

**Documentation of statistics for
Environmental Protection Expenditures 2015**

1 Introduction

In general the statistics illustrate the total direct environmental protection expenditures in the earlier mentioned types of industry. Distinction is made between current expenditures and investments.

Current expenditures includes as well internal costs in the enterprises as purchase of services on environmental protection

Results can be further displayed on spending according to environmental purposes: Protection of ambient air and climate, Wastewater management, Waste management, Heat/energy saving and management and Other environmental protection activities

The results for Denmark covers business activities within mining, manufacturing and supply.

2 Statistical presentation

The statistics describe expenditures on environmental protection by types of industry within mining, manufacturing and supply. Expenditure on environmental protection are reported either as internal operating expenses or purchase of services related to environmental protection. On the investment side investments are split in either prevention or treatment type.

Business covered are within mining, manufacturing and supply

2.1 Data description

The statistics describe Danish industrial enterprise spending on environmental protection. A distinction is made between operating expenses and investments.

Expenditure on environmental protection are reported either as internal operating expenses or purchase of services related to environmental protection. On the investment side investments are split in either prevention or treatment. The preventing investments is shown as the "environmental component" of the investments.

To be reported are environmental expenditures on environmental domains: Protection of ambient air and climate, Wastewater management, Waste management, Heat/energy saving and management and Other environmental protection activities

2.2 Classification system

The economic activities in the statistics follows the Danish industrial classification DB07 which corresponds to NACE rev. 2. and includes 2-digit industries 05-36,

Environmental purposes follows the European standards for CEPA (Classification of Environmental Protection Activities) and CreMa (Classification of environmental management activities)

The purposes are as follows: Protection of ambient air and climate, Wastewater management, Waste management, Heat/energy saving and management and Other environmental protection activities

2.3 Sector coverage

The industrial sector is in the context including mining and quarrying. Some part of the supply sector is included as well.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Purchase of Environmental Protection Services: Purchases of environmental protection services include all costs of external actors, compensation for the services that aim to prevent or control the discharge of pollutants or restore previous activities on the environment. This could be payments for collection and treatment of waste and wastewater, payments in connection with soil decontamination, inspection charges for public authorities, payments to environmental consultants for purposes such as environmental education, and payment for external consultants environmental certification or operation of environmental equipment.

Internal Expenditures on Environmental Protection: Internal expenditure on environmental protection can be salary costs (e.g. environmental coordinators), general environmental planning, internal costs associated with ISO 14001 certification costs in connection with its own staff and payments for operating leases. They relate, for example, operation and maintenance of environmental equipment, measurement and monitoring of pollution levels, environmental education and education as well as research and development.

Investment in Prevention of Environmental Impact: Investment in prevention of environmental impact include investments in "cleaner technology", e.g. equipment intended either to make existing production more environmentally friendly or to prioritize environmental considerations when purchasing new production. Pollution prevention investment is defined as capital expenditure on new, or modification of existing, methods, technologies, processes, equipment (or parts thereof) designed to prevent or reduce the amount of pollution created at the source, thereby reducing the environmental impacts associated with the release of pollutants and/or with polluting activities.

Investment in Pollution Control: Investments in pollution control include the so-called end-of-pipe solutions. Pollution treatment investment is defined as capital expenditure on methods, technologies, processes or equipment designed for collecting and removing pollution and pollutants (e.g. air emissions, effluents or solid waste) after their creation, preventing the spread and measuring the level of the pollution, and treating and disposing of pollutants generated by the operating activity of the business.

2.5 Statistical unit

The units in the statistics are enterprises, each enterprise being a legal unit.

2.6 Statistical population

The statistics covers enterprises within mining, manufacturing and supply, NACE rev2 group 05-36

2.7 Reference area

Denmark

2.8 Time coverage

The present statistics covers 2014 and 2015. The statistics have been in force since 2009.

2.9 Base period

Not relevant for this statistics.

2.10 Unit of measure

The unit of measurement is the Environmental Protection Expenditures in Danish kroner (DKK).

2.11 Reference period

The reference time for the statistics is the calendar year.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

The statistics is published at yearly basis

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

The statistics was initiated on the basis of Council Regulation EU regulation No 58/97 and is therefore mandatory under § 8 of the Act on Statistics Denmark.

