



STATISTICS SIERRA LEONE
(Stats SL)

Credible Data for National Development

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See our [Proactive Disclosure/Publication Scheme](#)

According to the RAIC Act (RAIA) 2013 “Being an Act to provide for the disclosure of information held by public authorities or by persons providing services for them and to provide for other related matters” requiring all public authorities (MDAs, CSOs and Non State Actors) to make information available to the public by developing a Model Publication Scheme to be submitted to RAIC on or before the 1st of March 2019 for approval.

The publication Scheme explains what information Stats SL makes routinely available and how it can be accessed. This Scheme is designed to signpost individuals to information we proactively release as and when it becomes available. The Publication Scheme contains twenty-two (22) classes of information, and information falling into each of these classes is published on our website etc.

Stats SL publications, metadata and microdata, etc. are proactively released and made available free of charge on our website. Dissemination of Key Performance Indicators are made available also to the public via: Bulletins, press releases, bill-boards and community meetings which are held to sensitise the public through our district offices.

In some cases where charges may apply, the information is provided on our website. For instance, we sell GIS maps and Shape files to the public.

Name of Public Authority: [Statistics Sierra Leone](#)

Functions of Statistics Sierra Leone:

Statistics Sierra Leone is the central authority for the collection, processing, analysis and dissemination of accurate, clear, relevant, timely and high quality statistical information on social, health, demographic, economic and financial activities to serve the needs of users including government and the general public. See our [Vision and Mission](#)

Subject Matters handled: The [mission](#) of Statistics Sierra Leone is to coordinate, collect, compile, analyse and disseminate high quality and best-practiced official statistics to assist informed decision-making, and discussion within the government, business and the media, as well as the wider national and international community.

Name & Title of Principal Officers:

[Prof. Osman A. Sankoh](#) is the Statistician General and CEO. Please see the details about the [office of the Statistician General](#).

[Andrew Bob Johnny](#) is the Deputy Statistician General. Please see the details about the [office of the Deputy Statistician General](#).

The Winner Vision of the Statistician General:

Stats SL will be a **WINNER** National Statistics Office in Africa

- W** Widely-known in and out of the country for our capacity to generate credible data for national development
- I** Innovative and Interactive and Impartial in performing our professional mandate
- N** National Statistical System with efficient data production at district and national levels and in Ministries, Departments and Agencies
- N** Networks and coordinates well to produce official statistics and contribute to Africa's Data Revolution and Open Data era
- E** Efficient in Everything we do, including mobilizing funding and the use of E-technologies to be more Effective in data production
- R** Responsive to National Needs and implement Research projects and surveys across disciplines that are key to measuring Sierra Leone's progress toward achieving SDGs

Management: Please see profile of [Management Staff](#)

Decision making processes, channels of Supervision and Accountability:

Governing Ministry: [Ministry of Planning and Economic Development](#)

- There is a [Statistics Council](#) that supervises the Institution whose [organogram](#) is here.
- There is also an [Integrity Management Committee](#) (IMC) that sets the stage for Stats SL to ensure data integrity.

Internal Policies: There is now an [Internal Audit and Compliance](#) Directorate created for internal policies control. The Division helps Stats SL accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes across the organization as enshrined in the Statistics Act 2002, The Public Financial Management Act 2018, and other relevant regulations.

Governing Legislation and Regulations:

[The Statistics Act, 2002](#): Being an Act to establish Statistics Sierra Leone as a body corporate for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official and other statistics and to provide for other related matters.

How we deal with the public: The 2002 Statistics Act guides us.

We have forms for public to request various information from Stats SL.

E.g.

- [Request forms for GIS Maps and Geographical Shapes Files](#)
- [Contact.](#)
- info@statistics.sl

[Directorate of Communications and Public Relations](#): our team partners with the media and other stakeholders to enhance our activities and to bring trusted and actionable data to the public

[Tenders](#): This provides information on Stats SL Procurement Policy as regards Supplier database, advertised bids, cancelled bids, awarded bids, Procurement plans, Invoice Tracking System

Particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation:

All our key surveys have strategic and technical committees drawn from the public and various stakeholders E.g:

- [Sierra Leone Demographic Health Survey 2018](#)
- [Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey 2018](#)

The National Statistical System ([NSS](#)) oversees The NSDS; MDAs; Schools, Colleges & Universities; and NGOs/Civil Society Organizations.

- Stats SL staff are assigned to some MDAs thus creating statistical outreach to MDAs. The other sections in the division also are often engaged in outreach by hosting and attending statistical meetings.
- National workshops of data producers and data users are sometimes organised.

