

Essential phases of register-based survey processing concerning timeliness

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Abstract

FI-SILC which is integrated to the national IDS survey has optimally been designed to meet timeliness among other quality criteria set for official statistics in Finland. Planning, data collection, processing and survey monitoring, concerning also quality checking and corrections implementing, are well established for this in the register-based statistics system. Flexibility of survey design has still been enhanced. The FI-SILC/IDS survey is conducted by using coherent and reliable register sources in many phases (e.g. sampling and estimation, data collection and automated editing) and efficient interview mode (CATI-interview mode with the Blaise programmed questionnaire) targeted mainly to the selected respondents. Fieldwork is dated to the beginning of the survey year. The preliminary data is compiled soon after receiving the rest of register information and publishing Total Income Distribution Statistics at the end of the survey year. The final data is available during the first months of the following year (survey year + 1). Very early preliminary estimates on interviewed information (excl. income calibration), however, are ready in August of the survey year.

The workshop presentation will focus on describing the essential and critical phases of the FI-SILC production and their management which are meaningful to good timeliness in register-based statistics system. Moreover, the presentation assess the possibility to develop and use early preliminary estimates within the current survey design.