

Country Profile on Economic Census

1. **Name of Country:** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

2. **Name of Agency Responsible for Economic Census:** Statistical Centre of Iran (SCI)

3. Description of Economic Census Objectives:

Economic Censuses are not included among the SCI's conducted censuses. However, for many years, complete enumeration and sample surveys have been implemented to fulfill objectives such as:

- i) Compiling required statistics for the country's Development Plans.
- ii) Preparing and updating statistical frames.
- iii) Compiling national and regional accounts.

4. Legal Mandate or Regulations for Conducting Economic Census

According to the Establishment Act of the SCI (Revised, 1974) implementation of national censuses and sample surveys in economic & social fields are amongst the functions and responsibilities of the SCI.

5. Coverage

The enumerations cover all different sectors of economic activities (according to ISIC rev.3). Some of them are conducted on a regular basis and others are on ad-hoc basis. Mining, manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail trade, hotel and restaurant, transportation, education, health services etc. are the sectors which are covered and referred to in the enumerations.

6. Content

Items included in the questionnaire depend on the objectives of the surveys, but in all establishment surveys, name and type of activity, general specifications of establishment, the employees' status, its output, intermediate consumption and investments are fixed items included in the majority of the questionnaires.

7. Frequency

The first Industrial Census in Iran was conducted in 1963. In order to provide an updated frame, the SCI has carried out a census on large-scale manufacturing establishments in 1973. In 1994 and 2002, the SCI conducted the Census of Establishments to make required frames.

However, the annual surveys of manufacturing establishments are still considered as the main data sources in this field.

The results of all surveys are published and disseminated by the SCI.

Users can access the statistical data via:

- 1)Library of the SCI.
- 2)Statistical Information Dissemination Unit.
- 3)The SCI's website: <http://www.sci.org.ir>
- 4)The database of the Publication Department with search facilities.
- 5)SCI's Publication Sales Unit.

8. Methods

Data collections are based on the questionnaires completed through face-to-face interviews. However, the administrative records may be used as data source as well. In some economic activities, in which the number of establishments is low, a complete enumeration is conducted but in other cases the data collections are based on sample surveys. Most of the years, the large-scale manufacturing establishments with 10 or more workers have been completely enumerated.

9. Data Products

Type of ownership (public, private), number of workers (paid, unpaid) capital assets, primary materials, input value, output value, value added and investment are the key data which appear in the final reports. Most of the data are available at the national and provincial (Ostan) levels.

10. Uses and Users of Economic Census Data

The results of the enumerations are used for estimation and compilation of the national and regional accounts, input-output tables and GDP. Government agencies, planners, policy makers and the researchers are the major groups who benefit from the data.