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<p>Brief description of the organisation¹</p>	<p>The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. It has a unique mandate from the international community to promote and protect all human rights. OHCHR spearheads the United Nations' human rights efforts. It supports Member States and the work of the United Nations human rights mechanisms, such as the Human Rights Council and the treaty bodies, to enhance the protection and realisation of human rights. OHCHR is part of the United Nations Secretariat. It has its headquarters in Geneva, an office at the United Nations headquarters in New York and offices in numerous countries and regions.</p>
<p>Mission²</p>	<p>The mission of OHCHR is to work for the protection of all human rights for all people; to help empower people to realize their rights; and to assist those responsible for upholding such rights in ensuring that they are implemented. In carrying out its mission OHCHR pays equal attention to and collect statistical information from States relevant to the realisation and measurement of civil, cultural, economic, political, and social rights, including the right to development. OHCHR works with governments, legislatures, courts, national human rights institutions, statistical offices, civil society, regional and international organisations, and the United Nations system to strengthen capacity, particularly at the national level, for the promotion and protection of human rights, including by developing and using data, in accordance with international human rights and statistical standards. For instance, Article 31 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is specifically about the use of statistics and data collection to formulate and implement policies to respect, protect and fulfil human rights.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>The Human Rights Measurement and Indicators Unit (HRMIU) is the focal point in OHCHR for the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical data related to human rights and provides assistance, including training activities to governments, national human rights institutions and statistical offices, on methods and tools concerning the development and use of statistical information to promote and protect human rights. The existence of strong national statistical systems, able to provide high quality statistical information, and accompanied with relevant human rights safeguards (e.g. data protection and confidentiality), is essential to the measurement and realisation of human rights, including the right to information.</p>
<p>Mandate</p>	<p>OHCHR is mandated to promote and protect the enjoyment and full realisation, by all people, of all rights established in the Charter of the United Nations and in international human rights treaties. OHCHR is guided in its work by the mandate</p>

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

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	provided by the General Assembly in resolution 48/141, the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent human rights instruments, the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document. The mandate includes preventing human rights violations, securing respect for all human rights, promoting international cooperation to protect human rights, coordinating throughout the United Nations related activities, including on using statistical information, strengthening and streamlining the United Nations system in the field of human rights. In addition, the Office leads efforts to integrate a human rights approach within all work carried out by United Nations agencies.
Statistical work programme	The work of the Human Rights Measurement and Indicators Unit (HRMIU) includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing methodological tools, training materials and good practices to support data collection and development of statistical indicators and analysis relevant to human rights. • Providing technical assistance and capacity strengthening activities, including training and workshop activities to promote cooperation between statistical offices and human rights actors, on the development and use of statistical data relevant to the protection and realisation of human rights. • Data collection, analysis and dissemination of statistics and indicators related to human rights, including the compilation and publication of world maps and meta-data. • Contributing to the coordination and cooperation on statistical programmes both at national and international levels, and supporting dialogue between statistics and human rights actors.
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	OHCHR employs 1085 staff (as of 31 December 2013). HRMIU includes three statisticians at OHCHR's headquarters in Geneva and human rights officers and data collection specialists in many OHCHR field presences.
Flagship Publications	<i>Human Rights Indicators: A Guide to Measurement and Implementation</i> , HR/PUB/12/5, 2012 United Nations Interactive dashboard and world map of indicators
Website	www.ohchr.org www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Indicators/Pages/HRIndicatorsIndex.aspx indicators.ohchr.org

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