

Finding and Accessing Data from the UK Data Service

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What we will cover in this session

• UK Data Service and finding data

- What is the UK Data Service?
- Data sources and who can access the data
- Data categorisation
- Finding data and activity

• How to access data

- Three-tier Access Policy
- How to access open data
- How to access safeguarded data
- How to access controlled/secure data

What is the UK Data Service?

- Comprehensive resource funded by UKRI through the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
- Access to secondary social science data
- Support, training, and guidance
- UK Data Archive (lead partner), JISC, CMI, University of Edinburgh, UCL.

Sources of data

- National statistical authorities
- UK government departments
- Intergovernmental organisations
- Research institutes
- Individual researchers



Department
for Environment



CENTRE FOR
LONGITUDINAL
STUDIES



iSER

ReShare

Who is it for?

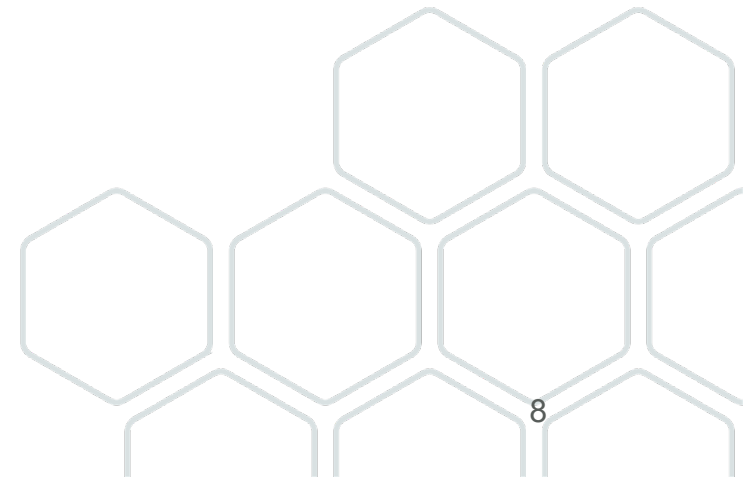


- Academic researchers and students
- Government analysts
- Charities and foundations
- Business consultants and data analysts
- Independent research centres and think tanks
- Independent researchers



Data Categorisation

- **By type** : UK Surveys, Cross-national surveys, Longitudinal data and studies, International macrodata, Census data, Business microdata, Quantitative or Qualitative data, mixed methods data.
- **By purpose** : research, teaching.
- **By theme** : ageing, crime, economics , COVID-19.
- **By geography** : Countries, small areas.
- **By access level** : open, safeguarded, controlled



Types of Data Available

Survey microdata:

Major UK Surveys
Cross-national
Longitudinal

International macrodata:

Multi-nation aggregate
databanks & Survey data.

Qualitative mixed methods data:

Qualitative data
Mix of qualitative and
quantitative data.

Census data: aggregate data

flow
boundary
microdata

Quantitative Data Example

	AgeB2	sgrade	Soc	Soc2	gor	sex	Eth	Reg	gen
1	35-44	E	C2DE	DE	North We	Male	White	North	Generati
2	35-44	C1	ABC1	C1C2	North We	Male	White	North	Generati
3	35-44	C2	C2DE	C1C2	East Mid	Female	White	Midlands	Generati
4	65+	D	C2DE	DE	East Mid	Female	White	Midlands	Baby boo
5	65+	D	C2DE	DE	East Mid	Male	White	Midlands	Pre war

SN 8059: Public Attitudes to Animal Research Survey, 2016.

Qualitative Data Example

Information about interviewee

Date of birth : 1902

Gender : M

Marital status : Married

Occupation : Railway worker

Geographic region : Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs

I : Can I have your full name please?

FW : Frank Woolley.

I : And your present address?

FW : 34 Speedwell Street, Longton.

I : And are you married?

FW : Yes.

I : And the year of your marriage?

FW : 1930.

I : The year you were born?

FW : 1902.

I : And where were you born?

FW : Ashfield Road, Longton.

I : Can you remember how many years you lived in Edgefield Road in the house where you were born?

FW : No, I'm afraid not.

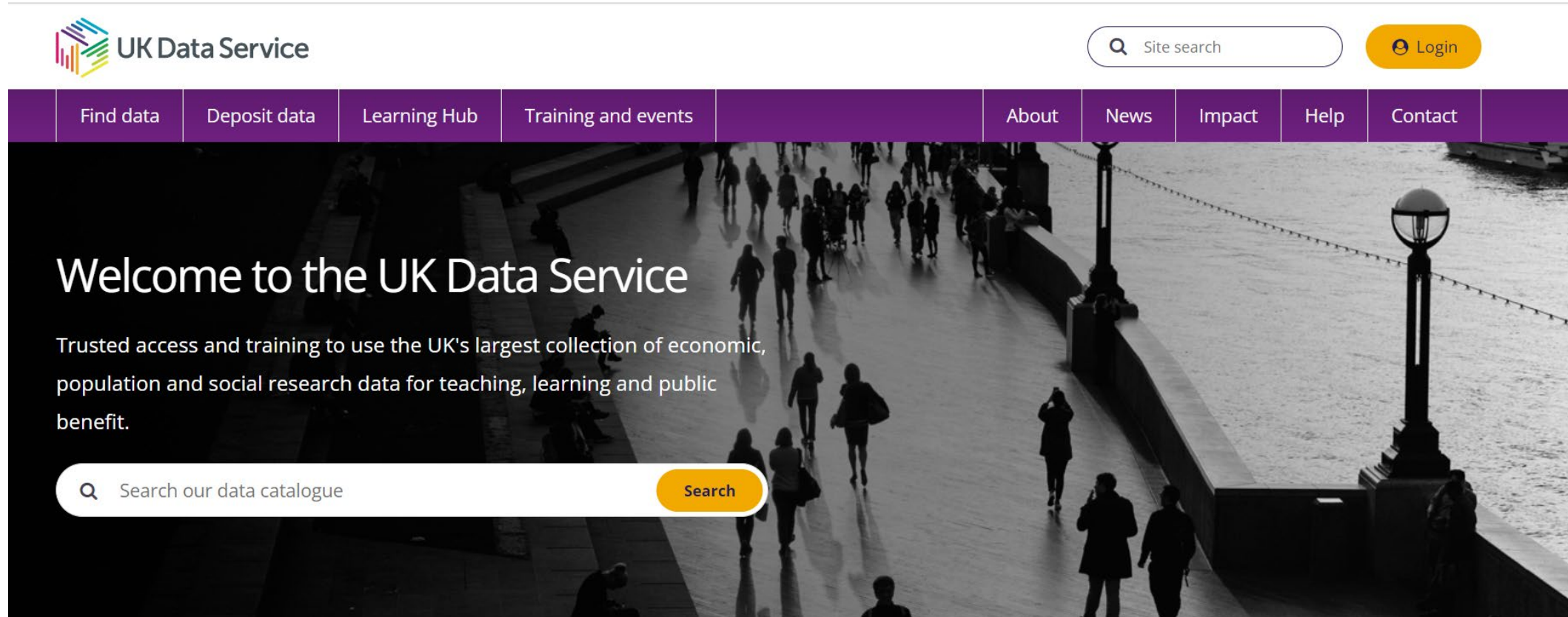
I : Can you remember if you stayed in that house until 1918 or were there any moves in between?

