



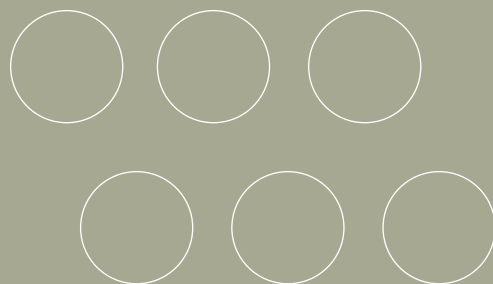
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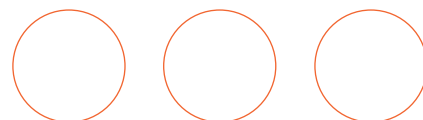
TIME AND NUMBERS Statistics are only valuable, when they are trustworthy, comparable internationally, and timely. The faster statistics are made public, the better the knowledge we have of society – a society in constant development. The times need numbers, and numbers must be there on time.

COMPARABILITY Statistics Denmark works to promote comparable statistics. We are active in a number of international fora, and we provide consulting services to help improve the production of statistics around the world.

TRUSTWORTHINESS User surveys show that the Danish people generally have great confidence in Statistics Denmark. Internationally, such confidence cannot be taken for granted. We are proud of our contribution to democracy and the professional independence that helps ensure our trustworthiness. A prerequisite for such trustworthiness is that our numbers are produced without political interference.

EFFICIENCY Compared to institutions abroad, our staffing is low. Yet, we produce virtually the same quantity of statistics as most other Western European nations. One reason for our efficient exploitation of resources is that we make great use of data from administrative registers. We also work with standardised IT tools – in many instances, developed in co-operation with the other Nordic countries.

Jan Plovsing





>> Statistics Denmark's homepage may be found in English at www.dst.dk/homeuk

>> See the Act on Statistics Denmark at www.dst.dk/statisticalcode

>> Read about our core values at www.dst.dk/corevalues



DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATION

DEMOCRACY Statistics Denmark was founded in 1850 when democracy was introduced to Denmark. Until then, some statistics had been kept secret. As the central government agency for statistics, we have been working on behalf of democracy for over 150 years. Independent statistics are a prerequisite for forming opinions, doing empirical research, and making political decisions on a sound basis.

MISSION AND VISION Our mission is to produce and disseminate trustworthy statistics on social and economic trends in society, which are an essential condition for its democracy and economy to work. Statistics Denmark's vision is to be recognised as a user-friendly statistical institution, providing internationally high quality products. Our core values help us realise this mission and vision.

LAW The Act on Statistics Denmark ensures that we are a professionally independent, autonomous institution, run by a Board of Governors. In its annual work plan, the Board prioritises the tasks Statistics Denmark undertakes. Otherwise, the National Statistician is responsible for the professional and administrative leadership. Pursuant to

the act, Statistics Denmark is to gather, process and make public statistical information about social and economic trends in society. Moreover, we are to participate in international statistical co-operation and undertake commissioned projects for private and public customers for a fee.

TRUSTWORTHINESS The production and dissemination of our statistics are in compliance with the UN's ten fundamental principles for official statistics. Statistics must be versatile and be compiled on a methodologically sound and non-partisan basis. No-one has access to our releases before anyone else, and all information concerning individuals and businesses is treated with confidentiality.

QUALITY We put users at the centre. Our user surveys show increasing use of our numbers and services by ordinary citizens, governmental authorities, the media, business and researchers. They also show that the users are predominantly satisfied. We focus on maintaining a high quality at an international level, and comparisons and benchmarks demonstrate that we have succeeded.

>> Read more about international co-operation and get the *Newsletter on International Consulting* at www.dst.dk/consulting

>> Order the *Nordic Statistical Yearbook* at www.dst.dk/nordicyearbook



WORLD STATISTICS

CO-OPERATION Statistics Denmark actively participates in European statistical co-operation and a number of other international statistical fora. We collaborate on a great many projects with statistics agencies both in the Nordic countries and throughout the world, and we are active in international consulting.

