

Russian Input-Output Survey for Compilation Benchmark Input-Output Tables for 2011

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As an integral part of the system of national accounts, benchmark Input-Output Tables play significant role both for producers and users of statistical data. They effectively ensure the consistency among GDP estimates by production, income and expenditure approaches at a detailed level of industries and products and improve the overall quality of the national accounts. Based on the data sources data of the highest quality available, these tables provide not only an accurate and comprehensive picture of the economy on the detailed level of industries and products, but also an efficient tool for macro-economic analysis and forecasting in the fields of production, demand, prices, and so on.

The last benchmark IOTs for Russia were compiled for 1995. Afterwards only annual Supply and Use Tables were compiled by Rosstat due to a number of reasons.

In March 2009 the government of the Russian Federation took a decision providing the legal and financial basis for organization of a special input-output survey for compilation benchmark IOTs for 2011.

The objective of this paper is to describe the spadework carried out by Rosstat for compilation of the benchmark IOTs for 2011 and distinguishing features of these tables. This paper focuses on the problem of the choice of the number of economic activities and products and their classifications for the benchmark IOTs for 2011, on the methodological issues of the special input-output survey, such as statistical units, survey methods, coverage, survey contents and many other aspects of the survey design.

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