

# Method Statement for Annual Report Dataset



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## 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the commitment to quality activities and procedures Revenue has put in place in respect of the production of Revenue Statistics to comply with the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCOP).<sup>1</sup>

Datasets published in Ninety-fifth Annual Report of the Revenue Commissioners for the year ended 31 December 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information see <http://www.isscop.ie/>

## 2. General Information

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| <i>Dataset Name:</i>                          | <b>Annual Report of the Revenue Commissioners</b>   |
| <i>Keywords:</i>                              | Income Tax, Income Levy, USC, Value-Added Tax, Corporation Tax, Excise, Stamp Duties, Capital Gains Tax, Capital Acquisitions Tax, Customs, Local Property Tax, PAYE, Self-assessed, Life Assurance Exit Tax, Deposit Interest Retention Tax, Professional Services Withholding Tax, Dividend Withholding Tax, Levy, Imports, MOSS, Shares, Property, Relevant Contracts Tax, myAccount Service, Electronic Business, Diesel Rebate Scheme, Employments, Companies, 1890 Telephone Calls, Solicitor Enforcement, Sheriff Enforcement, Attachment Enforcement, Creditor Voluntary Liquidations, Court Order, Receiverships, Examinerships, Individuals Declared Bankrupt, Bankruptcies, Creditor Meetings, Revenue Petitions, Multi Tax Duty Audits, Single Tax Duty Audits, Single Issue Transaction Audits, Risk Management Interventions, Assurance Checks, Compliance, Investigations, Nil Audits, Random Audits, Offshore Assets, Life Assurance Products, Interest Reporting – Voluntary Disclosure, Construction Sector, Retailers Sector, Rental Sector, Wholesalers Sector, Pubs Sector, Restaurants and Fast Food Outlets Sector, Doctors Sector, Accounting Book-Keeping and Auditing Services, Legal Activities Sector, Cannabis (Herbal & Resin) Cocaine and Heroin Drug Seizure, Amphetamines Ecstasy and Other Drug Seizure, Cigarette Seizures, Tobacco Seizures, Alcohol Seizures, Illicit Mineral Oil Seizures, Oil Laundries, Vehicles, Prosecutions, Serious Evasion, DPP, Cigarette Smuggling, Cigarette Selling, Alcohol Tax Evasion, Counterfeit Spirits, Prohibited Goods, Commercial Oil, Marked Mineral Oil, VRT, Excise Licence, Tax Cases, Non-filing of Tax Returns, VAT/P35 Prosecution Programme, Intrastat Non-Compliance, Summary Criminal Convictions, Penalty Programme, VIES Non-Compliance, Mutual Assistance, Europol, Mutual Agreement Procedures, Advance Pricing Agreements, FOI Requests, External Reviews, Internal Reviews, Ombudsman, Complaints. |
| <i>Update Frequency:</i>                      | Annual  |
| <i>Licence:</i>                               | CC-By   |
| <i>Formats:</i>                               | .csv, .pdf  |
| <i>Hyperlinks:</i>                            | <a href="http://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/press-office/annual-report/index.aspx">http://www.revenue.ie/en/corporate/press-office/annual-report/index.aspx</a><br><br>Open Data Portal:<br><a href="https://data.gov.ie/dataset/annual-report-2015">https://data.gov.ie/dataset/annual-report-2015</a>   |
| <i>Business Owner:</i>                        | Office of the Revenue Commissioners   |
| <i>Contact Information:</i>                   | <a href="mailto:statistics@revenue.ie">statistics@revenue.ie</a>  |
| <i>Reference Years</i>                        | 2015-2017   |
| <i>Anonymisation or aggregation required:</i> | No, Macro-data  |
| <i>Geographical Scope:</i>                    | National  |

### 3. Production

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| <i>Coding:</i>      | Not applicable   |
| <i>Data Source:</i> | Tax Payer Payment Data<br><br>The data are retrieved by SERB using the Revenue Collection Profile Application (RCP). RCP is a system to view payments collected by Revenue under each taxhead.   |
| <i>Imputation:</i>  | Not applicable   |
| <i>Breakdown:</i>   | The Data are broken down into a tax-head/year basis/Payment method/collection/audit and compliance/seizures/prosecutions/convections/penalties/advance pricing agreements/FOI/internal & external reviews/complaints relating to Revenue completed by the ombudsman. |
| <i>Computation:</i> | None   |

## 4. Quality

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| <i>Relevance:</i>                    | <p>Data are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform the Tax Strategy Group and the Department of Finance on budgetary decisions</li> <li>• Provide answers to Parliamentary Questions (PQs) and Freedom of Information (FOI) requests.</li> <li>• Inform policymakers and internal stakeholders and</li> <li>• Fulfil requests for data from academics, students, journalists and members of the public.</li> </ul> |
| <i>Accuracy &amp; Reliability:</i>   | <p>Data are compared with the previous year's data.</p> <p>Source data are input into Revenue's systems by the Collector General's area and the statistical outputs are assessed and validated are signed off by the Accountant General's area.</p>  |
| <i>Timeliness &amp; Punctuality:</i> | <p>An advance release schedule is provided for all datasets with anticipated publication deadline.</p> <p>Divergence from the notified schedule is publicised in advance, along with a new release date.</p> <p>See the list of Supporting Documentation below for a link to the current Revenue Statistics Publication Calendar.</p>  |
| <i>Coherence and Comparability:</i>  | <p>The dataset provides figures for Ninety-fifth Annual Report of the Revenue Commissioners.</p> <p>Comparison with previous years' data.</p>  |
| <i>Accessibility and Clarity:</i>    | <p>Published electronically on Revenue's Website &amp; Open Data portal</p> <p>This dataset is consistent with the Open Data Technical Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with metadata, methodological and quality information</li> <li>• to Open Data 3-star Format (i.e., machine readable) and</li> <li>• searchable through keywords.</li> </ul>   |

## 5. Supporting Documentation

[Revenue Statistics - Quality Statement](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Publication and Dissemination Policy](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Publication Calendar](#)

[Revenue Statistics - Statistical Disclosure Control](#)

[Open Data Technical Framework](#)

[Irish Statistical System Code of Practice](#)