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Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Production and Value Added Statistics (WS)

Description

The production and value added statistics make it possible to observe, by means of accounting results, the structure and trends of business activities in the various sectors of economic activity.

Survey results enable:

- the calculation of structural data and microeconomic ratios at economic branch level;
- the estimate of the main macroeconomic aggregates for the national accounts;
- the comparison of economic data that is relevant at national and international level.

Participation in the survey is voluntary. Enterprises may either complete the questionnaire in paper format or online. They can also send a copy of their annual accounts.

Characteristics recorded
Accounting results, including: balance sheet, profit and loss statement, inventory change, fixed assets.

Methodology

The production and value added statistics are created on the basis of a sample survey. An exhaustive survey of large and medium-sized enterprises is conducted, while small enterprises are randomly selected. The statistical population is comprised of enterprises established in Switzerland employing at least 3 persons (including the owners of the enterprise). It covers almost all enterprises in the secondary and tertiary sectors but do not include banks, insurance companies and health sector.

Stratification
The scope of the sample has been drawn by using the economic activity groups NOGA 2008 (at level 2), the number of persons employed and some data of the value-added tax.

Statistical population
Business and enterprise register (BER)

Survey unit
Legal unit

Degree of regionalisation
Switzerland

Periodicity
Annual

Reference period:
Accounting year completed between the 1st May of the reference year and 30th April of the following year.

Detailed results are published annually at the beginning of September for data relating to t+20 months.

Policy on revisions	The revision policy is coordinated with that of the national accounts. Methodological revision (or complete revision): every five years as necessary Routine revision Data supplied at t+17 months (May) are provisional and become final at t+29 months.
Legal bases	Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 and Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011).
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