EU As a member of the European Union, Denmark is bound by approximately 200 legislative acts, whose purpose is to ensure uniform statistics among the member nations. These statistics provide a vital source of information for planning, monitoring and assessing a number of EU policies. EU legislation regulates approximately 70 percent of our statistical production based on Finance Act appropriations, and there is an increasing demand for timely, more detailed, and new EU statistics. EU co-operation takes place in a comprehensive network of task forces, work groups and committees, with the EU's Statistical Programme Committee as the focal point.

NORDIC COUNTRIES The Nordic countries collaborate closely on statistics. Beyond an exchange of experiences at the annual meetings of Nordic Directors General, projects are implemented across national boundaries, includ-

ing the development of tools for statistical databanks. Much of the exchange of experience in the Nordic countries takes place in network groups. As a result of this Nordic co-operation, the *Nordic Statistical Yearbook* is published each year.

UN Statistics Denmark works with the UN to encourage the harmonisation of statistics and international division of labour for the development of statistics. Statistics Denmark also participates in international statistical co-operation through organisations such as the OECD, the IMF and the ILO.

CONSULTATION Since the beginning of the 1990s, Statistics Denmark has provided consulting services to other national statistics agencies. To date, we have focused particularly on Africa, the Baltics, the Balkans and Central and Eastern Europe. The projects have been primarily financed by contributions from Denmark and the EU.

- >> StatBank Denmark may be found at www.statbank.dk
- >> See all planned editions of *News from Statistics Denmark* at www.dst.dk/scheduled
- >> Read pdf editions of all our English publications at www.dst.dk/freepublications
- >> Search in the *Statistical Yearbook* at www.dst.dk/yearbook



BILLIONS OF NUMBERS

SOCIALLY BENEFICIAL Our view is that, if our statistics are not used, our efforts are wasted. Statistics exist for democracy and the national economy. In order for society as a whole – including the international community – to benefit from this vast amount of statistical knowledge, we make it available in a wide variety of forms in Danish and in English. There is free access to most statistics at our homepage, dst.dk, of which StatBank Denmark is a part. We also publish books, newsletters, periodicals and theme publications in print and pdf formats.

STATBANK DENMARK StatBank Denmark contains several billion figures. The numbers are presented in more than 1,000 tables and describe most aspects of Danish society. By comparison internationally, StatBank Denmark is a very user-friendly data bank, and users extract approximately 120,000 tables a month. It is easy to extract tables in the form of graphics or maps, and a huge quantity of numbers may be downloaded and saved in spreadsheets and other formats, including a free PC-Axis program. The statistical databank has a complete parallel version in English.

NEW NUMBERS All new statistics are made public in StatBank Denmark, which is updated at 9:30 a.m. The newsletter *News from Statistics Denmark* (in Danish only) comes out at the same time and contains a great many of the general numbers quoted by the press daily. Many of the monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual statistics are also published in the series *Statistical News* (in Danish only). In order to ensure transparency, we announce the dates for the planned release of new statistics three months in advance. No outsider has access to our statistics before they are made public.

THE PRESS In recent years, we have professionalized our press relations, and press coverage has increased tremendously. Through our detailed press database, we have an overview of the coverage individual publications receive, and our employees attend communication and press courses to learn, among other things, how better to communicate with journalists. Press contact is decentralised. Thus, a colleague who usually works with a particular set of statistic is also typically the person to make any statements about it. *News from Statistics Denmark* is the result of a dialogue between statistics and communication staff members and is geared to make it



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>> Learn more about Statistics Denmark's Research Services at www.dst.dk/research



easy for the press to use. The press also diligently cites background articles from our online magazine (in Danish only).

PUBLICATIONS Statistics Denmark has a long publishing tradition. The classic *Statistical Yearbook* was published for the first time in 1896 and provided, then as now, a comprehensive overview of Danish society in all statistical areas. There is free access to the Danish and English versions of the Yearbook on the Internet. The *Statistical Ten-Year Review* (in Danish only) has been published every year since 1970, showing developments in time series. We also publish analyses and reports on a running basis as a contribution to social debate; our theme publications may, for example, focus on children, education, the environment, the labour market, and productivity.

