FIRE AND RESCUE STATISTICS

USER ENGAGEMENT

We invite users to expand on this Annex by telling us how they use these statistics, and what sort of decisions they inform - Email: StatShop@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Fire and rescue statistics - products

Title of Product	Designation*	Sources of Data
Fire Statistics Monitor	**National Statistics**	Fire and Rescue Incident Record
Fire Statistics Annual	**National Statistics**	Fire and Rescue Incident Record
Fire and Rescue Service Operational Statistics	Official Statistics	FRS Annual Return
Fires in the Home: Findings from the English Housing Survey (EHS)	Official Statistics	English Housing Survey (EHS)

*Official statistics which are judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics are designated as 'National Statistics', and carry the equivalent Logo.

Fire statistics - users and their uses

The products above are exploited by a wide range of users in a variety of ways:

User	Uses
Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government; other UK Government departments and agencies; and the devolved administrations, including DH, BIS, DfE, HSE, English Heritage, Forestry Commission	Policy development and monitoring; drafting of Fire Safety and Buildings Regulations; allocation of funding; evidence for national fire safety initiatives and campaigns
Fire Authorities	Fire protection and risk-based enforcement activity; Targeting of services; Allocation of resources; Benchmarking; Community Fire Safety activities
Academic Institutions and Research Councils	Funded research projects
Business and Commerce (e.g. the Insurance Industry)	Business Planning and Risk Analysis
Trade Bodies and other representative organisations (e.g. British Retail Council, Federation of Small Businesses, Institute of Directors - Electrical Appliances, Construction and Fire Safety Engineering)	Informing policies, practices and standards; advocacy

Main channels for user engagement

Fire and Rescue Statistics User Group (FRSUG) - DCLG producers maintain a strong link with the FRSUG which has members from DCLG, Local Government, Academia and the business and commercial sector. Reviews of questions on annual returns and incident recording will be sent to Fire Authorities and FRSUG for comment. Minutes from the FRSUG meetings are published on the FRSUG website[9].

Presentations - DCLG organised a series of presentations on the new data source to spread awareness and understanding of the new system. The team have given presentations on the new fire and rescue incident data to three groups: Arson Control Forum (public sector / insurers group), Business and Community Safety Forum (public sector and business organisations) and FirePRO group (Fire and Rescue sector group).

Publications - Statistical releases routinely invite feedback, and contact details are provided for any queries.

Ad hoc feedback - Ad hoc enquirers receive a feedback form inviting views and comments on the data and asking how the data are used.

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[9] http://www.frsug.org/minutes/index.html