

## Business and Consumer Survey

*Metadata Overview*

### Contact data

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<b>Survey</b>	<b>Industry</b>
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### Methodology

Population & frame list	<b>Population (universe)</b>	411,145 (without cut-off).
	<b>Survey sampling frame</b>	Active firms Integrated Statistical Register - A.S.I.A. (Archivio Statistico Imprese Attive) . The register is updated at the year t-2.
	<b>Size of frame list</b>	140,972 firms with ≥5 employees
	<b>Weighted frame coverage</b>	100%
	<b>Characteristics</b>	The main variables of the frame list are : NACE code; Firm code; Region; Number of employees; Corporate name; Postcode; Address; Tax code; VAT number; Legal form.
	<b>Frame list update</b>	Every year - The latest updating is released two years later.
	<b>Sectors and/or categories currently covered</b>	NACE Rev.2 from 10 to 33 + 7 aggregates (CONS, INVE, INTM, TOTA, CDUR, FOBE, CNDU)
Sampling & accuracy	<b>Sampling method</b>	The sample is represented by a "panel" (fixed) of 4000 firms stratified according to 24 economic divisions (in section C of NACE Rev.2), four geographic partitions and five firm sizes (in term of employees).
	<b>Sample size (number of contacts)</b>	Target number: 4000 units (on the average, about 4800 contacts are needed to reach the target)
	<b>Weighted sample coverage</b>	0,02%
	<b>Sampling error</b>	Lower than +/-4,4%
	<b>Response rate</b>	100% (80%, on the average, if "targeted number of responses/ number of contacts needed to get target" is considered)
	<b>Treatment of non-response</b>	Unit NR: Large firms (with more than 1000 employees): re interview. For all the other firms: substitution within the same stratum of firms not more willing/be able to participate. Item NR: Deterministic stratum mean imputation.
	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	Size weights: number of employees declared by firms. Sample weights: Value added.
Data collection	<b>Periodicity</b>	Monthly. Some questions are asked quarterly.
	<b>Survey method</b>	C.A.T.I. (Computer Assisted Telephone Interview)
	<b>Fieldwork period</b>	Between the 1st and the 20th of the month
	<b>Remarks methodology</b>	

<b>Last update</b>	30/06/2016
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