LIBRARY Statistics Denmark's Library is a public library. As the principal library for descriptive statistics, it contains not only the largest collection of statistics on Denmark, but also a broad array of statistical publications from countries all over the world and from international organisations such as the EU, the OECD and the UN. The

reading room provides access to the most recent Danish and international periodicals and books. The library staff is made up of experts in searching for statistical information in databases throughout the world, and businesses may subscribe to an international market surveillance service.

RESEARCH We are constantly working to strengthen Danish register-based research by giving researchers access to tailor-made sets of data compiled from various registers at Statistics Denmark, including special research databases such as the Fertility Database, the Pharmaceutical Database, and the Integrated Database for Labour Market Research. The Research Services of Statistics Denmark provide consulting services free of charge in connection with new research projects. Authorised research environments and analysis institutes can receive online access to non-identifiable micro-data, i.e., data that has had person numbers and business registration numbers removed. Researchers and businesses may also request interview-based surveys.



- >> Find key indicators on Denmark at www.dst.dk/keyindicators
- >> See our documentation and declarations of content at www.dst.dk/declarations
- >> Search in the Danish Industrial Nomenclature 2003 at www.dst.dk/db03-en



STATISTICS PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW

A WEALTH OF NUMBERS Statistics Denmark compiles and makes public statistics in more than 250 different domains. StatBank Denmark provides free access to almost all of our numbers. Our view is that statistics should be as easy to compare across national boundaries as possible. Therefore, we compile statistics in accordance with international standards, unless special circumstances make deviations necessary.

DECLARATIONS OF CONTENT All our statistics have an affiliated declaration of content, offering a comprehensive description of the sources and methods used. The declarations describe quality and content and are also presented in English. For each statistic, we provide information about purpose, history, accuracy, reference period, publication date, and comparability over time. We also provide a contact person.

NOMENCLATURE In order to ensure comparability across national boundaries, we use international nomenclature, adjusted to the Danish context. The four digit DISCO-88 employment nomenclature is the official Danish version of the international ISCO-88 classification of occupations. The Danish Industrial Nomenclature

2003, DB03, is a six digit subgroup of the EU's common activity code nomenclature, NACE. Moreover, we use the EU's commodity nomenclature (Combined Nomenclature), the COICOP consumption classification, the UN's CTSE transport nomenclature, the EU's NST/R transport nomenclature, the Danish DUN education nomenclature, which corresponds to UNESCO's ISCED education classification system, and the SOCIO classification, which corresponds to the major ISCO-88 groupings for wage earners.

TRIPARTITE STRUCTURE Statistics Denmark organises the statistical production into three main areas: social statistics, business statistics, and economic statistics. Read more about these groupings on the next three pages. Read more about our organisation on page 18.

- >> To learn more about the services we offer, including interview-based surveys, see www.dst.dk/service-uk
- >> Get the pdf version of the brochure *Data on Denmark* at www.dst.dk/dod



LIFE IN DENMARK

THE DANES Social statistics take the people of Denmark as a starting point: the composition and education of the population, the labour market, social conditions, income and criminality.

POPULATION AND EDUCATION From registers we have virtually all the central demographic data for the entire Danish population at our disposal. Beyond statistical descriptions of the composition and educational level of the population, we also produce dynamic statistics about fluctuations in the population, including statistics on births, deaths, relocations, marriages and divorces, as well as immigration and emigration.

LABOUR MARKET AND WELFARE We describe the labour force through register-based labour statistics and interviews in the Labour Force Survey. Our statistics on the labour market also include statistics on earnings, monthly unemployment statistics, and statistics on labour market policy measures. We produce annual cohesive social statistics, describing recipients of all transfer payments.

SOURCES FOR SOCIAL STATISTICS Most of the data for social statistics comes from administrative registers with governmental agencies. However, we also collect data from businesses with respect to statistics on earnings. In addition, Statistics Denmark has its own corps of telephone interviewers, whose primary task is to conduct interviews for the Labour Force Survey, conducting around 10,000 telephone interviews every quarter. Interviews and Market Services also takes on projects for external customers – for example, in connection with the monthly omnibus survey.

