Abstract

In Jordan, there is no central business register that can be relied upon, noting that there are several institutions, governmental and quasi-governmental agencies who keep business registers. In 1999, the Department of Statistics (DoS) decided to conduct the first Establishments Census in Jordan to cover all enterprises regardless of the number of employees or capital with the aim to provide a frame for economic surveys samples, provided that the Establishments Census is carried out every five years. (DoS) has implemented the Establishments Censuses for the years 1999, 2006 and 2011. The next census is scheduled to be carried out in 2016.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) relies upon the definition of the establishment (the statistical unit) in the process of constructing and organizing the frame. The said definition states that the Establishment is an entity or part of an entity that has a fixed location, practices one or more economic activity under one management and has same management and accounting registers. The project owner could be a natural or legal person or a governmental entity, regardless of the amount of capital or number of employees.

The Enterprises Censuses provide certain characteristics that can enable the Department of Statistics (DoS) to determine the size of the enterprise, number of workers, capital and the main and sub-practiced economic activity by the Establishment and by its branches, whether at home or abroad. Affiliation of these branches to the headquarters is determined on the basis of keeping separate administrative and accounting records.

There are seven (7) sections in the Department of Statistics (DoS) that depend upon the partial frames of the enterprises based on the Enterprises Census data in determining the economic activity. These sections implement and conduct sample economic surveys and studies which provide additional information on the wages, workers, professions and the size of employment. The surveys also provide information on production, sales ...etc.
Most of the challenges facing the process of business patterning is the lack of a national number of enterprises, non availability of a mechanism for data updating particularly in small scale establishments, moving faster from one activity to another data or transfer of ownership. The Department of Statistics (DoS) should find solutions to certain important challenges such as the increase in rejection rates, compensation and bias in the financial issues of the large enterprises.

Possession of frame for enterprise that contains modern, accurate and sufficient characteristics leads to the production of time series that help in conducting analysis and study processes of the data consistency and coherence, particularly if the Department of Statistics (DoS) can implement the national number of enterprises.