



مركز الإحصاء  
STATISTICS CENTRE



## Foreign Investment Survey

2015

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**

- Identified Survey's objectives and users' needs for developing foreign investment statistics in accordance to the agreement with UAE technical committee that included Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority, Dubai Statistics Center and the Central Bank.
- Determined survey objectives, identified key users' needs, and through incoming requests for customer service, as well based on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reports.

- **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 2015 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.

- **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.
- Used administrative real estate data of sold units for non-residents with the real estate properties and some of the major entities through direct communicating them.

- **Consistency and coherence**

- Establishment common to previous year's survey had their result compared with companies level, economic activates and countries to assure coherence.
- Compared current survey data with published data of different sectors.
- Statistical concepts and classifications used by SCAD in the survey are internationally approved such as International Monetary Fund (IMF) 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.

- **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.
- SCAD improve
- Survey timeliness estimated by (12) months which is the period between the reference period of the survey and the release date of the survey's results. SCAD committed to publish the survey results based in the statistical calendar 2016.

**Some of Quality Indicators:**

- The survey response rate reached 95%
- The completed questionnaire reached 98 %
- The refusal rate was 5%
- The survey sample was selected according to the past years foreign investments activity gradually and added new establishments to developed specific sample, which contains around 350 establishments. Therefore the sample is not probability sample and these establishments have great and high proportion in foreign investment in the emirate.

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