

# Topical Papers

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This area displays papers which may be of interest in the current climate, to producers and users of statistics.

A sub-page has been created, [Opinions on Topical Issues](#), which also may be of interest. Contributions are also very welcome here.

All statistical estimates make use of some models and assumptions. At times of change, these approaches are less likely to reflect what is actually taking place, as we generally use methods which do not react to every change. So it is a paradox that at times of recession the statistical estimates are both most important and least certain.

One solution is to have a different approach during recession. But then we have to make a decision about when a recession starts in order to trigger the change; and this process itself may trigger a discontinuity in the measurements just when we are trying to estimate change. So ideally we want processes that work well both in normal times and recessions.

More research on the best approaches to measurement during times of recession are needed. The papers [below] give some pointers and ideas, but it would be great to have a discussion and share ideas on this problem. If you have any papers or reports which would be suitable, please send an email to [repository@enbes.org](mailto:repository@enbes.org) to contribute.

1st Author Surname	1st Author Name	Affiliation	Country	Other Author's Full Names	Title	Date	Status	Document
Brand	Martin	UK Office for National Statistics	United Kingdom		Methodological Issues Arising for the Office for National Statistics from the Recession	2009/09	EESW09	<a href="#">2009S1_2_Brand.pdf</a>
Simkins	Aileen	ONS	UK	Paul A. Smith, Martin Brand	Financial crisis and recession: how ONS has addressed the statistical and analytical challenges	2010/01	Published in <i>Economic and Labour Market Review</i>	<a href="#">Financial crisis and recession: how ONS has addressed the statistical and analytical challenges.pdf</a>
Diewert	Erwin	National Bureau of Economic Research	Cambridge Boston, US	Kevin Fox	Measuring Real Consumption and CPI Bias under Lockdown Conditions	2020/04	Working Paper	<a href="#">Measuring Real Consumption and CPI Bias under Lockdown Conditions.pdf</a>
Link	Koen	Statistics Netherlands	The Netherlands	Antonio Chessa	Impact of imputation methods on the CPI and HICP in view of the COVID-19 crisis	2020/04	Guidance	Link to this and other related papers: <a href="#">Compilation of CPI in times of COVID-19</a>