**ADR Data Prospectus**

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| The UK Government, through the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), has  funded the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), in partnership  with the two local Universities, to host an Administrative Data Research in Northern  Ireland (ADRC-NI). This recent development is UK wide and has seen the  establishment of similar Centres in England, Scotland and Wales. The thrust of  the initiative is to provide a secure environment that will facilitate access to cross  departmental administrative data to support research that will benefit the public,  support policy change and provide a broader understanding of wider social and  health care issues. | |
| All of the work associated with the ADR-NI is governed by five key safety principles  which seek to ensure that all ADR-NI research projects (i) are Safe, (ii) are conducted  by Safe Researchers, (iii) use Safe de-identified Data, (iv) are conducted in a Safe  Environment and (v) only ever release outputs that are Safe and preserve  confidentiality. | |
| **Purpose of the Data Prospectus** | |
| It is acknowledged that data is the ‘life-blood’ of the ADR-NI initiative. While the  original Northern Ireland bid to the ESRC outlined that the primary focus would be  on administrative data associated with Health, Education and the Census, the  purpose of this prospectus is to highlight the full range of data sets which could  potentially come within the scope of the ADR-NI. The prospectus has been laid  out to cover: | |
|   Data available in the ADR |  |
|   Data held by departments |  |
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| The aim of NISRA’s Data Acquisition work is to engage with the relevant officials in  the Departments in order to secure access to these various data sources for ADR-NI  purposes. However, whether or not the Data Prospectus includes information on a  particular data set is ultimately a matter for the relevant Data Controller. In view  of the ongoing nature of this work, the prospectus will be regularly reviewed and  updated by the ADR-NI user services team in order to keep it up to date and ensure  that researchers and other potential data providers are aware of the full range of  data that is within scope of the ADR-NI at a particular point of time. | |
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| NISRA - Census | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Census** |
| **Abstract** |  | The census collects information every 10 years about people and households in Northern Ireland. It is used by central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan and provide future services. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 2001 and 2011 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Every 10 years |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency |
| **Website** |  | [Census Website](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/census) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DoF Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/dof-statement-administrative-sources) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Quality Assurance Report](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/sites/nisra.gov.uk/files/publications/2011-census-results-key-statistics-quality-assurance-report-11-december-2012.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | [ADRC-NI Census data dictionary](http://adrn.ac.uk/about/network/n-ireland/researcher-resources/) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | [TTP Demographic Data Quality Report - Census](http://adrn.ac.uk/media/1274/ttp-demographic-data-quality-report-census-2001.pdf) |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | [Further information on the NISRA Census disclosure control strategy may be found here](http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/guide-method/census/2011/census-data/2011-census-prospectus/new-developments-for-2011-census-results/statistical-disclosure-control/index.html) |
| **Quality Issues** |  | Census results underwent an extensive quality assurance process, which included checks against administrative data sources. |
| **Excluded data** |  | Enumerated and imputed records are included. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| NISRA - General Register Office (GRO) – Deaths | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **GRO Register of Deaths** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Register of Deaths includes demographic details on the deceased and statistical coded information. This information is provided by the informant at the time of the death registration and coded/validated by the teams in the GRO and in DMB. Historical records for death registrations have now been digitised back to 1864, although statistical coded information is only held from 1974. While more recent data from 1997 onwards will be included for research through the ADRC-NI, a programme of work is required to assess the quality, and hence utility, of the pre-1997 data. Variables available from 1997 include: age, sex, address, month and year of occurrence and registration, employment status, social class, marital status, main cause of death, place of death and registration district. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 1997 to 2013 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Calendar year |
| **Related Data** |  | GRO Register of Births |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annual update provide in February of each year |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | General Register Office (GRO) |
| **Website** |  | [Births, Deaths and Marriages website](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/births-deaths-and-marriages) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DoF Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/dof-statement-administrative-sources) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Northern Ireland Death Statistics Quality Assessment](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-death-statistics-quality-assessment) |
| **Metadata** |  | [GRO births and deaths metadata](http://adrn.ac.uk/about/network/n-ireland/researcher-resources/) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | [TTP Demographic Data Quality Report - GRO Deaths](https://www.adrn.ac.uk/media/1272/ttp-demographic-data-quality-report-gro-deaths.pdf) |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | None |
| **Quality Issues** |  | The quality of the data is very good except where the postcode of the usual address or place of death is not given. In these cases we use the home address district, which may cause some inaccuracy. To allow for any under-recording of suicides, it is conventional to combine deaths classified as 'events of undetermined intent' with those for 'intentional self-harm', as most of the former are believed to be suicides. |