FW : Oh there's moves in between.

I : Can you remember where you moved to from Edgefield Road?

SN2000: Family Life and Work Experience Before 1918, 1870-1973.

Finding Data : Catalogue search tool



The image shows the homepage of the UK Data Service. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized bar chart with vertical bars of varying heights and colors (blue, green, yellow, orange, red) to the left of the text "UK Data Service". To the right of the logo is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Site search". Further right is a yellow button with a person icon and the text "Login". Below these elements is a purple navigation bar with white text for the following categories: "Find data", "Deposit data", "Learning Hub", "Training and events", "About", "News", "Impact", "Help", and "Contact". The main content area features a large background image of a busy pedestrian walkway by a waterfront. Overlaid on the left side of this image is the text "Welcome to the UK Data Service" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this is a smaller line of white text: "Trusted access and training to use the UK's largest collection of economic, population and social research data for teaching, learning and public benefit." At the bottom of this section is a white search bar with a magnifying glass icon, the text "Search our data catalogue", and a yellow button with the text "Search".

UK Data Service

Site search

Login

Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Welcome to the UK Data Service

Trusted access and training to use the UK's largest collection of economic, population and social research data for teaching, learning and public benefit.

Search our data catalogue

Search

Finding Data : Catalogue search tool

STUDIES (8485) **SERIES (77)**

Date from: Date to:

[Refine date](#)

Topic:

Data Type:

Access:

Country:

[Reset filters](#)

Data catalogue

Search our data catalogue... [Search](#)

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STUDIES (8484) **SERIES (77)**

Displaying 1 - 10 of 8484 results Page 1 of 849

Results per page: Sort by:

SN 8833 [Annual Population Survey, April 2020 - March 2021](#)
Office for National Statistics

SN 5182 [International Energy Agency Coal Information, 1960-2020](#)
International Energy Agency

SN 8834 [Scottish Health Survey, 2020: Telephone Survey](#)

Finding data : Catalogue search tool

The screenshot displays a search interface for a data catalogue. At the top, the text "Data catalogue" is visible against a dark background with a leaf vein pattern. Below this is a search bar containing the text "poverty" and a yellow "Search" button. A dropdown menu shows search suggestions: "poverty and social", "poverty and social exclusion", "poverty datasets", "poverty alleviation", "poverty datasets are also", "Keyword:POVERTY", and "Keyword:CHILD POVERTY". Below the suggestions are filters for "Topic:" and "Data Type:". The search results list two items:

- SN 8964 | [2021 Census: Aggregate Data](#)
Office for National Statistics | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA)
- SN 856228 | [Perceived Threats and 'Stampedes': A Relational Model of Collective Fear Responses, 2020-2023](#)

HASSET Thesaurus

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HASSET Thesaurus

Alphabetical | **Hierarchy**

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

POTHOLING → CAVING
POTTERIES
POULTRY
POVERTY
POVERTY LEVEL → POVERTY
POWER (ENERGY) → ENERGY
POWER ELITE
POWER INDUSTRY
POWER PLANTS
POWER STATIONS → POWER PLANTS
POWER TOOLS
PPP → PURCHASING POWER PARITY
PRACTICAL DRIVING TESTS → DRIVING TESTS
PRACTICAL STUDIES
PRACTICAL TRAINING
PRACTICE OF RELIGION → RELIGIOUS PRACTICE
PRAYER
PRE-MARITAL SEX → PREMARITAL SEX
PRE-NATAL CARE → ANTENATAL CARE
PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION
PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS
PRE-RETIREMENT EDUCATION

SOCIAL PROBLEMS > SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE > POVERTY

Preferred term **POVERTY**

Broader concept [SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE](#)

Narrower concepts [CHILD POVERTY](#)


Related concepts [LIVING CONDITIONS](#)
[PAWNSHOPS](#)
[POOR PERSONS](#)
[WEALTHY PERSONS](#)

Entry terms [POVERTY LEVEL](#)

Keyword search [Search for 'POVERTY' in UK Data Service Catalogue](#)

URI <https://hasset.ukdataservice.ac.uk/c73f21f1-dd69-4d57-8939-052573f45ef1>

Download this concept: [RDF/XML](#) [TURTLE](#) [JSON-LD](#)



Finding data : Browse data

Find data

Catalogue search guidance

Our video guide provides step-by-step instructions for using the data catalogue.

[Short tutorial on how to access and download data >](#)

Browse and access key data

Find and access key data easily by themes, data types and teaching datasets.

[Browse and access data >](#)

Access requirements and processes

Open, safeguarded or controlled data access requirements and application guidance for UKDS SecureLab.

[Open, safeguarded or controlled SecureLab access >](#)

Finding data : Browse data

Browse by theme

- Ageing >
- COVID-19 >
- Crime >
- Economics >
- Environment and energy >
- Education >
- Ethnicity >
- Food >
- Health >
- Housing >
- Information and Communication >
- Labour >
- Politics >
- Poverty >

Browse by data type

- UK Surveys >
- Cross-national surveys >
- Longitudinal studies >
- International macrodata >
- Census data >
- Business microdata >
- Qualitative/mixed methods >
- Administrative data >
- International Data Access Network >

Teaching datasets

- National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles, 2010-2012: Open Access Teaching Dataset >
- National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles, 2010-2012: Teaching Dataset >
- Crime Survey for England and Wales, 2017-2018: Teaching Dataset >
- More teaching datasets >

Browse by general

- Search terms >
- Geography >
- Online analysis tools >
- Open data >

Finding Data : Browse data by theme

Browse by theme



Browse data by theme COVID-19 example

Home > Find data > Browse data > COVID-19

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives dramatically and has sparked many questions about the health, social and economic effects on our nations.

