

Structure of Earnings Survey (SES)

The entity that has organized the survey and is responsible for data collection – as well as key data on the entity's membership, governance arrangements, source of funding etc.

The SES is organized by Eurostat, the official statistical office of the European Union, situated in Luxembourg. Its main objective is to provide the EU with statistics that enable comparisons between the European countries and regions. Eurostat was established in 1953 and became a Directorate-General (DG) of the European Commission when the European Community was founded in 1958. Today, seven different DGs are responsible for different sectors of Eurostat activities. Eurostat is funded by the European Commission.

The national statistical institutes are responsible for selecting the sample, preparing the questionnaires, conducting the direct interviews among households, and forwarding the results to Eurostat in accordance with the common coding scheme.

A historical sketch of the initiation and origin of the survey

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Internet links to the website of the responsible organization

[The website of Eurostat](#)

[The subsite of the SES](#)

The frequency or repetitions of the survey. Possible explanation of this.

The SES is conducted on a four-year basis.

SES I: 2002

SES II: 2006

SES III: 2010

A description of the survey's content, i.e. both focused rotational and / or core modules of the survey

The SES provides detailed information on relationships between the level of remuneration, individual characteristics of employees (sex, age, occupation, length of service, highest educational level attained, etc.) and their employer (economic activity, size and location of the

enterprise).

An outline of the type of sample and the main data collection methods used

The specific samples are drawn by the national statistical institutes. The target population are all enterprises with at least 10 employees.

The national statistical institutes are responsible and as such the data collection methods are country-specific.

An account of the availability of the data to researchers, restrictions on access, etc.

Some of the results may be found on Eurostat's website. Direct access to the microdata is only provided by means of research contracts available upon application. This is due to the confidential character of the data. For details on how to submit an access request, who can access the data, and so on please refer to the [SES microdata for for scientific purposes: how to obtain them?](#)

Questionnaires, English version

These are developed by the national statistical institutes and are country-specific.

The countries included in the different rounds

The SES is conducted in the 27 member states of the EU and the EFTA countries.

Cumulative file of the various rounds

There is no cumulative file.

Publications based on the data

[Publications based on the SES](#)

Analytical summary...

Sources

Unless otherwise noted, all information is extracted from the website of the SES/Eurostat.