| **Excluded data** |  | Data excludes deaths of usual residents where the death occurred while outside Northern Ireland. Still births are excluded from the dataset. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| NISRA - General Register Office (GRO) – Births | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **GRO Register of Births** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Register of Births includes demographic details on the mother, father and baby and also includes statistical coded information. This information is provided by the informant at the time of birth registration and coded/validated by the teams in the GRO and in DMB. Historical records for death registrations have now been digitised back to 1864. While more recent data from 1997 onwards will be included for research through the ADRC-NI, a programme of work is required to assess the quality, and hence utility, of the pre-1997 data. Variables available from 1997 include: month and year of occurrence and registration, place of birth, sex, address, social class, number of previous births to mother, marital status, parents’ duration of marriage, mother and father’s employment status, age of mother and father and registration district. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 1997 to 2013 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Calendar year |
| **Related Data** |  | GRO Register of Deaths |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annual update provide in February of each year |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | General Register Office (GRO) |
| **Website** |  | [Births, Deaths and Marriages website](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/statistics/births-deaths-and-marriages) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DoF Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/dof-statement-administrative-sources) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Northern Ireland Birth Statistics Quality Assessment](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-birth-statistics-quality-assessment) |
| **Metadata** |  | [GRO births and deaths metadata](http://adrn.ac.uk/about/network/n-ireland/researcher-resources/) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | [TTP Demographic Data Quality Report - GRO Births](https://www.adrn.ac.uk/media/1279/ttp-demographic-data-quality-report-gro-births.pdf) |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | None |
| **Quality Issues** |  | The quality of the dataset is very good except where the postcode of the child is not given. In these cases we use the home address district, which may cause some inaccuracy. |
| **Excluded data** |  | Published figures relate only to births to resident mothers and do not include births to women usually resident in Northern Ireland who give birth abroad. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Land & Property Services (LPS) | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **LPS Assessment Office (known as Valuation List)** |
| **Abstract** |  | AO is the administrative system for managing the Valuation List in Northern Ireland. It is a live system which changes constantly to ensure that the information held is up-to-date. It is an extremely detailed database with many variables required to administer the complex process of bringing properties into the Valuation List, managing changes to the valuation of existing properties and removing properties from the Valuation List as well as the regular, large-scale revaluation exercises. Snapshots of the information, at particular points in time, are taken for statistical purposes. LPS have provided NISRA with a copy of the AO Domestic Data Product and the AO Non-Domestic Product for ADRC-NI projects. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 2008-2016 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Snapshot: September (2008-2013) and April (2014-2016). Based on capital value as at 1 Jan 2005 |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annually |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Northern Ireland Land and Property Service (LPS) |
| **Website** |  | [Land & Property Services website](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/land-property-services-lps) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DoF Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/publications/dof-statement-administrative-sources) |
| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Housing stock quality assurance of administrative date](https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/housing-stock-quality-assurance-administrative-date) |
| **Metadata** |  | [LPS metadata](http://adrn.ac.uk/about/network/n-ireland/researcher-resources/) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | None |
| **Quality Issues** |  | The quality of the data is very good as it is generated directly from the official record of the Valuation List. |
| **Excluded data** |  | No restriction on public access |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Agricultural Census | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Agricultural Census in Northern Ireland** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Agricultural Census is conducted in June of each year. Data is collected on the number and location of farms, farmers, self-employed, spouses, other workers and total labour on farms, and on the area farmed, economic size of farms, crops, grass and number of cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. Outputs include time series data and frequency distributions. Results are presented at regional and sub-regional level. Information is also taken from the APHIS system for cattle and the Update of the Northern Ireland Bird Register – both complete censuses. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2011-2016 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Snapshot |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Yearly - Conducted in June of each year |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) |
| **Website** |  | [DAERA website](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DAERA Statement of administrative sources](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/statement-administrative-sources-used-statistical-purposes-0) |
| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Annex 2 of the Agricultural Census for Northern Ireland contains a quality report](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/previous-agricultural-census-publications) |
