Data template of short-term statistics[1]

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The data template consists of 12 data categories of economic and financial statistics for the monitoring of macroeconomic and institutional sectoral developments through quarterly national accounts (QNA) supplemented by high frequency statistics for production, prices, markets (labour, real estate and financial markets) and sectors (government, financial, non-financial, household and external sectors). These 12 categories follow logically from the consolidation and rearrangement of the standards developed by Eurostat through its Principal European economic indicators (PEEI) and by the IMF through its Special Data Dissemination Standard (SDDS) and General Data Dissemination Standard (GDDS).

The data template is organized in three tiers and the recommended periodicity and timeliness was established based on a global assessment undertaken in 2009 on the availability of short-term economic statistics in national statistical systems. The first tier consists of the minimum required set of short term economic statistics that have global strategic importance and are widely available. The second tier consists of analytically important short-terms statistics that are less widely available, and the third tier contains short-term statistics that have national significance given the structure of the economy. Some data categories also recommend other relevant statistics for countries to consider. The choice of whether to include the other relevant statistics in the data template will depend on the importance of these statistics in the context of the country concerned and their availability.

The data template comprises traditional short-term statistics recommended and prescribed in existing dissemination standards.

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[1] Taken from the Report of the Secretary-General on short-term economic statistics (E/CN.3/2014/27) to the United Nations Statistical Commission at its Forty-fifth session, 4-7 March 2014. The report is available online at: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/doc14/2014-27-ShortTermEcoStats-E.pdf

	Description	Tier	Periodicity
	Set 1 National accounts		
1.1	Quarterly national accounts: Flash GDP estimate	Tier 1	Quarterly
1.2	Quarterly national accounts: GDP full release		
1.2.1	by expenditure	Tier 1	Quarterly
1.2.2	by production	Tier 1	Quarterly
1.2.3	by income	Tier 2	Quarterly
1.3	Quarterly sector accounts	Tier 3	Quarterly
	Set 2 Production and turnover		
2.1	Production index for industry, by major division (mining, manufacturing, electricity, water, etc.)	Tier 1	Monthly
2.2	Production index for construction	Tier 2	Monthly
2.3	Turnover index for retail trade by major division	Tier 2	Monthly
2.4	Turnover index for industry by major division	Tier 2	Monthly
2.5	Turnover index for other services by major division (excluding financial services and non-commercial services)	Tier 2	Monthly
2.6	New orders index for industry by major ISIC division (for those that work on order)	Tier 3	Monthly
2.7	New orders index for construction (building permits or housing starts)	Tier 2	Monthly
2.8	Commodity production (as relevant at country level data on commodity productions and other indicators of economic activity)	Tier 3	Monthly
	Agricultural products		
	Minerals		
	New car registrations/sales		
	New commercial vehicle registrations/sales		
	Tourist arrivals		
	Set 3: Price		
3.1	Consumer price index	Tier 1	Monthly
3.2	Producer price index	Tier 1	Monthly
3.3	Import price index	Tier 1	Monthly
3.4	Export price index	Tier 1	Monthly
	Set 4: Labour market		
4.1	Unemployment	Tier 1	Quarterly
4.2	Unemployment rate	Tier 1	Quarterly
4.3	Employment total and by economic activity	Tier 1	Quarterly
4.4	Hourly wage rate	Tier 2	Quarterly
4.5	Hours of work	Tier 2	Quarterly
	Set 5: External sector		
5.1	Exports and imports (of goods and services)	Tier 1	Monthly

5.2	International investment position (IIP), specify balances and components	Tier 2	Quarterly
5.3	Official reserve assets	Tier 1	Monthly
5.4	External debt (by sector, maturity and foreign currency)	Tier 1	Quarterly
	Set 6: Financial sector		
6.1	Central Bank net foreign assets	Tier 1	Monthly
6.2	Central Bank domestic lending	Tier 1	Monthly
6.3	Central Bank reserve money	Tier 1	Monthly
6.4	Depository corporations net foreign assets	Tier 1	Monthly
6.5	Depository corporations domestic lending	Tier 1	Monthly
6.6	Depository corporations broad money liabilities	Tier 1	Monthly
6.7	Other financial corporations balance sheet, assets and liabilities by sector.	Tier 2	Monthly
6.8	Financial corporate profits	Tier 2	Quarterly
6.9	Financial corporate debt	Tier 2	Monthly
6.10	Others as relevant: nonperforming loans of depository corporations, capital adequacy ratios, other financial stability indicators, etc.		
	Set 7: General government sector		
7.1	Revenue	Tier 1	Monthly
7.2	Expense	Tier 1	Monthly
7.3	Net operating balance (= Revenue – Expense)	Tier 1	Monthly
7.4	Net acquisition of non-financial assets	Tier 2	Quarterly
7.5	Expenditure	Tier 2	Quarterly
7.6	Net lending/net borrowing (= Revenue - Expenditure)	Tier 2	Quarterly
7.7	Gross debt	Tier 2	Quarterly
	Set 8: Household sector		
8.1	Household disposable income	Tier 2	Quarterly
8.2	Household saving	Tier 2	Quarterly
8.3	Household debt	Tier 2	Quarterly
8.4	Other as relevant: disposable income, debt service and principal payments, household debt, etc.		
	Set 9: Non-financial corporations sector		
9.1	Non-financial corporate profits	Tier 3	Quarterly
9.2	Non-financial corporate debt	Tier 3	Quarterly
9.3	Other as relevant.		
	Set 10: Financial market		
10.1	Interest rates, as relevant short and long term money and bond market rates	Tier 1	Monthly
10.2	Exchange rates, as relevant spot and forward markets	Tier 1	Monthly
10.3	Nominal and real effective exchange rate	Tier 1	Monthly
10.4	Stock market indicators	Tier 1	Monthly
10.5	Others as relevant : spreads between lending and deposit rates, highest-lowest interbank rate; etc.		

	Set 11: Real estate market		
11.1	Residential property price index	Tier 2	Quarterly
11.2	New house sales	Tier 3	Monthly
11.3	Existing house sales	Tier 3	Monthly
	Set 12: Economic sentiment		
12.1	Consumer confidence	Tier 2	Monthly
12.2	Business confidence	Tier 2	Monthly
12.3	Composite Business Cycle Indicators		
12.3.1	Leading Indicator	Tier 3	Monthly
12.3.2	Coincident Indicator	Tier 3	Monthly
12.3.3	Lagging Indicator	Tier 3	Monthly