Data in the UK Data Service collection can be used to begin to understand these questions and to give context for the current inequalities being experienced due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Data have been collected and are made available on topics such as finance, employment, education, ageing, food, crime, the environment, attitudes and much more. In this rapidly changing landscape, the data will continue to adapt. It is expected that many studies will begin to include questions specific to COVID-19, and when ready much of this data will be made available through the UK Data Service. Explore our library of [impact case studies](#) demonstrating how our data have been used. Find out [how to search our catalogue](#).

[View all data >](#)

Some key datasets

Here are some popular datasets within the theme of COVID-19.

Business Insights and Conditions Survey: Waves 1-30, 2020-2021: Secure Access

Coverage: 2020 - 2021; United Kingdom

Topic: See data catalogue record for full topic listing.

[View >](#)

Community Life COVID-19 Re-contact Survey, 2020

Coverage: 2020 - July 2020; England

Topic: See data catalogue record for full topic listing.

[View >](#)

Data catalogue

Search our data catalogue...

Search

Variable and question bank > QualiBank >

STUDIES (8484)

SERIES (77)

Date from:

440

Date to:

2021

Refine date

Topic:

Data Type:

Access:

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Results per page:

10

Sort by:

Most recently released

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International Energy Agency

SN 8834 | [Scottish Health Survey, 2020: Telephone Survey](#)

Home > Data catalogue > Studies > Study

Studies

Series

<http://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-8653-6>

Copy study DOI

Business Insights and Conditions Survey: Waves 1-32, 2020-2021: Secure Access

Details

Documentation

Resources

Access data

Details

Title:	Business Insights and Conditions Survey: Waves 1-32, 2020-2021: Secure Access
Alternative title:	BICS; Business Impact of COVID-19 Survey
Study number (SN):	8653
Access:	These data are controlled
Persistent identifier (DOI):	10.5255/UKDA-SN-8653-6
Principal investigator(s):	Office for National Statistics

Sponsors and contributors

Citation and copyright

The citation for this study is:

Variable and question bank

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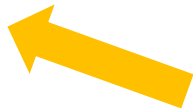
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 - Variable and question bank
 - QualiBank
 - Series +
 - Survey +
 - Country +
 - Date +
 - Data collector +
 - Question: Harmonised set +
 - Question: Intent +

Discover > Variables



My Variables

Variable and question bank

Search and browse variables and questions from survey datasets.

Search our variables

GO

Reset filters

Clear search

Search only question text/responses

Auto-complete

[Help](#)

Variable and question bank : example

Discover > Variables

Variable and question bank



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highest educational qualification

GO

Reset filters

Clear search

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Auto-complete

Help

Results per page: 10

Sorted by: Relevance

Displaying 1-10 of 7094 results

1 2 3 4 5 >>>

HIGHSTED : S6Q5 Highest Educational Qualification
 Question Text: Highest Educational Qualification (one only)
 Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey, 2001

Add to My Variables

View all instances of this variable

+ View responses...

HIGHSTED : Highest educational qualification
 Question Text: Highest Educational Qualification (one only)
 Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey, 1999

Add to My Variables

View all instances of this variable



My Variables

HighEd1 Remove

HIGHSTED Remove

Variable HighEd1

Question text
 Highest level of education qualification?

Responses

4	ONC / National Level BTEC	498
5	O Level or GCSE equivalent (Grade A-C)	1859
6	GCSE grade D-G or CSE grade 2-5 or Standard Grade level 4-6	406
7	Other qualifications (inc. foreign quals below degree level)	1363
8	No formal qualifications	2393
98	Refusal	1
	Sysmiss	1

Survey
 Opinions and Lifestyle Survey, Disability Monitoring Module, January - May, July - August, October - November, 2014 and January and

Variable HIGHSTED

Question text
 Highest Educational Qualification (one only)

Responses

1	Degree or higher	239
2	BTEC(Higher) / BEC(Higher) / TEC(Higher) / HNC / HND	107
3	GCE A Level / NVQ Level 3	169
4	BTEC(National) / TEC(National) / BEC(National) / ONC / OND	76
5	GCSE / NVQ Level 2 / O Level / CSE Grade 1 / or equivalent	419
6	CSE (other than Grade 1)	155
7	No formal qualifications	957
8	Other (specify)	67
9	Refused	11

Survey
 Northern Ireland Life and Times Survey, 1999

QualiBank

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Data Catalogue
Variable and question bank

QualiBank

Collection title +

Resource type -

- Interview transcript (118)
- Interview summary (20)
- Reports (6)
- Essay (1)
- Web resource (1)
- Annotated questionnaire (0)
- Focus group (0)
- Open Ended Question (0)
- Survey Booklet (0)

QualiBank

Search and browse a selection of qualitative surveys, interview and open-ended questions.

poverty GO

Reset filters | Clear search | Auto-complete | Copyright | Collections

Help

Extract Image File Audio

Results per page: 10

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Web Resource: Book Reference for "Poverty in the United Kingdom: A Survey of Household Resources and Standards of Living"
SN6226 Pioneers, 1996-2012

...Web Resource: Book Reference for "Poverty in the United Kingdom: A Survey of Household Resources and Standards of Living"...