| **Metadata** |  | [See 2016 Farm Census form.](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/daera/16.17.009%20Agricultural%20%26%20Horticultural%20Census%20June%202016%20final.PDF) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | [Annex 2 of the Agricultural Census for Northern Ireland contains information on disclosure](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/previous-agricultural-census-publications) |
| **Quality Issues** |  | This is a high quality database which has been audited and approved by the Eurostat for statistical work. |
| **Excluded data** |  | The response rate for the questionnaire part of the survey is normally approximately 70%. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Environmental Records | | | | | | |
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| **Dataset Title** | | |  | **Environmental Records** | | |
| **Abstract** | | |  | Local air quality information is collected at 18 sites across Northern Ireland. AirqualityNI gives live local air quality information. Levels of air pollutants are given a number on the Air Quality Index from 1 (low levels of pollutants) to 10 (high levels).  The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) monitors river quality at over 540 sites in NI, covering 5,500km. Lakes over 50 hectares in area are also monitored regularly. This monitoring includes chemical and biological indicators of ecological water quality. | | |
| **Year of Data** | | |  | 1986 to present | | |
| **Reporting Period** | | |  | Ongoing | | |
| **Related Data** | | |  | NA | | |
| **Frequency of updates** | | |  | Ongoing | | |
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| **Organisation** | | |  |  | | |
| **Organisation name** | | |  | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) | | |
| **Website** | | |  | [DAERA website](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/) | | |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** | | |  | [DAERA Statement of administrative sources](https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/statement-administrative-sources-used-statistical-purposes-0) | | |
| **Quality and Validity** | | |  |  | | |
| **Quality Report** | | |  | NA | | |
| **Metadata** | | |  | List of variables can be requested from RSU | | |
| **Linkage Report** | | |  | NA | | |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** | | |  | NA | | |
| **Quality Issues** | | |  | NA | | |
| **Excluded data** | | |  | The data is publicly available. | | |
| **Useful information** | | |  | [Air quality in Northern Ireland](http://www.airqualityni.co.uk/data/) | | |
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| Department for Economy (DfE) – Higher Education Enrolments | | | | | |
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| **Dataset Title** | |  | **Higher Education Enrolments** | | | |
| **Abstract** | |  | The statistical bulletin is produced by the Department using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). The statistics provide details of Northern Ireland (NI) domiciled students enrolled at UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and details of all students enrolled at NI HEIs for each academic year. The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) is the official agency for the collection of information on publicly funded Higher Education institutions in the UK. Higher Education institutions include all publicly funded universities. HESA data do not include enrolments at Further Education colleges in NI or GB, or enrolments at institutions in the Republic of Ireland. | | | |
| **Year of Data** | |  | 2015/16 | | | |
| **Reporting Period** | |  | Academic Years 2006/07 to 2015/16 | | | |
| **Related Data** | |  | Higher education qualifications, Destinations of leavers from higher education | | | |
| **Frequency of updates** | |  | Yearly | | | |
| **Organisation** | |  |  | | | |
| **Organisation name** | |  | Department for the Economy | | | |
| **Website** | |  | <https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/> | | | |
| **Statement of**  **Administrative Sources** | |  | [Statement of administrative sources](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/statement-administrative-sources-used-statistical-purposes) | | | |
| **Quality and Validity** | |  |  | | | |
| **Quality Report** | |  | [Quality report for Northern Ireland Higher Education Enrolments Statistical Bulletin](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/economy/Enrolments-quality-report-2015-16.pdf) | | | |
| **Metadata** | |  | NA | | | |
| **Linkage Report** | |  | NA | | | |
| **Disclosure Control**  **Methods** | |  | None | | | |
| **Quality Issues** | |  | Information detailed in this release has been quality assured by HESA prior to release. | | | |
| **Excluded data** | |  | Students who leave within two weeks of their instance start date, or anniversary of their start date, and are on a course of more than two weeks duration, are not included in the published data. Also excluded are: dormant students (those who have suspended study but have not formally de-registered); incoming visiting and exchange students; postdoctoral student instances; instances where the whole of the programme of study is outside of the UK; instances where the student has spent or will spend, more than 8 weeks in the UK but the study programme is primarily outside the UK; National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) student instances; students on sabbatical; and writing-up students. | | | |
| **Useful information** | |  | NA | | | |
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| Department for Economy (DfE) – Higher Education Qualifications | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Higher Education Qualifications** |
| **Abstract** |  | The statistical bulletin is produced by the Department using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). The statistics provide details of qualifications obtained by NI domiciled students on Higher Education (HE) courses at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the UK, and students on HE courses at HEIs in NI, for each academic year. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 2015/16 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Academic Years 2006/07 to 2015/16 |
| **Related Data** |  | Higher education enrolments, Destinations of leavers from higher education |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Yearly |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department for the Economy |
