



## Irish Statistical System Code of Practice

### Annual Report of the Director General 2023

This is the 2023 annual update of the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCoP). The ISSCoP is a key component in further strengthening the governance and quality of Irish Official Statistics.

The CSO is tasked with the creation of the necessary coordination framework that supports the broader Irish Statistical System (ISS) to meet the needs of decision makers and the public alike. The ISS also assists the CSO to meet Ireland's legislative requirements to assure the quality of European Statistics as set out in EU legislation. During 2023, the CSO continued to monitor compliance with both the ISSCoP by compilers of Official Statistics, and with the European Statistics Code of Practice by compilers of European Statistics.

There was considerable cooperation between the CSO and Government Departments and Agencies in terms of building commitment to best practice in the production of Official Statistics under the ISSCoP. During the year, the Higher Education Authority had Official Statistics ISSCoP certified in relation to student and graduate data, an additional two public sector bodies had a range of Official Statistics ISSCoP certified during 2024, namely the Department of Social Protection and the Health Research Board, with a number of other organisations actively engaged in the ISSCoP certification process. Details of the Official Statistics certified can be found under the 'Official Statistics' section at [www.isscop.ie](http://www.isscop.ie).

CSO is very appreciative of the ongoing support it has received from the Civil and Public Service in the continued implementation of this significant initiative which strengthens the ability of the ISS to meet both national and EU needs. On behalf of CSO, I look forward to continuing this collaboration with all our partners into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Banim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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