



Chief Statistician briefing

Statistics Users Group

6 May 2022

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Staffing & Central Analytics Team

- Ian Cope was appointed to the Chief Statistician post on a permanent basis in December
- Dan Edmunds was been appointed as deputy Chief Statistician on a permanent basis in April
- Sarah Davis has been appointed to lead the Central Analytics Team – starting on 13 June - Sarah is kicking off the process to recruit to the team
- Sarah will lead on admin data linkage, given her experience in this field
 - Looking to fill the fixed term posts to deliver this work
- Will bring the Central Analytics Team within the remit of the Statistics Law
 - To ensure that the powers and constraints of the Stats Law apply to the work of this team
- Also considering the name of this team to better reflect its function

2021 Census publications

- Statistics Jersey have prioritised publishing as much census data as possible in advance of the election period
- Bulletins 1-3 published before election period covering:
 1. Population; Sexual Orientation; and Gender Identity
 2. Housing and households
 3. Health Characteristics

Further results will be released after the election period (after 12 July)

Statistics Jersey briefings (slide from last meeting)

- Recent briefings:

- Council of Ministers "workshop" - Labour Market and RPI
- House Price Index – Industry briefing restarted via Teams

- Upcoming plans:

- Census bulletins will have associated briefings for media, States members and officers
- Census methodology briefing / de-brief for SUG?
- Moving away from briefings on day of release and will instead try and tailor a smaller number of briefings to the needs of stakeholders



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Recent briefings provided

- Children and Young Persons Survey
 - Media, CYPES management team, Youth Parliament; Youth Service, etc.
- Better Life Index
 - Media
- Census Bulletin 1
 - In-person briefing for States Assembly members, SUG members, officials & media
 - Briefing for Ministers
 - Briefing for States Assembly members
 - Strategic Housing Partnership – 12 May
- House Price Index
 - Industry representatives
- Labour Market
 - Media
- Census bulletins 2 & 3
 - Media, Ministers, States Assembly members
- Chief Statistician briefing to election candidates (5 May)
 - Advertised by the Greffe
 - Presentation & recording on Vote.Je
- LCHIS 2019/20
 - Media

Making briefing material publicly available

- Most briefing presentations simply summarise the key points from the statistical release
- Statistics Jersey will release briefing presentations where we judge that there is a significant public interest in the briefing (e.g. for census briefings) or where there is additional contextual material in the briefing
 - As has been done for the briefing for the first census release

Codes of Practice

- I was due to present to Executive Leadership Team on 9 March, but I asked for this to be delayed due to prioritising issues around release of the Children and Young Persons Survey and queries from one DG
- This was re-scheduled to 11 May, but I have again had to reschedule due to being at a Gartner 'Data and Analytics' conference in the UK
 - Now scheduled for 8 June
- Heads of Practice identified as Margi Clarke for Public Health
 - Others have not been designated yet, but I will be making recommendations to ELT where this is obvious - e.g. Beverley Edwards for HCS, Suzie Philips for CYPE; Ross Nieuwberg for CLS, etc

Admin data linkage project

- The funding for the Health Recovery admin data linkage business case was approved by the Political Oversight Group
- Agreed funding will provide money for four admin data linkage staff, plus licences etc
 - Also includes budget for M&D to build infrastructure
- Currently looking to recruit staff to do the data linkage work
- Margi recruiting staff for qualitative research; opened discussions with possible UK academic partners
- Workshops with M&D about data infrastructure; datasets that we need, etc

Average Earnings Index

- Received a request from CLS on 29 April 2022 asking for a week's pre-release access to Average Earnings Index data
- I have responded in line with the SUG position from last year – i.e. no pre-release access
- However, I expect to receive push-back from CLS

Any Questions?





Additional slides for info

General election and statistics

- I have shared the election guidance with analysts across government
- The Pre-election period begins on 11 May [Standing in the 2022 General Election - Vote.je - States of Jersey Elections](#)
- During the election period Statistics Jersey will continue to publish pre-announced official statistics but will not publish ad-hoc stats
 - In practice only the Index of House Prices on 19 May falls within the election period
- Public Health will continue to publish regular weekly/monthly Covid statistics
- Statisticians and analysts should respond to FoI data requests as normal

Economic Statistics

Since December SUG meeting we have published:

- Quarterly actively seeking work statistics
- Quarterly Covid economic indicators (open data)
- Q4 House Price Index 2021, includes:
 - Annual summary
 - Affordability analysis
- Quarterly Business Tendency Survey results
- Quarterly RPI Statistics
- December 2021 Labour Market
- 2021 Better Life Index update
- 2019/20 Income Distribution Analysis



Jersey Opinion and Lifestyle Survey 2022

- As Gailina/Auberon are aware, we set up an JOLS advisory Group to advise on the content of the 2022 Survey. There have been two meetings:
 - Gailina attended the first; and Auberon the second.
- We have now finalised the content of the 2022 JOLS, which will take place immediately after the election (as it contains question on voting, at the request of the Greffe)

Release schedule

- A release schedule is required by the Code of Practice
 - International good practice is to have a rolling 12-month ahead release calendar
- The 2023 (first six months) release schedule was published in December [Publication release schedule \(Statistics Jersey\) \(gov.je\)](https://www.gov.je/Publication%20release%20schedule%20(Statistics%20Jersey).pdf)
 - Minor updates to the 2023 schedule – no material change in content, but reflect updated dates / days of release
- A release schedule for the second six months of 2023 will be added to the schedule

Cross-government data reporting

- The Q4 2021 service performance measures were published on 15 February online [Performance Measures 2021 \(gov.je\)](#)
 - And in the 2021 Annual Report and Accounts [link]
- Q1 2022 data will be published before the election
- The Island Outcomes and Indicators were updated in December
 - Going through process to update where data available during Q1 [Jersey's Performance Framework: measuring sustainable wellbeing \(gov.je\)](#)
- The Jersey in Figures webpage [Statistical data for Jersey \(gov.je\)](#)
 - Aiming to get as much updated as possible prior to the election period