Staff salary: [Staff salary scale by category](#)

Budget allocated to Stats SL and other agencies, including the particulars of all plans, etc.
[Statement of Economic and Financial Policies Enacted by House Of Parliament](#)

Information/data available in an electronic form:

- [Opendata / Freedata](#)
 - Sierra Leone Open Data Portal
 - Stats SL Dashboard
 - Stats SL Info App
 - [2015 Sierra Leone Population and Housing Census Survey \(SLPHC\)](#) (Conducted every **10 years**)
 - [2004 Sierra Leone Population and Housing Census Survey \(SLPHC\)](#) (Conducted every **10 years**)
 - [2018 Sierra Leone Integrated Household Survey \(SLIHS\)](#) (Conducted every **5 years**)
 - [2014 Sierra Leone Labor Force Survey](#) (Conducted every **2 years**)
 - [2017 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey \(MICS\)](#) (Conducted every **5 years**)
 - [2018 Sierra Leone Demographic Health Survey \(SLDHS\)](#) (Conducted every **5 years**)
 - [The Monthly Consumer Price Index \(CPI\)](#)
 - [The Annual Gross Domestic Product \(GDP\)](#)
 - [The Quarterly Producer Price Index \(PPI\)](#) etc.
- [Sustainable Development Goals Framework \(SDGs\)](#) etc

Particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information

- Stats SL HQ and District Offices
- [Stats SL Resource Centre](#)
- www.statistics.sl

Hours of Work: Monday - Thursday: 08:30 – 16:45; Friday: 08:30 – 15:00

Contact Details

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- Telephone: +232-22-223287
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- Website: www.statistics.sl

The Open Data / Data Revolution Section, Data Science Division: manages the [Indexed register](#) containing copies of records released in response to requests made under this Act

Public Information Officers: To provide information / data to persons requesting under this Act shall be:

The Statistician General: [Prof. Osman A. Sankoh](#)

The Deputy Statistician General: [Andrew Bob Johnny](#)

Confidentiality

Statistics Sierra Leone (Stats SL) requires all users to keep information and data strictly confidential. In this regard, before granting access to datasets, all users have to formally agree to observe the following:

1. Not to reproduce any file(s) or portion(s) of files to which access has been granted without authorization from Stats SL.
2. Not to willfully identify any individual or household or establishment in the dataset.
3. To hold in strictest confidence, the identity of any individual or household or establishment that may be inadvertently revealed in any documents or discussion, or analysis. Such unintended identification revealed should be immediately brought to the attention of Stats SL.
4. Data obtained from Stats SL are protected by copyright law and therefore not for redistribution or sale.
5. Prospective clients or data users may indicate in an affidavit confidentiality of data they access.

Access Conditions

Statistics Sierra Leone (Stats SL) is required by the 2002 act of parliament to coordinate, collect, compile, analyze and disseminate high quality and objective official statistics to assist informed decision-making, and discussions within the government, business and the media, as well as the wider national and international community. Consequently, as a national statistical institution in Sierra Leone, Stats SL has the obligation to promote data dissemination thereby facilitating national development. Making data available will enable students and the academia to conduct research works, assist investors and our donor community including Non-Governmental Organizations and individuals in taking appropriate decisions. It will also assist the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) to formulate appropriate policies and programs for efficient administration and nationwide development. Stats SL's data dissemination policy framework provides access to data through:

- **Unrestricted Datasets**
- **Restricted Datasets**

Unrestricted Datasets

These categories of datasets are accessible by all without any payment. They are available on-line to all interested users, for planning, research and statistical purposes only.

Restricted Datasets

These categories of datasets are accessible online or in the office under certain conditions. Thus, prospective client/data users may access any data based on certain conditions set by either the government or funding agency and the Data Archive authorities at Stats SL.

The following terms and conditions apply:

Before being granted access to any dataset, all users have to formally agree:

- To make no copies of any files or portions of files for which access has been granted, except those authorized by Stats SL.
- Not to use any technique in an attempt to identify any person, establishment, or sampling unit. To hold in strictest confidence, the identification of any establishment or individual that may be inadvertently revealed in any document or discussion, or analysis. Such inadvertent identification revealed in her/his analysis will be immediately brought to the attention of the Stats SL.
- The data and other materials will not be redistributed or sold to other individuals, institutions, or organizations without the written agreement of SSL.
- The data will be used for statistical and scientific research purposes only. The data will be used solely for reporting of aggregated information, and not for investigation of specific individuals or organizations. No attempt will be made to identify respondents, and no use will be made of the identity of any person or establishment discovered inadvertently. Any such discovery would immediately be reported to the Stats SL.
- No attempt will be made to produce links among datasets provided by the SSL with other datasets that could identify individuals or organizations. Any books, articles, conference papers, thesis, dissertations, reports, or other publications that employ data obtained from the SSL would cite the source of data in accordance with the citation statement provided with the dataset.
- An electronic copy of all reports and publications based on the requested data will be sent to the Stats SL.
- The original collector of the data, the Data Archivists, and the relevant funding agencies bear no responsibility for use of the data or interpretations or inferences based upon such uses.

Stats SL Proactive Disclosure Team

1. Prof. Osman Sankoh – Statistician General
2. Andrew Bob Johnny – Deputy Statistician General
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4. Francis Tommy – Director, National Statistical System Division
5. Sonnia-Magba Bu-Buakei Jabbi – Director, Demographic, Health and Social Statistics Division
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7. Olive Odia – Senior Website/Portal Officer, Communications and Public Relations Division
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Statistics Sierra Leone (Stats SL), supervised by a Statistics Council, is a semi-autonomous institution established by the Statistics Act 2002 as the central authority for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of accurate, clear, relevant, timely and high quality official and other statistics. Professor Osman Sankoh is the current Statistician General.