

COVID-19 and the production of statistics

Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic we anticipate that there might be some changes in terms of our regular statistical production. The implementation of COVID-19 restrictions has reduced the timeliness of data entry considerably, it has also meant that some data sources are incomplete and that others are of lower quality; which may delay the publication of some official statistics. Additional time may be required to assess the quality of the data and prepare the statistical release.

Decisions will be made on a case by case basis, taking into account what information is currently relevant given the situation, with the three pillars of the Code of Practice for Statistics (Trustworthiness, Quality and Value) guiding our decisions. Giving everyone access to statistics at the same time remains a fundamental principle of the Code, but where this cannot be maintained we will be open and transparent about this and any other potential effects on our statistics. These decisions will be underpinned by the Office for Statistics Regulation's [guidance](#) on changes to statistical outputs during the coronavirus outbreak.

We will keep you informed as developments unfold. We remain committed to providing the best and most accurate information we can, serving the public good at a time when it is needed the most.