Further the results has to be reported according to Regulation 691/2011 as amended by regulation 538/2014 (environmental accounts)

2.14 Cost and burden

Total costs associated with reporting was at DKK 172,000 in 2015, based on standard estimation.

2.15 Comment

[Environmental accounts.](#)

[Survey information.](#)

3 Statistical processing

The results from data collection are grossed up to totals for each type of industry after data are imputed for the smaller enterprises. At aggregated level these results are supplemented by the estimated expenditures in water supply and the data from R&D statistics.

3.1 Source data

The statistics is compiled based on data collected at enterprises by a questionnaire. The frame is enterprises in the industrial sector with 50 or more employees plus smaller enterprises in selected types of industry. In total data are collected for 1,000 enterprises representing approximately 75 per cent of the economic activity in the population.

Results for NACE_rev2 36, water supply, is based on estimates. Cost for research and development within environmental protection is a part of the internal costs. These data are in beforehand collected as a part of the R&D statistics.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Data is collected at a yearly basis.

3.3 Data collection

Data is collected by using an online questionnaire.

3.4 Data validation

The submitted data undergo an error control. Fields that are either not completed or inadequately filled in are detected. Reporting in the "non-distributable" fields are also subject for investigations to look for more specific allocation

In addition, the ratio between environmental expenditures and total turnover is examined, in order to capture mistakes in the reporting. Further, data are compared to the data submitted the previous year, preferable for the single units.

3.5 Data compilation

The data are linked to data from Business Accounts Statistics to get the full population. Environmental expenditures is imputed for all enterprises not subject to data collection. It is assumed that expenditures per employee can be reproduced by the imputation.

3.6 Adjustment

No regular annual adjustment is carried out.

4 Relevance

The results is expected to meet the needs. However, only direct costs are included in the statistics.

4.1 User Needs

The statistics satisfy the needs for knowledge about environmental protection expenditures for selected business sectors.

4.2 User Satisfaction

Surveys on user satisfaction has not yet been conducted.

4.3 Data completeness rate

The dissemination follows in general required results according to the regulations

5 Accuracy and reliability

Overall, the results are expected to be reliable. Figures for errors are not yet compiled.

5.1 Overall accuracy

There have not yet been compiled statistical errors. However, at well measurement errors and grossing up errors exists.

5.2 Sampling error

As an imputation model is used for the not-selected, there are in principle no sampling errors

5.3 Non-sampling error

The main source for error is related to measurement, as the identification of some elements is difficult, in particular the internal costs and the cleaner technology investments.

And other source for errors is the imputations for smaller enterprises as the assumptions behind may not be fully correct. An analysis of the assumption shows that smaller enterprises in fact are different, however, the difference is minor and does not require further correction.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

The overall quality is expected to be satisfying. However, the investments in cleaner technology is difficult to measure

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Only final results are published for 2014. Results for 2015 are preliminary.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

Earlier publication date is expected.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

Results for 2016 are expected to be published in December 2017.

6.2 Punctuality

On time.

7 Comparability

The comparability is expected to be good.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

The results are comparable to similar results from other countries, excluding the data on energy savings, which is not part of the obligatory reporting to Eurostat

7.2 Comparability over time

Results are available for 2014 and 2015. Notice that results for 2015 are preliminary.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

There is a close link to Business Accounts Statistics, making the comparability high

7.4 Coherence - internal

The data are basically from one source making the consistency high.

8 Accessibility and clarity

The statistics are disseminated in <http://www.statbank.dk>

Further, the results is a module in the Danish Environmental-economic accounts

[Environmental-economic accounts](#).

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

Latest News is published June 28th, 2016

8.5 Publications

The results are included in a broader publication on Environmental-economic accounts

8.6 On-line database

Results are available in the databank

[Statbank](#)

8.7 Micro-data access

The data are not made available as Micro-data

8.8 Other

Please contact the person responsible in case of inquiries.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

Statistics Denmark's policy on confidentiality is followed

[Read the policy.](#)

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

The confidentiality rules are applied

8.11 Documentation on methodology

No further documentation. However, Eurostat guidelines are used in the work.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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