



## David Spiegelhalter

### Winton Professor of the Public Understanding of Risk at the University of Cambridge

David Spiegelhalter has made it his life's work to understand and communicate risk and uncertainty. He is a first-class speaker who turns statistics into information you can use in your daily life. When you hear him speak you will both be entertained and understand the world better. He can also make an audience laugh out loud.

## David's biography

### David Spiegelhalter's Background

- Chair of the Winton Centre for Risk and Evidence Communication – Cambridge University
- Author of best-selling *The Art of Statistics: Learning from Data*
- Awarded an OBE in 2006 and knighted in 2014 for services to medical statistics

David began his career studying maths and went on to make a name for himself in medical statistics – particularly the use of Bayesian methods in clinical trials, health [technology](#) assessment and drug safety. He was Senior Scientist in the Medical Research Council Biostatistics Unit and gave evidence to the Shipman Inquiry as well as leading the statistics team in the enquiry into activities at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. He advises organisations and government agencies on risk communication and is a regular media commentator on statistical issues, with a particular focus on communicating uncertainty. He presented the BBC4 documentaries “Tails you Win: the Science of Chance”, the award-winning “Climate Change by Numbers”, and in 2011 came 7th in an episode of BBC1’s Winter Wipeout. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 2005, and knighted in 2014 for services to medical statistics. He was President of the Royal Statistical Society for 2017-2018. His bestselling book, *The Art of Statistics*, was published in March 2019.

