

NORWAY

Sources and definitions

The data source for all the variables is the business structural statistics, from *Statistisk Sentralbyrå*, Statistics Norway.

From 1995, the annual enquiry covers all establishments in the construction, wholesale and retail trade and in the real estate, renting and business industries. Enterprises with individual proprietorship where the owners work individually ("one-man establishment"), as well as establishments with less than half a man-year are included in the sample survey. For enterprises not included in the sampling, information is collected yearly from administrative registers.

The reference unit is the establishment, except for GFCF of industries ISIC 7123, and ISIC 7210 to 7260, where the enterprise is used as statistical unit instead of establishment.

The reference period is the calendar year.

Variables

All the variables are in line with the standard SSIS definition, except production.

Production value is approximated by turnover. Turnover comprises the totals invoiced by the observation unit during the reference period, and this corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties.

Turnover includes all duties and taxes on the goods or services invoiced by the unit, with the exception of the VAT invoiced by the unit *vis-à-vis* its customers and other similar deductible taxes directly linked to turnover.

It also includes all other charges (transport, packaging, etc.) passed on to the customer, even if these charges are listed separately in the invoice. Reduction in prices, rebates and discounts as well as the value of returned packing must be deducted.

Income classified as other operating income, financial income and extraordinary income in company accounts is excluded from turnover. Operating subsidies received from public authorities or European Union institutions are also excluded. For further details, see the Eurostat definition (variable 12 11 0 of the Structural Business Statistics).

Composition of the ICT sector

The ICT sector is in line with the OECD definition (see the concordance table, NACE column), with the exception of the ICT wholesale activities, which include the following industries:

Instead of NACE 5143 (wholesale of electrical household appliances and radio and television goods), only sub-classes 514333 and 514334 are included (wholesale of radio and television goods and wholesale of gramophone records, tapes, CDs and videos)

All of NACE 5164 (wholesale of office machinery and equipment);

Instead of NACE 5165 (wholesale of other machinery for use in industry, trade and navigation), only sub-class 51654 is included (wholesale of machinery/equipment for trade, transport and services)

Reference: The ICT Sector in the Nordic Countries 1995-2000, Statistics Denmark, Statistics Finland, Statistics Iceland, Statistics Norway, and Statistics Sweden, December 2001. Available at: <http://www.dst.dk/ict>