

Glossary: Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE)

Statistics Explained

The **Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community**, abbreviated as **NACE**, is the classification of economic activities in the [European Union \(EU\)](#); the term NACE is derived from the French *Nomenclature statistique des activités économiques dans la Communauté européenne*. Various NACE versions have been developed since 1970.

NACE is a four-digit classification providing the framework for collecting and presenting statistical data according to economic activity in a wide variety of European statistics in the economic, social, environmental, and agricultural domains.

In 2023, NACE Revision 2 update 1 (NACE Rev. 2.1) was established. It will be progressively rolled out in all relevant statistical domains from 2025 onwards.

The following versions of NACE have been established:

- *NACE (1970)*
- *NACE Rev. 1*, the first revision of the original NACE (1970);
- *NACE Rev. 1.1*, a minor revision of NACE Rev. 1.
- *NACE Rev. 2. as originally adopted in 2006*
- *NACE Rev. 2.1 - the first update of NACE Rev. 2*

Further information

- [NACE background](#)
- [NACE Rev. 2.1 in the Official Journal](#)
- [NACE Rev. 2.1 as Linked Open Data](#)

Related concepts

- [International standard industrial classification of all economic activities \(ISIC\)](#)
- [Statistical classification of products by activity \(CPA\)](#)

Statistical data

- [Business economy by sector - NACE Rev. 2](#)