| **Website** |  | https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/ |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of administrative sources](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/statement-administrative-sources-used-statistical-purposes) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Quality report for Northern Ireland Higher Education Qualifications Statistical Bulletin](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/economy/Qualifications-quality-report-2015-16.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | -- |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | None |
| **Quality Issues** |  | Information detailed in this release has been quality assured by HESA prior to release. |
| **Excluded data** |  | Incoming visiting and exchange students are excluded from this population. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department for Economy (DfE) – Destination of Leavers | | | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education** | | |
| **Abstract** |  | The statistical bulletin is produced by the Department using data collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA). The bulletins provide details of the destination of leavers from Higher Education (HE) who obtained qualifications at NI Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and NI domiciled students who obtained qualifications at a UK HEI, for each academic year. | | |
| **Year of Data** |  | 2015/16 | | |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Academic Year 2015/16 | | |
| **Related Data** |  | Higher education qualifications, Higher education enrolments | | |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Yearly | | |
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| **Organisation** |  |  | | |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department for the Economy | | |
| **Website** |  | https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/ | | |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of administrative sources](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/publications/statement-administrative-sources-used-statistical-purposes) | | |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  | | |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Quality report for Northern Ireland Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Statistical Bulletin](https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/economy/DLHE-Quality-report.pdf) | | |
| **Metadata** |  | -- | | |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA | | |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | None | | |
| **Quality Issues** |  | Information detailed in this release has been quality assured by HESA prior to release. | | |
| **Excluded data** |  | The population of the DLHE bulletin dos not represent the full cohort of leavers during the reporting period; examples of those excluded from the target population are as follows; leavers qualifying with professional qualifications (e.g. Associate membership or membership of a body such as the Institute of Bankers) or undergraduate diplomas and certificates (other than foundation degrees, HND, DipHE, HNC and CertHE); non EU domiciled leavers; and leavers whose mode of study was recorded as dormant during the reporting period. (This will include, for example, students submitting a thesis and students retaking exams during the reporting period). | | |
| **Useful information** |  | NA | | |
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| Electoral Office Northern Ireland (EONI) | | | | | |
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| **Dataset Title** | | |  | **Electoral Register** | |
| **Abstract** | | |  | The register of electors (sometimes called the 'electoral roll') is a list of the names and addresses of everyone in Northern Ireland who is registered to vote. It's also used by credit reference agencies to check applications for credit. Once a person is registered, they will be able to vote in various types of election: UK Parliament (General Election), European Parliament, local government and the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Register is continually updated using information obtained from electors and various organisations such as government bodies and schools. | |
| **Year of Data** | | |  | 2013-2016 | |
| **Reporting Period** | | |  | Ongoing | |
| **Related Data** | | |  | NA | |
| **Frequency of updates** | | |  | 1 December each year. | |
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| **Organisation** | | |  |  | |
| **Organisation name** | | |  | Electoral Office Northern Ireland | |
| **Website** | | |  | http://www.eoni.org.uk/ | |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** | | |  | NA | |
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| **Quality and Validity** | | |  |  | |
| **Quality Report** | | |  | [Use of your personal data](http://www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/About-EONI/Use-of-your-personal-data) | |
| **Metadata** | | |  | List of variables can be requested from RSU | |
| **Linkage Report** | | |  | NA | |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** | | |  | None | |
| **Quality Issues** | | |  | The quality of the data is very good as it is generated directly from the official record of the Electoral Register. | |
| **Excluded data** | | |  | Two thirds of those listed on the full Register choose to have their details omitted from the edited version. | |
| **Useful information** | | |  | Updates to the Register are published on the first working day of each month. Statistics available by ward, parliamentary electorate and Local Government electorate. | |
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| Department for Communities (DfC) | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Benefits Statistics** |
| **Abstract** |  | Benefits statistics provides an up to date and concise overview of the main benefits administered by the Department for Communities. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2011-2016 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Quarterly |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Quarterly |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department for Communities (DfC) |
| **Website** |  | [DfC website](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/topics/benefits-statistics) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Analytical Services statement of administrative sources](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/analytical-services-statement-administrative-sources) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Notes in Benefits Statistics Summary Publication contains information on quality](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/benefits-statistics-summary-publication-national-statistics-february-2017) |
| **Metadata** |  | List of variables can be requested from RSU |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | [Notes in Benefits Statistics Summary Publication contains information on disclosure](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/benefits-statistics-summary-publication-national-statistics-february-2017) |