Access this collection from the Data Catalogue

Summary of the interview with Peter Townsend

Practice catalogue search

Search for one (or more, if you have time) of the following datasets in the catalogue:

- A dataset of your choice
- The most recent Health Survey for England
- Census microdata
- The series page for the Annual Population Survey
- A dataset on the topic of transport or travel
- A National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles (NATSAL) teaching dataset

What we will cover in this session

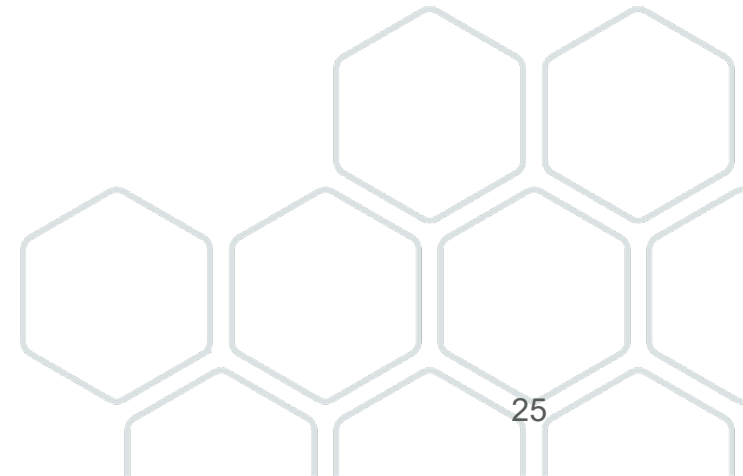
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Three-tier Access Policy

Controlled/Secure
data

Safeguarded data

Open data



How to identify the access level?

UK Data Service

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Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Home > Data catalogue > Studies > Study

Studies

Series

<https://doi.org/10.5255/UKDA-SN-6614-18>

Copy study DOI

Details Documentation Resources **Access data**

Details

Title:	Understanding Society: Waves 1-12, 2009-2021 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009
Alternative title:	United Kingdom Household Longitudinal Study; UKHLS
Study number (SN):	6614
Access:	These data are safeguarded
Persistent identifier (DOI):	10.5255/UKDA-SN-6614-18
Series:	Understanding Society
Data creator(s):	University of Essex, Institute for Social and Economic Research

How to view access conditions

Studies

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Understanding Society: Waves 1-12, 2009-2021 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009

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Access data

The Data Collection is available to UK Data Service registered users subject to the [End User Licence Agreement](#).

Commercial use of the data requires approval from the data owner or their nominee. The UK Data Service will contact you.

Download these data by adding them to your account.

[Login](#) to add data to your account.

[Add to account](#)

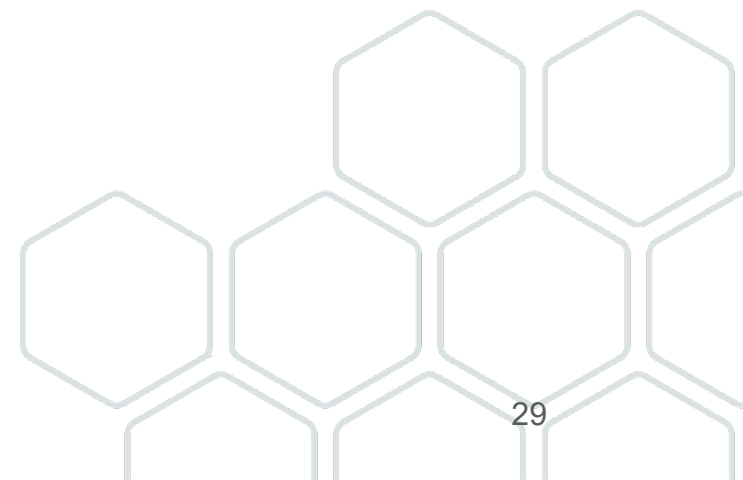
Access Conditions

Access level	Access conditions	Who can access?
Open	Open data - open licence	Anyone
Safeguarded	End user licence (EUL)	Anyone (once registered)
	Special conditions	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accept special conditions
	Depositor permission	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request (and await) depositor permission
	Special licence	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete application• Request (and await) depositor permission• Not available for commercial use
Controlled	SecureLab access (remote) or safe room access (on site)	Registered users (must be researchers) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request (and await) researcher approval• Request (and await) project approval• Obtain legal agreement from researcher's institution• Undergo training• Pass test

