

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

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Part I: General comments

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General comments:

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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.
19.5	Although the “Resolution on Labor Force and Population Statistics” is important, equally important for measuring labor inputs for productivity

	purposes is the “Resolution concerning the measurement of working time.” The resolution is currently under revision and will be adopted at the 18th ICLS in November 2008. It should be mentioned in this paragraph.
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B. Population (paragraphs 19.9-19.14)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.14	I believe this should be numbered section 2 within sub-section B.

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C. Measuring the labour force (paragraphs 19.15-19.37)

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19.21	I believe this should be numbered section 2 within sub-section C.

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

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.38	I would suggest a clarification in the last sentence to read “..., with total actual hours worked being a step better, and”
19.43	I believe this should be numbered section 2 within sub-section D.
19.46	Sub-sections (5) and (6) appear to be very redundant with sub-sections (3) and (4). I would suggest that sections (5) and (6) be removed. Also, I feel that section (5.h) and (7) should not be covered here but should appear only in sections 19.27-19.29.

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E. Estimating labour productivity (paragraphs 19.56-19.68)

General comment	Click here and start typing.
19.60	I believe this should be numbered section 2 within sub-section E.
19.63	I would suggest a slight re-write to the last sentence to read “...sets of estimates are consistent with each other, as well as with output measures, when calculating....”

19.68	I would suggest a slight re-write to the first sentence: “Analyzing international comparisons of productivity below....”
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F. A note on source data (paragraphs 19.69-19.74)

General comment	Because countries differ in the resources that are allocated to various types of surveys, I think it is critical to mention that the quality of any survey will depend upon the sample size, survey design, response rate and reference period. Also, many countries use a combination of data sources in order to develop the best measure of total hours worked for productivity measurement.
19.70	It should be noted that a shortcoming of household surveys is that they can allow for proxy reporting. Although a proxy respondent may be able to provide an accurate estimate of usual hours worked, they are not as reliable in providing an estimate of actual hours worked in the reference period.

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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:

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