

## Quality table for the Building Tendency Survey

<b>CONTACT</b>	
<b>Country (Area)</b>	France.
<b>Survey</b>	Business Survey in the Building Industry.
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<b>Reference year of data</b>	2008.
<b>Data of completion</b>	March 2009.

<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	
<b>Population Reference (Universe)</b>	Legal units of the building industry. Around 20,000 firms.
<b>Sampling frame</b>	The SIRENE register, which covers all the firms of the French territory, restricted to firms with more than 10 employees.
<b>Size of the actual frame list</b>	20,000 firms.
<b>Characteristics of the frame list</b>	Identification, address, contact, NACE code, number of employees, turnover.
<b>Frame list update</b>	Every year.
<b>Sampling method</b>	The sample is stratified by workforce and sector activity. The firms with more than 500 employees are automatically included into the sample. 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>	2,500 units.
<b>Sample coverage</b>	47% in terms of turnover.
<b>Sectors and/or categories currently covered</b>	According to NAF rév. 2 classification: 41.2, 43.2, 43.3, 43.9.
<b>Sample representativeness</b>	Between 2 to 3 points of balance.
<b>Response rate</b>	Non-weighted response rate: 65% (annual average 2008). Weighted response rate (by turnover): 77% (annual average 2008).

<b>Treatment of non-responses</b>	“Constant sample” method: for qualitative questions, m-1 survey response is carried forward to m survey in case of non-response for this provisional operating. For m-1 survey definitive operating, an intermediate response between m and m-3 is attributed.
<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 either turnover or the workforce, depending on the question;</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), using either turnover or the workforce, depending on the question.</li> </ul>
<b>Periodicity</b>	Monthly.
<b>Survey method</b>	Postal mail or Internet data collection, since June 2007.
<b>Fieldwork period</b>	First 3 weeks of the current month.
<b>Timeliness</b>	4 working days before the end of the month.
<b>Remarks</b>	The first results relating to month m are provisional. Revised results are released at the end of the next month. These definitive results take into account of late responses arrived after the first release.