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ANALYSES The Central Population Register number is entered as a variable in all population registers. This provides an opportunity for numerous cross-disciplinary analyses. The theme publications *Immigrants and the Labour Market* and *Newly Educated Persons and the Labour Market* (in Danish only) are examples of our own analyses, which only make up a fraction of the analytical possibilities. Therefore, we will also undertake a special processing of data for a fee. In addition, through our Research Services Section, researchers can purchase direct access to non-identifiable micro-data.

>> Get pdf editions of *Key Indicators on Information Society Denmark* and *Statistics for the Information Society and the Knowledge-Based Economy* at www.dst.dk/ict

>> Read also *Key Indicators for Transport* at www.dst.dk/transport-en



BUSINESS IN DENMARK

BUSINESS The business statistics compiled by Statistics Denmark deal with production, the economy, and business trends. In recent years, increased statistical attention has been focused on the service sector and the information society.

IT AND SERVICE The annual publication *Information Society Denmark* documents that Denmark is quite advanced in the IT field. Each year, we study the use of the Internet by the general population and the public sector, as well as the business sector's use of and investment in IT. Similarly we interview Danes about vacation and business trips and, each month, compile hotel statistics, etc. In the service sector, furthermore, we compile retail trade indices, tendency surveys, and cultural statistics.

INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE Industry and agriculture are still two important sectors in the Danish economy. We conduct statistical surveys of manufacturers' total turnover, production, stocks of goods, and order intake. We also compile tendency surveys for the manufacturing and construction industries. In agriculture, we compile statistics on everything from animal stocks to the export of organic goods. We also provide information on agri-

cultural gross domestic product, liabilities, and interest payments.

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT Transport and environment are closely connected, as stressed by the analyses in the publication *Traffic and Environmental Conditions* (in Danish only). The two areas each have their own field of study: transport, for example, focuses on the structure and economic trends of the sector, on vehicle stocks and newly registered vehicles; while environmental and energy statistics compile numbers on sustainable development and business energy consumption.

DATA FROM BUSINESSES Business statistics make use of administrative register information – especially from the Central Business Register and the Central Customs and Tax Administration – and questionnaire-based surveys, in which it is compulsory for certain businesses to participate. We process all data confidentially. It is expected that businesses will increasingly avail themselves of the opportunity to report digitally to Statistics Denmark.

>> Read more about the ADAM macroeconomic model at www.dst.dk/adam-en

>> See national accounts of Denmark at www.dst.dk/nationalaccounts

>> Get more information about Denmark's EMU debt and deficit at www.dst.dk/edp-en



THE ECONOMY IN DENMARK

THE NATIONAL ECONOMY Economic statistics describe the general economic conditions in society and provide information on short-term trends.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS On the basis of, among other things, external trade, balance of payments, turnover, and employment, we compile national accounts that provide an overall picture of economic developments in Denmark. Quarterly statistics, available 60 days after the end of the quarter, provide timely information about general economic growth and tendencies; while more detailed year-end accounts illuminate structural developments in the national economy.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES Statistics on government finances show the total economic activity of the State and municipalities. The statistics provide information on overall governmental revenue in the form of taxes and fees, as well as expenditures for income transfer payments and free government services – public consumption. We also make public statistics on tax burdens and EMU deficits and debts. Our financial statistics include interest, loans, credit, insurance, stocks and bonds.

EXTERNAL TRADE Statistics on external trade provide a comprehensive picture of trade with the rest of the world, compiled in approximately 10,000 commodity groups. The overall result of foreign transactions is calculated as the balance of payments. The numbers include detailed information on international trade in services.

PRICES AND CONSUMPTION The consumer price index shows price trends in private consumption. The net price index shows price trends, exclusive of charges. We also compile a price index for the producer segment and for imports. The family budget survey provides an overall picture of household finances.

ECONOMIC MODEL Statistics Denmark develops and maintains the ADAM macro-economic model. This model provides a simple mathematical description of the Danish economy. Ministries, financial institutes and interest organisations use it to predict economic trends, among other things.



