



مركز الإحصاء
STATISTICS CENTRE



Foreign Investment Survey

2014

Quality Statement

Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi conducts Foreign Investment surveys to provide the data necessary to support the policies and take economic decisions in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

• Institutional arrangements supporting quality

- Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi (SCAD) is the official source of statistics in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, in accordance with Law No. (7) for 2008. The Centre is the responsible authority for conducting statistical surveys in the emirate.
- The survey was implemented under the supervision of a specialized section of SCAD responsible for foreign investment statistics. The survey was designed and carried out by a team of experienced professional people including experts in Foreign Investment statistics and technical experts in conducting statistical surveys. The team was responsible for monitoring the progress of both the administrative and technical progress of the survey, to ensure the project ran on time and met the statistical standards.
- Monitoring statistical surveys quality procedures in each phase and prepare quality reports to ensure the data quality and make the necessary improvements in future surveys.

• Relevance

- Representative of SCAD met with key users to ensure that user needs were taken into account in the design of the survey. In accordance to the agreement with UAE technical committee for developing foreign investment statistics. It was agreed to keep the goals of current survey aligned with the IMF recommendations for foreign investment statistics

• Clarity and Sound Methodology

- The survey was designed and implemented in accordance with SCAD's approved standard statistical operational procedures and following the process framework described by the Generic Statistical Business Process Model (GSBPM).
- Statistics were produced using internationally accepted definition of statistical concepts and classifications such as the Balance of Payments Sixth Edition system, the Industrial Standard International Classification (ISIC Rev.4). In addition, where international classification do not exist or

are inappropriate, SCAD has defined local classification applicable in Abu Dhabi such as the establishment status classification & Countries Classification.

- The survey sample consist of all eligible establishment that have foreign share, the sample units were selected from a sampling frame constructed from the most recent establishment census of 2010. The frame updated annually through adding new establishment and excluding closed establishment. The data of the previous survey are used to update the sampling frame as well.
- A methodology developing validation rules was prepared in advance of data collection and these rules were implemented electronically to facilitate the task of data editing.
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● Accuracy

- The questionnaire was designed to be in accordance with the financial statements of the companies in order to increase the precision of questionnaire completion.
- The survey data were collected by a well-trained team of field enumerators, who had attended specialized training, which focused on the development of several skills related to the data collection operation. The team included experienced supervisors in order to assure the accuracy of the data collected.
- The survey data were checked and validated to detect incorrect values. Editing was undertaken, including where possible checking available administrative records to verify the survey data.

● Consistency and coherence

- Establishment common to previous year's survey had their result compared to assure coherence.
- Statistical concepts and classifications used by SCAD in the survey are internationally approved to assure the consistency and improve opportunities for international comparisons.

● Accessibility

- SCAD follows professional standards and guidelines for the organization of the data collection, storage and dissemination to ensure the **non-release** of any confidential data that would disclose information

about establishments' details. These standards and guidelines are included in SCAD's the Dissemination Policy Guide, Confidentiality Criteria and Guide on Editing Statistical Releases.

- Survey results are publicly disseminated and are available for all users through the SCAD website.
- A descriptive analytical report of the survey results was prepared along with a brief explanation of the survey methodology.

● **Timeliness and Punctuality**

- In order to ensure timely publication of the statistics, the survey was implemented according to a detailed schedule using project management techniques. In addition, new technologies were used to reduce the length of the data collection period.
- Survey timeliness estimated by (13) months which is the period between the reference period of the survey and the release date of the survey's results. SCAD is working to reduce the period required to publish the survey results in order to improve the survey results' timeliness and punctuality for the next surveys.

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