

Quality table for the Services Tendency Survey

CONTACT	
Country (Area)	France.
Survey	Services Tendency Survey
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Reference year of data	2015
Data of completion	February 2016

METHODOLOGY	
Population reference (Universe)	1 200 000 firms Firms with less than 11 employees According to NAF rév. 2 classification: 41.20A, 41.20B, 43.11Z, 43.99B, 43.99C, 43.91A, 43.91B, 43.99A; 43.21A, 43.22A, 43.22B, 43.29A, 43.29B, 43.31Z, 43.32A, 43.32B, 43.32C, 43.33Z, 43.34Z et 43.39Z
Sampling frame	Statistical Business Register SIRUS (firms with less than 11 employees)
Size of the actual frame list	1 200 000 firms
Characteristics of the frame list	Identification, address, contact, NACE code, number of employees, turnover.
Frame list update	Every year or 2 years
Sampling method	The sample is stratified by turnover and activity sector. The firms whose turnover is above 45 millions of euros are automatically included into the sample. In the Land Transport sector, the exhaustive stratum is 30 millions of euros. Updating every year or every two years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sample cleaning: suppression of ceased or out of activity field firms; inclusion of new big companies; • - sample increase: random drawing of firms according to a stratified sampling. The sample is stratified by workforce and activity sector. Updating every year or every two years:

Sample size	4 500 units.
Sample coverage	0,3 % of the universe
Sectors categories covered and/or currently	According to NAF rév. 2 classification: 49.41, 52.29A, 53.20Z, 55.1, 55.2, 56.1, 56.21Z, 56.3, 58 to 63, 68 to 82 (except 70.10Z, 72, 75, 81.30Z), 95 et 96.
Sample representativeness	Between 2 to 3 points of balance.
Response rate	January 2015 – December 2015 : Non-weighted response rate : 72 % Weighted response rate (by turnover) : 87%
Treatment of non-responses	"Constant sample" method for qualitative monthly questions (except for the question on business outlook).
Weighting	Two-stage aggregation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 either turnover or the workforce, depending on the question; • At a second stage, strata average results are aggregated at less broken-up levels using weights computed from the Annual sectoral survey (ESA), using either turnover or the workforce, depending on the question.
Periodicity	Monthly
Survey method	Postal mail or Internet data collection, since may 2006
Fieldwork period	The 3 first weeks of the surveyed month
Timeliness	Between the 20th and the 25th of the current month. Sending to the DG-ECFIN 5 working days by the end of the month
Remarks	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.