

Health and Safety Authority Statistics - Quality Statement

The Health and Safety Authority adheres to the core standards reflected in the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviours, the Ethics in Public Office Act and the Civil Service Renewal Plan. The Health and Safety Authority adheres to the core standards reflected in the Civil Service Code of Standards and Behaviours, including objectivity and impartiality.

Health and safety statistics are of significant interest to the public and are vital for the effective functioning of the Health and Safety Authority. Trust in the quality and impartiality of these statistics is vital for good governance of the Authority and is critical for evidence-based policy-making. This document outlines how the Health and Safety Authority adheres to the core principles identified in the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice, such as:

- Commitment to quality;
- Professional independence;
- Statistical Confidentiality;
- Timeliness and punctuality; and
- Accessibility and clarity.

The Health and Safety Authority aims to produce statistics that are accurate, reliable, coherent and comparable. The Health and Safety Authority is committed to being objective in its compilation and analysis of the data it produces and aims to disseminate statistics in a clear, accessible and timely manner. Quality is a central consideration to all aspects of our work and we strive to improve our Quality Management Systems on a continuous basis.

There is a high reputational interest for the Data Management and Analytics Unit in assuring the accuracy and reliability of our statistics. The Health and Safety Authority undertakes several validations on both source material and final outputs to ensure the delivery and dissemination of accurate statistical outputs. All these processes have been comprehensively mapped to ensure consistency. Our approach to revisions is outlined in our Dissemination Policy document. In brief, where the format, content or methodology of a statistical dataset is altered or revised, notice of such revisions will be communicated to customers on release. Where statistical figures are revised, the updated data will be uploaded to the relevant platform at the earliest opportunity.

The Health and Safety Authority's statistics will be released in accordance with the frequency and publication dates outlined in the <u>statistical release calendar</u>, in accordance with our Dissemination policy.