

Statistical Business Register Sri Lanka

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National Planning**

Economic Census 2013/14

- **DCS Conducted its First Economic Census covering trade and services activities for the first-time in 2013/14.**

- **Phase 1: All economic units were listed –**
 - ✓ **Identification information**
 - ✓ **Legal status**
 - ✓ **Employment**
 - ✓ **Main Economic Activity**

- **Phase 11: Detail data collection(Input, output, employment, financial management etc.)**

Listing stage revealed...

Employee Category	No. of ESTs	%	Cumulative %
1	637,156	62.5	62.5
2-3	277,645	27.2	89.7
4-5	47,919	4.7	94.4
6-10	33,020	3.2	97.6
11-25	16,259	1.6	99.2
26-50	3,988	0.4	99.6
51-100	1,905	0.2	99.8
Above 100	1,926	0.2	100.0
Total	1,019,681	100.0	100.0

Timely need for statistics..

- **DCS established a Statistical BR with the support of ADB in 2015**
- **All the establishments having 5 or more persons engaged are included(left out- Micro enterprises which is less than 5 persons engaged)**
- **SLSIC; the localized ISIC 4 was used to identify Economic activity**

SBR.....

Unit:- Establishment

Size:- All establishments except micro businesses (employment <5) 158,000 records

Variables:- Identification(Name of the owner, address, contact number) economic activity, and employment

Operational Structure

Level 1: Data entering

**Statistical Officers and Development
officers**

**Level 2:Administrator:Verification
(Statisticians)**

Level 3:Manager

Edit, Verify, Delete

Updating mechanism

The business registration system in the country

- **All incorporated entities are registered at the Department of Registration of Companies(DROC)**
 - **Annual reports of businesses are available**
 - **Unique number available(shared with Tax office)**
 - **Unit - enterprise**

Updating mechanism

The business registration system in the country

- **Sole ownerships and partnership businesses are registered at the D.S offices(330) in districts(25)**
 - **Each districts has its own type of registration requirements**
 - **No unique number available**

Updating Mechanism

Potential data sources available

DROC: Identification(including a unique number)

Tax Office: Identification (including unique no. same with DROC) and revenue

ETF Registry: Identification(only address and phone no.), Employment

**Tourist Development Authority(TDA):
Tourism related activities are registered (
Location, Activity)**

Current updating

- **Through annual surveys**
- **Manual Updating :TDA**
- **External data sources for updating: issues in sharing data**
- **DROC now shares monthly updates : issues in enterprise mapping**
- **New businesses are rarely included**

Challenges....

- **Units in other data sources are enterprises**
- **Activity is not mandated while registering businesses in the country**
- **Matching variable(Number) not existing**
- **Legal restrictions in data sharing**
- **No unique number to identify businesses**
- **Not all divisional registries are digitalized**

Thank You!