

Strategies for dissemination of input-output data and analyses. Comparison of Statistics Denmark and other national statistical institutes.

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In most countries the compilation of input-output tables is done by national statistical institutes or some other government institution. In order for the users to have the best possible access to these data it is very important that the dissemination of data and various bi-products in terms of analyses, teaching and other kinds of support is in line with what the users require. It is the experience in Denmark that there is an increasing awareness that input-output data is relevant to use for various analyses but also that there is an increasing demand for processed data in terms of various multipliers and other types of analyses due to an inability of many users to make their own calculations. The paper discusses the various actions that are being taken by Statistics Denmark to disseminate data as well as analyses in the best possible way. Data are downloadable from a database as well as full tables in GAUSS, GAMS, Excel and SAS formats. In the near future the strategy is to make available more up-to-date tables (t-1), tables with a range of multipliers and tables with SUT-data (CPA and SITC classification) as only the compiled input-output tables are published now. Moreover, it is the intention to publish more input-output based analyses and to work harder to draw the attention of the media to the results. Alongside with this discussion a closer look is taken at what goes on in this field in some other countries and a conclusion is drawn as to whether Statistics Denmark is on the right track.