

Directory of statistical services of international organisations

International Labour Organization

<p>Brief description of the organisation¹</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The International Labour Organization (created in 1919) is devoted to advancing decent and productive work by promoting rights at work, decent employment opportunities and social protection, and social dialogue for labour-related issues. It is a unique UN Agency, being a “tripartite” organization of governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations, with over 180 member States. The organization is responsible for international labour standards, including those on labour statistics. The International Labour Office is its Secretariat. The ILO Department of Statistics, newly created in 2009 absorbing the former Bureau, is now directly reporting to the ILO Director-General and coordinates the overall statistical activities carried out both in the field and in headquarters. Its director acts as Chief Statistician.
<p>Mission²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To enable labour statistics to play their essential role in ILO efforts: to achieve decent work for all; for monitoring progress, developing and evaluating programmes and policies; and to serve as an important tool for information and analysis of all labour statistics topics. To collect and disseminate data on the four dimensions of decent work: employment, social protection, rights at work and social dialogue. In particular, the Department is mainly focussing in assisting member states, workers and employers associations to collect indicators and timely statistics on decent work, according to standards and quality.
<p>Fields of Activity/ Structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fields relating to decent work, including economically active population, employment, unemployment, working time, wages, labour cost, consumer prices, occupational injuries, strikes & lockouts, informal employment, ILO-led Millennium Development Goal indicators, global and regional estimates, decent work indicators, etc. The Department’s activities evolve as needs emerge from new orientations in ILO to address national concerns, programmes and policies. In particular, the short-term monitoring of labour markets in the context of crisis is one emerging topic to be addressed by the Department.
<p>Mandate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ILO Department of Statistics’ mandate is to gather and disseminate labour statistics, maintain the central repository of ILO statistical data (see under Websites below), set international standards and guidelines for labour statistics in the form of ILO conventions and recommendations, resolutions and guidelines adopted by the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) prepare technical manuals and provide technical cooperation, assistance and training in labour statistics worldwide. The Department is the focal point: i) within the ILO for statistical activities, assisting and advising all ILO Sectors; ii) for labour statistics within the United Nations System, responsible to provide

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	member States and international organizations with reliable, timely data.
Statistical work programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ILO operates on a biennial programme. The statistical programme focuses on: i) strengthening statistical capacity in member States to adopt and implement international ILO statistical standards, with improved tools and methods to analyse and produce national statistics and populate international databases for public use; ii) data collection from national institutions, international and supranational organisations including joint data- gathering arrangements; iii) general standard setting, particularly the final edition of the International Standard Classification of Occupations and recommendations on labour underutilization, international migration, and quality of employment, as well as the piloting and dissemination of decent work indicators.
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Department is comprised of some 28 staff organized in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Decent work Data collection and dissemination b) Household surveys c) Labour migration statistics d) Establishment surveys e) Administrative records f) Statistical Classifications g) Training and dissemination h) Management Support Unit
Flagship Publications	<p>Recurring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yearbook of Labour Statistics - Time Series and Country Profiles + CD ROM ▪ Bulletin of Labour Statistics, special annual issue: ILO October Inquiry + CD ROM ▪ Sources and Methods in Labour Statistics, ten-volume series + CD ROM ▪ Estimates and Projections of the Economically Active Population + CD ROM <p>Special:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consumer Price Index Manual ▪ Occupational Injuries Statistics from Household Surveys + Establishment Surveys ▪ Sources and Methods, Labour Statistics: Employment in the Tourism Industries
Website	<p>ILO: www.ilo.org ILO Department of Statistics: www.ilo.org/statistics ILO Global Job Crisis Observatory: http://www.ilo.org/pls/apex/f?p=jobcrisis:1:2904745377125665 LABORSTA Statistical Database: http://laborsta.ilo.org</p>

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