

IOE Library Guide

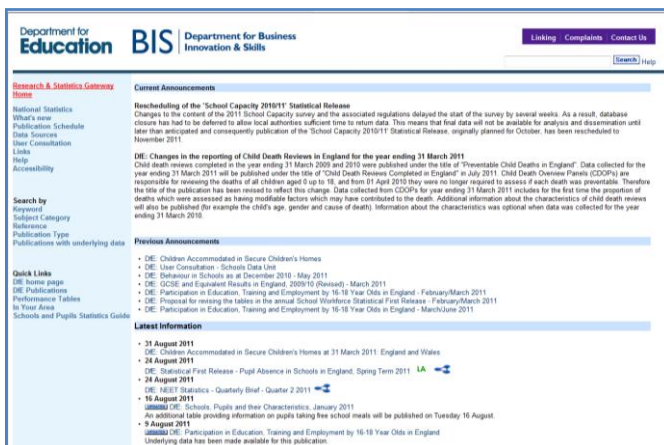
Sources for education statistics

This guide provides a list of print and online sources for statistical information in education in the UK and overseas.

Tip! You will find many of the official publications listed in this guide in the Library. Search the library catalogue to find these sources and their locations.

DFE Research and Statistics Gateway

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/index.shtml>



The screenshot shows the 'Research & Statistics Gateway' page from the Department for Education (BIS). It features a search bar, navigation links, and a list of announcements. Key announcements include:

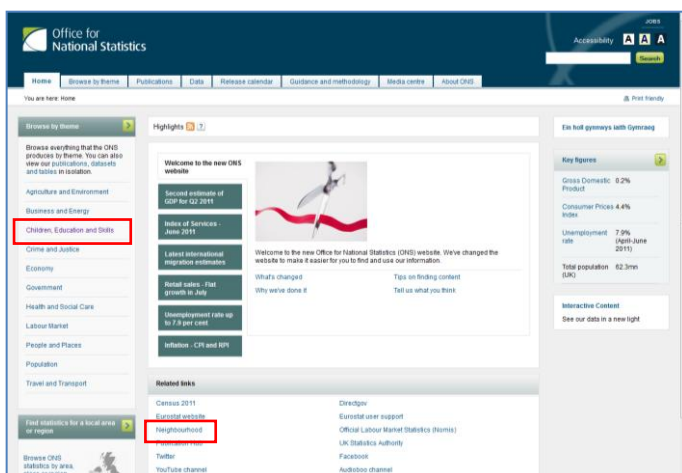
- Rescheduling of the 'School Capacity 2011' Statistical Release:** Changes to the 2011 School Capacity survey and associated regulations delayed the start of the survey by several weeks. As a result, database closure has had to be deferred to allow local authorities sufficient time to return data. This means that final data will not be available for analysis and dissemination until later than anticipated and consequently publication of the School Capacity 2011 Statistical Release, originally planned for October, has been rescheduled for November 2011.
- DFE: Changes in the reporting of Child Death Reviews in England for the year ending 31 March 2011:** Child death reviews completed in the year ending 31 March 2009 and 2010 were published under the title of 'Preventable Child Deaths in England'. Data collected for the year ending 31 March 2011 will be published under the title of 'Child Death Reviews Completed in England' in July 2011. Child Death Overview Panels (CDOPs) are responsible for reviewing the deaths of all children aged 0 up to 18, and from 01 April 2010 they were no longer required to access a death was preventable. Therefore the title of the publication has been revised to reflect this change. Data collected from CDOPs for year ending 31 March 2011 includes for the first time the proportion of deaths which were assessed as having modifiable factors which may have contributed to the death. Additional information about the characteristics of child death reviews will also be published (for example the child's age, gender and cause of death). Information about the characteristics was optional when data was collected for the year ending 31 March 2010.
- Previous Announcements:**
 - DE: Children Accommodated in Secure Children's Homes
 - DE: User Consultation - Schools Data Unit
 - DE: Schoolwork in Schools as at December 2010 - May 2011
 - DE: GCSE and Equivalent Results in England, 2009/10 (Revised) - March 2011
 - DE: Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England - February/March 2011
 - DE: Proposal for revising the tables in the annual School Workforce Statistical First Release - February/March 2011
 - DE: Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England - March/June 2011
- Latest Information:**
 - 31 August 2011: DE: Children Accommodated in Secure Children's Homes at 31 March 2011, England and Wales
 - 24 August 2011: DE: Statistical First Release - Pupil Absence in Schools in England, Spring Term 2011
 - 24 August 2011: DE: KS2 Statistics - Quarterly Brief - Quarter 2 2011
 - 16 August 2011: DE: Schools, Pupils and their Characteristics, January 2011. An additional table providing information on pupils taking free school meals will be published on Tuesday, 16 August.
 - 9 August 2011: DE: Participation in Education, Training and Employment by 16-18 Year Olds in England. Underlying data has been made available for this publication.

