



CORRECTION OF ERRORS IN PUBLISHED STATISTICAL DATA AND INFORMATION

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS – DATA RELEASES FROM 1 MAY 2010 ON

Purpose of correcting errors

The purpose of correcting errors in published statistical data and information is to provide the users with accurate and quality statistical data and information.

Definitions and explanations

An error is any irregularity in the publication of statistical data and information.

Statistical data are numerical values that show the size of the observed phenomenon.

Statistical information is statistical signs, comments, headlines, tables, charts, figures, definitions, methodological explanations and other text explaining the content of statistical data.

An essential error is an error that changes the correct understanding of statistical data and information.

A non-essential error is an error that does not change the understanding of the published statistical data and information, e.g.:

- Grammatical error (if it does not change the understanding of statistical data and information),
- Error in the text, if it is clear from the context where the error is and what the correct diction should be (if the text is written correctly several times and wrongly once, e.g. the year in the title or the reference period),
- Wrong value in the size class that does not influence the understanding of the measured phenomenon or administrative decisions that would be based on the published data,
- Systems error: an error in the publishing process, e.g. wrong publication date, wrong order of presenting news on the first page, table design, Metis number, inclusion of the SI-STAT tree.

(1) Data releases – process of correcting errors

- a. Essential errors are corrected by SORS as soon as possible.
- b. If correct data are not immediately available, the release is substituted by a temporary notice about the release withdrawal, which contains the anticipated deadline for preparing the correction and, if necessary, information about the reason for the error. The temporary notice about the withdrawal is published in the same way as the original release, including the notification of subscribers.
Release on the website is substituted with a new release informing users about the publication of the correction. The correction is published in the same way as the original release, including the notification of subscribers.

After 8 days the release informing about the correction is substituted by the original release including the correction.

- c. Data in the SI-STAT database are corrected and supplemented with a note about the previously published value and, if necessary, explanation about the reason for the correction. In the file the date of last change is changed to the date of publishing the correction. The denotation of a correction is removed at next publication.
- d. Corrections in printed publications are prepared as an additional page for the newly disseminated publications. Electronic versions of printed publications in pdf format on SORS's website are also corrected.
- e. A non-essential error is corrected by SORS directly in the release without notifying users.
- f. In Methodological explanations on the website a Methodological explanation about managing errors in published statistical data and information at the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia is published. Links to it are established from all corrected releases.

Publishing

From 1 May 2010 on the procedures for eliminating irregularities in published statistical data and information are valid for all published data.

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