



**STATISTICS DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

DIRECTORY OF STATISTICAL SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

<p>Brief description of the organization¹</p>	<p>The IMF is an international organization, comprising 186 member countries, whose scope of operations is determined through a charter entitled the Articles of Agreement. Article IV, Section 3, assigns to the Fund surveillance over exchange arrangements, and Article VIII, Section 5, sets out member countries' obligations to provide to the Fund such information as it deems necessary for its activities. The Articles of Agreement determine the operations of the IMF and how these operations evolve, including the activities of the Statistics Department of the IMF.</p>
<p>Mission²</p>	<p>The availability of high-quality statistics is an essential prerequisite for the formulation of appropriate macroeconomic and financial policies. The Statistics Department provides strong leadership for the development and application of sound statistical practices in the Fund, in member countries, and in the international statistical community at large. In this endeavour, the Statistics Department plays a pivotal role in the development of internationally accepted methodologies and standards, provides technical assistance and training to promote the adoption of these standards, and models best practices in the dissemination of economic and financial statistics.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure <i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>The Statistics Department provides statistical products and services that respond to the analytical and policy needs of the IMF, member countries, and the international community. The Statistics Department's activities encompass the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data management, data dissemination, and publications; • Standards for data dissemination; • Support of surveillance; • Statistical methodologies; • Capacity building and training; and • International statistical coordination and cooperation.
<p>Mandate</p>	<p>Within the IMF's institutional setting, and consistent with its Statistics Department's mission statement "that the availability of high-quality statistics is an essential prerequisite for the formulation of appropriate macroeconomic and financial policies," the Statistics Department strives for the IMF and member countries to adopt practices that are consistent with the spirit of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</p>
<p>Statistical work programme</p>	<p>The statistical work program is presented in the Business Plan that the Statistics Department presents annually to the IMF. See Current Initiatives and Current Developments, 2009 http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm#meet.</p>
<p>Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 150 staff.

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

² Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization

Flagship Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International Financial Statistics (IFS)</i>; • <i>Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPSY)</i>; • <i>Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS)</i>; • <i>Government Finance Statistics Yearbook (GFSY)</i>³; and • <i>Online versions and CD-ROM of the BOPSY, DOTS GFSY</i> (available at www.imf.org); • A complete presentation of IMF statistical publications is included in the IMF Publications Catalog, available from Publications Services (Tel: +1-202-623-7430; e-mail: publications@imf.org), or on the IMF website (www.imf.org). • An important development has been the presentation of key indicators from selected databases in the IMF's new data visualization facility, the IMF Data Mapper, available on the IMF's website. The visual representation of statistics enables the user to see patterns and relationships not easily discernable in statistical tables and can offer a more compelling view of the data. • In response to the financial crisis, the Principal Global Indicators (PGI) website⁴ has been released (http://financialdatalink.sharepoint.net/default.aspx). PGI provides timely and internationally comparable data for G-20 economies. • Other key online databases include: (1) the <i>Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey (CPIS)</i>; 2) the Data Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity; and 3) Financial Soundness Indicators (FSIs).
Website	http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm

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³ Starting in 2009, the *GFSY* will be available only in electronic format.

⁴ The PGI is hosted by the IMF, and is an undertaking of the Inter-Agency Group on Economic and Financial Statistics: [Bank for International Settlements \(BIS\)](#), [European Central Bank \(ECB\)](#), [Eurostat](#), the [International Monetary Fund \(IMF\)](#), the [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development \(OECD\)](#), the [United Nations \(UN\)](#), and the [World Bank \(WB\)](#).