

Country profile on Economic Census

1. Name of the Country	India
2. Name of Agency Responsible for Economic Census	Central Statistical Organisation, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
3. Description of Economic Census Objectives	
a) Source data for GDP	No information is collected on economic parameters
b) Profile the conomy; or others	The main objective of conducting Economic Census is to generate the latest frame of enterprises or establishments, covering all sectors of the economy (except Crop production & Plantation). The frame thrown up by the economic census is used to plan and conduct follow-up surveys in the unorganized sectors of the Economy, which provide useful information/data to assess health of the various sectors through key economic parameters.
4. Legal Mandate or Regulations for Conducting Economic Census	
a) required by law; or	a) There is no legal mandate or regulation for conducting Economic Census.
b) responses required (demand-driven) or on voluntary basis; and	b) For identification of enterprises each structure/household is visited.
c) is Economic Census data held confidential?	c) Economic Census data is held confidential. Household/unit-wise data is not made public. Only aggregated data is published.
5. Coverage	
a) which sectors are covered; does it cover business with employees or businesses without employees, government-owned enterprises;	a) All units engaged in the production or distribution of goods or services other than for the sole purpose of own consumption are counted. However, in the agricultural sector units in crop
b) description of the statistical unit;	

c)number of businesses covered.	production and plantation activities are not within the purview of Economic Census. It covers businesses with employees or businesses without employees and also Govt. owned enterprises.
6. Content	
a) list of key data variables that are collected;	a) Key data variables being collected are- name of the unit/household, number of enterprises with premises or without premises, agricultural/non-agricultural enterprises, type of the structure, description of economic activity, social group of ownership, power/fuel used, registration authority, number of workers both hired and non-hired, source of finance, year of start of operation in addition to identification particulars of unit/household.
b) does content vary by sector or industry; and	b) No
c) number of report forms.	c) Mainly two - one Houselist schedule and second Enterprise schedule. For Enterprises having 10 or more workers details of address and phone/fax no. would be collected through Address Slip.
7. Frequency	
How often is the economic census conducted? And the dates of the previous couple of censuses.	So far four Economic Censuses have been undertaken. The first Economic Census was conducted in 1977; second in 1980, third in 1990 and the fourth was in 1998. The Fifth Economic Census is in progress in 2005.
8. Methods	
a) mail-out and mail-back, enumeration or some combination;	a) enumeration
b) use of administrative data;	b) First hand data
c) sample or survey all businesses;	c) Census of all enterprises except crop production and plantation
d) Quality assurance versus other data sets	d)Quality of data is assured on account of supervision at various levels.
9. Data Products	
Brief description of the key data products; industry statistics, sub	The Economic census data is available both in hard print and soft print. All-

national geography, etc.; online availability, if possible.	India report of last Economic census is available on Ministry's website www.mospi.nic.in . The other data on all parameters are available on demand both in soft copy and hard copy.
10. uses and users of Economic Census Data	
a) source data for GDP	As mentioned above the main purpose of economic census is to generate latest frame of enterprises or establishments for conducting follow-up surveys. However, information on some parameters are being collected, maintained and provided to data users on demand.
b) benchmarking for GDP and	
c) possibly current surveys, etc.	