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<i>Statement provided by:</i> Department of Economic Statistics of the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses of Ecuador (INEC)	
<i>Statement:</i>	
<p>According to the meetings held by the Group of Friends of the Presidency on Economic Statistics, the relevance of joint work between various national and international actors is emphasized. It is necessary to establish networks of associations and global statistical groups, for the development of strategies that promote methodological updating and improvement in statistical processes, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is recommended to adopt alternative solutions and the use of new sources to generate economic statistics.</p> <p>In this line, and in the context of the production of the Structural Business Survey (ENESEM), the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INEC), seeks cooperation agreements with other public entities, including the Internal Revenue Service (SRI, the Tax Office). This has allowed the use of the tax declaration of the accounting balances of the companies investigated in the ENESEM, reducing the response burden, survey times and the number of visits to the companies, keeping on the consistency and quality of the data.</p> <p>In addition, through ENESEM, a complementary module called “Survey on the economic impact caused by covid-19” was implemented, based on the methodology applied by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography of Mexico (INEGI), and with recommendations from the Ministry of Production of Ecuador (MPCEIP). This module allows obtaining qualitative and quantitative data on the effects of the pandemic on large and medium-sized companies in 2020. The results are expected to be published during the second quarter of 2021.</p>	
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