

Uzbekistan
Metadata
Number of premature births

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0. Prerequisites

0.1 Legal environment

0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

On August 11, 2021, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” was adopted, which was developed on the basis of the Generic Law on Official Statistics for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

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.

Also, in accordance with the Regulations on the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 24, 2025 No. RP-75 “On measures to organize the activities of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the National Statistics Committee is responsible for compliance with the basic principles of official statistics and identity of statistical methodology consistent with international recommendations; organizing the collection of statistical data, statistical observations of households, conducting censuses, one-time counts, sample surveys and other statistical observations; providing users of all levels with official statistical data in the prescribed manner; maintaining statistical registers and classification systems for their use for statistical purposes.

At the same time, in accordance with Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, statistical authorities 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.

Management of statistical processes, including the preparation and dissemination of statistical data, is carried out in accordance with national procedures developed on the basis of international quality management models (GSIM, GSBPM, GAMS0).

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.

The National Statistics Committee's 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 National Statistics Committee 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.

0.2 Resources

0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing

Formation of demographic data at the republican level is carried out by employees of the Division of Demographic Indicators within the Department of Demography, Labor and Gender Statistics of the National Statistics Committee. At the regional level, this indicator is compiled by employees of the divisions of demography, labor and gender statistics of the territorial statistical departments.

There are 3 employees in the Division of Demographic Indicators, and an average of 3 employees in the divisions of demography, labor and gender statistics of territorial departments. The number of employees is sufficient to fulfill the assigned tasks for compiling statistical data on population statistics.

All employees have the appropriate level of qualification. Maintaining and developing work skills is facilitated by regular training of employees through courses at the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research of the National Statistics Committee.

Electronic computing resources are sufficient to perform the assigned tasks. The software is periodically updated and meets both current and emerging requirements. Each workstation is equipped with a personal computer connected to a local network. Adequate protection of electronic computing resources is ensured, including through emergency support systems for the recovery of statistical information.

Material, technical, and other resources correspond to the assigned tasks. The financial resources provided are sufficient to carry out the work stipulated by the statistical program on demographic statistics.

1.Integrity

1.1 Professionalism

1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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.

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 Development and Statistical Research of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 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 Development 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

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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 National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The National Statistics Committee 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 National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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 National Statistics Committee (<https://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 National Statistics Committee's official website.

1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by the National Statistics Committee 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 National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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 National Statistics Committee.

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

The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The National Statistics Committee notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The National Statistics Committee 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 National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Rules of Conduct for the National Statistics Committee's 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 National Statistics Committee 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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The concepts and definitions used are based on internationally recognized statistical systems.

When determining the number of premature births, the following International Recommendations are applied:

"Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System," approved by the UN Statistical Commission at its 45th session in 2014 (Third revised edition, UN New York, 2015).

The International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, approved by the International Conference on the Tenth Revision of the ICD in 1989 and adopted by the Forty-third World Health Assembly.

"Recommendations of the Conference of European Statisticians on Conducting the 2020 Population and Housing Census" of United Nations, New York and Geneva, 2015.

Population and Housing Census in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia (Review of the 2010 Round Census Practice, UN New York, 2016).

National normative-legal acts:

Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Administrative-Territorial Structure of the Republic of Uzbekistan" No. LRU-635 of August 28, 2020;

Family Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 607-I of April 30, 1998;

Civil Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 163-I of December 21, 1995 and No. 256-I of August 29, 1996;

Order of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Approval of Civil Status Record Forms and Rules for Their Completion" No. 234-mh of October 23, 2012;

Order of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Approval of the Instruction on the Procedure for Issuing Medical Birth Certificates, Medical Certificates of Perinatal Death and Death in Healthcare Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan" No. 56 of February 27, 2010;

Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Additional Measures to Improve the Passport System in the Republic of Uzbekistan" No. UP-4262 of January 5, 2011;

Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Approval of the Instruction 'On the Procedure for Implementing the Passport System in the Republic of Uzbekistan'" dated April 9, 1999, No. 55;

Methodological provisions for the formation of key demographic indicators, approved by Order No. 123 of May 31, 2024;

Guidelines for encoding civil status records and statistical accounting forms when compiling key demographic indicators, approved by Order No. 78 of April 30, 2024.

2.2 Scope

2.2.1 Scope

2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

The geographical coverage of the data includes the Republic of Karakalpakstan, 12 regions, and the city of Tashkent.

Data on premature births cover women under 20 years of age residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan and citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan under 20 years of age residing abroad (without exceptions).

The number of premature births represents the total number of pregnancies in women under 20 years of age.

2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

There are no exceptions to the statistical coverage.

2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

There is no unrecorded activity.

2.3 Classification/sectorization

2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

The statistical classifier "System of Designations for Administrative-Territorial Entities (Objects) of the Republic of Uzbekistan" is used to compile data for the territory.

2.4 Basis for recording

2.4.1 Valuation

The main unit of accounting is a person.

