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<p>Brief description of the organization</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 realization of human rights. OHCHR is part of the United Nations Secretariat. It has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.</p>
<p>Mission</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 collects and analyzes statistical information from States relevant to the realization 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 organizations, 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 and practices. 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. In 2023, the UN Statistical Commission officially recognized human rights statistics as a new domain of official statistics.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ Structure</p>	<p>The Human Rights Statistics Unit 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 realization of human rights, including the right to information.</p>

Mandate	OHCHR is mandated to promote and protect the enjoyment and full realization, 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 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. 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 Statistics Unit includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation, dissemination, visualization and analysis of human rights statistics, including SDG indicators under OHCHR custodianship. • Provision of technical assistance and capacity strengthening activities, including training and workshop activities to promote cooperation between statistical offices and human rights organizations, on the development and use of statistical data relevant to the protection and realization of human rights.
Number of staff	OHCHR employs some 1,960 staff (as of 31 December 2023). The Human Rights Statistics Unit is part of OHCHR's Innovation and Analytics Hub made up of some 15 colleagues.
Flagship Publications	<p><i>Human Rights Indicators: A Guide to Measurement and Implementation</i></p> <p>A Human Rights-Based Approach to Data</p> <p>SDG indicators under OHCHR's custodianship</p> <p>Global Progress Report on Sustainable Development Goal 16 indicators</p>
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