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## **BUSINESS REGISTER-CBS ISRAEL**

### Business register at the CBS in Israel

A statistic business register in line of the most international recommendations has been completed in 2003 including updated data .The business register consolidates administrative business files comprising mainly the VAT files(compulsory vat data :revenue and expenses) and THE NATIONAL SECURITY (NC) files(total employees and total salaries per employers).

The VAT data is updated monthly and the employee's data is updated two times a year and bimonthly added files of new employers.

From a methodological standpoint, the business register provides sampling frames for the various monthly and annual business surveys carried out at the CBS. Since 2004 the business register had provided already 5 new frames of business surveys (including updated maintenances and additions).

An act of linking other business surveys produced in the CBS (the frames are not driven from br) to the br is in process to reduce the response burden.

The business register includes the enterprises activity details, dates, addresses, activity code(ISIC), relations, quantity data like monthly revenue and monthly employees and salaries.

The business register cover all business within the threshold of about 16,000 \$ per a year (about 50,000 most of them sole proprietorships) and all the employers from the NC.

All data is stored in oracle database. The architecture is mainly designed in 3 modules: the module of storage database for administrative data and history tables, the module of business register itself and it's relations, and surveys module.

### Producing Businesses Demography

The business register provides annually demographic data including number of active business by size economic branch, number of employees by economic size, and annually Openings and closures-since 2003.

There is a process of freezing an active business for every specific year since 2003 and on. The decision to freeze a business is made if it has employees or positive vat in this year.

Actually we have a steady data about the year- five month later. (We don't use the turnover because we get it with a 2-3 years delay).

We also freeze the businesses, which are defined as openings and closures by vat authorities during a specific year. This information doesn't include the public sector (by definition of vat payers).

There is also a process we started to collect the employees data from enterprises distributed by the local units. The local units will be defined on this base and will be maintained at the business register. This process will enable producing local statistics and demography.

By the end of this year we will accomplish producing enterprise births and death since 2005 and surviving rates by categories along with the manual of the Eurostat.

We already fulfilled and sent some of the new questionnaires of the OECD-Eurostat regarding the new definitions of business demography. Now we are in a process that will produce the 3 kind of birth: Enterprise births, economic enterprise births and employer's enterprise births.