2.4.2 Recording basis

The registration of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces is carried out according to the records in civil registry offices (under the Ministry of Justice).

2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures

In the reporting year, the total number of premature births is calculated based on the data derived from birth certificate records.

3. Accuracy and reliability

3.1 Source data

3.1.1 Source data collection programs

Data on premature birth statistics are collected annually.
Data are generated systematically on an annual basis.
The results of the assessments are tracked and taken into account in the statistical process.

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

The source data closely approximate the required parameters in terms of definition, statistical coverage, classification, evaluation, and time of recording.
The number of premature births is subject to mandatory registration with the Civil Registry Office of the Ministry of Justice.
Absolute numbers of events are obtained through statistical processing of information of birth certificate records.

3.1.3 Source data timeliness

The data collection program ensures their timely receipt.
Source data are developed annually by the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the timeframes established by the statistical program for the republic as a whole and for its regions.

3.2 Assessment of source data

3.2.1 Source data assessment

The received data are analyzed and undergo mandatory control and verification in the territorial statistics offices and the National Statistics Committee.
If registration errors are detected, the information is mandatory clarified.

3.3 Statistical techniques

3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques

Data on premature births cover women under 20 years of age residing in the Republic of Uzbekistan and women who are citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan under 20 years of age residing abroad (without exceptions).

The applied statistical methods correspond to well-established statistical procedures, which allows minimizing processing errors.

Data compilation procedures minimize errors in data processing, such as errors in coding, data editing, and table creation.

3.3.2 Other statistical procedures

Data adjustments and transformations are made based on the Methodological provisions for the formation of key demographic indicators, the Guidelines for encoding civil status records and statistical accounting forms when compiling key demographic indicators.

3.4 Data validation

3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results

Regular reconciliation of assessment and reporting data is carried out.

3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data

Regular assessment and verification of final data are carried out.

Based on the results of annual data processing, the number of registered premature births is clarified according to the date of occurrence.

3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs

Statistical discrepancies in intermediate data are assessed and investigated. Statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in output statistical data are studied.

If discrepancies are found in previously published data, changes are made to these data in subsequent publications.

3.5 Revision studies

3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses

The study and analysis of revisions are conducted systematically on an annual basis, and their results are taken into account in internal statistical work.

4. Serviceability

4.1 Periodicity and timeliness

4.1.1 Periodicity

Periodicity and timeliness meet internationally recognized data dissemination standards. Statistics on the number of premature births are collected annually. Publication of statistical data on the number of premature births occurs annually, which complies with the IMF's GDDS requirement.

4.1.2 Timeliness

Final annual data for the republic and regions are prepared by May 30.

4.2 Consistency

4.2.1 Internal consistency

Statistical data are characterized by internal consistency and comparability over time.

4.2.2 Temporal consistency

Comparable time series of data are available for a sufficient period. Time series begin in 2010.

4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency

Statistical data are consistent with data obtained from other sources (healthcare authorities and others).

4.3 Revision

4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule

The data revision cycle is determined in advance. The deadlines for preparing preliminary and final data are determined annually by the developed statistical program.

4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data

During data dissemination, users are informed whether the data are preliminary or final. When publishing preliminary or final data, an appropriate notation is made.

4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses

An analysis of the revised data is conducted in comparison with the preliminary data, which allows for assessing the reliability of the preliminary data.

5. Accessibility

5.1 Data

5.1.1 Statistical presentation

Data are published by territory. Annual data are provided to users on the official website of the National Statistics Committee at the following addresses: <https://stat.uz/>, <https://siat.stat.uz/>.

5.1.2 Dissemination media and format

5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release

Data are provided to government bodies and other users upon their request in agreed-upon table formats.

5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin

Not available.

5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other

Tables are provided upon user request.

5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data

Statistical data and time series in the form of electronic tables are posted annually and constantly updated on the official website of the National Statistics Committee.

5.1.3 Advance release calendar

Published on the official website <https://stat.uz/> - Official Statistics Calendar.

5.1.4 Simultaneous release

No.

5.1.5 Dissemination on request

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Official Statistics" 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, individuals and international organizations, printed or electronic tables, express information, as well as in accordance with agreements between parties on information exchange.

5.2 Metadata

5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques

Information on concepts, accounting basis, data sources, and statistical methods is presented in the disseminated statistical compilations as methodological explanations for the main indicators.

Methodological guidelines for the formation and calculation of statistical indicators are posted on the official website of the National Statistics Committee.

5.3 Assistance to users

5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points

Official publications of the National Statistics Committee provide contact details for communication with personnel responsible for statistical data preparation.

9. Plans

9.1 Recent

9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements

Software for recording natural population change and migration has been enhanced. Registration of demographic events has been improved.

9.2 General

9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term

None.

9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term

Enhancing data exchange processes between the National Statistics Committee, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

9.3 Financial

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

None.

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

Implementation of medium-term plans requires technical assistance in studying international recommendations and best practices.

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