Head of Census Statistical Data Processing

£54,400 - £65,499 + Civil Service benefits

This is a unique opportunity to shape the statistical and operational needs of the 2021 census programme. By capturing a detailed picture of the whole nation on a given day, census data is instrumental in shaping the UK’s future - from public services to business investment. As Head of Census Statistical Data Processing, you will enjoy a high profile and influence big changes.

As the leading provider of official statistics, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) plays a unique part in informing national debate and improving decision-making across the UK. Our statistics are designed to support a wider public good in government, industry and across third sectors.

The census is critical for policy development and monitoring, nationwide. Its impact is far-reaching and significant - from the allocation of resources to local areas, to the planning and provision of services by Local Authorities and the NHS. Your expertise will ensure the census is a success.

As Head of Census Statistical Data Processing, you will play an important part in shaping a new approach to delivering the 2021 census. One with a stronger focus on delivery, outcomes and putting the needs of citizens first. We will look to you to coordinate, specify and implement the statistical and operational needs of census processing, with an emphasis on quality and timeliness.

Your wide-ranging brief will span the big picture and the fine details - from leading on the design and implementation of processing and analysis operations, through to establishing assurance mechanisms for assessing the statistical validity of data. It begins with building the Census Processing team, which will handle a variety of operations to validate, clean,
adjust and finalise census results. With the advantage of improved technologies and a wider use of administrative sources and data science techniques, you will drive our most advanced approach in 210 years.

To be equal to the challenge, you will need a proven track record of leading and successfully delivering data processing projects. Ideally, but not essential, you will be a member of a recognised analytical profession. You will certainly demonstrate a flair for managing a quality service. A strong communicator, your ability to lead a high performing team and build collaborative working relationships across a range of stakeholders really sets you apart.

In and of itself, this is a rare opportunity to deliver a uniquely rewarding project. The rewards package that comes with it is equally appealing. You will have access to excellent Civil Service benefits including pension, generous holiday allowance, and flexible family-friendly working options. You will also benefit from our commitment to support your ongoing development.

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