

United Nations Statistics Division

QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE ECONOMIC CENSUS

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#	Questions	Response*
1	Do you conduct periodic censuses of economic units? <i>If No, please go to question 8.</i>	Yes, in the past, but not in the future
2	In what year was the first census of economic units conducted in your country?	1973
3	In what year was the most recent census of economic units conducted in your country?	2001
4	How often do you conduct censuses of economic units? (<i>e.g., every 5 or 10 years etc.</i>)	10 years
5	In the most recent economic census, units from what kind of economic activity were not covered? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Agriculture	X
	Public administration	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	
6	Do you apply a threshold (in terms of employment or revenues/turnover) when defining the population of units to be completely enumerated in the economic census? <i>If Yes, please define your threshold.</i>	At least one employee
7	How do you cover units below that threshold? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using information from sample surveys (incl. household types surveys)	
	Using information from the most recent population census	
	Using administrative sources of data	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	
8	If you conducted the economic censuses in the past, what was the year of the last census?	2001
9	If you do not conduct an economic census, how is the compilation of the basic information about economic units organized in your country? <i>Please tick the applicable items:</i>	
	Using the systematically updated statistical business register	
	Using results of regular economic surveys programme	
	Using administrative sources of data	
	Other (<i>please specify</i>)	
10	Do you have plans to conduct an economic census in the future?	No

* For some countries the questionnaire is pre-filled. Please check the accuracy of the pre-filled responses. Additional sheets can be used to provide any extended responses as well as any clarifications/comments if necessary.

Please provide the address of your website where we can access materials describing your country practices in economic census:

Explanatory remarks: It is unfortunately not defined what is to be understood under an “economic census”.

The Austrian answer refers to the “*census of local units*” which in the past took place every ten years together with the population census and the census on buildings and dwellings. The local units were asked about their activities, the number of employment, and to which enterprise the unit belongs.

The plans are that the census of local units should be replaced in the future by register based statistics. The registers – mostly relevant here is the business register – should be maintained by using administrative sources. The next census round (2010) should therefore not require a census any longer.

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