

*International
Guidelines for Metadata Related to
Statistics and Indicators on “Work”*



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Metadata provides information on:



- the way information was produced
- its scope
- coverage
- meaning
- limitations

*Metadata
is essential to:*



- decide on which available information to use
- how to interpret information, including the limitations that may need to be considered

2 Levels of Metadata



- Information on the means of dissemination
- Information on labour statistics and indicators

Information on the means of dissemination should include:

- Titles
- reference numbers
- the dates of publication or release (printed publications)
- equivalent descriptions or dates released for data submitted in other forms (ex: electronic)

Information on labour statistics and indicators refers to:

- Convention 160
 - sources
 - concepts
 - definitions
 - methodology used in collecting and compiling statistics

Required Metadata

(resolution on the economically active population)

- Every release of statistics of the economically active population, employment, unemployment, underemployment and related topics, whether reoccurring or single-time, should clearly indicated the nature of the data and make reference to any detailed technical descriptions.

Recommended specifications for metadata for labour statistics - Coverage

- geographic
- industry
- institutional sector
- occupation
- population groups
- establishment size
- other exclusions

Recommended specifications for metadata for labour statistics - Method of data collection

- Type of method - where the data comes from (census, survey, administrative record, other)
- Methods of Estimation for sample surveys
- Full description of methodology and data sources for indexes

Recommended specifications for metadata for labour statistics - concepts and definitions

- Deviations from international standards
- Relationships with other sources of similar data
- Age limits, thresholds or other critical aspects of the approach

Recommended specifications for metadata for labour statistics



- Reference period
- Breaks in series

ILO Resolutions on labour statistics

- Statistics of strikes, lockouts, and other activities due to labour disputes
- International classification of status in employment
- statistics of labour costs
- Consumer price indexes
- Economically active population, employment, unemployment and underemployment
- statistics on the informal sector

ILO Resolutions on labour statistics

- Economically active pop., employment, unemployment and underemployment
- the measurement of employment related income
- statistics of hrs. of work
- The measurement of underemployment and inadequate employment situations
- Statistics of Collective agreements
- Integrated system of wage statistics

Metadata currently being collected - labour market indicators

- Output and needs assessment
- Labour market information library (LMIL)
- ILO Caribbean database (www.ilocarib.org.tt)
- LFS/OWS research designs