

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

Country progress report 2015 and future plans

Country:

JAPAN

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

1. Name of the register

Business Register in Japan (Formal name: Establishment Frame Database)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

Economic Structure Statistics Division, Statistical Survey Department

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

12

5. Primary goal and use of the register

To provide sampling frames to other ministries and agencies, local governments as well as incorporated administrative agencies, etc., and to reduce reporting burdens on respondents by avoiding excessive selection as survey samples.

6. Year of establishment of the register

2002

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

2008, 2012

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: About 4.10 million enterprises as of July 1, 2014

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

Updated the population for the Business Register by using the results of the Economic Census 2014

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have updated the population for the Business Register by using the results of the Economic Census for Business Frame 2014, and started to provide the 2014 Frame of the Business Register in December 2015.

2. Short title of work which was done

Preparing for the 25th meeting of the Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers in Tokyo

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We have prepared thoroughly for the Wiesbaden Group meeting in Tokyo. In the Steering Group of the Wiesbaden Group, we have discussed and decided the session themes, session leaders and so on for the Wiesbaden Group meeting in Tokyo.

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

Conducting the Economic Census for Business Activities 2016

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

We conducted the Economic Census for Business Activities in June 2016. Its results will be used as a basic data source for the Business Register.

2. Short title of work planned

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

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

Restructuring the maintenance methods of the Business Register

Description of the challenge

We are planning to introduce a rolling survey, the profiling of enterprises and so on, as the maintenance methods of the Business Register.

2. Main challenge 2

Introducing a rolling survey

Description of the challenge

We are planning to introduce a rolling survey to grasp high quality information on the births and deaths of businesses on a more timely basis.

3. Main challenge 3

Producing small area statistics

Description of the challenge

We are planning to produce small area statistics about businesses.