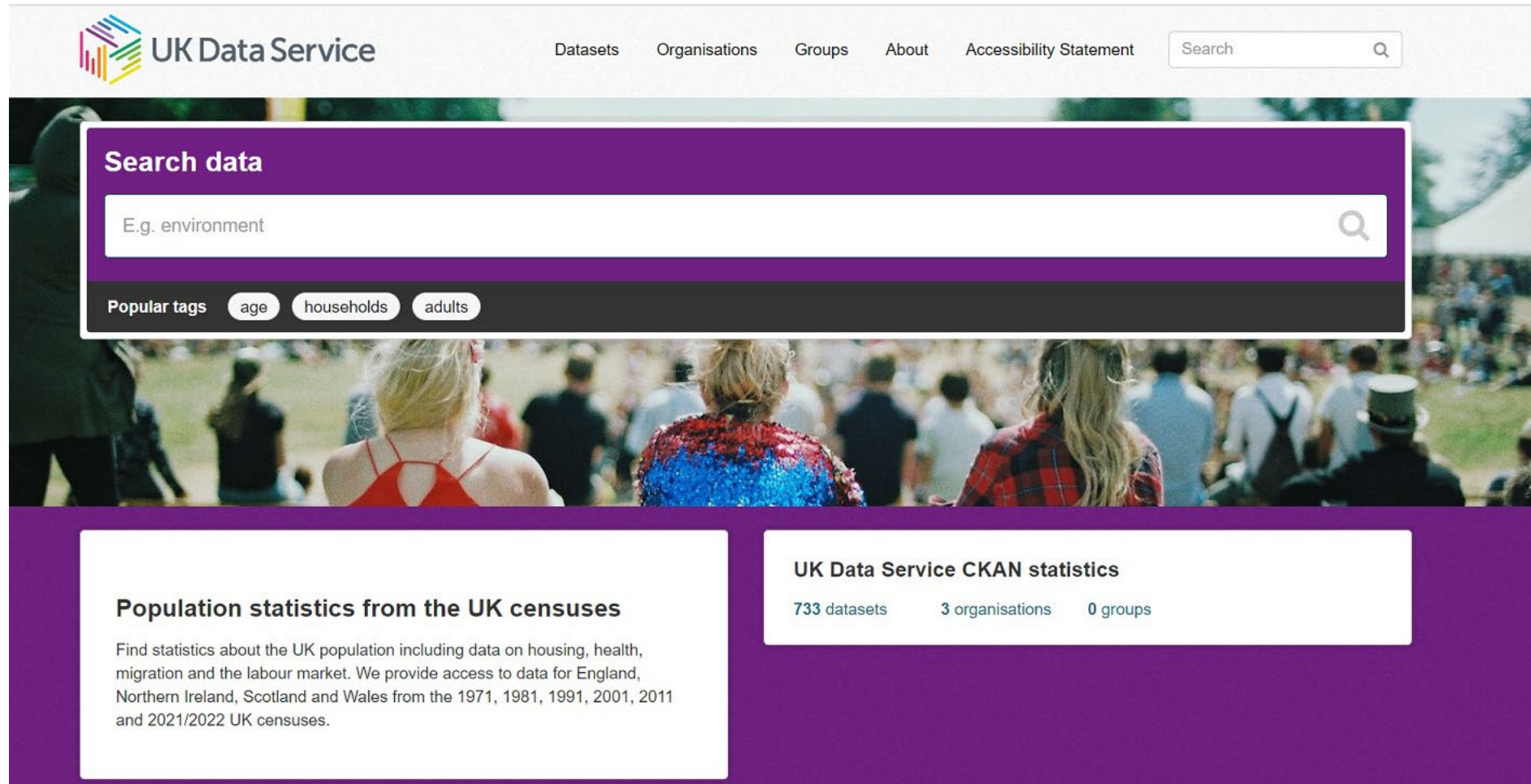
Open data

Access level	Access conditions	Who can access?
Open	Open data - open licence	Anyone

- Legally not 'personal data'
- Open Licence
- No registration or authentication required



Examples on accessing open datasets



The screenshot displays the UK Data Service website interface. At the top left is the logo, a stylized bar chart with vertical bars in red, orange, yellow, and green, followed by the text "UK Data Service". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Datasets", "Organisations", "Groups", "About", and "Accessibility Statement". Further right is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search" and a magnifying glass icon.

Below the navigation is a large purple search bar with the heading "Search data". Inside this bar is a white input field containing the text "E.g. environment" and a magnifying glass icon on the right. Below the input field are three "Popular tags" buttons: "age", "households", and "adults".

The background of the page features a photograph of a crowd of people at an outdoor event, with some individuals in the foreground wearing colorful, sequined clothing.

At the bottom of the page, there are two white boxes on a purple background. The left box is titled "Population statistics from the UK censuses" and contains the text: "Find statistics about the UK population including data on housing, health, migration and the labour market. We provide access to data for England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales from the 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, 2011 and 2021/2022 UK censuses." The right box is titled "UK Data Service CKAN statistics" and displays three statistics: "733 datasets", "3 organisations", and "0 groups".

Safeguarded data

Access level	Access conditions	Who can access?
Safeguarded	End user licence (EUL)	Anyone (once registered)
	Special conditions	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accept special conditions
	Depositor permission	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request (and await) depositor permission
	Special licence	Registered users <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete application• Request (and await) depositor permission

How to register and accept the EUL

For UK Academic Users

End user declarations

Discipline: *

User type:

Preferences

End user licence agreement

This [End User Licence \(EUL\) Agreement](#) is made between you and the University of Essex (also referred to as the "Registering Organisation") and the Service Funders in order to provide you (the "End User") with the right to use the Data Collections provided via the UK Data Service and the UK Data Archive, according to the terms below.

1. To use the Data Collection(s) only in accordance with this EUL Agreement and to notify promptly the Registering Organisation and the Data Service Provider of any non-compliance with its terms in writing or of any infringements of the Data Collection(s) of which I become aware.
2. To use and to make personal copies of any part of the Data Collection(s) only for the purposes of not-for-profit research or teaching or personal educational development. To obtain permission prior to using part or all of the Data Collection(s) for commercial purposes by contacting the Registering Organisation and/or relevant Data Service Provider, where relevant, in order to obtain an appropriate licence from the rights holder(s) in question or their permitted licensee if one is available.
3. That this EUL does not operate to transfer any interest in intellectual property from the Data Collection funders, Service Funder(s), the Data Service Provider(s), the Original Data Creator(s), producers, Depositor(s), copyright or other right holders (including without limitation the Office of National Statistics or the Crown) to me. That any rights subsisting in materials derived now or in the

comply with all applicable legislation, and regulations, policies and

How to register and accept the EUL

If you are NOT a UK Academic User

The screenshot displays the UK Data Service website interface. At the top left is the UK Data Service logo. To the right is a search bar with the text "Search the site..." and a "Login" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links for "Find data", "Deposit data", "Learning Hub", "Training and events", "About", "News", "Impact", "Help", and "Contact".

The main content area is titled "Login". It contains the following text: "If you are at a UK college or university, it's likely you can sign-in using your username/password for your college or university. Start typing your organisation name below:". Below this is a search input field containing "UK Data". A dropdown menu shows "UK Data Archive" as a suggestion, which is highlighted in orange. Below the dropdown is a purple bar with the text "Continue: you will be redirected to your organisation's website to sign-in".

Below the search field is a checkbox labeled "My organisation is not listed." which is checked.

The section is titled "Registration". It contains the following text: "If you can't find your organisation in the list above you will need to [request a username](#) and then [sign-in here](#). Requests for usernames are manually verified and can take up to 5 working days to process. If you are a SecureLab user, [click here to login to SecureLab](#)."

At the bottom left, there is contact information: "UK Data Service, UK Data Archive, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester". At the bottom center, there is a "Submit" button.

Safeguarded data

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EUL only dataset example

UK Data Service

Search the site... My Account (1) Logout

Find data Deposit data Learning Hub Training and events About News Impact Help Contact

Home > My Account > Data > Assign To Project

Assign datasets to project

SN	Dataset	Status
9110	Hunger in the UK, 2022	- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Create a new project
 Add to an existing project

Create a new project Cancel

Creating a new project

UK Data Service

Search the site... My Account (1) Logout

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Home > My Account > Data > Projects > New Project

Create a new project

Title: * 229 characters remaining.

Project type: *

- Commercial**
- Non-commercial
- Teaching

Abstract: *

Please include a short description of the project and its benefits (100 characters min). Please ensure the text does not include hidden styling elements (for example if you copy text from a document editor you can ensure the text is style free by copying it as plain text).

