



مركز الإحصاء
STATISTICS CENTRE

**Law No. (5) of 2021
Concerning the Reorganisation of
Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi**



We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganisation of the Governmental body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Advisory Council and its amendments;
- Law No. (2) of 2000 concerning the Civil Retirement Pensions and Benefits in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amendments;
- Law No. (7) of 2008 concerning the Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (6) of 2016 concerning the Human Resources in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments;
- Law No. (1) of 2017 concerning the Financial System of Abu Dhabi Government;
- Law No. (18) of 2019 concerning Abu Dhabi Executive Office;
- Federal Law by Decree No. (34) of 2020 on the establishment of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Centre;
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council, Issued the following Law:



Article (1)

In the implementation of the provisions of this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings corresponding thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

State:	▶		The United Arab Emirates.
Emirate:	▶		Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
Government:	▶		Abu Dhabi Government.
Executive Council:	▶		The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Office:	▶		Abu Dhabi Executive Office.
Centre:	▶		The Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi.
Director-General:	▶		The Director-General of the Centre.
Governmental Entities:	▶		The departments, public authorities and institutions, bodies, centres, councils, funds and any other entity affiliated to the Government.
Governmental Companies:	▶		The companies wholly owned by the Government or Governmental Entities or in which the Government or Governmental Entities contribute by a rate exceeding 50% of their capital.
Institute:	▶		Statistical Training Institute.
Users:	▶		Decision makers, researchers, planners, the public, media, business community, individuals, international community, local and international consultation offices and other beneficiaries of official statistics and statistical data.
Statistics:	▶		Collecting data, information and indicators from their sources, categorising, classifying, processing, analysing, and publishing them to serve the Users.



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Article (1)

Official Statistics: ▶

Statistical data issued by the Centre and Governmental Entities and Companies under the supervision, control and approval of the Centre.

Census: ▶

Organised statistical operation, following the total process method and comprehensive inventory to collect detailed data on the characteristics of each unit of the target population without exception, such as the general census of population, housing and establishments, the industrial census and others.

Statistical Survey: ▶

Organised statistical work that follows the approach of the principle of examining and collecting detailed data on various topics and issues by taking a part of the population covered by the study, selected by scientific statistical methods. Its results is generalised after processing and analysis to represent the entire target population.

Polls: ▶

A public opinion survey of a specific group of the target community regarding a matter, phenomenon, topic or issue, conducted in a specific short period of time and according to selected general questions.

Data: ▶

A set of values of qualitative or quantitative variables about a person, entity, thing, subject, phenomenon or more.

Statistical Survey: ▶

Data, information, figures and indicators related to official statistics, statistical activities, individuals, families, Governmental Entities and Companies, private companies, and all that is related to the conditions of the Emirate, which were collected through censuses, statistical surveys, polls, records or other data sources for statistical purposes.

Data Sources: ▶

Governmental Entities and Companies, charitable and civil associations and institutions, private companies and institutions, individuals, Ministries, federal public authorities and institutions, international organisations and institutions in addition to social media, open data, big data and any other sources.

Metadata: ▶

Data that defines, specifies and describes the Statistical Data and the official statistics produced. It shall be considered as a description and documentation of the statistical concepts, procedures and methods related to the collection, processing, storage and publication of data according to specific criteria that help the user understand the nature of these statistics and optimise their use.





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Article (1)

Statistical System:

The legal framework that regulates the functions of the Centre and the sectors, departments and sections of the concerned Governmental Entities and Companies by providing, publishing and using data on all activities and sectors in the Emirate.

Statistical Portfolio:

A comprehensive official document and guide approved by the Centre and containing a list of all types of indicators and statistical topics at the Centre and any entity that has statistics or statistical data related to the Emirate.

Respondent:

The natural or legal person, public or private, who is required by the Centre to provide information and data under this Law.

Statistical Maturity:

The readiness of Governmental Entities and Companies towards preparing and issuing official statistics in a manner consistent with the methods, standards and methodologies approved by the Centre.

Individual Data:

Any descriptive information or characteristics that identify the Respondent.

Statistical Documents:

Maps, schemes, records, forms, sample lists and the like.

Extrapolation:

Using data, probabilities, statistical trends, and simulation models to reach statistical conclusions and short or longterm immediate or future predictions about the phenomenon under study.

Statistical Frames:

Lists or maps of all units of the community or the target sector to be subject to statistics, comprehensive data collection, or selection of a sample thereof, such as buildings, residences, population, establishments, and others.

