

Country Profile on Economic Census

1. Name of Country: Mongolia

2. Name of Agency Responsible for Economic Census: National Statistical Office of Mongolia

3. Description of Economic Census Objectives:

a) source data for GDP

Main source of GDP estimation is Business register data. Business sample surveys are covered Mining, Manufacturing, Construction and Utilities (ISIC C,D,E,F) as well as Trade (ISIC G) and Hotels and Restaurants (ISIC H).

b) profile the economy; or others

4. Legal Mandate or Regulations for Conducting Economic Census

a) required by law; or

The first Law on Statistics of Mongolia was passed by the Parliament of Mongolia in 1994. According to this Law the statistical system in Mongolia fell under the direct management of the Ministry of Finance until 1997.

In 1997, 2004 the Law on Statistics was revised and now provides sufficient support for official statistics to allow the NSO to produce objective and reliable information, respect data confidentiality and give all users equal access to the information.

According to the last revised version of the Law on Statistics Establishment census will be conducted every 4 year.

b) responses required (demand-driven) or on voluntary basis; and

Establishments shall be covered in census.

c) is economic census data held confidential?

Establishment census data is confidential, if it related to the raw data.

5. Coverage

- a) which sectors are covered: does it cover businesses with employees or businesses without employees, government-owned enterprises;

Establishment census was covered all type of ownership status.

- b) description of the statistical unit;

On results of census 1998 was established legal units.

- c) number of businesses covered.

Census covered 20.1 thousand business entities, of which 18.9 thousand business entities were legal units.

6. Content

- a) list of key data variables that are collected;

- Address
- Taxpayer Registration number
- Establishment date
- Legal type
- Ownership status
- Activity
- Start of activity
- Number of employees
- Turnover range
- Active type

- b) does content vary by sector or industry; and

Business entities are classified by the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC'93).

- c) number of report forms.

Census report includes 58 forms.

7. Frequency

How often is the economic census conducted? And the dates of the previous couple of censuses.

First census of Industrial Establishments was conducted in 1994. The next was an establishment census and conducted in October 1998.

8. Methods

- a) mail-out and mail-back, enumeration or some combination;

Census commission was founded in 1998 and over 600 enumerators were worked there.

b) use of administrative data;

Census was based on taxpayer database. For the non government organizations, the Ministry of Justice provided the data on NGOs..

c) sample or survey all businesses;

d) quality assurance versus other data sets.

On result of census have done checks on accuracy of the data, including checking of the computer information against the questionnaire information and double typing of some data. We corrected the duplication number of business register, controlled the reality of data of the census and classified it by type of economic entities. The cross-checking between parent and daughter companies was done.

9. Data Products

Brief description of the key data products: industry statistics, subnational geography, etc; online availability, if possible.

In an effort to establish a better base for its economic surveys, the NSO carried out the 1998 Establishment Census of all legal entities, classified by to the ISIC. Of the over 18 thousand legal units surveyed, only about 5000 had more than 5 employees.

10. Uses and Users of Economic Census Data

a) source data for GDP

Initial sample surveys were also conducted. And used for GDP estimation.

The final result of the census was released and distributed to the Prime Minister, and members of the parliament.

b) benchmarking for GDP and

Data of Business register is used as a frame of business surveys.

c) possibly current surveys, etc.

A census on establishment was conducted in 1998. The census is carried out on basis of administrative register. From second quarter of 1999 quarterly updating system was created. Three new questionnaires were used for updating the business register: the BR-1 for the new established and changed entities, the BR-1a for

updating the stratification information, and BR-1b for clarification of the units(head offices, daughter companies and branches).