[Cancel](#)

EUL only dataset example

Home > My Account > Data > Projects > Download

Data

Projects >

Datasets by Project

Browse Data Catalogue

Deposits

My Details

Download

Unselect all downloads

File Format	File Size (mb)	Download	
Dataset: Hunger in the UK, 2022			
SPSS	7.38	Download	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STATA	7.36	Download	<input type="checkbox"/>
TAB	7.44	Download	<input type="checkbox"/>

Download selected

Summary	Updated	Updated By	Status
There are no special requests for this project.			

Data deposited via Re-share (SN 85xxxx)


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ReShare

"Archiving and sharing research data"



Join our next [Webinar: Depositing your data with ReShare](#) Webinar on 26 October 2023.

ReShare is the UK Data Service's online data repository, where researchers can archive, publish and share research data, as [open or safeguarded data](#).

Collections of data and accompanying documentation can be submitted after registering with the UK Data Service. ReShare is where ESRC grant holders submit the data from their research grants, as a contractual requirement under the [ESRC research data policy](#). In the process related grant information can be retrieved from the [UKRI Gateway to Research](#). We [review](#) data before their release, to ensure they conform with ethical and legal requirements.

Search and find data via the UK Data Service's [Data Catalogue](#) portal.

LOGIN / REGISTER

DATA CATALOGUE

GO

SCIENTIFIC DATA
OFFICIAL RECOMMENDED REPOSITORY

QUICK ACCESS TO

Deposit data collection

Safeguarded data

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Delivering quality social and economic data resources

DESCRIPTION TABULATION ANALYSIS

Dataset: British Social Attitudes Survey, 2021

British Social Attitudes Survey, 1983-

Abstract

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Background

Then British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey series began in 1983. The series is designed to produce annual measures of attitudinal movements to complement large-scale government surveys that deal largely with facts and behaviour patterns, and the data on party political attitudes produced by opinion polls. One of the BSA's main purposes is to allow the monitoring of patterns of continuity and change, and the examination of the relative rates at which attitudes, in respect of a range of social issues, change over time. Some questions are asked regularly, others less often. Funding for BSA comes from a number of sources (including government departments, the Economic and Social Research Council and other research foundations), but the final responsibility for the coverage and wording of the annual questionnaires rests with NatCen Social Research (formerly Social and Community Planning Research). The BSA has been conducted every year since 1983, except in 1988 and 1992 when core funding was devoted to the British Election Study (BES).

Further information about the series and links to publications may be found on the NatCen Social Research [British Social Attitudes](#) webpage.

BSA 2021

The 2021 BSA survey used a mixed-mode push-to-web design with an optional Computer-Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) opt-in. Letters were sent to a random sample of addresses inviting up to two household members to complete the survey online, with an option to be interviewed by phone if preferred. This is the same design used for the 2020 BSA. Before 2020, BSA was a face-to-face survey, but this was changed due to the public health measures introduced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The full BSA 2021 report, [Broken Britain? Public attitudes in an era of crisis](#) is available from the NatCen Social Research website.

Main Topics:

Each year, the BSA interview questionnaire contains a number of 'core' questions, which are repeated in most years. In addition, a wide range of background and classificatory questions is included. The remainder of the questionnaire is devoted to a series of questions (modules) on a range of social, economic, political and moral issues - some are asked regularly, others less often. Cross-indexes of those questions asked more than once appear in the reports.

In 2021 the questionnaire included the following topics: Household Composition, Employment, Politics, Welfare, Benefits and Income, National Identity and Ethnicity, Religion, Disability, Education, EU Referendum and the General Election, Benefits and Income, Spending and Governance, Immigration, Equal Opportunities, Identity and Britishness, Work and Health, Child Maintenance, Digital, Work and COVID-19, Pensions and Retirement, Sexual Relationships, Parental Leave, Disability, Mental Health and the Workplace, Social Mobility, Social Class, Satisfaction with Health and Care Services, Health and Care Spending, NHS Priorities and Principles, New Home Building, Buying or Renting a Home, COVID-19 and the Home.

There are no special requests for this project.

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- British Social Attitudes Survey, 2021
 - Metadata
 - Variable Description
- British Social Attitudes Survey, 2020
- British Social Attitudes Survey, 2019
- British Social Attitudes Survey: Emergency Care Module, 2018
- British Social Attitudes Survey, 2018
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- Census Microdata and Sample of Anonymised Records (SARs)
- Citizenship Survey
- Cohort and Longitudinal Studies Enhancement Resources (CLOSER)
- Community Life Survey
- Continuous Household Survey
- E-Living Survey
- Employer Perspectives Survey
- European Company Survey

Safeguarded data

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Safeguarded data: Depositor Permission

Home > My Account > Data > Projects > Project lead

Complete actions for access

- Introduction
- Accept standard EUL
- Depositor permission**
- Depositor approval

Depositor permission

This dataset requires depositor permission. The Project Lead must click on the link below and complete the application form to request permission. All datasets requiring depositor permission for this project can be listed on the form.

The completed form will be sent through to the UK Data Service's Access Services team, who will screen the form and then inform the Project Lead of the next steps in the process.

[Complete Depositor Permission Application](#)

Your changes will be saved automatically.

