

## **Statistics Korea has been reorganized as the Ministry of Data and Statistics.**

- ‘Providing data that the Korean people can trust and easily use’ as  
the top priority value

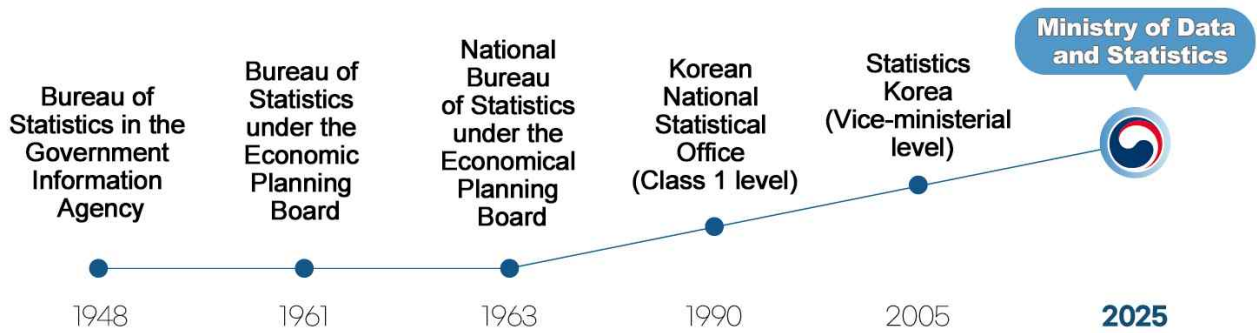
Statistics Korea has officially launched as the Ministry of Data and Statistics on October 1st, 2025, marking an elevated reorganization in 35 years after its establishment in 1990.

According to the revised Government Organization Act, which included the organizational upgrade by the National Assembly on September 26th, and the Cabinet's approval on September 30th, the Ministry of Data and Statistics was officially reborn on October 1st.

Ahn Hyungjun, who was appointed as the Commissioner of Statistics Korea in August as the first appointee from within the organization since its foundation, took office as the minister of Data and Statistics.

Statistics Korea originated as the Bureau of Statistics of the Government Information Agency in 1948, was established as the class 1 level governmental agency in 1990, and upgraded to the vice-ministerial level in 2005. In 1966, as the National Bureau of Statistics under the Economic Planning Board, it introduced the first computer in Korea. Since then, it made constant efforts to lead the innovation of official statistics through the comprehensive coordination and support for a total of 1,306 national statistics, and expanded statistical use through the Korean Statistical Information Service (KOSIS) and the Statistical Data Center (SDC), etc.

## < Change in the Status of the Ministry of Data and Statistics >



## < History of the Ministry of Data and Statistics >

| Date             | Contents                                                                              | Legal Basis                                                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 4th, 1948   | <b>Establishment of the Bureau of Statistics in the Government Information Agency</b> | Enactment of the Government Organization Act (No. 1, July 17th, 1948)       |
| July 22nd, 1961  | <b>Transfer of the Bureau of Statistics under the Economic Planning Board</b>         | Revision of the Government Organization Act (No. 660, July 22nd, 1961)      |
| Dec. 27th, 1990. | <b>Establishment of the Korean National Statistical Office (Class 1 level)</b>        | Revision of the Government Organization Act (No. 4268, December 27th, 1990) |
| July 22nd, 2005. | <b>Upgrade to Statistics Korea (Vice-ministerial level)</b>                           | Revision of the Government Organization Act (No. 7613, July 22nd, 2005.)    |
| Oct. 1st, 2025   | <b>Upgrade to the Ministry of Data and Statistics</b>                                 | Revision of the Government Organization Act (No. 21065, October 1st, 2025)  |

The Ministry of Data and Statistics, which has been elevated to the status of ministry, has changed from under the Ministry of Economy and Finance to under the Prime Minister. Based on the Prime Minister's authority for direction and supervision, it is expected to effectively carry out its upgraded role of overseeing and coordinating government-wide data policies, as well as strengthening data integration and utilization, which is the purposes for its elevation.

In the commemorative address, the Minister of Data and Statistics, Ahn Hyungjun stated, “We will actively push ahead with policies that align with the national mandate for the agency to go beyond simply collecting and managing data and to be reborn as a central government agency leading data-driven innovation.”

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