HOW WE GET OUR DATA

DATA FROM REGISTERS Most of the data we use derives, by far, from information supplied by the administrative registers of governmental agencies. Denmark began early to use registers for statistical purposes and has continued to be an international trailblazer in this area. The uniform registration of inhabitants in the Central Population Register and businesses with their affiliated production units in the Central Business Register is a prerequisite for this use.

ADVANTAGES Register-based statistics give us clear advantages, both with respect to resource consumption and opportunities for cross-disciplinary analysis. Register-based labour force statistics link labour market information with demographic and social data; while the Register of Building and Dwelling Statistics couples geographic and demographic data with, for example, information on income, social services, and education. The use of public registers helps further to limit burdens on data suppliers.

INTERVIEWS We get additional data for our social statistics through telephone interviews. This is true, among other things, for our on-going labour force survey, which

conducts around 10,000 interviews quarterly. Our Interviews and Market Services Section contributes to our own surveys and sells services to external customers.

BUSINESS DATA In addition to data from public registers, information is supplied by for example labour market organisations that already gather information from members. We also collect data through sample surveys or, in special cases, a census of an entire sector.

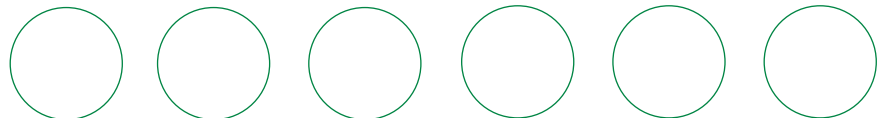
RESPONSE BURDEN It is a central goal of Statistics Denmark to collect adequate and accurate statistical information with the least possible burden on businesses. Almost 99 percent of the reporting duties that Statistics Denmark imposes on businesses are related to EU legislation. The overall cost of the response burden has been calculated at DKK 163 million (approx. EUR 22 million). We are continually working within the given parameters to optimise and reduce the size of sample surveys. We have also limited the maximum number of statistics, to which small businesses must report, to three a year. Moreover, Statistics Denmark is working on a European plan for a critical review of all EU legislation in the area of statistics with a view towards limiting or

- >> Read more about our efforts to reduce the responseburden at www.dst.dk/responseburden
- >> To learn more about register-based labour force statistics, see www.dst.dk/declarations/848



eliminating statistics that no longer have any material social significance.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING The development of electronic reporting forms helps to relieve the response burden on businesses. Denmark is quite advanced in the digital solutions it can offer. Especially for the most costly reporting burdens special digital solutions have been developed, whereby information from electronic reporting systems, etc., may be transferred digitally to Statistics Denmark. This applies to, for example, statistics on earnings, accounting statistics or reporting to Intrastat. Moreover, a common reporting system to all governmental institutions – Virk.dk – is under development. The system is especially relevant for small and medium-sized businesses. It will save users time and provide them with an overview of their reporting requirements and other contacts with the public sector.





>> Read more about access to microdata at
www.dst.dk/research



HOW WE SECURE OUR DATA

DATA SECURITY Statistics Denmark implements strict security measures to protect our statistical registers from misuse and to ensure that no-one unauthorised gains access to sensitive information about people and businesses and that the information is used exclusively for statistical purposes. Our rules on data security are publicly accessible. An additional informational safeguard is our data emergency plan.

CONFIDENTIALITY We treat information about individuals and businesses confidentially. Upon their employment, all our staff members sign a statement acknowledging a duty of confidentiality. Individuals and businesses remain anonymous in the statistics we make public. However, from democratic concerns, governmental authorities have no right to anonymity. We do not disclose confidential information for administrative purposes.

LEGAL BASIS Beyond the general provisions of the Danish Public Administration Act and the Danish Penal Code, we conduct our work pursuant to the Act on Processing of Personal Data. The Danish Data Protection Agency monitors that we obey the law. In special

instances, the Data Protection Agency may allow us to disclose information to another party – for example, in the case of a collaboration to produce a statistic. The Data Protection Agency may also grant permission for us to exchange confidential information with another national statistics institution as a part of a collaboration.