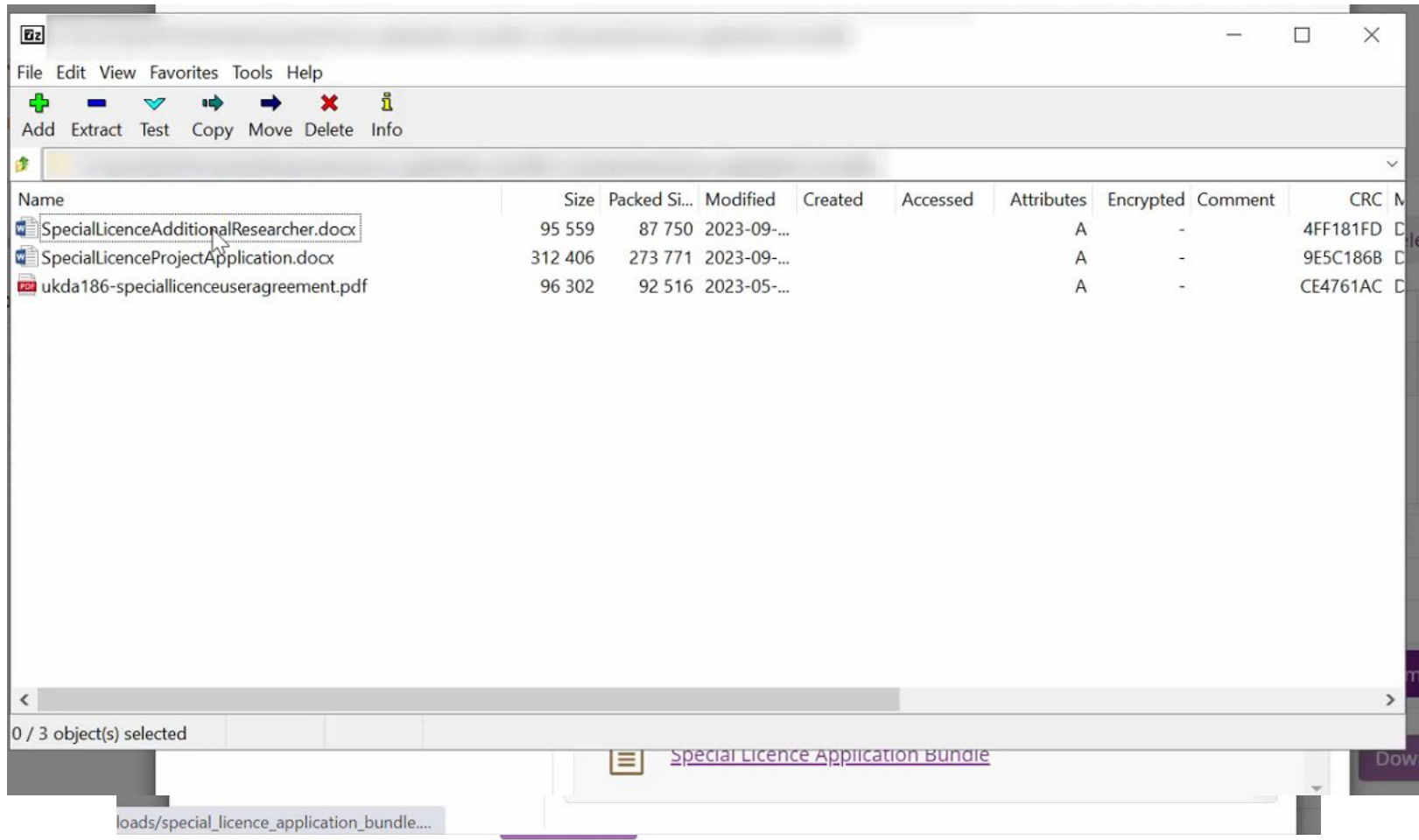
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Special licence



Special Licence – Important information

End User Licence, Special Licence and Secure Access versions:

There are two versions of the main Understanding Society data. One is available under the standard End User Licence (EUL) agreement, and the other is a Special Licence (SL) version. The SL version contains month and year of birth variables instead of just age, more detailed country and occupation coding for a number of variables and various income variables have not been top-coded (see the documentation available with the SL version for more detail on the differences). Users are advised to first obtain the standard EUL version of the data to see if they are sufficient for their research requirements. The SL data have more restrictive access conditions; prospective users will need to complete an extra application form and demonstrate to the data owners exactly why they need access to the additional variables in order to get permission to use that version. The SL versions of the main Understanding Society and Innovation Panel studies may be found under SNs 6931 and 7083 respectively.

Low- and Medium-level geographical identifiers are also available subject to SL access conditions; see SNs 6666, 6668-6675, 7453-4, 7629-30, 7245 and 7248-9 (mainstage study) and 6908-6916, 7339 and 7637-41 (Innovation Panel). Schools data are available subject to SL access conditions in SN 7182. Higher Education establishments for Wave 5 are available subject to SL access conditions in SN 8578. Interviewer Characteristics data, also subject to SL access conditions is available in SN 8579. In addition, a fine detail geographic dataset (SN 6676) is available under more restrictive Secure Access conditions that contains British National Grid postcode grid references (at 1m resolution) for the unit postcode of each household surveyed, derived from the ONS National Statistics Postcode Directory (NSPD). For details on how to make an application for Secure Access dataset, please see the SN 6676 catalogue record.

- **IMPORTANT:** when applying strongly recommend that you versions of the data that are a

Understanding Society: Waves 1-12, 2009-2021 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Special Licence Access

Details Documentation Resources [Access data](#)

Documentation

Title	File name	Size (MB)
BHPS User Manual	6931_bhps_user_manual_volume_a.pdf	6.22
Ethnicity and Immigration Research: User Guide	6931_ethnicity_immigration_guide.pdf	0.91
Family Matrix: User Guide	6931_family_matrix_xhhrel_user_guide.pdf	0.51
Immigration and Ethnic Minority Boost: Fieldwork Documents	6931_iemb_fieldwork_documents.pdf	5.04
Immigration and Ethnic Minority Boost: Questionnaire	6931_iemb_questionnaire.pdf	3.75
Immigration and Ethnic Minority Boost: Technical Report	6931_iemb_technical_report.pdf	0.53
Immigration and Ethnic Minority Boost: Variable Comparison	6931_iemb-non-iemb_question_comparison_2016.xlsx	0.07
UK Data Archive Citation File for Study 6931	UKDA_Study_6931_Information.htm	0
UK Data Archive Data Dictionaries	ukda_data_dictionaries.zip	14.53
UK Data Archive ReadMe File for Study 6931	read6931.htm	0
UKHLS Harmonised BHPS User Guide	6931_bhps_harmonised_user_guide.pdf	0.51
Variables in Special Licence Version	6931_eul_vs_sl_variable_differences.pdf	0.59

Special Licence – Can I access from home?

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Can I access special licence data from home? ^

Data providers agreed a set of twelve temporary additional conditions of use that will enable users to access Special Licence data from home. These measures mitigate against any additional risks posed by people working outside their institutional environment and provide assurance to data owners. This applies only to our current Permitted non-ONS datasets, following successful application

The following data owners permit continued safe access to the datasets listed below from home temporarily, with additional conditions being met. This applies only to our current response to COVID-19 measures where users are unable to travel to their work site, **and ONLY where the data owners have agreed**. The data owners that have agreed are detailed in the table below.

