

Uzbekistan

Metadata

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics acts independently in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” adopted on August 11, 2021.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

On September 2, 2017, the “Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics” was approved, which defines the mandate, functions and structure of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, which is the main body responsible for coordination, monitoring and supervision of the National Statistical System, as well as for collecting, processing, analysis and dissemination of data. Its functions include providing a unified statistical methodology that meets international standards.

In accordance with article 14 of the Law, state statistics bodies have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;
- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;
- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for

submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order №O-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within the framework of this system.

0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

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According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data

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According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

According to the Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, the State Committee on Statistics has the right to conduct statistical observations of the activities of legal entities and individuals, including individual entrepreneurs, and use the data obtained for statistical purposes, also ensures the confidentiality of the statistical data obtained, the protection of statistical data, containing state secrets.

The State Committee on Statistics employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the State Committee on Statistics is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting

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According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

1.Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

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According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

In the production of this statistical information, government intervention is not allowed, and professional independence is fully ensured.

When selecting the employees and appointing them to senior positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Improvement of the qualification of the department’s employees is ensured through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Employees of the department give lectures at

training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. The placement of scientific articles of the department's employees in the mass media has been organized.

1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Regulation on the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (clause 15) determines that The State Committee on Statistics has the right to consider and provide clarifications on cases of misuse and interpretation of statistical information and statistical data.

That is, The State Committee on Statistics may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

1.2 Transparency

1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the Committee (www.stat.uz). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at www.lex.uz. Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by The State Committee on Statistics prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that the information published for the public in print statistical publications, information bulletins and in mass media is produced by the State Committee on Statistics.

1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The State Committee on Statistics notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The State Committee on Statistics posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

1.3. Ethical standards

1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics

The Rules of Conduct for The State Committee on Statistics employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of The State Committee on Statistics is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

4. Serviceability

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

The annual statistical program provides timelines for revising a number of data categories, including national accounts, price and production indices, and trade data. The data revision cycle is predetermined and is fairly stable from year to year. In addition, each year the annual statistics

program allows for an overview of current data and the needs of data users. The annual statistical program is drawn up in November of each year, submitted for consideration to the Statistical Council and, after consideration by the Statistical Council, is submitted by the authorized state body for approval to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

In accordance with the Law "On Official Statistics" when publishing preliminary statistical data subject to further revision, they are indicated as preliminary.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

According to the Law, producers of official statistics are obliged to publish official statistics within the timeframes stipulated by the statistical program and the publication calendar of official statistics.

Any change in the publication date of official statistics shall be made public to the public prior to the planned publication date.

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

The State committee on statistics publishes data to the public on its website (www.stat.uz).

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

Contacts are available on the website of the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics (www.stat.uz) and are available in metadata.

9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

On August 3, 2020, the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-4796 "On measures to further improve and develop the national system of statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted, in which, in order to ensure the independence of state statistics bodies, increase the objectivity and reliability of statistical information, priority areas were identified improving the national system of statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan and approved the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2020-2025.

In August 2021, the Law "On Official Statistics" came into force, defining such concepts as regulation in the field of official statistics, the rights and obligations of producers of official

statistics, respondents, suppliers of administrative data and users of official statistics statistical programs, observations and registers, censuses, the procedure for their compilation and approval, statistical data, the procedure for their use and confidentiality, ensuring the quality of official statistics, its dissemination and publication.

The State committee on statistics follows the General Statistical Business Processes Model (GSBPM) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), which lists statistical business processes that support quality management and metadata management.

Since 2020, a methodology has been introduced for the formation of price indices for export supplies and import receipts. In 2021, the list of consumer goods and services was updated, according to which prices are monitored (as of 2021, 510 items). Introduced CAPI technology using tablet devices in all regions selected for monitoring consumer prices. Improvement of tools (forms and questionnaires) of state statistical observations. Expansion of the nomenclature list of goods and enterprises for monitoring producer prices (annual basis) As for the national accounts, OKED Rev.2 was introduced into statistical practice. A satellite tourism account has been introduced.

Industry: development of a methodology for calculating the volume of individual and entrepreneurial activities, taking into account modern international standards. Improvement of tools (forms and questionnaires) of statistical observations.

In order to obtain reliable and high-quality data on wages, statistical reporting on labor with a quarterly frequency was improved.

9.3 Financial

9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term

Funding comes from the annual statistical program. To implement short-term plans, technical assistance is needed to study international recommendations and best practices.

Technical assistance is required to improve the calculation of macroeconomic indicators in accordance with the 2008 SNA.

9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term

Funding comes from the annual statistical program. For the implementation of the medium-term plans, technical assistance is needed to study international recommendations and best practices.

Technical assistance is required to implement financial accounting.

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