The Department for Education's Research and Statistics Gateway includes school and college performance tables and School Census data.

The site offers you the option of searching by keyword, subject category, by publication reference number, publication type and publications with underlying data (which is available to download).

Office for National Statistics (ONS)

The [Office for National Statistics](http://www.ons.gov.uk) is the Executive office of the UK Statistics Authority. It is responsible (within the context of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007) for the production of a wide range of economic and social statistics, including statistics on population, demography, migration and various economic and social statistics.



You can browse this site by theme. The section themed 'Children, Education and Skills' and the related link 'Neighbourhood' (at the bottom of the page) are particularly relevant for students and researchers in education.

The 'Neighbourhood' option links you to <http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/> and is useful for searching for education, training and skills data by UK postcode.

Tip! There's also a useful [how to find](#) content page on this website.

UK National Statistics Publication Hub

The [UK National Statistics Publication Hub](#) is a good resource and has only recently been updated. The site is particularly rich in reports which are available in full-text format.

Scottish Statistics

The devolved Scottish government has its own statistics site- see:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/School-Education> for information on schools.

HESA (Higher Education Statistics Agency)

HESA is the official agency for the collection, analysis and dissemination of quantitative information about higher education since 1999: <http://www.hesa.ac.uk/>. There are a fair amount of freely available, online statistical publications-1994/95 to 2002/03 can be downloaded for free from their Publications Archive. The library buys the current volumes every year; these are accessible to Institute staff and students only via the intranet.

The Data Service

The Data Service at <http://www.thedataservice.org.uk> was established to act as a single, central point of information for further education. It is funded by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills and supported by the Skills Funding Agency (originally DES, FEFC/LSC and now SFA).

Print Sources

The IOE Library has a reference copy of *Sources of non-official UK statistics* by David Mort, which is shelved in the Reference collection on Level 4 and the *Guide to official statistics*-available in the reference collection and online.

Departmental annual reports and accounts can also be useful for statistical information.

Historical UK statistics

The IOE library holds a range of historical education statistics from the late 19th century to the present. These are listed in the Library Catalogue.

Tip! Use the phrase 'statistics of education' as part of your search.

Most of this material is kept in store and users are asked to request to view the material by appointment. Please contact the [Library Enquiry Desk](#) to arrange this.

There are other key print publications in the open access Reference collection. These include *Education Statistics for the United Kingdom 1967* to date on the shelf at RF11 Bab EDU (there are also supplementary volumes covering other aspects in more detail for some periods, e.g. teachers/school workforce etc. in Store).

Key bodies for provision of statistics in the national history of education are:

- Education Department, 1856-1899
- Board of Education, 1899-1944
- Ministry of Education, 1944-1964
- Department of Education and Science, 1964-1992
- Department for Education, 1992-1995
- Department for Education and Employment, 1995-2001
- Department of Education and Skills 2001-2007
- Department for Children, Schools and Families 2007-2010
- Department for Education 2010-

For statistics relating to Education in London, refer to:

- School Board for London 1870-1903
- London County Council 1904-1965
- ILEA (Inner London Education Authority) 1965-1990

Tip! See Archives guide for further information

http://www.ioe.ac.uk/services/documents/Services_Library/SG10_London.pdf

International Statistics

The Overseas Statistics (Ostats) collection in the Library holds annual reports and statistics of education for countries around the world. Overseas Statistics can be found on Level 3 and are arranged alphabetically by country, region and year.