How do I request access from home to Special Licence data? ^

Users must complete, sign, and return the appendix in the Special Licence User Agreement, where they will need to agree to 12 conditions. They will then be permitted to use their institutionally approved secure connection method to access their approved standalone organisational/institutional workstation (PC, laptop, or other portable devices) at the location specified in their Special Licence application. Failure to comply with the conditions or accessing data from home without permission will be managed in accordance with the [UK Data Service Licence Compliance Policy \(PDF\)](#).

Which data owners have agreed to the new arrangements? v

What about Special Licence data that are not listed below? ^

Use of data from home **not listed** below will constitute a breach of the Licence. Users who breach the licence will face a temporary suspension (minimum three months) from using any data provided by the UK Data Service. New owners are being added so please continue to check this page. *List updated 18 July 2023.*

Full guidance at : <https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/help/covid-19/covid-19-special-licence-faqs-and-permitted-datasets/>

Controlled data through SecureLab

SecureLab application requirements

Access level

Controlled

1. There are slightly different application requirements depending on whether you want to access ONS data, non-ONS data or the Smart Energy Research Lab (SERL). This is because there are variations in the legal gateways to access those data.
2. We recommend you complete our Safe Researcher training (SRT) to become an Accredited Researcher (AR) *first*, then provide evidence for the other application requirements.
3. To access data from multiple data providers, please follow the guidance on who to apply to first, as this will speed up access.
4. The process is also different depending on whether you are applying alone, or as part of a team.
5. Controlled data are not generally available to students, but there are rare exceptions.
6. And finally, your organisation will need to accept legal responsibility for your data access.
7. [All controlled data application processes are determined by the data you would like to access and the legal gateways for access to those data (whether the Digital Economy Act (2017); UK GDPR or the Smart Energy Code). It is not determined by the UK Data Service.]

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Which SecureLab application process?

Different application pathways set by data providers and legislative requirements mean there are slight variations in application processes. Please check carefully which pathway you need to follow.

[Apply to access non-ONS data >](#)

[Apply to access ONS data >](#)

[Apply to access Smart Energy Research Lab data \(SERL\) >](#)

[Apply to access non-ONS data from outside UK >](#)

Q: How can I identify which application process to follow?

A: The 'workflow' will guide you through the relevant application process.

Example workflows

Complete actions for access

Introduction

- Accept standard EUL
- Complete ESRC Accredited Researcher Proposal
- Complete ESRC Accredited Researcher Application
- Complete Secure Access User Agreement
- Depositor approval
- Training
- SecureLab account setup

Welcome

You are requesting access to the following dataset:

Understanding Society: Waves 1-11, 2009-2020 and Harmonised BHPS: Waves 1-18, 1991-2009: Secure Access

Before continuing, one or more conditions must first be fulfilled.

Once all conditions are met, you will be granted access to download or view online, depending on the type of data you are requesting.

You can complete all actions at once or come back when ready.

Your changes will be saved automatically. Close Back Next

Complete actions for access

Introduction

- Accept standard EUL
- Complete DEA Research Project Application
- Obtain DEA Accredited Researcher Status
- Complete Secure Access User Agreement
- Depositor approval
- Training
- SecureLab account setup

Welcome

You are requesting access to the following dataset:

Business Structure Database, 1997-2022: Secure Access

Before continuing, one or more conditions must first be fulfilled.

Once all conditions are met, you will be granted access to download or view online, depending on the type of data you are requesting.

You can complete all actions at once or come back when ready.

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Application documents to be submitted by the project lead via email at : secure.applications@ukdataservice.ac.uk

Can I access SecureLab from home?

COVID-19

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[COVID-19: Accessing SecureLab FAQs >](#)

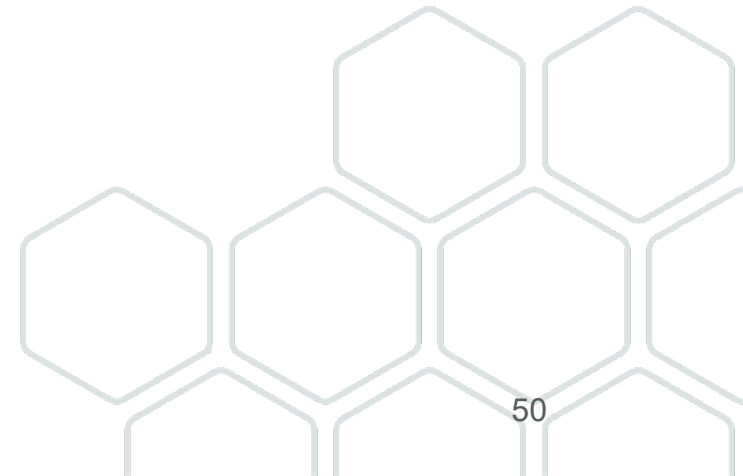
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[COVID-19: Permitted ONS datasets and changes to SecureLab >](#)

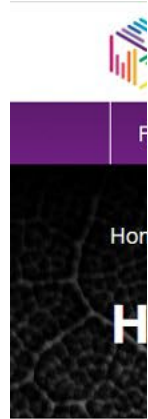
[COVID-19: Special licence FAQs and permitted datasets >](#)

[COVID-19: What additional non-ONS access criteria must I follow? >](#)

[COVID-19: Service changes >](#)



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Different types of data

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- [International macrodata >](#)
- [Qualitative mixed methods >](#)
- [UK surveys >](#)
- [FAQs on different types of data >](#)

Exploring data online

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- [Online tools for exploring data >](#)



[Tips to search the data catalogue >](#)

How to get data and access information

SecureLab

How to contact the UK Data Service?

Feedback

We are continually working to improve the UK Data Service and want to hear from you.

Please email us to help improve the website and services we provide.

[Feedback >](#)



Telephone:

Country of employment/study: *

Type of user: *

Your query

What would you like to contact us about?: *

The form can be found at:
<https://beta.ukdataservice.ac.uk/help>

Any questions?

Thank you for coming

Web: [Contact the UK Data Service](#)

Email: help@ukdataservice.ac.uk

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