Records:

Files, databases, forms, tables, models, or any other paper or electronic media stating information and data about individuals, families, addresses, buildings, establishments, and activities in any governmental or non-governmental entity.





Article (2)

- The Centre shall have an independent legal personality and a full legal capacity to act, and shall be affiliated to the Office.
- The Executive Council may change the affiliation of the Centre to any other entity specified thereby.

Article (3)

The Centre's main office shall be located in Abu Dhabi City and it may, upon a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Office, establish branches or offices inside or outside the Emirate, after the approval of the Executive Council.

Article (4)

Statistics shall be prepared in the Emirate and published in accordance with international statistical principles, in particular the principles of independence, impartiality, professionalism, confidentiality and trust.

Article (5)

The Centre shall assume the following competencies:

01. Suggest the Centre's public policies and submit them to the Office in order to be approved by the Executive Council.
02. Provide official statistics and recent and reliable Statistical Data to the Government and Users, without prejudice to the confidentiality of the data according to the legislations in force, and in coordination with the Governmental Entities and Companies.
03. Develop an integrated Statistical System and manage and organise the statistical work in the Emirate by defining and distributing the roles, tasks and competencies of all components of the Statistical System in accordance with the Statistical Portfolio.





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Article (5)

04. Laydown the principles and standards related to Statistical Data systems and official statistics, manage, unify, document, build, classify and publish the same, and supervise their quality assurance.
05. Build an information network and a unified channel that serves the Statistical System in the Emirate.
06. Work on building integrated statistical databases in partnership with Governmental Entities.
07. Technically supervise any statistics and statistical data systems works carried out by Governmental Entities, audit the results of their work, and provide technical advice in accordance with the Statistical System in force in the Emirate.
08. Collect, classify, store, analyse, process, archive, publish and protect the Emirate's Statistical Data from Data Sources.
09. Build and organise Statistical Frameworks for all activities and various sectors and update them periodically in coordination with Governmental Entities and Companies.
10. Design and conduct censuses, studies, demographic, social, economic and environmental statistical surveys, polls, and others at the Emirate level according to the Statistical Portfolio.
11. Publish official statistics and Statistical Data according to the Statistical Portfolio and using the latest used methods, without prejudice to the confidentiality of the data prescribed in accordance with the legislations in force.
12. Laydown the principles and rules regulating statistical work, and unify methods, standards, definitions and classifications related to statistical work in the Emirate, in coordination with the concerned federal entity and in accordance with the legislations in force.
13. Approve the statistical projects for Governmental Entities before submitting them to the Department of Finance within the budget of those entities, in accordance with the Centre's policies and procedures for planning and implementing statistical projects in coordination with the Department of Finance.





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Article (5)

14. Conduct, develop and publish estimates, projections, extrapolations and future predictions for various demographic, economic, social, environmental and other issues.
15. Organise the Institute and prepare its plans, training programmes and systems to support and develop statistical capabilities and enable Governmental Entities to produce official statistics and statistical data and contribute to training and strengthening statistical capabilities.
16. Conclude agreements and memoranda of understanding with Governmental Entities and Companies, private companies and others to organise statistical work, exchange and publish data.
17. Spread the statistical culture, and raise awareness among all segments of society of the importance of statistical work.
18. Organise and participate in conferences, seminars, workshops, educational programmes and statistical activities inside and outside the State.

- The Centre may contract with any entity or company inside or outside the Emirate to carry out data collection and other statistical activities.
- The Executive Council may amend the competencies of the Centre stated in this Law or any other legislation by deletion, addition or transfer.
- The Centre may delegate some of its competencies to any other Governmental entity or outsource some of them to the private sector after obtaining the approval of the Executive Council.





Article (6)

The Centre shall have a Director-General appointed by a resolution of the Executive Council, and he shall manage and supervise the Centre's Functions, and in particular:

01. Suggest the strategic and executive plans for the Centre and submit them for approval in accordance with the legislations in force.
02. Follow up on the implementation of the Centre's strategic and executive plans, programmes, projects and activities managed or executed by the Centre.
03. Manage, develop and implement all the strategic and executive tasks entrusted to the Centre, either directly or through the work teams he appoints or entrusts with tasks, in a way that does not contradict the legislations in force.
04. Suggest initiatives, programmes, studies and recommendations related to the Centre's functions and activities and submit them for approval according to the legislations in force.
05. Suggest the annual draft budget of the Centre and submit it for approval in accordance with the legislations in force.
06. Suggest the organisational structure of the Centre and submit it for approval in accordance with the legislations in force.
07. Appoint experts, consultants and technicians on a temporary or permanent basis, and determine their fees, and he may resort to the experts, institutions and consulting offices he deems fit.
08. Open bank accounts in the name of the Centre in accordance with the legislations in force.
09. Form internal committees and work teams either from among the Centre's employees or others, specify their tasks and the procedures of their work.
10. Suggest legislations, organisational and executive regulations, including violations and administrative fines related to the Centre's competencies, and submit them for approval in accordance with the legislations in force.



