

Business and Consumer Survey

Metadata Overview

Contact data

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Survey	Industry
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Methodology

Population & frame list	Population (universe)	14,277 firms
	Survey sampling frame	Enterprises. Register: National register of enterprises + balance sheet office, completed with information of business federations.
	Size of frame list	14,277 firms
	Weighted frame coverage	
	Characteristics	Identification, address, NACE code, number of employees and turnover.
	Frame list update	Between 1-2 years
	Sectors and/or categories currently covered	NACE2 from 10 to 33 + 7 aggregates (CDUR, CNDU, CONS, FOBE, INTM, INVE, TOTA). The following sectors are not covered: 12, 13.3, 20.6, 25.4, 26.6, 26.8, 30.1, 30.4, 32.1, 32.2, 32.3 and 32.9.
Sampling & accuracy	Sampling method	Fixed panel. Random selection for small and medium firms and trying to be exhaustive for large firms. Criteria for selection are main activity and yearly turnover of the firm.
	Sample size (number of contacts)	1,270 firms
	Weighted sample coverage	45,7% of the total turnover in the manufacturing industry.
	Sampling error	---
	Response rate	0.949
	Treatment of non-response	No special correction for non-response but one copy of the answers of the previous month is allowed.
	Weighting scheme	First aggregation: individual weighting of the participants on the basis of their annual sales turnover by product. Second aggregation: aggregation by branch of activity on the basis of the added value of the surveyed products.
Data collection	Periodicity	Monthly (7 questions) and quarterly (9 questions).
	Survey method	Questionnaires are sent by mail or by e-mail.
	Fieldwork period	Questionnaires are sent the first working day of the month; answers are transmitted by pre-paid mail or via a free fax number and e-mail; recalls are sent to the missing companies in the middle of the month; ultimate recalls by phone during the last two days of the fieldwork period.
	Remarks methodology	Quarterly questions are asked during January, April, July and October surveys.

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