

ClassifAI & Survey Assist — the UK ONS's AI Pipeline That Halved Occupation-Coding Time

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 87/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

The UK ONS built the open-source ClassifAI package to auto-code survey text into official classifications, halving processing time for occupation coding on a major labour-market survey, and is piloting a related tool, Survey Assist, under a public transparency record.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[UK Office for National Statistics \(ONS\) - Data Science Campus](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[ONS blog: Securing the future of ONS statistics](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[UK Algorithmic Transparency Record: Survey Assist](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[ClassifAI open-source repository](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

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