Progress towards profiling in the Mexican SBR

Abstract

In Mexico, we are in the early stage of “profiling” businesses for a Statistical Business Register (SBR), and some steps are being taken in this regard.

We have conceived the Mexican SBR as a great multidimensional matrix: a first dimension in the list of all the businesses in the country, with their identification, location and size data. Such list is, at the same time, the basis of the Mexican National Statistical Directory of Economic Units.

A second dimension is the economic variables associated to each business, while the third dimension is time, associating each business not only with each variable at the same moment, but at all times for which data are available (monthly, quarterly, annually, etc.). A fourth dimension is the various sources of information that provide data on economic variables associated to each business, ranging from the censuses and surveys to the administrative registers of different government institutions, as the commissioned for taxation.

The first dimension, which is the business directory, comprises both businesses and establishments that make up each company, so the SBR will enable producing statistical information both at company and establishment levels. In order to associate each establishment to the company it belongs to, detailed work was performed, called “company assembly”, understanding that the set of all the establishments that share the same legal name are the company. This means that it is identified to which company each establishment belongs to.

This document describes the work performed to carry out this “company assembly”, as well as some work that has been done based on the assembly and linkage of some sources of information with others, although the way to go for counting on a SBR and a wide profiling system is still long.