

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:  
Chapter 19: Population and labour inputs**

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**Part I: General comments**

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

*General comments:*

General comment	The Employment accounts (Federal Statistical Office) and the calculations of hours worked (Institute for Employment Research) in Germany do essentially meet the requests fixed in this draft chapter.
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## Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

### A. Introduction (paragraphs 19.1-19.8)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.1	Click here and start typing.
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\* Insert rows in this Word table for each paragraph on which you wish to comment.

### B. Population (paragraphs 19.9-19.14)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.9	Click here and start typing.
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### C. Measuring the labour force (paragraphs 19.15-19.37)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.15	Click here and start typing.
*19.16	The definition of the Labour Force given in this paragraph sounds artificial. "... those who are actively prepared to make their labour available..." describes the <b>supply of labour</b> that is equal to the economical active population. In the third sentence of this paragraph quotations should be added to the three categories "employed", "unemployed" and "not in the labour force".
19.22	It should be made clear that category a. comprises <b>unpaid</b> contributing family workers (without remuneration fixed by an implicit or explicit contract).
19.24	In this paragraph a hint to the ILO-Resolution with regard to the definition of unemployment should be added.

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### D. Standardized measures of labour inputs (paragraphs 19.38-19.55)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.46	<b>Unpaid overtime hours</b> were not included in the estimations of the Institute for Employment Research on labour volume for Germany for the time being.
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### **E. Estimating labour productivity (paragraphs 19.56-19.68)**

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19.56	Click here and start typing.
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### **F. A note on source data (paragraphs 19.69-19.74)**

General comment	Keeping in mind that the quality of the statistics (e.g. administrative sources) available varies considerably between countries it may be problematic to give general assessments on the usefulness of data sources for employment data. Chapter F might be unnecessary.
19.69	Click here and start typing.
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## **Part III. Other specific comments**

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are the details of the labour force and the differences between the ILO and SNA conventions sufficiently clear?
2. Is the discussion of standardised labour inputs sufficient?
3. Is the discussion of labour productivity sufficient?
4. Can you recommend references to be included?

*Specific comments:*

Specific comments	Click here and start typing.
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