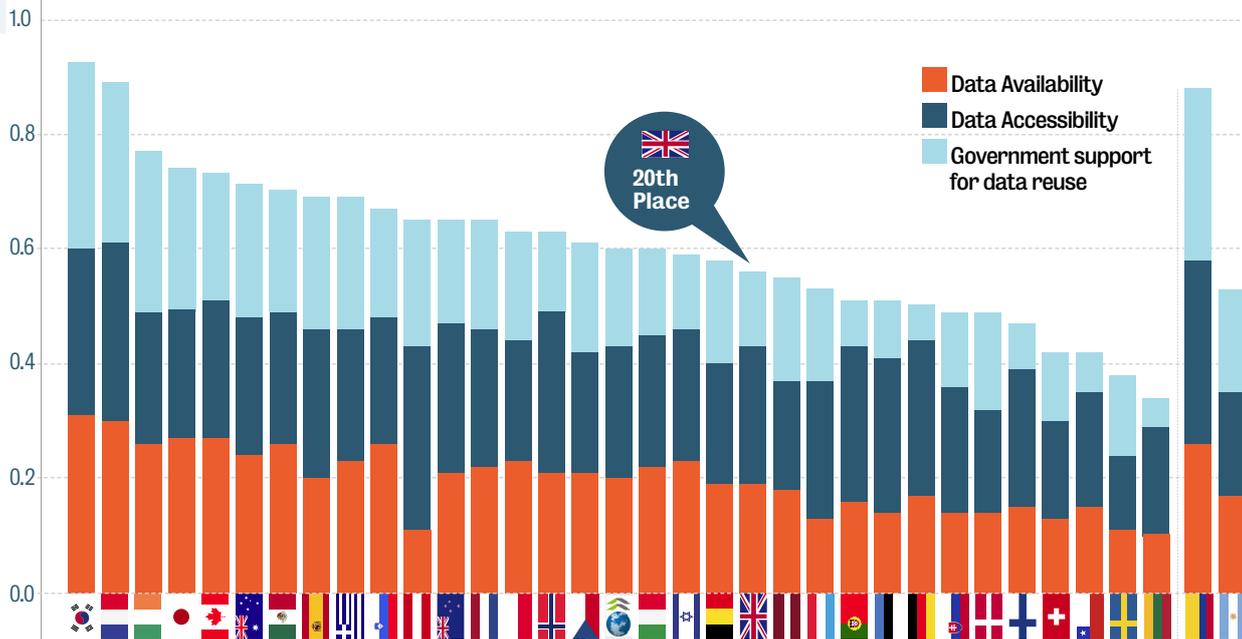




United Kingdom

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## Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance	Policy Framework	Legal and Regulatory instruments
<p>In 2018, responsibility for government data was moved from Government Digital Service (GDS) to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).</p> <p>The Data Advisory Board, composed of senior government department representatives and chaired by the Chief Executive of the Civil Service, is responsible for the Data Strategy</p>	<p>The release of the <a href="#">Open Data Whitepaper</a> in 2012 made the UK a frontrunner in the open data movement.</p> <p>The <a href="#">2017-2020 Government Transformation Strategy</a> highlights open government data as a tool for more user centred public services.</p> <p>A <a href="#">National Data Strategy</a> is being developed to support the country's ongoing ambition to sustain a thriving data economy.</p>	<p>The UK transposition of the EU PSI Directive (2015) requires government entities to release their data in open and machine-readable formats</p> <p>The <a href="#">Central Government Corporate Transparency Commitments</a> mandates the publication of data related to government transparency.</p>

## Enabling coherent policy implementation

- The Data Leaders Network, chaired by DCMS and composed of senior civil servants from across the public sector, ensures the delivery of initiatives discussed by the Data Advisory Board.
- The ['Right to Data' clause](#) in the UK Freedom of Information Act is supported by a [statutory code of practice \(datasets\)](#) allowing the discharge of public authorities' functions under Part 1 of the Freedom of Information Act.
- To facilitate the policy approach the National Archives introduced the Open Government Licence (OGL) in 2010.

## Open Government Data Portal

- [Data.gov.uk](#) is the single access point to open data from the UK government.
- The UK is one of only three OECD-countries providing open and accessible data on beneficial ownership on the central open data portal.

## Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- DCMS has initiated a consultation process with a plethora of stakeholders to inform the upcoming National Data Strategy.
- The UK is a founding member of the Open Government Partnership, which has led to four National Action Plans being drafted since 2011, prompting the UK to continuously raise its level of ambition.



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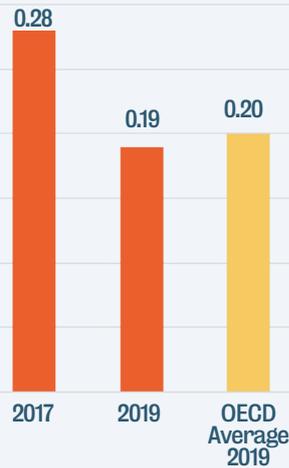
## Good practice

### Gender Data Pay Gap

As part of the efforts to close the gender pay gap, the UK government made it mandatory for all employers with 250 or more employees to report and publish data comparing men and women's average pay across their organisation. The initiative demonstrates the way opened data from private and public organisations can be used to address social and economic inequalities. The gender pay gap data is available in open and re-usable formats on the government's open data portal [data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk) as well as the gender pay gap service platform.

## Performance per Index Pillar

### Data Availability



In 2017 and 2018, the UK government reached out much less to businesses and civil society to ensure that open government data initiatives live up to their expectations and needs.

### Data Accessibility



The quantity of data in accessible formats remains high. To improve, [data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk) could be made more user-driven, creating a digital and open space for innovative use of government data.

### Government Support for Data Reuse



Due to the current lack of initiatives promoting open government data re-use among citizens and businesses, the indicator for government support to data re-use has plunged since 2017.

- 2019 OURdata Index data was collected through the 2018 OECD OGD Survey. Some written information was collected in 2019/2020. Data unavailable for Hungary, Turkey, Iceland and United States.
- The index ranges from 0 to 1 and is composed of three indicators with an equal weight of 0.33. Each indicator ranges from 0 to 0.33.