State Register of Statistical Units (Business Register) in the National Statistical System of Azerbaijan
Necessity to Establish a Register

To systemize data of daily increasing set of the economic units and ensure a basis for statistical surveys, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 1992 adopted a resolution on establishment of the State Register of Statistical Units.
Legislative Framework

- Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers on establishment of the register of statistical units.

Resources

- 6 employees at the central level, one employee per each regional office (77), but at the same time they deal with other branches of statistics as well.
Register is Centrally Maintained and Consists of Three Parts

1. Units of Legal Entities. Includes all legal entities that have undergone state registration as well as their business units (branches, local units, etc.);

2. Register of Individuals doing the entrepreneurial activity;

3. Register of Farms. Consists of the land owners involved in agriculture and using the own (family members’) labor.
Register Coverage and Primary Purpose

Register covers the following entities

- all enterprises, institutions and organizations, public and religious organizations, cooperatives, stock exchanges, banks, broker’s office, and other entities regardless of a type of activity and form of ownership;
- business units, branches and representative offices of the enterprises and organizations operating in Azerbaijan;
- legal entities and individuals doing the entrepreneurial activity.

Register primary purpose

- a tool for detection and establishment of the statistical units;
- a tool for preparation and coordination of the surveys;
- an information source used at the statistic analysis of an aggregate of the enterprises and their demography;
- a tool for attraction of data obtained from administrative sources and a tool for data dissemination.
Main Data Sources

Law “On Official Statistics”, Article 12: “For organizing the official statistics, the State Statistical Committee maintains the state register of statistical units”

To assure quality of the sources, administrative data are controlled for compliance with the tasks of the official statistics, data of alternative sources are compared, administrative data are compared with data obtained during the statistical surveys.
Main Register Aspects

- Statistical code;
- Taxpayer Identification Code;
- Name;
- Address (index, district code, area code);
- Telephone, fax, e-mail address;
- Code of economic activity (NACE rev.2);
- Code of legal form;
- Code of form of ownership;
- Area code;
- Number of employees: annual average;
- Etc.
Compliance with International Standards

International classifications used in the register:

Main classifications used in the register are Classification of Economic Activities (based on NACE rev.2), Classification of Economy Sectors, World Country Classification.

Methodology

Main methodology used when maintaining the register includes various Eurostat recommendations on business registers, international recommendations for statistical business register:

- Business registers Recommendations manual (Eurostat);
- International Guidelines for Statistical Business Registers (Eurostat);
- Guidelines on Statistical Business Registers (UNECE).
Register Users

External users

- Public authorities
- Scientific institutions
- Public organizations
- Higher educational institutions
- Mass media
- Other users

Internal users

- Branch departments
- Local statistical authorities
- Information Technologies Department
- On-line catalogue
Since 1997, the register is annually updated. When register updating, the following is specified:

- address data of the units;
- primary and secondary activities of the units;
- state of economic activity of the units;
- number of employees and annual turnover (scope of works performed) to determine a size of the units and subsequent stratification;
- and other aspects.
Register Updating

- Administrative sources
- Local statistical authorities
- Branch departments

 Updating

State Register of Statistical Units

- Administrative register is updated continuously
- Statistical register is updated annually
Statistical Registers

- use of administrative data
  - for development of statistical registers
  - for production of official statistics
    - state register of statistical units (operates since 1996)
      - sub-register of legal entities (100,325)
      - sub-register of individuals (576,906)
      - sub-register of farms (more than 850,000)
Major Changes in Register (Quality of Register)

In 2015, the State Statistical Committee surveyed small business entities, including individual entrepreneurs. The survey was aimed at assessment of quality of the registers of legal entities and individuals doing the entrepreneurial activity.

After processing of data obtained during the survey and compilation of the output tables, an analysis was performed that enabled to assess both quality of survey and quality of the register of individuals. General statistical analysis after the survey also assesses the different characteristics of general population and is considered to be as an important procedure for making any decision on general population.
Specified Further Activities for Register Development

- improvement of software used for maintaining the register;
- implementation of the data input system of local units to the register by the regional statistical departments;
- widening the use of administrative data;
- integration of the information resources of statistics with the resources of other administrative sources.
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