

India

Country Practices

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Various Govt. Agencies –

- National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
- Central Statistics Office (CSO)
- Labour Bureau of India
- Registrar General & Census Commissioner
- Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

International Statistical Definition of Informal Sector

- As per 15th ICLS guidelines – “informal sector is a group of production units which form part of household sector as *household enterprises* or *unincorporated enterprises owned by households*.”
- As per 17th ICLS framework – “informal employment is identified by jobs classified by *status of employment* of the workers and *type of production units* in which they were employed.”

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- Central Statistics Office (CSO)
 - The terms used in the Indian NAS are ‘organised’ and ‘unorganised’ sectors (unionized and non-unionised in the international literature).
 - Recently, during base year revision for National Accounts, as recommended by SNA 2008, Unincorporated enterprises belonging to households, which have complete sets of accounts have been treated as quasi corporations. (*proprietorship and partnership enterprises, maintaining accounts*).

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- Central Statistics Office (CSO)
 - 6th Economic Census (*conducted in 2013-14*)
 - Complete count of all establishments/units engaged in various agricultural and non-agricultural activities located within the geographical boundaries of India.
 - An establishment is a unit or an economic entity situated in a single location in which predominantly one kind of economic activity is carried out such that at least a part of the goods and/or services produced by the unit is sold.
 - Collected various useful characteristics for classifying an enterprise as an informal sector enterprise.

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- National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
 - 68th Round survey (July 11 – June 12):
 - Information on enterprise type was collected and enterprise type proprietary and partnership are classified as *informal sector enterprises*.
 - Information on condition of employment for certain industry groups was collected to identify informal employment.
 - Information on employment status, type of job contract, availability of paid leave, social security benefits etc. was collected.
 - The estimates of workers by characteristics of enterprises and conditions of employment together present a picture of *informal employment* in the country.

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- National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
 - 73rd Round (July 15 to June 16)
 - Information on Unincorporated Non-agricultural Enterprises will be collected.
 - Information on employment particulars (formal, informal workers), compensations etc. will be collected.
 - Results will help CSO in generation of National Accounts and prepare Supply-Use Table.

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- Labour Bureau
 - Annual Employment Unemployment Survey (EUS)
 - In the 4th EUS, a beginning has been made to assess the size, structure and characteristics of the informal sector in the labour market.
 - Informal sector enterprises include only Proprietary and Partnership enterprises within AEGEC and nonagricultural sectors.
 - Information on characteristics of enterprises and conditions of informal employment was collected.

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