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This article serves as both an introduction to the new journal and as a retrospective review of compendia publications of official statistics and analysis. It offers a historical overview of the developing presentation of economic and labour market statistics. It also presents a range of official UK economic statistics that characterise the periods since the Second World War, and also extend further back for aspects of the labour market.

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