

## Quality report on financial results in industry tendency survey

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<b>Country (Area)</b>	France
<b>Survey</b>	Financial results in industry
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<b>Reference year of data</b>	2007
<b>Data of completion</b>	March 2008

METHODOLOGY	
<b>Population Reference (Universe)</b>	Legal units of the industry field. Around 245,000 firms.
<b>Sampling frame</b>	Yearly exhaustive survey (for industrial and food firms of 20 employees or more), called <i>Enquête Annuelle d'Entreprise</i> (EAE, Yearly Business Survey in industry).
<b>Size of the actual frame list</b>	24,000 firms
<b>Characteristics of the frame list</b>	Identification number, address, name, NACE code, workforce, turnover.
<b>Frame list update</b>	Every year
<b>Sampling method</b>	The sample is stratified by workforce and activity sector. The firms with more than 500 employees or more than 150 millions euros turnover are automatically included. Updating every year or every two years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sample cleaning: clearance of ceased or out of activity field firms; little companies with erratic answers are also eliminated while new big companies are included;</li> <li>- Sample increase: random drawing of firms according to a stratified sampling.</li> </ul>
<b>Sample size</b>	4,000 units
<b>Sample coverage</b>	67% in terms of turnover for the industrial firms (EAE).
<b>Sectors and/or categories currently covered</b>	According to NACE rév. 2 the survey covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other mining and quarrying (08). Extraction of peat (08.92) is excluded;</li> <li>- Mining support service activities (09) without support activities for petroleum and natural gas mining (09.10Z);</li> <li>- Food and manufacturing industries (10 to 33), without tobacco products (12), coke oven products (19.10Z) and military fighting vehicles (30.40Z).</li> </ul>
<b>Sample representativeness</b>	From 1 to 3 points of balance.

<b>Response rate</b>	Non-weighted response rate: 69% (annual average 2007) Weighted response rate (by turnover): 65% (annual average 2007)
<b>Treatment of non-responses</b>	Non-response treatment is not operated. The survey periodicity make "Constant sample" method inappropriate.
<b>Weighting</b>	Two-stage aggregation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The first aggregation level leads to results at strata level. Within this first stage, individual responses to qualitative questions are weighted using the response of the surveyed to a yearly quantitative question concerning turnover;</li> <li>- At a second stage, strata average results are aggregated at less broken-up levels using weights computed from the Yearly Business Survey (EAE).</li> </ul>
<b>Periodicity</b>	Half year (June and December).
<b>Survey method</b>	Postal mail or Internet data collection, since June 2008.
<b>Fieldwork period</b>	First 5 weeks of the half year.
<b>Timeliness</b>	Before the 10 <sup>th</sup> of the first month of the surveyed half year.
<b>Remarks</b>	The first results relating to a survey are provisional. Revised results are released at the following survey. These definitive results take into account of late responses arrived after the first release.