ACCESS TO MICRODATA Authorised research environments and analysis institutes may be given access on a need-to-know-basis to non-identifiable microdata in accordance with Statistics Denmark's special external researchers scheme. We grant such authorisation pursuant to a concrete assessment, and such researchers have the same duty of confidentiality as Statistics Denmark staff members. For educational use, we supply non-confidential, sample survey-based datasets that are constructed in such a way that it is not possible to identify persons or businesses.



- >> To get a pdf version of Statistics Denmark's IT strategy, go to www.dst.dk/strategy
- >> To get the free PC-Axis computer program, go to www.dst.dk/pc-axis-en
- >> Read the user survey of StatBank Denmark and the report *Good Dissemination Practice in Statistics New Zealand and Statistics Denmark* at www.dst.dk/international evaluations



NUMBERS EXIST FOR USERS

USER-FRIENDLINESS Statistics Denmark wants to be in the forefront of user-friendliness, so that all target groups – professional users, students, the press and the population at large – have access to relevant information in as easy, optimal and satisfactory a way as possible. Similarly, the contact data suppliers have with us should be as simple as possible. Our goal is to make all our statistics accessible on our homepage and, despite the quantity of information, to make it easy to search our website. In all our publications and in each area of StatBank Denmark, we provide a contact person who can answer any additional questions.

STATBANK DENMARK The primary product on our homepage is StatBank Denmark, which may be used free of charge. StatBank Denmark contains far more detailed information than we make public in printed form. Users may continue working with the numbers from StatBank Denmark in, for example, Excel and the free PC-Axis program. For a fee, registered users with their own user profile can subscribe to *datashooting* and receive automatic messages and direct access when tables are updated with new numbers.

STATHOST While access to StatBank Denmark is free of charge, we sell the concept Stathost, whereby businesses, organisations and institutions can make use of technology provided by StatBank Denmark. A Stathost solution is a tailor-made data bank with independent content and layout, which is run by the business itself or by Statistics Denmark for a fee. The business may supplement its own data with existing tables in StatBank Denmark.

DIGITAL ADMINISTRATION Denmark prioritises digital administration highly, and the goal is to create better service and to harvest efficiency gains. At Statistics Denmark, users are primarily served electronically. For example, it is possible to order all our publications at dst.dk. Businesses with a digital signature may submit reports electronically, and we are able to reuse information from the administrative systems of businesses and governmental authorities with the help of the XML format. In 2005, Statistics Denmark will shift to electronic document handling in order to store as much information as possible in digital form.

>> Get Statistics Denmark's strategy plan as a pdf document at www.dst.dk/strategy

>> Read Statistics Denmark's core values at www.dst.dk/corevalues



THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE NUMBERS

CULTURE Statistics Denmark lives from supplying high quality products with great dependability – on time. Our work culture is characterised by thoroughness and precision, and we are proud of our neutrality and our professional independence. We want as many people as possible to use our statistics, and we have in recent years targeted dissemination toward, for example, professional users and the press.

COMMUNITY Our increased focus on mobility and international co-operation ensures that we get an appropriate infusion of new blood. As colleagues, we feel part of a larger community with a very active staff association and a variety of tradition-steeped social events. We do our work conscious of our historical identity. On the occasion of our 150th anniversary, we published the pamphlet *Statistics Denmark – Through 150 Years* and a two-volume work *Statistics Denmark – 1950-2000* (in Danish only).

STAFFING The number of our employees, measured in man-years, has fallen from 608 in 2000 to 563 in 2005. Excluding management positions, the share of academic staff has risen from 30 percent in 2002 to 37 percent in 2005, corresponding to a decline in office personnel from

42 percent to 36 percent. IT staff members make up 13 percent of the employees. 47 percent of our employees and 21 percent of Management are women.

HORIZONS We have an extensive internal education programme, utilising internal and external instructors, in which each professional group must, among other things, complete a compulsory course of education. There are also excellent opportunities for continuing education outside the programme. The large number of external contacts, including the user-charged service activities, have an impact on our culture, which has become more internationally oriented in recent years. We are also developing competencies through collaboration with private customers, governmental authorities, and contacts abroad. We take pride in being viewed as flexible, forward-looking, and efficient – a modern statistics institution with a broad horizon.