| **Quality Issues** |  | All statistics are based on 100% extracts from the benefit administrative systems |
| **Excluded data** |  | Benefit statistics provide definitive numbers of people claiming benefits in Northern Ireland and includes people in paid receipt of the benefit and those where entitlement has been suspended and recipients (people actually in paid receipt of the benefit). |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department for Infrastructure (DfI) | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Planning Records Database** |
| **Abstract** |  | This dataset provides an overall view of planning activity across NI. It provides summary statistical information on council progress across the 3 new statutory targets for major development applications, local development applications and enforcement cases as laid out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2011-2016 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Financial |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annually |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department for Infrastructure (DfI) |
| **Website** |  | [DfI website](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DfI Code of Practice for Official Statistics - supporting statements](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/code-practice-official-statistics-supporting-statements) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [User guidance of the Northern Ireland Planning Statistics contains a quality assessment](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/system/files/publications/infrastructure/planning-statistics-2015-16-bulletin.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | List of variables can be requested from RSU |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | NA |
| **Quality Issues** |  | [User guidance of the Northern Ireland Planning Statistics contains a quality assessment](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/system/files/publications/infrastructure/planning-statistics-2015-16-bulletin.pdf) |
| **Excluded data** |  | Certificates of Lawful Use or Development (CLUDs), either proposed or existing, have not been included in the Official Statistics bulletin since 2012/13. These are not actually applications for planning permission. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department of Education (DE) – School Census | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **School Census** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) collects data annually from schools at the end of the first full working week in October.  The data collection covers school enrolments and attendance and is collectively referred to as the Schools Census.  DENI collects enrolment data from all primary, post-primary (secondary), special, nursery, hospital, independent, voluntary and pre-school centres in Northern Ireland. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2016 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Data collected in October is available at summary level in December and at detailed level in the following February. |
| **Related Data** |  | NA |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annually |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department of Education (DE) |
| **Website** |  | [DE website](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DE Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Statement%20of%20Administrative%20Sources%20used%20for%20statistical%20purposes%20rr.pdf) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Enrolments at schools and in funded pre‐schools education in Northern](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/School-enrolments-Background-quality-report-june-17.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | [List of variables found in Enrolments at schools and in funded pre‐schools education in Northern](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/School-enrolments-Background-quality-report-june-17.pdf) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | [The validation programme for the School Census can be found in Annex 1 of Enrolments at schools and in funded pre‐schools education in Northern](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/School-enrolments-Background-quality-report-june-17.pdf) |
| **Excluded data** |  | Coverage of the data is 100% as all funded schools must submit a census return to avail of Departmental funding. |
| **Useful information** |  | NA |
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| Department of Education (DE) – Leaver’s Survey | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **School Leaver's Survey** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Department of Education collects data annually on the highest qualification and destination of Northern Ireland grammar and secondary school leavers. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2016 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Annually |
| **Related Data** |  | School Census |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Annually |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Department of Education (DE) |
| **Website** |  | [DE website](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [DE Statement of Administrative Sources](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Statement%20of%20Administrative%20Sources%20used%20for%20statistical%20purposes%20rr.pdf) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Qualifications and Destinations of Northern Ireland School Leavers](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/School-leavers-background-quality-report.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | [List of variables found in Survey Procedural Guidance](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/School%20Leavers%20Survey%20Procedural%20Guidance.pdf) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | [Qualifications and Destinations of Northern Ireland School Leavers](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/School-leavers-background-quality-report.pdf) |
| **Excluded data** |  | Coverage of the data is 100%. |
| **Useful information** |  | Researchers are advised to select the qualification and destination variables from the School Leavers Survey and all other variables from the School Census. |
