



Department for
Business & Trade



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UK Innovation Survey (UKIS) – Privacy Notice

This notice sets out how we will process and use your business data for UKIS 2023 and future iterations of the survey. It sets out how your data will be processed, kept securely and confidentially and, where necessary, shared with other government departments/ Devolved Administrations, approved contractors and accredited researchers for statistical purposes only.

Purpose

UKIS is run every two years and collects data from businesses about various aspects of their innovation-related activities.

The information collected is used to measure the level, types and trends in innovation at the aggregated level. The main findings from UKIS are published in online reports as Official Statistics - read more information about this [here](#) (this link opens a new tab).

The data also forms part of the OECD-wide Innovation Indicators. The OECD innovation compendium is used for [international benchmarking](#) and comparison purposes.

UKIS is used as the main data source for business innovation in the UK and helps the government develop, improve, and evaluate innovation policy. It is also used by the research community to understand the innovation landscape.

Legal basis of processing and how we will keep your information secure and confidential

The legal basis for processing your business data is set out below. This means that we will:

- process your information as necessary for archiving in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes in accordance with [Part 5 Chapter 5 of the Digital Economy Act 2017](#)
- only use your information for statistical purposes, or to help us run our surveys, and not publish anything that identifies an individual, household or business
- recognise that you are sharing commercially sensitive information with us and treat it as confidential, as directed by the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#)
- all published outputs are produced following [GSS/GSR statistical disclosure control standards](#) to ensure confidentiality.

Recipients and who can access the information?

Your data will be shared by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) and the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) with other Government Departments, Devolved Administrations (DAs), approved contractors and accredited researchers where necessary for statistical research purposes. We will:

- provide survey information to other government departments, DAs and approved DBT and DSIT contractors for statistical research purposes in line with [Part 5 Chapter 5 of the Digital Economy Act 2017](#)
- provide survey information to [ONS Secure Research Service](#) and [UK Data Service](#) for statistical research purposes in line with [Digital Economy Act 2017](#). Approved contractors and accredited researchers will be able to access UKIS data in these secure environments
- ensure all individuals who have access to data are aware of their obligations to protect your confidential information
- maintain the security of our systems and our buildings.

Both DBT and DSIT employ the [ONS to assist us in survey data collection](#). They work under our instruction and are strictly used as the experts in data collection in their capacity as a data processor. We retain your data and control how this is used, stored safely and securely.

How we use your data

UKIS is used as the main data source for business innovation in the UK and helps the government develop, improve, and evaluate innovation policy. More details are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-innovation-survey> (this link opens in a new tab).

Where can I find out more about UKIS data collection?

You can find out more information about UKIS data collection and ONS acting as a data processor (collecting the information on behalf of DBT and DSIT in their [data privacy statement available here](#)).

CONTACT DETAILS

If you need further clarification/ information about anything in this privacy notice please email: business.statistics@beis.gov.uk initially or dataprotection@beis.gov.uk.