

Cost structure survey in manufacturing, mining and quarrying (KSE-VG)

Aim of the statistics: The results of the cost structure survey are often used as base data for advanced secondary statistical calculation, for example the identification of the amounts contributed by the individual sectors of economic activity to the gross domestic product (GDP) within national accounting. At the same time the cost structure survey complies with requirements of the European Union, which are laid down in the regulation concerning structural business statistics and which allow international performance and cost comparison.

Periodicity: Annual

Regional field of survey: Federal territory

Reporting period: Calendar year

Survey population: The coverage of the cost structure survey is defined according to the NACE Rev. 1, which is standardised within the EU, and comprises sections C “mining and quarrying” as well as D “manufacturing”. The survey population includes all enterprises with 20 or more employees and engaged only or mainly in these sectors (main activity). The main activity of an enterprise is the activity accounting for the majority of value added of the entire enterprise.

Sampling method: The cost structure survey is conducted annually as a representative sample survey among some 18,000 enterprises, which is equivalent to an average sampling fraction of about 45%. For example in 2003 16,728 enterprises were questioned. New samples were drawn in 1995, 1997, 1999 and 2003.

Survey characteristics: Sex; active persons; cost; turnover; receipt of material and goods for resale; fixed assets produced on own account; stock of materials and goods; gross production value; net production value; gross value added; net value added; subsidies; expenses for research and development.

Legal bases:

EU legal basis: Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics, last amended by Art. 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006.

National legal basis: Art. 3 of the law on statistics in industry (ProdGewStatG) in the version as published on 7 September 2007, amended by Art. 14 of the law of 7 September 2007 in association with the Law on Statistics for Federal Purposes (Federal Statistics Law - BStatG) of 22 January 1987, last amended by Art. 3 of the law of 7 September 2007.

Subject-related breakdown: Current edition of the German Classification of Economic Activities (WZ)