



مركز الإحصاء
STATISTICS CENTRE



Economic Surveys

2012

Quality Statement

Executive summary

The Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi conducts economic surveys to provide the data necessary to support the policies and take economic decisions in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

• Institutional Arrangements

- The Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi is the official source of statistical data in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi under Law No. 7 of 2008.
- The survey was conducted under the supervision of a specialized unit in economic surveys. The survey was prepared and conducted through a technical team that is composed of many members who are experienced in various areas to support the survey. This team conducted the survey through follow up of the work flow and supervision thereof in terms of the administrative and technical aspects, in addition to holding regular meetings during the survey preparation and implementation period.

• Relevance

- Designing the survey objectives according to the Centre's strategic plan to satisfy the needs of the current and potential users.
- Holding an annual meeting with key establishments to explain the importance of survey results.
- Measuring the customer satisfaction of the statistics through an electronic questionnaire on the website.

• Accuracy

- The survey sample was designed and selected from the most recent sampling frame, which was established in 2010. The frame has been partially updated using the annual economic surveys for 2011 data.
- The survey used a partially updated sample frame of 2010.
- Check the accuracy of the frame, assess and calculate the correlation coefficient between some of the key variables.
- Sample size estimation was taken into consideration to achieve the predetermined accuracy representing the economic activity at the 2nd classification level.
- The larger establishments were selected in the sample with certainty, ensuring better representation of the sample. As for the rare activities that include 5 establishments and less, they were fully enumerated. Response rate has reached 93.9%.
- Data were processed according to a clear methodology, where the data were edited and checked, and errors were corrected. Administrative records were used to check the survey data.
- Monitor survey accuracy through some non-sampling error measures e.g. non-response, missing values, refusals, etc.

- **Timeliness**
 - Prepare a timetable for the detailed phases of economic surveys setting out the dates of completion and the persons in charge of the implementation. This helped in assuring the economic statistics published as per the statistical calendar.
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- **Accessibility**
 - Data were published to all users via the website, and main users were informed about launching the new statistics in the Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi website.
 - Implementing disclosure control rules by merging some economic activities.
- **Consistency**
 - Comparing the survey results with other available statistics to check and evaluate the consistency.
 - The survey questionnaires were designed to be consistent with establishment financial statement to assure the consistency of the collected data and to reduce the overburden on the response.
- **Interpretability**
 - The statistical concepts and classifications which used in the survey are internationally recognized and used by SCAD.
 - Prepare metadata (descriptive data) related to the variables of economic surveys this helps to assure the interpretability of the statistics.

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