

**Uzbekistan**  
**Metadata**  
**Tariff indices for transportation and communication services**

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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 No. P-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the expanded General Data Dissemination System (r-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within this system.

### **0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

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**

#### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

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**

##### **The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics**

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.

## **0.2 Resources**

### **0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing**

The formation of tariff indices for transportation and communication services in the Central Office is carried out by the employees of the Producer Price Statistics Division, in the territorial statistics offices by 1-2 employees of the regional Divisions of Price Statistics.

The number of employees is sufficient to fulfill the tasks set for the formation of statistical data on statistics of producer prices.

All employees have higher education and at least once every 2 years take courses at the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research under the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics.

Each workplace is provided with a personal computer connected to the local network.

The software is developed directly at The State Statistics Committee, which allows, if necessary, to make updates and changes to it in accordance with existing and emerging tasks.

## **1. Integrity**

### **1.1 Professionalism**

#### **1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics**

##### **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 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 recruiting employees and appointing them to managerial positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Advanced training of management staff is provided 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. Management staff lecture at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Skills Upgrading and Statistical Research. Organized the placement of scientific articles of employees of the department in the media.

### **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](http://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](http://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 information published to the public in print statistical publications, newsletters and 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.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 Concepts and definitions

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Tariff indices for transportation and communications services are used to assess inflationary processes in the field of transport and communications, to determine deflator indices, which are used when performing various economic calculations and forecasting at the macro level.

Calculation of tariff indices for transportation and communication services is carried out in accordance with the “Methodological Regulations for the Calculation of Tariff Indices for Transportation and Communication Services” (approved by the Resolution of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 26, 2018 No. 16), based on the recommendations of the IMF experts and the Guidelines on Producer Price Index: Theory and Practice”International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### 2.2 Scope

#### 2.2.1 Scope

##### 2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

Formation of tariff indices for transportation and communication services, surveillance covers enterprises throughout the territory with the main type of economic activity classified in accordance with the National Classifier of Economic Activities (OKED, rev. 2), based on NACE rev. 2., To sections H. “Transportation and storage” and J. “Information and communication”.

##### 2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

The indices of tariffs for transportation and communication services do not include changes in individual services for own final consumption, the production of services when renting vehicles and the sale of illegal market services.

##### 2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

Enterprises with less than 25 employees are included in the survey of tariffs for transportation and communication services by prior arrangement and on a voluntary basis.

## **2.3 Classification/sectorization**

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Until 2016, when forming the PPI, the national classifier was used, since January 2016, the PPI calculation has been carried out by type of activity in accordance with the National Classifier of Economic Activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan (OKED, rev. 2).

To classify products, the Statistical Classifier of Products (Goods, Works, Services) by types of economic activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan is used, based on the CPA2008-Statistical classification of products by activity in the European Economic Community (CPA 2008 - Statistical classification of products by types of activities in the European Economic Community).

## **2.4 Basis for recording**

### **2.4.1 Valuation**

The valuation rules used to register flows are broadly in line with the 2008 SNA. The valuation rule used to assess the services provided (for weights) and tariffs is based on data on the volume of market services provided. VAT, consumption taxes and subsidies are excluded.

### **2.4.2 Recording basis**

Enterprises submit data on tariffs for services rendered during the reporting period on a monthly basis no later than the 18th day of the reporting month. The tariffs for the services provided are taken into account in the period in which they were provided.

### **2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures**

The procedures for calculating gross / net indicators are carried out in accordance with the 2008 SNA. The procedure for calculating the tariff index for transportation and communication services for specific types of goods and types of activity is carried out according to the principle of “net types of activity” (according to the service belonging to the corresponding type of activity).

## **3. Accuracy and reliability**

### **3.1 Source data**

#### **3.1.1 Source data collection programs**

To collect data, an electronic database is formed on a monthly basis. Data sources are analyzed to provide a comprehensive characterization of data collection programs.

The main statistical sample survey of enterprises is the comprehensive and constantly updated Unified State Register of Enterprises and Organizations, functioning in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 274 of September 25, 2012 “On Approval of the Regulation on the Unified State Register of Enterprises and Organizations”

### **3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording**

Initial data are consistent with the moment of recording

### **3.1.3 Source data timeliness**

The periodicity and timeliness of collecting primary data from sample surveys of tariffs make it possible to generate output information on tariff indices for transportation and communication services in accordance with the requirements provided for by the system for disseminating price statistics data.

The host organizations (respondents) have been notified of the established reporting deadlines. Newly incorporated businesses are notified of the reporting deadline in writing.

## **3.2 Assessment of source data**

### **3.2.1 Source data assessment**

Information on relative tariffs and their extreme values is constantly checked. The analysis and comparison of tariffs by enterprises is carried out. If extreme values are detected, the data is refined directly at the enterprise.

## **3.3 Statistical techniques**

### **3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques**

Data compilation procedures minimize coding errors by using an existing software package and logic control.

In the absence of monitored representative services, notional tariff values are calculated or the tariffs of previous periods are used.

