

# Beginners:Statistics 4 beginners

Statistics Explained



**Welcome to the world of statistics!** Is statistics something you grasp easily, or does it often seem like a challenging puzzle? Whether you're a newcomer to statistics, a student trying to decode the world of data, or an educator looking for teaching resources, **Statistics 4 Beginners** is your gateway to learn about **key statistical indicators** and **basic concepts**, through **storytelling, visualisations and real data examples**.

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At first glance, statistics might be difficult to understand, but they play a crucial role in our lives. **Official statistics** serve as a basis for decisions for politicians and policy makers: democratic societies cannot function properly without a solid basis of reliable and objective statistics. However, statistics are not only for decision makers, **they concern YOU as well!** Statistics can answer questions raised at different situations in everyday life: Is society heading in the direction promised by politicians? Is unemployment up or down? Are there more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared with 10 years ago? How many women have a job? How is my country's economy performing compared to other EU countries? **Statistics 4 beginners** provides the tools you need to grasp essential statistical indicators and concepts, helping you understand what's happening around you and stay informed. **Choose a topic** and get started on your statistical journey!

## Topics

### Business

- [Short-term business statistics](#)
- [Structural business statistics](#)

### Economy and finance

- [GDP - What is gross domestic product \(GDP\)?](#)
- [GDP - Comparing GDP: growth rate and per capita](#)
- [Inflation](#)
- [Government finance statistics](#)

### Environment and energy

- Energy - background
- Energy flows
- Environment

#### Population and labour market

- Population
- Labour market - basic definitions
- Labour market - employment
- Labour market - unemployment

#### Statistical concepts

- What are official statistics?
- Percentage change and percentage points
- Mean and median
- Reference period
- Index and base year
- Aggregate
- Observation
- Classifications
- Quintile and decile
- Survey, census and register
- Seasonal adjustment

#### Trade and balance of payments

- Trade in goods - general concepts
- Trade in goods - products and partners