

Structural survey in the service sector

Aim of the statistics: The service statistics contains information on the structure of enterprises of the business service areas of economic sections I and K, especially to assess their efficiency and productivity for purposes of economic policy. Europe-wide coherent information about those enterprises and institutions is covered.

Periodicity: Annual, since 2000

Regional field of survey: Federal territory

Reporting period: Calendar year. For the number of active persons – 30 September of reference year.

Survey population: Enterprises or institutions for freelance work with turnover of EUR 17,500 and more, whose main economic activity is in the economic sections of transport, storage and communication as well as real estate, renting and business activities.

Economic branches covered: 60 - 64,70 - 74

Sampling method: Within the scope of service sector statistics a representative sample survey of about 150,000 enterprises is conducted, which corresponds to a sampling fraction of 15% of the population. For 2003 data of 143,660 institutions and enterprises are available. A new sampling was implemented in 2003.

Survey characteristics: legal form; main economic activity; number of branch offices; number of active persons; sex; occupational status; full-time and/or part-time employment; sum of gross wages and salaries; legal and other employers' social benefits for the employees; turnover or proceeds by domestic and foreign origin as well as other operational earnings; expenditure for goods, material and services by types; value of stocks of goods and material by types; expenditure for rental, leasehold and leasing; tax; charges; subsidies; value of tangible fixed assets; value of intangible assets by types; value of own-account production of fixed assets

Legal bases:

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

National legal basis: Law on introducing service statistics and on changing statistical legal regulations of 19 December 2000, Art. 1 of the Law on statistics in the service sector (service statistics law - DIStatG), amended by Art. 13 of the law of 7 September 2007, in association with the Law on Statistics for Federal Purposes (Bundesstatistikgesetz - 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)