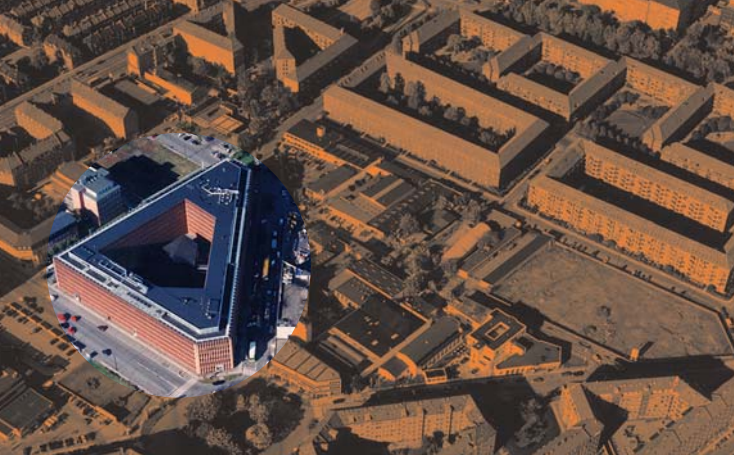
EFFICIENCY

RESULTS FOR THE MONEY Statistics Denmark is an efficient institution and places much stock in being recognised as such. We must use our resources effectively; we must be as competitive as possible with respect to the user-charged service activities; and we must continually try to reduce our publication time. A new internal time registration system, introduced in 2005, will ensure that we can measure costs more precisely with respect to individual statistics and services.

APPROPRIATIONS The 2005 budget for Statistics Denmark is DKK 320 million (approx. EUR 43 million). The Finance Act appropriates a financial framework of DKK 231 million; the rest of the budget, DKK 89 million, is financed by our own income. The Finance Act appropriation forms the basic framework for the on-going production of statistics. Every year, this appropriation is reduced by an amount corresponding to demands for improving productivity. These gradually reduced appropriations create a budgetary pressure, since we must also live up to the demands of the modern information society and the EU for new statistics.

INCOME In relation to other official statistics agencies in the EU, a large share of Statistics Denmark's budget is financed from our own income. This income includes subsidies from the EU and Danish ministries to prepare and publish specific statistics and the sale of statistical publications. For a fee, we also undertake extensive work to compile and process statistical information for private and public customers.

TIMELINESS We set our publication dates for the best possible timeliness. Our average publication time is one month for monthly statistics, two months for quarterly statistics, and seven months for annual statistics. Over the years, we have reduced publication time, and we continue to work on increasing the timeliness of statistics – without compromising quality.



>> Since 1973, we have maintained our premises at Sct. Kjelds Gård, a pentagonal six-storey office building in Copenhagen's Østerbro quarter. After a much-needed modernisation in the 1990s, it is today a well-functioning and pleasant workplace with ergonomically-correct furniture and a good, well-functioning IT environment.

THE ORGANISATION OF STATISTICS DENMARK

LEADERSHIP The leadership of Statistics Denmark is divided among the Board of Governors of Statistics Denmark, the Minister for Economic and Business Affairs, and the National Statistician (Director General). The Board of Governors consists of seven persons with the National Statistician as chairperson; the other six members are designated by the Minister and must, according to the Act on Statistics Denmark, have insight into social and economic conditions. The Board of Governors prioritises work tasks and approves the budget. The Board of Governors also appoints advisory committees. The Minister has parliamentary responsibility, including responsibility for the Finance Act appropriation.

STRUCTURE Statistics Denmark is organised into four departments with 24 divisions altogether. In addition, there is an international secretariat and a policy secretariat. Together with the National Statistician, the departmental directors constitute the Management. The National Statistician is responsible for the professional and administrative management of Statistics Denmark.

DYNAMICS The organisation and the number of divisions are modified on a continuing basis, and the latest measure is based partially on a functional division of

labour: in 2006, we will establish a division to handle most incoming data from businesses. To date, we have organised the work in terms of each individual statistical product, so that staff members take part in the entire process from data collection to dissemination. The goal of the new, more specialised division of labour is to create optimal conditions for businesses that must use time to supply us with data and to professionalize the data collection process even more.

