

# Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers - International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

## Country progress report 2015 and future plans

**Country:**

Israel

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### I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

Business Register

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Israel Central Bureau of Statistics

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Established and managed by the Business-Economic department

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

8

5. Primary goal and use of the register

Classification of economic units, extracting sampling frames for business's surveys, producing and publishing Business Demography data

6. Year of establishment of the register

2003

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineering(s) of the register

8. Number of active enterprises\* in the register at the end of 2015

\*If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

Enterprises: 549,181

Legal units:

### II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2015) or the problems you have tackled.

1. Short title of work which was done

New sector classification in the Business Register (Shift from SNA 1993 to SNA 2008)

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Creation of conversion table from the SNA1993 to SNA2008 and, building algorithm for automatic (new) sector classification and updating and maintaing enterprises sector classification.

2. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

3. Short title of work which was done

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2016) and following year(s).

1. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Matching data on enterprise's owner in a specific year from the Business Register to the Population Registry in order to produce Business Demography data by gender, nationality, etc

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

Using information on enterprise's economic activities collected on business's surveys to update and maintain units classification and to try and build a secondary classification database

3. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

### IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register.

1. Main challenge 1

Description of the challenge

Data on employers in the Business Register are obtained from the National Insurance institute's administrative files. The files include employment units with aggregated data on the number of employee jobs, and may also include data on multi-disciplinary economic activity in terms of industries and in geographical terms. This is reflected in large employers such as local authorities, banks, chain stores, postal and courier services, gas stations etc. This may create a problematic situation, in which all of the employee jobs in such enterprises are registered geographically at one address, which is the address listed at the National Insurance Institute, even when the employee jobs are actually scattered among branches of the business throughout the country

2. Main challenge 2

Description of the challenge

Because the administrative files used to update and maintain the Business Register (V.A.T, National Insurance institute, Income tax files) don't contain information on ownerships in terms type of ownership (domestic/foreign) and share (percentage), and we're using data from external sources that don't have information on all the enterprises in the Business Register or the data is not always current, we find it difficult to locate and define the EG.

3. Main challenge 3

V.A.T Partnerships (dealers union)

Description of the challenge

A partnership/dealers' union may include businesses from similar or different industries and because they report their revenue to VAT Aggregately in one reporting unit, we find it difficult sometimes to determine what is the classification of the V.A.T Partnership unit according to the main activity of the partners.