

**Comments on draft SNA chapter:
Chapter 19: Population and labour inputs**

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Part I: General comments

In the space below, please provide any general comments. This may cover e.g. the structure of the chapter, issues missing and (lack of) consistency with other chapters of the 2008 SNA.

General comments:

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Part II: Comments on specific draft paragraphs and sections

All comments on specific draft paragraphs are welcome. They can be about e.g. scope, content and clarity. Proposing a concrete alternative text or table is also possible. For the paragraphs in separate sections, separate forms are used for providing and collecting comments (see below).

A. Introduction (paragraphs 19.1-19.8)

General comment	
19.4	first sentence: " <i>labour input variables are required to examine productivity</i> ". Consider adding " <i>mainly</i> " after " <i>required</i> ".

B. Population (paragraphs 19.9-19.14)

General comment	
19.9	Second sentence: please replace "people who usually live in a dwelling" by "people that are usually resident".
19.10	<p>The concept of usual residence has been largely discussed and agreed by the Conference of European Statisticians (CES), and adopted in our regulations (census and migration). We thus recommend to make explicit reference to this concept as defined by the CES. In the Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses Text with EEA relevance (Official Journal L 218 , 13/08/2008 P. 0014 - 0020), it is defined as:</p> <p>(d) "usual residence" shall mean the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage.</p> <p>The following persons alone shall be considered to be usual residents of the geographical area in question:</p> <p>(i) those who have lived in their place of usual residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the reference date; or</p> <p>(ii) those who arrived in their place of usual residence during the 12 months before the reference date with the intention of staying there for at least one year.</p> <p>Where the circumstances described in point (i) or (ii) cannot be established, "usual residence" shall mean the place of legal or registered residence;</p> <p>Wouldn't references to other concepts (e.g., dwellings, or centre of</p>

	<p>economic interest, etc.) introduce potential mismatches?.</p> <p>It would also be good to define the reference moment of the population. A suggestion may be to consider the average population, defined as the arithmetic average of the population size at the beginning and at the end of the year.</p>
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C. Measuring the labour force (paragraphs 19.15-19.37)

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19.22c	Please give at least one example for self-employed persons engaged in production undertaken entirely for their own final consumption, collectively.
19.24	At the end of the last sentence: please replace "from population to the labour force" by "from the employed population to the labour force".
19.29	<p>First sentence: replacing "labour force statistics" by "statistics from labour force surveys" would make it more accurate.</p> <p>19.29d: giving some examples for the institutions meant here would be useful.</p>
19.31	Last sentence: Please delete "For all these reasons" and replace "depending on the registration arrangements..." by "depending, amongst other reasons , on the registration arrangements ...".
19.33	Last sentence could refer explicitly to employment or unemployment (instead of "economically active population").
Title 6	Consider to add "and unpaid work" in order to cover also para 19.37.

D. Standardized measures of labour inputs (paragraphs 19.38-19.55)

General comment	Please check the numbering of subtitles in part D.
19.41	The second sentence "... full-time equivalent employment should also appear in association with the national accounts." Seems to contradict the last sentence "the use of full-time equivalents should gradually be phased out." Please clarify.
19.44	Last sentence deals with full-time equivalent employment and for this it should be removed from the part "Hours worked2 to the part "Employment measured on a full-time equivalent basis"
19.46	<p>(3) (iv) please make more clear which hours are included in case of on-call duty</p> <p>(5) should probably read as "<i>Statistics on hours <u>actually</u> worked include</i>"</p> <p>In general, having two sections "<i>include</i>" (3 and 5) and two sections "<i>exclude</i>" (4 and 6) is confusing. It would be clearer to adopt the presentation in SNA 1993, Para17.11.</p>
19.53	Consider replacing at the begin of this paragraph " <i>When</i> " by " <i>As</i> " and in the last sentence replace " <i>only the <u>value</u></i> " by " <i>only the <u>volume</u></i> "

E. Estimating labour productivity (paragraphs 19.56-19.68)

General comment	Please reconsider the numbering of subtitles
19.63	Consider deleting this paragraph
19.67	Consider adding at the end of 2 nd sentence: "... <i>much simpler than the alternative approach if measuring relative levels.</i> "

F. A note on source data (paragraphs 19.69-19.74)

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Part III. Other specific comments

You are welcome to make other specific comments. To assist you in doing so, the following points are provided as a guide to the types of points on which you might wish to comment. Note, though, that you are not restricted to commenting on only these points.

1. Are the details of the labour force and the differences between the ILO and SNA conventions sufficiently clear?
2. Is the discussion of standardised labour inputs sufficient?
3. Is the discussion of labour productivity sufficient?
4. Can you recommend references to be included?

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