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Sources and definitions

Data are derived from the annual survey on business structure (SBS), collected by the national institute of statistics (*Institut National de Statistique - INS*). Data have been taken directly from the Eurostat NewCronos database. SBS has a sample size from 37 000 to 40 000, covering more than 60% of employment and more than 80% of turnover in enterprises in Belgium. All enterprises with 20 or more paid employees (or turnover greater than EUR 8 million) are included in the sample, and the smallest enterprises (no paid employees and turnover of less than EUR 0.8 million) are surveyed (sample rate between 1/30 and 1/100).

Variables

Production corresponds to the variable *production value* (variable 12 12 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database (Eurostat, Luxembourg).

Value added corresponds to the variable *value added at factor costs* (variable 12 15 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database.

The number of employees corresponds to the variable *number of employees* (variable 16 13 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database.

Compensation of labour, employees, corresponds to the variable *personnel costs* (variable 13 31 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database.

Number of enterprises corresponds to the variable *number of enterprises* (variable 11 11 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database.

GFCF corresponds to the variable *gross investment in tangible goods* (variable 15 11 0) of the Eurostat NewCronos database.

For further details on the variables, see the Eurostat NewCronos database.

Composition of the ICT sector

The ICT sector is in line with the OECD definition. ICT wholesale activities include the following NACE industries:

NACE 51.43 (Wholesale of electrical household appliances and radio and television goods)

NACE 51.64 (Wholesale of office machinery and equipment)

NACE 51.65 (Wholesale of other machinery for use in industry, trade and navigation)

See also the concordance table, NACE column.