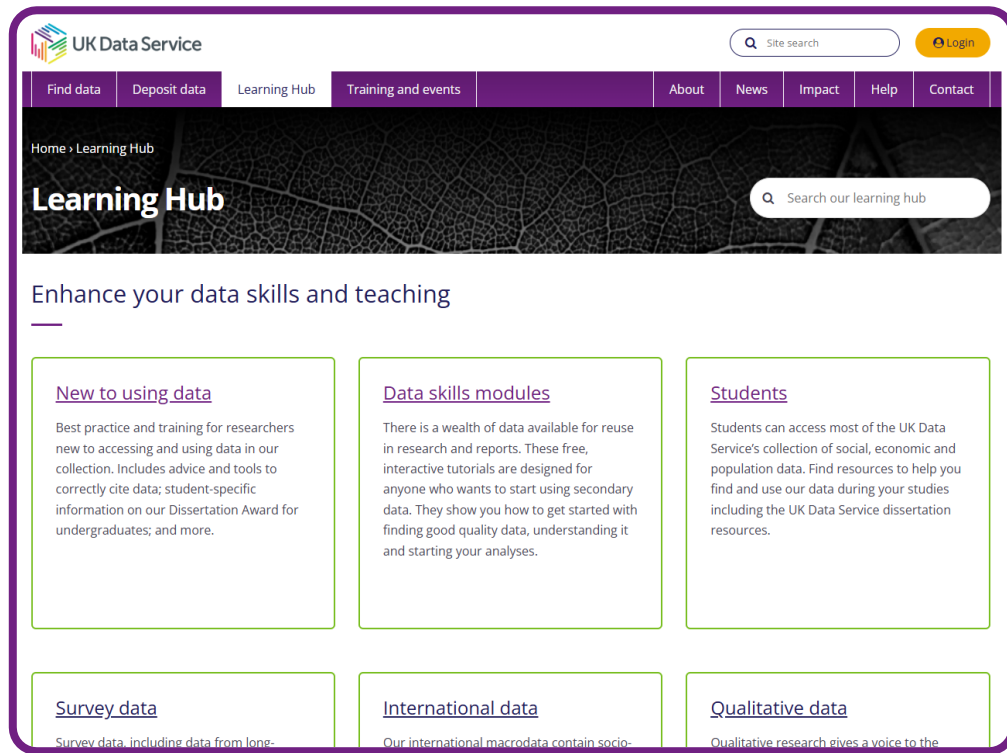
Who is it for?

- Academic researchers and students
- Analysts:
 - Government
 - Charities and the voluntary sector
- Business consultants
- Independent research centres & think tanks

User support and foundational training

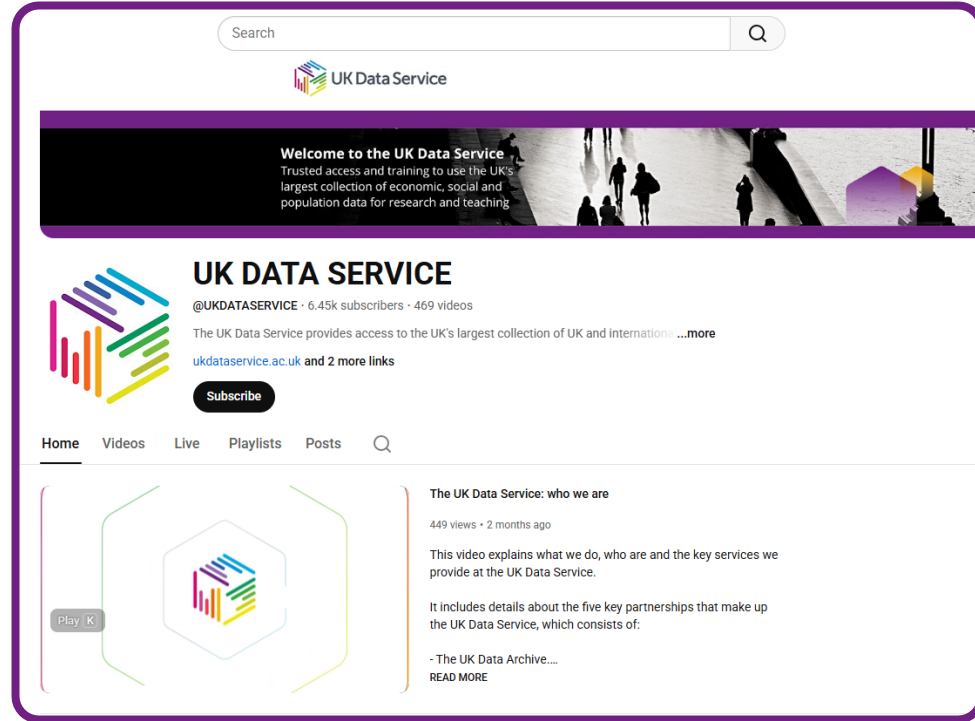
- Introduction to key studies; foundational data analysis
- Introduction to more advanced topics (e.g. computational social science, inference with weights and survey design)
 - Online learning materials
 - YouTube channel
 - Webinars and online workshops
 - Helpdesk and drop-in sessions for data queries

