

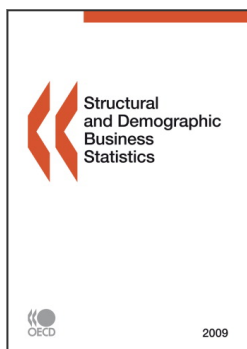
Foreword

The Structural and Demographic Business Statistics (SDBS) 2009 follows previous publications in this area in 2003 and 2006, and shows an improved coverage, comparability and quality of statistics over the years. The publication presents three datasets: the Structural Statistics for Industry and Services (SSIS) dataset; the Business Statistics by Size Class (BSC) dataset; and the Business Demography (BD) dataset. The first two contain information on key economic variables such as value-added, turnover and number of employees, broken down by detailed industrial classification, and for the BSC dataset, by employment size. The third dataset provides information on enterprise birth, death and survival rates.

This publication is part of a series of new publications that draw on the SDBS database. Firstly, the 2009 publication *Measuring Entrepreneurship: A Collection of Indicators* introduces the results of the joint OECD-Eurostat Entrepreneurship Indicators Programme (EIP). It presents a broad range of indicators covering entrepreneurial performance as well as determinants of entrepreneurship for a large number of countries, including non-OECD members. Secondly, a forthcoming 2010 publication will use the SDBS database to illustrate and analyse the industrial structure and business dynamics of OECD countries with a view to better serve policy making purposes.

The publication includes a description of the characteristics and uses of the database. The database, which contains longer time series and a more detailed industry classification, is also available online at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/sdbs-data-en> and on CD-ROM.

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