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| Business Services Organisation (BSO) – GP Register | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **GP Register (NHAIS)** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Business Services Organisation has been established to provide a broad range of regional business support functions and specialist professional services to the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland. The BSO Information and Registration Unit includes staff seconded from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and highly-skilled staff from within the Family Practitioner Services team. The Unit has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the HSC Board which is reviewed on an annual basis to reflect changing customer needs and what can be delivered within resources. The Unit aims to provide support, information and advice to both internal and external customers in relation to the provision of General Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical services. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2017 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing |
| **Related Data** |  | [General Medical Statistics](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1804.htm) |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Quarterly (dependant on dataset - some are more frequently, some less particularly for General Medical stats) |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Business Services Organisation (BSO) |
| **Website** |  | <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/> |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of Administrative Data Sources](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/BSO_Statement_of_Administative_Sources.pdf) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | [Demographic Data Quality Report - BSO](https://www.adrn.ac.uk/media/1273/ttp-demographic-data-quality-report-bso-health.pdf) |
| **Metadata** |  | [BSO Metadata](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2512.htm) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | [Demographic Data Quality Report - BSO](https://www.adrn.ac.uk/media/1273/ttp-demographic-data-quality-report-bso-health.pdf) |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | NA |
| **Excluded data** |  | NA |
| **Useful information** |  | BSO Research Approval Form will need filled in and signed off before DSA can be submitted. It is useful for BSO to see application/variables at start to ensure all are available for the time frame the project covers. |
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| Business Services Organisation (BSO) – Dental | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Dental Statistics** | |
| **Abstract** |  | The Business Services Organisation has been established to provide a broad range of regional business support functions and specialist professional services to the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland. The BSO Information and Registration Unit includes staff seconded from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and highly-skilled staff from within the Family Practitioner Services team. The Unit has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the HSC Board which is reviewed on an annual basis to reflect changing customer needs and what can be delivered within resources. The Unit aims to provide support, information and advice to both internal and external customers in relation to the provision of General Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical services. | |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2017 available to ADRC-NI | |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing | |
| **Related Data** |  | [Dental Statistics](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1805.htm) | |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Monthly (General Dental stats may be less frequent) | |
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| **Organisation** |  |  | |
| **Organisation name** |  | Business Services Organisation (BSO) | |
| **Website** |  | <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/> | |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of Administrative Data Sources](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/BSO_Statement_of_Administative_Sources.pdf) | |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  | |
| **Quality Report** |  | NA | |
| **Metadata** |  | [BSO Metadata](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2512.htm) | |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA | |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate | |
| **Quality Issues** |  | NA | |
| **Excluded data** |  | NHS only - no private dental information | |
| **Useful information** |  | BSO Research Approval Form will need filled in and signed off before DSA can be submitted. It is useful for BSO to see application/variables at start to ensure all are available for the time frame the project covers. | |
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| Business Services Organisation (BSO) – Pharmaceutical | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Pharmaceutical (EPD)** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Business Services Organisation has been established to provide a broad range of regional business support functions and specialist professional services to the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland. The BSO Information and Registration Unit includes staff seconded from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and highly-skilled staff from within the Family Practitioner Services team. The Unit has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the HSC Board which is reviewed on an annual basis to reflect changing customer needs and what can be delivered within resources. The Unit aims to provide support, information and advice to both internal and external customers in relation to the provision of General Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical services. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2017 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing |
| **Related Data** |  | [Pharmaceutical Statistics](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1806.htm) |
| **Frequency of updates** |  |  |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Business Services Organisation (BSO) |
| **Website** |  | <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/> |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of Administrative Data Sources](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/BSO_Statement_of_Administative_Sources.pdf) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | NA |
| **Metadata** |  | [BSO Metadata](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2512.htm) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | NA |
| **Excluded data** |  | NHS only |
| **Useful information** |  | BSO Research Approval Form will need filled in and signed off before DSA can be submitted. It is useful for BSO to see application/variables at start to ensure all are available for the time frame the project covers. |
