



**STATISTICS DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND**

DIRECTORY OF STATISTICAL SERVICES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Brief description of the organization¹	<p>The IMF is a global organization that works to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity for all of its 190 member countries. It does so by supporting economic policies that promote financial stability and monetary cooperation, which are essential to increase productivity, job creation, and economic well-being. The IMF is governed by and accountable to its member countries.</p> <p>As a global hub for knowledge on economic and financial issues, the IMF is dedicated to offering global leadership on macroeconomic and financial statistics, employing its analytical, policy, and operational expertise to advance international statistical methodology, capacity development, and economic surveillance.</p> <p>To fulfil this mandate, the IMF Statistics Department (STA) serves as a central resource for comprehensive, internationally comparable, and reliable data, statistical products, and services responding to the analytical and policy needs of the IMF, its member countries, and the international community, while also offering technical assistance, training, and statistical guidance primarily to national statistical agencies, central banks, and ministries of finance.</p>
Mission²	<p>The IMF Statistics Department contributes to carrying out the IMF's mandate and core functions in four main work streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology: <p>STA is a global leader in the international statistical community in developing and promoting international statistical methodologies, as well as engaging with statistical standards-setting bodies to address the data needs of policymakers. STA's work in methodologies has helped foster transparent, consistent, and comparable macroeconomic and financial data that enhance the quality of cross-country analysis to inform policymaking.</p> • Data for surveillance: <p>STA's extensive methodological work on new surveillance priorities—such as climate change, digital money, and gender—helps strengthen multilateral surveillance by contributing to the availability of better policy-relevant data that are cross-country comparable. The IMF Data Standards Initiatives guide countries to disseminate key macroeconomic data for the public, markets, and the international community.</p> • Capacity development: <p>STA provides technical assistance and training to member countries, enhancing their capabilities to produce and disseminate macroeconomic and financial statistics consistent with international statistical standards. Over 13,500 participants attended IMF online courses on macroeconomic statistics since 2019.</p> • Data Products and Frameworks: <p>STA collects, validates, and disseminates a large number of databases. The modernized IMF Data platform empowers a larger community of economic data users by providing</p>

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	<p>a single user interface with cutting-edge tools. STA has continued to expand its work on frontier issues in the context of leading G20 Data Gaps Initiative 3 focusing on addressing the data gaps in priority policy areas such as climate change, household distributional information, fintech, financial inclusion, and data sharing.</p>
<p>Fields of Activity/ structure</p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<p>The Statistics Department provides statistical products and services that respond to the analytical and policy needs of the IMF, member countries, and the international community. The Statistics Department's activities encompass the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data management, data dissemination, and publications; • Standards for data dissemination; • Support of surveillance; • Statistical methodologies; • G20 Data Gaps Initiative 3; • Technical assistance and training; and • International statistical coordination and cooperation.
<p>Mandate</p>	<p>Within the IMF's institutional setting, and consistent with its mission statement, the Statistics Department strives for the IMF and member countries to adopt practices that are consistent with the spirit of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.</p>
<p>Statistical work programme</p>	<p>The statistical work program and activities are presented in the IMF Data Portal.: https://imf.org/data</p>
<p>Number of staff <i>Total / Statistical division</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 250 staff.
<p>Flagship Publications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>International Financial Statistics (IFS)</i>; • <i>Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook (BOPSY)</i>; • <i>Direction of Trade Statistics (DOTS)</i>; • <i>Government Finance Statistics Yearbook (GFSY)</i>; and • Other key online databases (available at https://imf.org/data) include: (1) the Coordinated Direct Investment Survey; (2) the Coordinated Portfolio Investment Survey; (3) International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity; (4) the Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves; (5) Financial Soundness Indicators; (6) the Financial Access Survey and (7) Monetary and Financial Statistics. • In addition to the traditional domains, STA has emphasized key emerging areas such as climate, fintech, digital money, and the potential of Big Data to meet the evolving needs of member countries. Examples include the IMF's Climate Change Indicators Dashboard (https://climatedata.imf.org/) and PortWatch (https://portwatch.imf.org/). • A complete presentation of IMF statistical publications is included in the IMF <i>Publications Catalog</i>, available from Publications Services (Tel: +1-202-623-7430; e-mail: publications@imf.org), or on the IMF's website (www.imf.org).
<p>Website</p>	<p>https://imf.org/data https://data.imf.org</p>

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