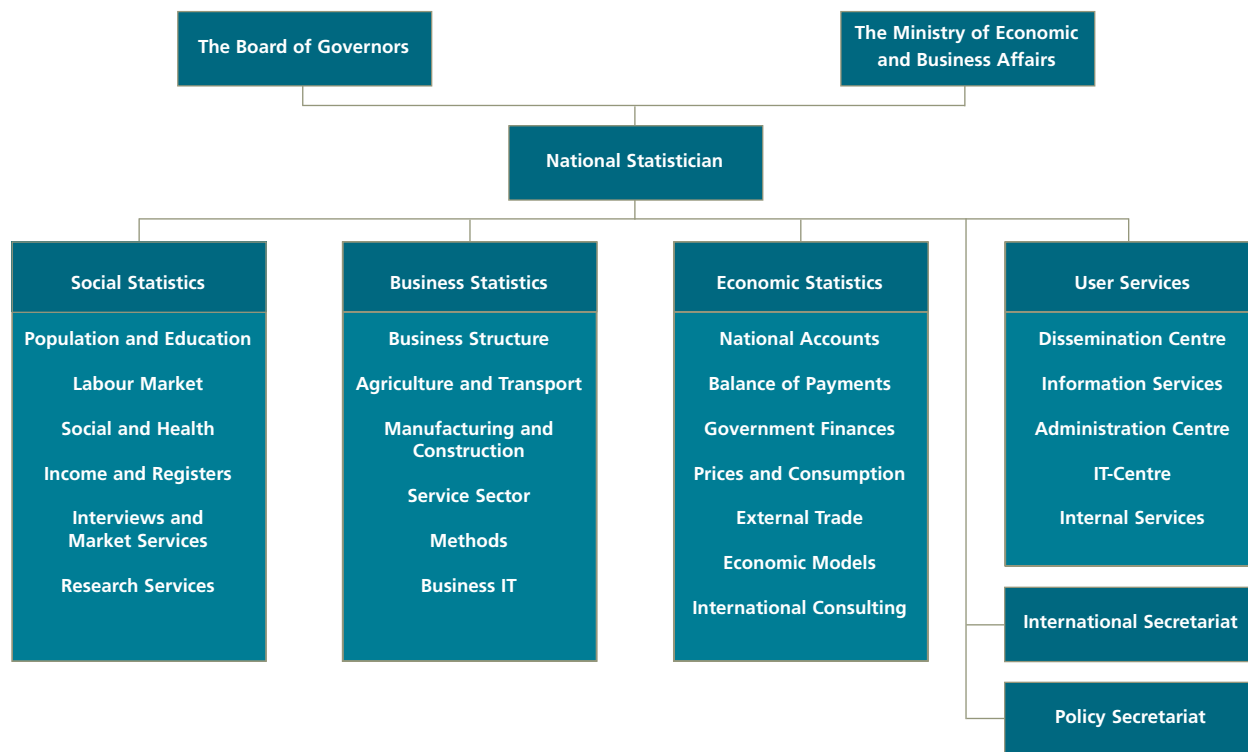
STATISTICAL DEPARTMENTS Three of the four departments produce statistics. We divide the production of statistics into social, business, and economic statistics, but stress cross-disciplinary co-operation – including tailor-made services for external customers.

USERS We exist for our users, and our organisational plan emphasises this. In addition to IT and administration, the User Services Department includes a number of outward-oriented functions: library, information and dissemination. All the other divisions are also open to inquiries from the public at large, professional users, and collaborative partners abroad. We exist to serve democracy – with numbers on time.

- >> See the current organisational plan at www.dst.dk/organisation-en
- >> Learn more about the members of Management at www.dst.dk/cv-en
- >> To find telephone numbers for staff members in each division, see www.dst.dk/telephonedirectory



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>> This brochure is an introduction to Statistics Denmark. You can read about our technology and organisation and about international co-operation. You will also find a presentation of our statistical products and dissemination.



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