



## Definitions of Data Sources

Data sources	Definitions
<b>Official statistics</b>	Official statistics are statistics produced within a national statistical system. Data are collected, processed and disseminated by an organisation in charge of official regional or national statistics on libraries, usually government statistical agencies or other public bodies.
<b>Census survey</b>	Census survey is a comprehensive survey which attempts to collect data from all possible libraries and is carried out by non-governmental sources such as library associations and/or other organisations. It can be unique in time or repeated at regular or irregular intervals.
<b>Sample survey</b>	Sample survey, carried out by non-governmental sources such as library associations and/or other organisations, is a survey in which data are collected from a (usually random) sample of libraries (only a portion, and not all libraries are surveyed) and their characteristics are estimated through the systematic use of statistical methodology. It can be unique in time or repeated at regular or irregular intervals.
<b>Administrative data collection</b>	Administrative data collection is the set of activities involved in the collection, processing, storage and dissemination of data from one or more administrative sources. It is the equivalent of a survey but with the source of data being administrative records rather than direct contact with respondents (libraries).
<b>Derived statistical activities</b>	Derived statistical activities are statistical activities where data are estimated, modelled or otherwise derived from existing statistical data sources.