

PRONI Digest – Background Quality Report (BQR)

Background

Analytics Division (AD) of the Department for Communities produces the *Digest of Statistics for the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland*. The Digest is produced on an annual basis and provides a broad overview of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).

PRONI is the official archive and record office for Northern Ireland with a statutory remit to receive, preserve and make available public records and privately deposited archives.

The Digest is available to the general public and is also used by PRONI to answer general queries relating to PRONI's outputs and usage of their service.

Data Quality

Relevance

The Digest is of interest to those in government who are responsible for the delivery of PRONI services and the wider public.

Accessibility and clarity

The Digest is published on the Department's website. The publication is produced in HTML format and accompanying tables are produced in ODS format. As these are Official Statistics publications, an assessment of administrative data included in the Digest has been carried out.

Accuracy

The Digest is produced using administrative data supplied by PRONI. AD carries out the following quality checks on the data:

- comparing data received with that provided in previous years;
- cross-checking data across tables provided (where applicable);
- re-calculating totals presented in tables (where applicable).

Figures in the publication are checked by the statistician producing the report and by the DP Statistician/G7 Statistician responsible for the work area.

Timeliness

Publications are produced on an annual basis with a data lag of 6 to 12 months. Publication of the 2024/25 edition of the Digest was delayed due to a review of a number of data tables.

Coherence and Comparability

PRONI has defined procedures in place for producing the data included in the Digest ensuring data are comparable over time.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information relating to the quality of the *Digest of Statistics for the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland* please contact: analyticsdivision@communities-ni.gov.uk.