



Data availability in the CARICOM countries

Workshop on Travel and Tourism Statistics for the CARICOM countries

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Towards a global database on SITS (2)

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) launched UN Service Trade database in 2007:

- ✓ containing statistics on resident to non-resident trade in services between (all) the countries of the world
- ✓ based on the experience with the International Merchandise Trade Statistics database (UN Comtrade)

UN ServiceTrade 

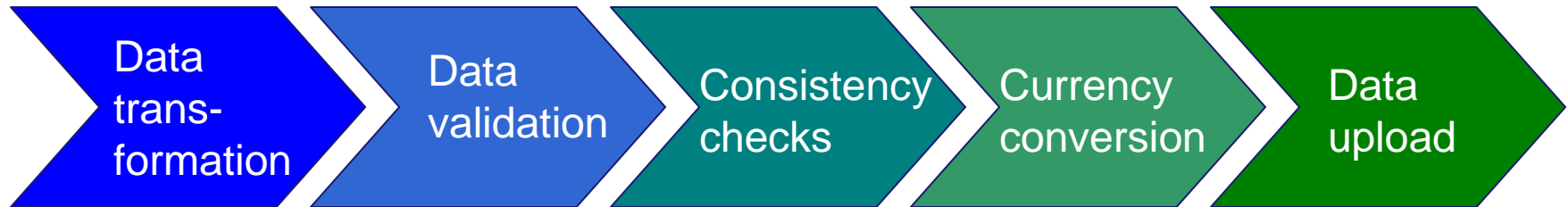


Data collection by UNSD

- ✓ UNSD/Eurostat memorandum of understanding 2006 (EU27+6)
- ✓ *Annual request for data on external trade in services*
 - ✓ (July every year) to the rest of the countries in the world
- ✓ Cooperation with other international organizations
 - ✓ using balance of payments statistics from other SITS databases when no country data set is received directly by UNSD.
- ✓ Data requirements for data on external trade in services:
 - ✓ Reference years: 2000-2012
 - ✓ Trade flow: Exports (credit) and imports (debit) of services
 - ✓ Breakdown by partner country/region, if possible
 - ✓ Service categories: EBOPS, as detailed as possible
 - ✓ Value: in USD or national currency
 - ✓ Metadata: Description of data sources, methodology etc.



Data processing by UNSD



- ✓ All received data are processed by UNSD before uploading to UN Service Trade database to ensure data quality (accuracy, comparability etc.). The data processing includes: data transformations, data validation, consistency checks and applying currency conversion factors (if original data was reported in national currency) before uploading data to UN Service Trade database.
- ✓ There is currently no estimation of missing values or statistical projection
- ✓ Metadata is uploaded to the database if provided by the reporting country.



The online database browser

UN ServiceTrade

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/servicetrade/>

- ✓ Free to the public
- ✓ User friendly
- ✓ Easy download
- ✓ Same interface as the UN Comtrade data browser



Status data availability

UN Service Trade data availability for the period 2000-2012:

- 90% of world trade
- ✓ 33 countries from the Eurostat trade in services database
 - ✓ 67 other countries received directly by UNSD
 - ✓ 93 countries with data sets from IMF and WTO databases

Breakdown by continent

50	Africa	41	Americas -17 in the Caribbean -24 in rest of Americas
48	Asia		
14	Oceania	40	Europe



Future improvements

- ✓ Increase the **number of data sets** received directly from countries (national statistical offices, central banks and Eurostat)
- ✓ Improve the **data quality** in UN ServiceTrade by improving the UNSD data processing
- ✓ Get more trade data with **partner breakdown** – currently 42 countries only (of which 31 from Eurostat)
- ✓ Provide more **metadata** and information on SITS country practices
- ✓ Work on the functionality and **user friendliness** of the online data browser



