

What is the Average Earnings Survey?

The Jersey Average Earnings Survey has been running for more than 20 years. Each year around 500 businesses are selected to take part in the survey to provide information on salaries paid to staff.

We select all Jersey businesses with 50 or more employees and conduct a random selection of all other businesses.

What is the Average Earnings Survey used for?

The information is used to produce the Index of Average Earnings which measures annual changes in earnings (gross wages and salaries, excluding bonuses) paid to workers. It is an important economic indicator and is used to uprate pensions and social security benefits, so must be released in late August each year.

Is it compulsory?

Yes, companies are required to complete this survey under Article 14 of the [Statistics and Census \(Jersey\) Law 2018](#).

Why is it compulsory?

Response rates to our business surveys have been declining. To maintain the quality of the statistics we produce and the ability to produce them our only option was to make the survey compulsory.

What happens if my company is sampled?

You will receive a survey in the post, which includes a paper copy of the questionnaire, notes, and instructions on how to complete online if you would prefer. You should ensure that you complete the survey and return it either by post or online before the deadline of **7 August 2026**.

What happens if I receive one and don't complete it?

If you provide false information or you do not complete and return the questionnaire, a penalty may be incurred under Article 18 of the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018.

What do I do if I feel unable to complete parts of the survey?

Guidelines are included with the survey, however, do feel free to contact us via the email or phone number on the form with any questions that you may have. We can advise what to do in your particular circumstances.

How do I know my data is secure?

Your information is protected under the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018. The information provided is strictly confidential and will only be used to produce aggregate numbers. Statistics Jersey will not pass your information to anyone outside of Statistics Jersey.