All materials can be found on the Library Catalogue and can be retrieved by using 'statistics of education' as part of your search. Items published before 1995 on the online catalogue are held in Store and must be requested in advance.

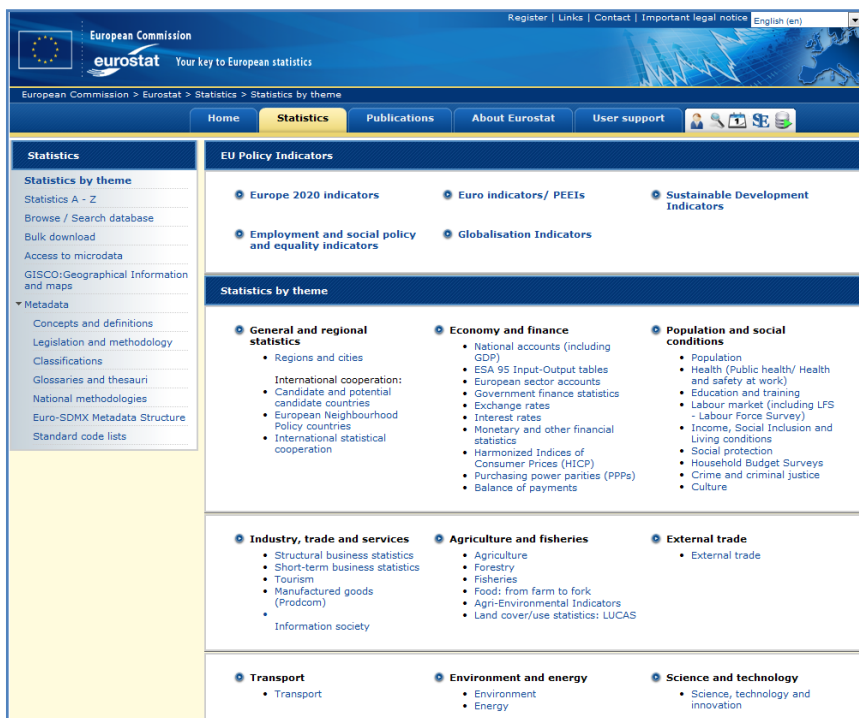
Older items, some dating back to the 19th century, may be found in the Ostats card catalogue on Level 3; these must also be requested in advance. Overseas statistics in Store comprise over 175 countries, with coverage varying widely.

Overseas Statistics online

There are many useful resources for finding online international education statistics. Some of the main ones are:

Eurostat: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/education/introduction>

Eurostat is the statistical office of the European Union. Its task is to provide the EU with statistics at European level to enable comparison between countries and regions.



The statistical data on Eurostat is arranged in the following categories:

- General and regional statistics
- Economy and finance
- Population and social conditions
- Industry, trade and services,
- Agriculture and fisheries
- External trade

The Education and training category has both financial and non-financial indicators.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD): Online Education Database www.oecd.org/education/database; **UNESCO/OECD/EUROSTAT (UOE)** database on education statistics containing national administrative sources, reported by Ministries of Education or National Statistical offices

TIMSS and PIRLS International Study Centre www.pirls.org/. This website is dedicated to conducting comparative studies in educational achievement. TIMSS provides international trend data on mathematics and science achievement and PIRLS assesses reading literacy of children. Most recent assessments for both are 2011.

UNESCO: World Education Indicators (WEI)

www.uis.unesco.org/statsen/statistics/indicators/indic0.htm collects data for more than 200 countries and has over 1,000 types of indicators and raw data on education, literacy, science & technology, culture and communication.

World Bank: EdStats www.worldbank.org/education/edstats

Worldwide collection of data on education from national statistical reports and other data

Tip! Please refer to the IOE Library Guide International and Comparative Education websites [http://www.ioe.ac.uk/services/documents/International_2011\(1\).pdf](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/services/documents/International_2011(1).pdf) for additional information on international and comparative education resources.