### **3.3.2 Other statistical procedures**

To establish the weighting coefficients, data on the volume of sales of services are used. The time lag is 2 years. The reference period for prices is December of the previous year. Linkage (consistency) and the transition from the average annual structure of services provided to a similar structure in December prices is carried out by applying a correction factor, which corresponds to the methodology adopted in international practice. The structure of the weights is updated annually based on data from the statistics of services.

To compile estimates of rates indices for transportation and communication services, short-term price changes in comparison with the previous month and long-term price changes (to December of the previous year, from the beginning of the year to the corresponding period of the previous year) are used, calculated using the modified Laspeyres formula.



## **3.4 Data validation**

### **3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results**

Information on tariffs for transportation and communication services for enterprises providing services is compared with information obtained from other available sources (official sites, etc.).

### **3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data**

Comparison of information with data is carried out using other sources (see 3.4.1). The State Committee on Statistics investigates, if necessary, statistical discrepancies.

### **3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs**

Comparison of information with data is made using other sources (see 3.4.1). The State Statistics Committee investigates statistical discrepancies when necessary.

## **3.5 Analysis of data revisions**

### **3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses**

Data on the generated tariff indices for transportation and communication services are not revised. The formation of updated specific weights for the indices of tariffs for transportation and communication services is carried out annually and is introduced into the calculation from January of each year.

## **4. Serviceability**

### **4.1 Periodicity and timeliness**

#### **4.1.1 Periodicity**

Tariff indices for transportation and communication services are compiled monthly.

#### **4.1.2 Timeliness**

Tariff indices for transportation and communication services are distributed in accordance with the Program of Statistical Works on a monthly basis on the 5th day of the month following the reporting one.

### **4.2 Consistency**

#### **4.2.1 Internal consistency**

Tariff indices for transportation and communication services are formed in the country as a whole, as well as broken down by types of economic activity. Statistical series are characterized by internal comparability.

#### **4.2.2 Temporal consistency**

Consecutive monthly series of tariff indices for transportation and communications services have been available since 1994.

Until 2016, tariff indices for transportation and communication services were formed in the structure of the national classifier, since 2016 - in the structure of economic activities (according to the National Classifier of Economic Activities (OKED, rev. 2) based on NACE rev. 2).

#### **4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency**

The SCS ensures the correspondence of statistical data on the indices of tariffs for transportation and communication services with other statistical data.

### **4.3 Revision**

#### **4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule**

Data on generated and published rates indices for transportation and communication services are not revised.

#### **4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data**

The final data is disseminated.

#### **4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses**

## **5. Accessibility**

### **5.1 Data**

#### **5.1.1 Statistical presentation**

Data on tariff indices for transportation and communication services are provided to users through the statistical bulletin “Tariff indices for transportation and communication services”, through the publications “Statistical Yearbook of Uzbekistan”, as well as on the official website of the State Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan at <http://www.stat.uz> in the section “Prices and Indices”.

Monthly information on the index of tariffs for transportation and communication services is also available on the website of the open data portal of the Republic of Uzbekistan <https://data.gov.uz/ru/datasets>.

The release schedules of statistical publications (data) are reflected in the Statistical Work Program. In statistical compilations, information is provided in tabular and graphical form.

## **5.1.2 Dissemination media and format**

### **5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release**

The monthly newsletter is available in hard copy.

### **5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin**

Not available.

### **5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin**

Statistical Bulletin “Tariff Indices for Transportation and Communication Services”

### **5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin**

Not available.

### **5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other**

Tables for special user requests

### **5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data**

Monthly information on the indices of tariffs for transportation and communication services is available on the official website in the section “Prices and Indices” <https://stat.uz/ru>. The monthly newsletter is distributed to interested users (government or corporate).

## **5.1.3. Advance release calendar**

### **5.1.4 Simultaneous release**

### **5.1.5 Dissemination on request**

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics”, the Regulation “On the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics”, the Regulation on the organization of work on the preparation and dissemination of statistical information and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon their request in the prescribed manner.

Dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing, upon written request of legal entities or individuals, in the form of printed or electronic tables, statistical compilations, bulletins, express information, as well as in accordance with the agreements of the parties on information interaction.

## 5.2 Metadata

### 5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, coverage, classifications, basis of accounting, data sources and statistical methods

The website contains methodological provisions for the formation of indicators of tariff indices for transportation and communication services <https://lib.stat.uz/ru/metodicheskie-materialy/tseny>

## 5.3. Assistance to users

### 5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

## 9. Plans

### 9.1 Recent

#### 9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Completed plans:

Improvement of tools (forms and questionnaires) of statistical observations. Expansion of the nomenclature list of services and enterprises for monitoring tariffs (on an annualized basis).

### 9.2 General

#### 9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

Amendments and additions to the Methodological Provisions for the Calculation of the Index of Tariffs for Transportation and Communication Services, taking into account the revision of the statistical reporting forms.

#### 9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

Expanding the coverage of enterprises at the expense of small businesses

### 9.3 Financial

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

Funding is provided within the framework of the annually approved Statistical Work Program.

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

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