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Database UN ServiceTrade

Data availability for CARICOM countries 2011

No.	Country	Latest Year Data	Data collected in 2012	Number of EBOPS Categories ¹				Number of Partners	Source
				Exports		Imports			
				Main	Sub	Main	Sub		
1	Antigua and Barbuda	2011	Yes	5	9	7	11	1	ECCB
2	The Bahamas	2011	Yes	4	12	8	22	1	CB
3	Barbados	2010	Yes	11	15	11	18	1	CB
4	Belize	2011	Yes	7	25	10	31	1	CB
5	Dominica	2011	Yes	5	8	8	10	1	ECCB
6	Grenada	2011	Yes	7	19	8	29	1	ECCB
7	Guyana	2009	No	2		2		1	WTO
8	Haiti	2009	No	1		2		1	WTO
9	Jamaica	2011	Yes	10	21	11	39	1	CB
10	Montserrat	2011	Yes	5	5	6	8	1	ECCB
11	Saint Kitts and nevis	2011	Yes	6	8	8	10	1	ECCB
12	Saint Lucia	2011	Yes	5	7	7	9	1	ECCB
13	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2011	Yes	5	6	7	10	1	ECCB
14	Suriname	2011	Yes	7	23	10	24	1	CB
15	Trinidad and Tobago	2010	Yes	5		5		1	CB



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Data availability for CARICOM countries 2001 - 2011

Travel

Imports, exports and trade balance, 2001 - 2011

By regions, Country or Area

Million U.S. dollars

Country/Region	Flow	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Curacao	IMP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	EXP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dominica	IMP	9	9	9	9	9	10	10	11	11	13	13
	EXP	46	46	52	61	61	57	72	74	82	86	112
	BAL	37	37	43	51	52	47	62	63	71	74	99
Dominican Republic	IMP	291	295	272	310	352	333	326	327	341	383	418
	EXP	2,798	2,730	3,128	3,152	3,518	3,917	4,064	4,166	4,049	4,209	4,353
	BAL	2,508	2,435	2,856	2,842	3,166	3,584	3,738	3,839	3,708	3,827	3,935
Grenada	IMP	8	8	8	9	10	16	16	11	10	11	11
	EXP	83	92	104	86	71	94	109	109	99	96	108
	BAL	76	84	95	78	61	78	93	98	88	85	97
Guadeloupe	IMP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	EXP	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	BAL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haiti	IMP	18	...	...	72	55	56	55	64	63	...	...
	EXP	105	108	96	87	80	135	140	276	315	...	...
	BAL	87	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	15	24	80	84	212	252	...	...
Jamaica	IMP	206	258	252	286	249	273	298	258	216	193	159
	EXP	1,232	1,209	1,355	1,438	1,545	1,870	1,910	1,976	1,926	2,001	2,012
	BAL	1,026	950	1,103	1,152	1,296	1,597	1,612	1,708	1,710	1,808	1,853



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Country/Region	Flow	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Martinique	IMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Montserrat	IMP	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	EXP	8	9	7	9	9	8	7	7	6	6	6
	BAL	7	7	5	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	3
Puerto Rico	IMP	1,004	929	986	1,086	1,143	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	2,728	2,486	2,677	3,024	3,239	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	1,724	1,557	1,690	1,938	2,096	---	---	---	---	---	---
Saint-Barthelemy	IMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Saint Kitts and Nevis	IMP	8	8	8	10	11	14	12	15	11	14	15
	EXP	62	57	75	103	121	132	125	110	83	86	93
	BAL	54	50	67	93	110	118	112	96	73	72	78
Saint Lucia	IMP	32	34	36	37	39	39	42	45	47	48	50
	EXP	233	210	282	326	382	294	302	311	296	329	311
	BAL	201	176	246	290	343	255	259	266	249	281	261
Saint Martin (French part)	IMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	IMP	12	10	13	14	15	16	20	18	14	15	15
	EXP	69	91	91	96	104	113	110	96	88	86	91
	BAL	77	81	79	81	69	98	90	78	73	71	76
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	IMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Trinidad and Tobago	IMP	151	186	107	96	180	93	94	75	105	71	---
	EXP	201	242	249	342	453	382	463	397	367	450	---
	BAL	50	56	142	246	273	269	369	322	261	379	---
Turks and Caicos Islands	IMP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	EXP	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	BAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gabon	IMP	225	194	194	214	274	---	334	---	---	---	---
	EXP	15	18	10	9	9	---	10	---	---	---	---
	BAL	-210	-176	-184	-205	-265	---	-324	---	---	---	---
Sao Tome and Principe	IMP	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	---	---
	EXP	6	7	7	8	7	7	5	8	8	---	---
	BAL	6	6	7	7	7	6	5	8	8	---	---