

ABSTRACTS

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DEVELOPMENT OF STATE STATISTICS

Results of the Federal target program «Development of state statistics of Russia in 2007-2011»

Keywords: implementing Russian state statistics reforms, optimize the composition of official statistical information, minimizing information burden on respondents, integration and harmonization of statistical information resources, modernization of collection, processing, storage and dissemination of statistical information system, development of the feedback loop with respondents and statistical information users.

This document reveals priority goals of the national program for development of the state statistics in 2007-2011 (hereinafter referred to as «Program») arising from the strategic goals of the Russian society and the analysis of the development trends in view of the economic and legal environment evolution. Analyzed are results of implementation of the Program by its key parts (statistical observation and statistical methodology; macroeconomic, social and branch statistics - modernization of already well-established, and new emerging trends in practical statistics; Unified interdepartmental statistical information system - UniSIS; technology of development and use of information and statistics resources). Russian state statistics prospects for the future are provided.

N. Vlasenko, I. Kirichenko, A. Smirnov «Quarterly estimation of fixed capital investments: quality depends on deadline»

Keywords: quarterly estimation of fixed capital investments, statistical works time-limit, aggregated volume index of fixed capital investments, dynamics of manufacturing of engineering products, dynamics of volume of works by economic activity «Construction», criteria used in the carrying out of a sample survey on small businesses.

The poor-quality design of the quarterly assessments of fixed assets investments is determined, first of all, by both the terms of the providing earlier issue dates, which are defined by the modern regulations of statistical work. Explained is the reason why previously observed close correlation between the estimated index of physical volume of fixed capital investments and the reporting of data obtained on the basis of federal statistical observation forms on fixed capital investment has been lost. The paper proposes a number of organizational and methodological enhancements aimed at improving the quality of this indicator's quarterly assessments.

QUESTIONS OF METHODOLOGY

I. Goryacheva «Harmonization of foreign investments statistics with the balance of payments»

Keywords: foreign investments statistics, balance of payments, harmonization of statistical data systems, statistics of enterprises, banks statistics, «mirror statistics».

The necessity for harmonization of foreign investments statistics with the balance of payments is discussed in this article. Features concerning foreign investment indicators formation in the national statistics and banking statistics are analyzed. It is outlined that accounting principles differ: in statistical reporting they are based on the methodology of enterprises' accounting, and for the development of the balance of payments - banks' accounting. The author also dwells on the of «mirror statistics» - the discrepancies of statistical data on foreign investment from the CIS countries to a country (according to statistical offices of the home countries) and data on investment inflows to the same country (according to the statistical offices of the "recipient" (host) country). In order to achieve greater consistency of data on foreign investment is proposed to abandon the use of statements on foreign investment, collected by national statistical services, in favor of the data generated by the national (central) bank (while maintaining the structural sections of the information flows used by different departments).

ENVIRONMENTAL STATISTICS

A. Romanov, A. Dumnov «Statistical reflection and advertising support of environmental activities: some of topical aspects»

Keywords: environmental activities, production of goods, provision of environmental services, «ecologically clean» products, organic food goods (food products, manufactured on organic agricultural basis).

The article considers the issues of environmental protection activities, its statistical mapping and advertising support in their relationship. The structure of business connected with the protection of environment, and analysis the composition of the goods produced and services is presented. Specific issues associated with the manufacturing and sale of the so-called «ecologically clean» products, organic food products (food products, manufactured on organic agricultural basis).

I. Blam «Happiness: does the quality of air and drinking water matter»

Keywords: environmental pollution, happiness, well being.

This paper investigates the effects of environmental pollution on subjective well-being. It also calculates the required compensatory income for the increase of air and water pollutants emissions.

STATISTICAL SURVEY OF SMALL BUSINESS*O. Nikiforov «Statistical observation of small business enterprises (case study: St.-Petersburg)»*

Keywords: small business, statistical resources, Federal plan of statistical works, regional surveys, information support of small business monitoring.

General approaches to the formation of statistical resources used by regional authorities to coordinate and support the activities of the small business are described in this article.

The role and possibilities of using statistical data that are generated based on the Federal plan of statistical works, and regional surveys, in order to receive regular information concerning activity of small businesses in St. Petersburg are proposed to be rethought.

G. Polyakova «Experience and issues of the federal statistical observation of small business in the Nizhny Novgorod region»

Keywords: complete statistical observation, small business, list of respondents, non-response, information-and-explanatory work, legal groundwork of statistical activities.

The experience of carrying out complete federal statistical observations of small businesses in Nizhny Novgorod region. More specifically, organizational and methodological questions of compiling a list of respondents are examined, causes of non-response are analyzed, interaction with regional authorities, information-and-explanatory work. Described are problems (including legal support of statistical activities) solution of which could improve the quality of statistical observation of small business.

O. Oleinik «Carrying out current and complete statistical observations of small business activity in the Volgograd region»

Keywords: small business, individual entrepreneurs, statistical observation, sample statistical observation, complete statistical observation, information resources.

Issues of carrying out current and complete statistical observations of small business activities are considered in this article. Comparative analysis of complete observation results and data estimates done on the basis of sample surveys of this segment of the Volgograd region's economy are presented.

A. Miroedov «Issues promoting completeness of collection of statistical accounting for small business observation»

Keywords: universe, complete observation, completeness of collection of statistical accounting, reporting subject, small business, medium business, organization of complete statistical observation, information-and-explanatory work.

Experience of Rosstat territorial statistical office for Vladimir region carrying out of the complete statistical observation for small and medium business. This review is dedicated mainly to questions concerning completeness of statistical data collection related to work arrangement and interaction with the respondents and mass media.

HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STATISTICS*Yu. Ivanov «History of the System of National Accounts creation and development»*

Keywords: the System of National Accounts (SNA), national product and national income statistics, international comparison of national products, national economy balance (NAB) and the SNA.

This material is a continuation of the article published in the previous issue. The author drew attention to the fact that the development of international standards for the System of National Accounts (SNA) was based on the progress in this field of statistics made in countries such as the USA, UK, Scandinavia, the Netherlands. The article describes the individual steps of the SNA implementation in the Russian statistical practice, the previous experience in the field of domestic macroeconomic statistics has created a favorable conditions for the relatively rapid transition from the national economy balance to the SNA.