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Article (6)

11. Suggest fees, tariffs and prices related to the Centre's competencies and present them to the Chairman of the Office in preparation for submitting them for approval in accordance with the legislations in force.
12. Represent the Centre before the Courts and third parties.
13. Any other competencies or tasks assigned by the Executive Council.

- The Director-General may delegate some of his competencies to any of the senior staff of the Centre, provided that the delegation is in writing.
- The Executive Council may delegate any of the competencies of the Director-General to any committees or work teams that he appoints either from among the Centre's employees or others.

Article (7)

Governmental Entities and Companies shall commit to the following:

01. Prepare official statistics and statistical data related to their field of work under the supervision of the Centre in accordance with the Statistical Portfolio and using all available means with the obligation to continue their productivity unless the Office decides otherwise.
02. Apply the rules regulating Statistical Work prescribed by the Centre in accordance with the legislations in force in all stages of statistical work, such as collecting, analysing, processing and publishing Statistical Data.
03. Develop their records in accordance with the requirements of the Statistical Work determined by the Centre.
04. Submit the classifications, definitions, work methodology and statistical form, including the Metadata prepared for this purpose, to the Centre for approval before they begin statistical operations.





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Article (7)

05. Coordinate with the Centre before making any amendments or additions to the records forms or the statistical mechanisms used, in order to ensure that these records, forms and mechanisms meet the purposes of statistical work.
06. Make their employees and workers attend the training programmes carried out by the Centre to build their statistical capabilities.
07. Implement the necessary development plans to raise the level of Statistical Maturity according to the standards and methodologies approved by the Centre.
08. Apply the publishing policies of official statistics and statistical data approved by the Centre and according to the roles and competencies assigned to them according to the Statistical Portfolio.
09. Enable the Centre to access their databases and records through electronic linkage or other means, and provide the Centre with all the detailed Data and Metadata it requires to perform its statistical tasks in a format that can be processed electronically within the agreed period and according to the technical mechanisms and time schedules established in accordance with the Statistical Portfolio.
10. Obtain the approval of the Centre before conducting any Census, statistical survey or Polls in the Emirate related to official statistics.
11. Facilitate the task of the Centre's employees assigned to any statistical or census work, ensure easy communication with the relevant entities, and provide all the data they request for statistical purposes, including allowing them to peruse the records and the other means of storing information.
12. Not modify the official data and statistics without the approval of the Centre.





Article (8)

- The Centre may use all data sources to prepare official statistics.
- All private institutions and companies shall provide the Centre, upon its request, without any consideration, with the detailed data it requests within the limits of its competence and in a form that can be processed electronically.

Article (9)

Companies may conduct statistical surveys related to the marketing of their products or services.

Article (10)

- All data and individual data, which are collected or saved by the Centre or by Governmental Entities and Companies and related to any survey or census, shall be considered confidential, and neither the Centre nor any of its employees may reveal or disclose such data to any person or public or private entity, or use them for any purpose other than statistical purposes.
- When publishing official statistics, the Centre shall not reveal any individual data in order to preserve their confidentiality.
- Employees in the field of statistics in the Centre and in Governmental Entities and Companies who are assigned to conduct any survey, census or polls, shall sign an undertaking not to disclose or publish any data or individual data.
- Data and Statistical Data shall be disclosed and revealed if that is required to comply with a Court order or judgment.
- The Centre shall take the necessary measures to implement security and safety conditions to ensure the protection of the data collected and preserved in the Centre's workplaces, and coordinate with Governmental Entities and Companies to ensure that they carry out the same procedures and conditions.





Article (11)

The following shall be excluded from the individual data confidentiality rule:

- Using individual data to prove a violation of the provisions of this Law or the regulations and resolutions issued pursuant thereto.
- Using individual data related to the person or entity, provided that they agree to this in writing.