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| Business Services Organisation (BSO) – Ophthalmic | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Ophthalmic Statistics** |
| **Abstract** |  | The Business Services Organisation has been established to provide a broad range of regional business support functions and specialist professional services to the health and social care sector in Northern Ireland. The BSO Information and Registration Unit includes staff seconded from the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and highly-skilled staff from within the Family Practitioner Services team. The Unit has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the HSC Board which is reviewed on an annual basis to reflect changing customer needs and what can be delivered within resources. The Unit aims to provide support, information and advice to both internal and external customers in relation to the provision of General Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical services. |
| **Year of Data** |  | Longer time series but 2010-2017 available to ADRC-NI |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing |
| **Related Data** |  | [Ophthalmic Statistics](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/1807.htm) |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Monthly (General Ophthalmic stats may be less frequent) |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | Business Services Organisation (BSO) |
| **Website** |  | <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/> |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of Administrative Data Sources](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/BSO_Statement_of_Administative_Sources.pdf) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  | NA |
| **Metadata** |  | Not currently available on website - information can be requested. |
| **Linkage Report** |  | NA |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | NA |
| **Excluded data** |  | NHS only - no private ophthalmic information |
| **Useful information** |  | BSO Research Approval Form will need filled in and signed off before DSA can be submitted. It is useful for BSO to see application/variables at start to ensure all are available for the time frame the project covers. |
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| Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study (NILS) | | |
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| **Dataset Title** |  | **Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study** |
| **Abstract** |  | The NILS is a large-scale, representative data-linkage study created by linking data from the Northern Ireland Health Card Registration system to the 1981, 1991, 2001 and 2011 Census returns and to administrative data from other sources. These include vital events registered with the General Register Office for Northern Ireland (such as births, deaths and marriages) and the Health Card registration system migration events data. In addition, there is also the potential to link further Heath and Social care data in our distinct linkage projects (DLPs). Selection into the study is based on birth date (day and month): 104 dates throughout the year were selected and if an individual’s date of birth coincided with one of these they were included in the sample. The sample is large - c. 28% of the Northern Ireland population (approximately 500,000 individuals and accounting for approximately 50% of households). It is designed for statistics and research purposes only and is managed by NISRA under Census legislation. |
| **Year of Data** |  | 1981-2011 |
| **Reporting Period** |  | Ongoing |
| **Related Data** |  | Northern Ireland Mortality Study (NIMS) |
| **Frequency of updates** |  | Bi-annual |
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| **Organisation** |  |  |
| **Organisation name** |  | NISRA (Research Support Unit) |
| **Website** |  | [NISRA - Research Support Unit](https://www.nisra.gov.uk/support/research-support) |
| **Statement of Administrative Sources** |  | [Statement of Administrative Sources](http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/NILSResearchSupportUnit/About/) |
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| **Quality and Validity** |  |  |
| **Quality Report** |  |  |
| **Metadata** |  | [Metadata (click to download Word doc)](https://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/NILSResearchSupportUnit/FileStore/Filetoupload,426316,en.docx) |
| **Linkage Report** |  | [Matching methodology (click to download Word doc)](http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/NILSResearchSupportUnit/FileStore/Filetoupload,425661,en.DOCX) |
| **Disclosure Control Methods** |  | Disclosure control will be applied when required and appropriate |
| **Quality Issues** |  | [Quality issues](http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/NILSResearchSupportUnit/FileStore/Filetoupload,313606,en.pdf) |
| **Excluded data** |  | NA |
| **Useful information** |  | [Cohort description](http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/NILSResearchSupportUnit/FileStore/Filetoupload,313606,en.pdf) |
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# Reusable Student Dataset

Currently under construction – details to follow

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| Appendix 1 – Research Pathways |  |  |
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| NISRA is seeking clarification from the UK Statistics Authority but presently ‘functions relating to the provision of health services’ is interpreted as public bodies wholly or majority funded by DoH. This means that research projects which require the linkage of data from a “health body” to a “non-health body” cannot be performed under the research clauses of the DEA. | | |
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| As such, ADRC-NI projects should proceed as follows: |  |  |
| Pathway A: “Non-Health” data projects: Projects requiring “non-health data” proceed under processes laid out under the Digital Economy Act 2017 research clauses. | | |
| Pathway B: “Health” only data projects: Projects requiring only “health data” proceed under the Honest Broker Service processes. | | |
| Pathway C: “Health” and RG data projects: Projects requiring “health” and RG data (e.g. Census/GRO data) proceed under Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study processes under the Census Act (NI) 1969. | | |
| Pathway D: “Health” linked to other NICS departmental datasets: There is currently no legal gateway in Northern Ireland for projects using a combination of “health” and other public-body data. | | |
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