Online learning materials



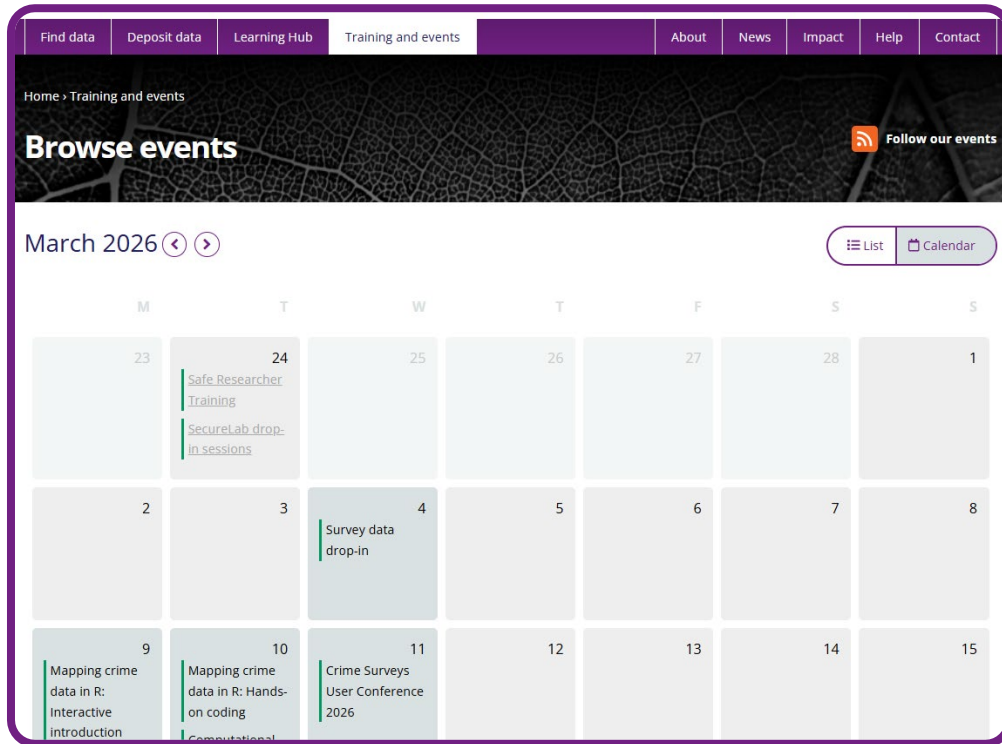
- Find key resources on our Learning Hub
- Data Skills Modules: self-paced interactive learning

Our YouTube channel



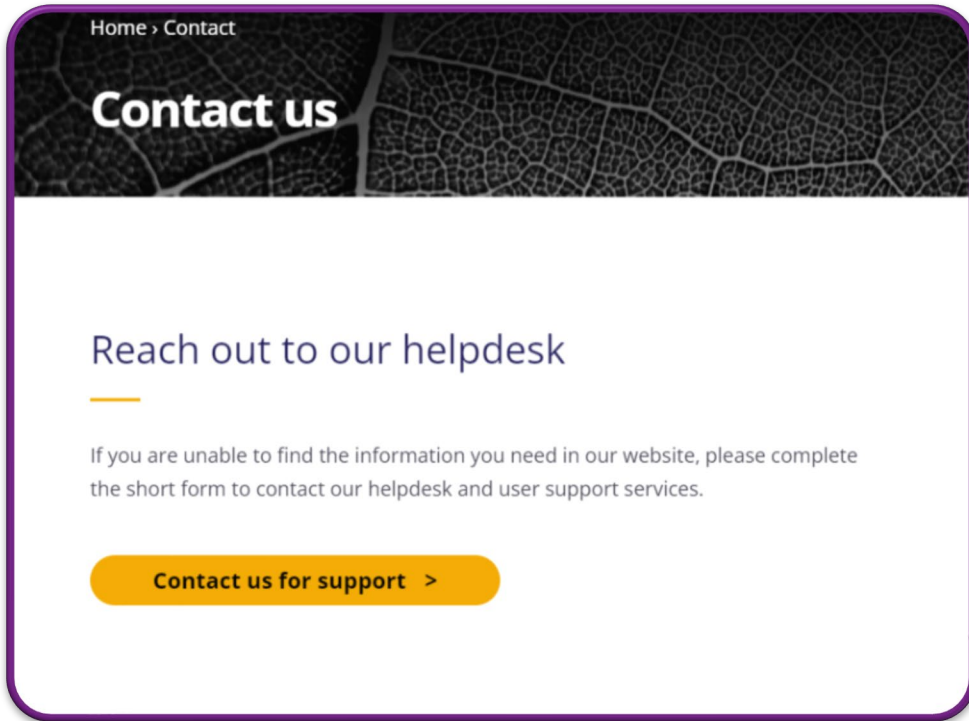
- Recordings of all our past webinars and workshops
- Short tutorial videos, software demonstrations, introductions to key data types
- Live streamed events

Webinars and online workshops



- Covering how to find, access and use key data types, and develop your data skills
- ukdataservice.ac.uk/training-events/

Helpdesk and drop-in sessions for data queries



- Direct, individual support from UKDS experts