Article (12)

- The Centre shall submit to the Office every three months or whenever the Office requires the same, a report on its functions, achievements, budget, administrative and financial affairs, and the stages of progress it has made in carrying out the functions and tasks entrusted to it.

Article (13)

By a resolution of the Chairman of Office, the Office may provide logistical support and all operational functions regarding support services to the Centre, including human and financial resources affairs, procurement, electronic systems and other works and services.

Article (14)

01. Without prejudice to any more severe penalty stipulated in any other Law, every civil servant or the like who commits any of the following acts shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding one million Dirhams:





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Article (14)

- Disclosing any confidential data within the definition stipulated in this Law or any of the secrets of industry or trade and other know-how that are considered to be one of his secrets and that he has become acquainted with due to his position.
 - Knowingly publishing or causing to publish incorrect statistics or results of censuses and surveys.
 - Deliberately keeping for himself any statistical documents that contain data, or deliberately destroying or forging them.
 - Failing to preserve confidential statistical documents, which led to their loss.
02. The sanction shall be doubled in case of recidivism.

Article (15)

01. Without prejudice to any more severe penalty stipulated in any other Law, whoever commits any of the following acts shall be punished by imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding one million Dirhams:
- Impersonating the Centre's employees or any person charged with a task related to the census or statistical survey and other statistical work.
 - Deliberately disrupting the works of the census or statistical survey or refraining from giving the required data in the prescribed manner. Failure to submit the statistical data within the specified date shall be considered as refusal to submit it unless it is proven that refraining from providing the data or the delay was with an acceptable excuse.
 - Deliberately giving misleading data to any of those charged with conducting a census or survey.
 - Obtaining, through any of the Centre's employees or from the Centre's records and entries, data or confidential data by means of fraud, threat, misrepresentation, or by any other means in violation of the Laws.
02. The sanction shall be doubled in case of recidivism.





Article (16)

- Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided by another Law, whoever violates the provisions of this Law, its regulatory and executive regulations and the resolutions and circulars issued in implementation thereof shall be punished by an administrative fine not exceeding AED (500,000) five hundred thousand Dirhams.
- The Centre shall collect the administrative fines and the Chairman of Office shall, after obtaining the approval of the Executive Council, issue a table specifying the violations and administrative fines prescribed for each, without exceeding the fine set forth in this Article.
- The Director-General or his delegate may offer reconciliation to the violator, provided that this is proved in the minutes of the procedures. The violator accepting reconciliation shall pay a fine equivalent to (75%) of the total administrative fine specified for the violation, within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date of offering reconciliation thereto.
- In all events, if the violator does not remove the effects of the violation in a timely manner, the Centre shall remove them at the violator's expense.
- The regulatory and executive regulations of this Law shall determine the reconciliation procedures stated above including their time limits.

Article (17)

The Head of the Judicial Department Abu Dhabi shall, in agreement with the Chairman of the Office, determine the Centre's employees who shall have the law enforcement officer capacity for the crimes falling within their jurisdiction. They shall have the right to inspect and control to verify the commitment of all entities, companies and persons to implement the provisions of the legislations related to the Centre's competencies.



Article (18)

The Centre's financial resources shall be consist of:

01. The annual appropriations allocated to it by the Government.
02. The fees of the provided services.
03. The donations and contributions granted thereto after the approval of the Executive Council.
04. Any other revenues approved by the Executive Council.

Article (19)

The fiscal year of the Centre shall start on the first of January and end on the last day of December of every year.

Article (20)

The Centre shall have one or more accredited auditors to verify its accounts and financial statements, who shall be appointed by virtue of a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Office according to the legislations in force, specifying as well as the remuneration thereof.

Article (21)

- The Centre shall be subject to the financial laws and rules in force at the Emirate.
- The Centre's employees shall be subject to the human resources laws and rules in force at the Emirate.
- The local employees shall be subject to the pensions law and civil retirement benefits in force at the Emirate.





Article (22)

- The Director-General shall, after the obtaining the approval of the Executive Council, issue the regulatory and executive regulations of this Law.
- The Director-General shall issue the executive and operating policies, rules, resolutions and circulars necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.
- The policies, rules, resolutions and circulars in force shall remain effective to the extent that does not contradict the provisions of this Law, until the issuance of the policies, rules, resolutions and circulars implementing the provisions thereof.

Article (23)

- Aforesaid Law No. (7) of 2008 shall be repealed.
- Any provision contrary to the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article (24)

This Law shall enter into force as of its issuance date and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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