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SBR as the center of the processes of economic statistics production

Abstract

Since its creation in 2010, the Statistics Business Register of Mexico was conceived as the center of the processes for the INEGI's economic statistics production, consequently it was created as the unique updated data source of basic information for all establishments. Many advantages have been obtained since the creation of the SBR, the following are the most important:

- A unique identifier (Business Statistic Key, CLEE -its acronym in Spanish-) is used in all projects that collect information on establishments, which facilitates the association of economic variables captured by the different projects related to the same economic unit. Previously, different identifiers were used for each project.
- Establishments being part of an enterprise are associated with the same enterprise identifier. The use of this key is mandatory for all projects using information by enterprise.
- From the SBR, directories and sampling frames for all projects on establishments and enterprises carried out by INEGI, are extracted.
- In the SBR, data updates of establishments and enterprises that are captured through the different on-site collection activities carried out by the INEGI, are incorporated. Besides, administrative registers from external sources are used to detect new establishments (births) and establishments that ceased operations (deaths), in order to incorporate them to the SBR, prior on-site verification.
- In order to update specific segments of establishments and/or enterprises of the SBR, on-site collection activities are conducted, trying to reduce the respondent's burden, since the information they have provided to INEGI for other projects, which are part of the sample, is being considered. For example, the SBR is updated with data on annual revenues provided by respondents for the annual surveys of trade, manufacturing and services sectors.
- We work closely with government institutions that own administrative registers with the purpose of harmonizing conceptual and informatics differences in order to facilitate the exchange of information. As a result, data on administrative registers from external sources has been linked with SBR data that refers to the same economic unit, through the CLEE. The linking strategy considers working with the most important establishments in the country.
- The production of new statistics has been possible by combining information from external and internal sources.

- The SBR is used as a bridge between different sources of information, internal and external, since the CLEE makes possible to enhance the statistical capacity, providing the possibility to produce new results and to develop new studies.

The paper will describe in more detail the advantages, the activities to develop in the short, medium and long term, as well as the challenges of the Statistics Business Register of Mexico.