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Welcome

Welcome to the first online edition of The Source, the newsletter that reports on statistical news and events from across New Zealand's government sector. The Source will now be sent electronically and all articles will be available through the [Statisphere website](#).

In this edition we have a guest editorial from Geoff Bascand regarding his observations from the recent United Nations Statistical Commission in New York which focused on the current world economic issues.

If you would like to be added to The Source mailing list or have a story idea, please contact the editorial team oss@stats.govt.nz

Coming soon...

The new look Statistics New Zealand website is on its way. The new website will be live mid-July and will give you:

- advanced search functionality
- a better browsing experience
- new look and feel to aid navigation
- easier access to tables and data.

Access is still free and remember to update your favourite bookmarked pages. For more information visit:

www.stats.govt.nz/new-website-coming

ANZSIC06...

ANZSIC06 is a contemporary

+ The economic crisis and official statistics

In February, I had discussions with officials from the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and Labour Statistics (BLS) and with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Statistics Department, about the implications of the economic crisis for official statistics. These meetings took place around my participation at the United Nations Statistical Commission. [Click here for more](#)

Realise the Dream

In March, Alyosha Yashin, from Macleans College in Auckland, received the Statistics New Zealand Counting on Data Award in the Royal Society's Realise the Dream competition. The award is organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand with Genesis Energy as the principal sponsor. It is open to all New Zealand students.

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Big Macs, mackerel and PPPs

The Big Mac index produced by The Economist magazine is one of the world's most famous economic indicators, even though it has its origins in a semi-humorous exercise which uses the relative prices of Big Macs around the world to value exchange rates – aptly named Burgernomics.

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Future births and population

New Zealand's population is continually changing - the number of births is currently at levels last seen in the early 1960s - life expectancy has never been as high and the net outflow of New Zealand residents to Australia is at record levels. These are just some of the demographic data released by Statistics NZ in recent months.

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+ Understanding change in NZ society

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Archiving official statistics datasets

classification which is used to provide meaningful insight into economic activity within New Zealand, as well as ensuring international comparability of industry statistics. [Click here for more](#)

In memory...

This edition of The Source is published in memory of Mike Brookes who passed away in February. Mike worked at Statistics New Zealand for 28 years and was instrumental in building OSS relationships and developing The Source publication.

The views expressed by individuals in this edition of The Source are not necessarily the view shared by members of the Official Statistics System.

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Housing statistics makeover

Earlier this year, a group of experts from Housing New Zealand Corporation, the Department of Building and Housing, the Treasury, the Reserve Bank, the Ministry of Social Development, and Statistics NZ were involved in the preparation of a consultation paper that is part of the review of official housing statistics.

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2011 Census update

A field test was held during March as part of the ongoing effort to ensure the census efficiently produces relevant information. Participating households had the option of completing their forms online or on paper.

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