



**STATISTICS DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

DIRECTORY OF STATISTICAL SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

<p>Brief description of the organization¹</p>	<p>The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organization, comprising 188 member countries, whose scope of operations is determined through a charter entitled the Articles of Agreement. Article IV, Section 3, assigns to the IMF surveillance over exchange arrangements, and Article VIII, Section 5, sets out member countries' obligations to provide to the IMF such information as it deems necessary for its activities. The Articles of Agreement determine the operations of the IMF and how these operations evolve, including the activities of the Statistics Department.</p>
<p>Mission²</p>	<p>The IMF Statistics Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gathers and analyzes macroeconomic and financial statistics underpinning IMF multilateral, bilateral, and financial sector surveillance and the use of IMF resources, identifying and addressing data gaps and quality deficiencies, and promoting best practices in the dissemination and communication of macroeconomic and financial statistics; • plays a central role in the analytical development, drafting, and promotion of internationally-accepted statistical standards and methodologies, and works with statistical standards bodies to address the data needs of policymakers; and • provides technical assistance and training to member countries to strengthen their capabilities to produce macroeconomic and financial statistics consistent with international statistical standards, and to disseminate internationally comparable macroeconomic and financial statistics.
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>The Statistics Department provides statistical products and services that respond to the analytical and policy needs of the IMF, member countries, and the international community.</p> <p>The Statistics Department's activities encompass the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data management, data dissemination, and publications; • Standards for data dissemination; • Support of surveillance; • Statistical methodologies; • Technical assistance and training; and • International statistical coordination and cooperation.
<p>Mandate</p>	<p>Within the IMF's institutional setting, and consistent with its mission statement, the Statistics Department strives for the IMF and member countries to adopt practices that are consistent with the spirit of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</p>

¹ Description of the statistics section/department in the organization.

² Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization.

Statistical work programme	The statistical work program and activities are presented in its annual publication. See Recent Developments and Current Initiatives http://www.imf.org/external/data.htm#meet .
Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 180 staff.
Flagship Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International Financial Statistics (IFS)</i>; • <i>Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPSY)</i>; • <i>Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS)</i>; • <i>Government Finance Statistics Yearbook (GFSY)</i>; and • Online versions and CD-ROM of the <i>BOPSY</i>, <i>DOTS</i>, <i>GFSY</i> (available at www.imf.org); • A complete presentation of IMF statistical publications is included in the <i>IMF Publications Catalog</i>, available from Publications Services (Tel: +1-202-623-7430; e-mail: publications@imf.org), or on the IMF's website (www.imf.org). • An important development has been the presentation of key indicators from selected databases in the IMF's new data visualization facility. The visual representation of statistics enables the user to see patterns and relationships not easily discernable in statistical tables and can offer a more compelling view of the data. • In response to the global financial crisis, the Principal Global Indicators (PGI) website³ was launched in April 2009. (www.principalglobalindicators.org). The PGI provides timely and internationally comparable data for G-20 economies and other economies with systemically important financial sectors. • Other key online databases include: (1) the Coordinated Direct Investment Survey; (2) the Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey; (3) the Data Template on International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity; (4) the Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves; (5) Financial Soundness Indicators; and (6) the Financial Access Survey.
Website	http://elibrary-data.imf.org/

³ Hosted by the IMF, the PGI is an undertaking of the Inter-Agency Group on Economic and Financial Statistics: the Bank for International Settlements, European Central Bank, Eurostat, International Monetary Fund (Chair), Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, United Nations, and the World Bank.

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