STRUCTURAL BUSINESS STATISTICS SURVEY: SUMMARY METHODOLOGY

Objective
The objective is to produce, on an annual basis, indicators characterising the business structure – turnover, costs, profit, production, value added, assets, property, liabilities, employees, etc. – broken down by economic activity, enterprise size class and region.

Legal basis
Law on Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 1993, No 54-1048; 1999, No 114-3299);
Regulation (EC) No 295/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2008 concerning structural business statistics (recast);
Resolution No 569 of 16 May 2001 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the introduction of the European system of national and regional accounts (Official Gazette, 2001, No 43-1515).

Classifications
National version (EVRK Rev. 2) of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 2), approved by Order No DĮ-226 of 31 October 2007 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2007, No 119-4877);
Statistical classification of forms of ownership;
Statistical classification of statuses of economic entities;
Classification of legal forms of enterprises;
Statistical classification of institutional sectors and subsectors.

Population of the statistical survey and parameters estimated
The survey covers enterprises producing goods or providing services to the market. The population of the survey is comprised of all active public and private companies, state and municipal enterprises, foreign affiliates, cooperative and agricultural partnerships (with non-agricultural activity), individual enterprises, natural persons carrying out economic (commercial) activity (included from 2005) and public bodies covering the major share of their expenses with income from selling goods and providing services. Economic activities of surveyed enterprises cover all economic activities, except for agriculture, financial intermediation, public administration and defence.

After the survey is conducted, about 200 primary and derivative financial indicators of enterprise activity, assets, property, liabilities, performance efficiency are produced.

Statistical survey methods
The survey is a total (census) annual survey. It is performed in two stages: calculation of preliminary and final results. Preliminary results are obtained on the basis of data from statistical reports, final – on the basis of data from both statistical reports and administrative sources.

For data collection through statistical reports, sampling of enterprises is performed applying a purposive sampling method. Selected enterprises represent economic activities according to the NACE 3-digit level, i.e. their income makes up about 80 per cent of total income in respective activities.

Preliminary data are calculated by estimating all survey indicators, i.e. by multiplying summary indicators of enterprises engaging in a certain activity which have submitted statistical report F-01 by a coefficient of the missing part. This coefficient is calculated using weights of non-responding enterprises obtained based on their annual income in the previous year.

Final data are calculated by supplementing enterprise data obtained from statistical report F-01 with data from annual financial statements of enterprises, obtained from the state enterprise Centre of Registers, and data from other administrative sources. Moreover, a list of enterprises in operation in the reporting year is verified.

Statistical data sources: annual enterprise activity report F-01 and data on employees from other divisions of Statistics Lithuania.

Administrative sources: data from annual profit (loss) account and balance sheet of enterprises from the state enterprise Centre of Registers, data from annual profit tax returns (PLN204A), monthly VAT returns and annual income declarations of natural persons from the State Tax Inspectorate, data on persons covered by state social insurance from the State Social Insurance Fund Board (Sodra).

Results provided to users
Information is provided:
-	preliminary data – in 10 months after the end of the reporting year on the website of Statistics Lithuania, in the Database of Indicators; preliminary data are also provided to Eurostat;
-	final detailed (NACE 4-digit level, by enterprise size class, at the regional level) information – in 18 months after the end of the reporting year in the Database of Indicators of Statistics Lithuania; data are provided to Eurostat; publications *Structural Business Statistics Survey Indicators* and *Main Indicators of Small, Medium and Large Enterprises*

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