



## Statistical Business Register: Inputs, Processes and Outputs

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This paper first focuses on the coverage and content of the Statistical Business Register (SBR) and the input sources by which these this is achieved. It indicates the units to be included in the SBR and the information about these units that is required for survey frames. It provides details of the administrative sources of SBR data and how they are used in combination to construct and maintain the SBR. This includes the identification of appropriate sources, specification of procedures for automated updating of the SBR, and identification of errors or anomalies requiring manual investigation. It describes the additional sources of SBR data, all involving direct collection of data, including profiling of large businesses, SBR surveys, use of survey feedback, and other investigations. It indicates how the various sources are used in combination to update the SBR as businesses are created, transformed and disappear over time.

The paper then presents the output functions of the SBR. It details how the main function of the SBR, namely the production of survey frames, is achieved. It describes the coordination of sample selection across surveys and the creation of survey control files. It deals with respondent management, and measurement of respondent burden. It describes how the reporting commitments of individual business respondents can be identified and overall respondent burden can be compiled. It also discusses the production of business statistics directly from the SBR and the role of the SBR in bringing together data from surveys and administrative sources.

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