About ASEANstats

Our main functions include:

• development of regional indicators, data frameworks and systems for monitoring ASEAN Community goals and initiatives;

• compilation, consolidation, dissemination and communication of statistical information on the ASEAN region and its Member States;

• provision of statistical services to the ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN bodies and ASEAN stakeholders;

• harmonization of ASEAN statistics - standardization of concepts, definitions, classifications, and approaches;

• implementation, coordination and facilitation of regional statistical programs and activities including those of the working groups and task forces within the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, with guidance from the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee; and

• implementation of policies and facilitation of partnerships between the ACSS Committee, ASEAN bodies, and international/regional statistical communities.

In carrying out our functions, we:

• mobilize the national statistical systems and institutions in the ASEAN Member States and assist in building their relevant statistical capacities;

• liaise with the national statistical institutions, international/regional statistical agencies and related organizations on technical cooperation and development; and

• monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs and activities on ASEAN statistical cooperation.

Our products and services

Publications

• ASEAN Statistical Yearbook
An annual publication of time series data compiled from officially published statistics of ASEAN Member States and key international agencies.

• ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS) Report
A biennial statistical report which contains outcome indicators of progress towards the envisaged characteristics of the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community pillars of the ASEAN Community. The first edition of the abridged version, The ASEAN Brief 2007, was distributed at the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November 2007. The second publications, The ASEAN Brief 2012 and ACPMS Full Report 2012, were issued in March and September 2013, respectively.
• **ASEAN Economic Community Chartbook**
An annual statistical booklet which provides graphical presentation of selected macroeconomic data on trade, investment, services and other indicators on economic integration.

• **ASEAN Community in Figures**
An annual handy reference on selected economic and social indicators on ASEAN’s general economy, trade, foreign direct investment, tourism, telecommunications, population, labor force, and social development.

• **ASEAN Statistics Leaflet**
An annual release on population, trade, investment, infrastructure and connectivity indicators, presented in ASEAN and country-level aggregates.

• **ASEAN Statistical Report on MDGs**
A biennial statistical report, featuring selected MDG indicators of ASEAN aggregates as well as information on the narrowing development gaps. First issue was published in November 2012.

• **ASEAN International Merchandise Trade Statistics Yearbook**
A comprehensive compilation of the region’s international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS); presented in time series and trends from 1993 to the current period. Starting 2010, efforts were made to harmonize the IMTS which are transmitted, processed and disseminated through the Regional Information Exchange Database System (REXDBS). The publication was launched in November 2012.

• **ASEAN Statistical Reports on International Merchandise Trade, International Trade in Services, Foreign Direct Investments**
A yearly update which provides brief developments and trends in the areas of International Merchandise Trade, International Trade in Services, Foreign Direct Investments.

All publications (in print and CD ROM) are available free of charge, upon written request; shipping cost to be borne by requesting party. All materials are accessible at the ASEANstats website at [http://www.asean.org/resources/category/asean-statistics](http://www.asean.org/resources/category/asean-statistics)

**Statistics updates**

• Most recent statistical tables on selected key Indicators, macroeconomic indicators, statistics on trade in goods, trade in services, foreign direct investments, tourism, and transport.

**Online services**

• Regional Information Exchange Database System (REXDBS) is an online database that allows users to download data series on International Merchandise Trade, International Trade in Services, Foreign Direct Investment, and Millennium Development Goals Indicators at: [http://aseanstats.asean.org/](http://aseanstats.asean.org/)

• ASEAN Statistical Indicators Platform (ASIP) - is an online database- still being developed - containing indicators relevant to ASEAN integration monitoring.
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Our means of coordination

We work hand in hand with ASEAN Member States in building statistical capacities, promoting international standards and best practices, and harmonizing statistics through, among others, the following mechanisms:

ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM)

The AHSOM was inaugurated on 10 October 1997 and set the stage for a regional cooperation in statistics. The Third AHSOM adopted the first ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics together with the Plan of Action on Statistics on 24-25 September 2001 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This Framework achieved its purpose of mapping the direction and scope of regional statistical cooperation. In preparation for the perceived challenges in setting up the ASEAN Community Statistical System, the AHSOM adopted the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics 2010-2015. The AHSOM was later reconstituted into the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee in August 2011.

ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee

The creation of the ACSS Committee was endorsed by the 43rd Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers in August 2011 in Manado, Indonesia. Three months after its adoption, the ACSS Committee was formally launched and convened its inaugural meeting in November 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The ACSS Committee assumes greater role and stronger mandate on ASEAN Statistical Cooperation. It shall lead in building the ASEAN Community Statistical System in 2015 through the following:

- Strengthening the capacity of the national statistical systems and the ASEAN Secretariat;
- Improving comparability of ASEAN statistics;
- Enhancing communication between data users and producers;
- Establishing an appropriate institutional framework for ASEAN statistics; and
- Supporting evidence-based and informed decision making in the ASEAN Community.

ACSS Planning and Coordination Sub-Committee (ACSS-PCSC)
The ACSS-PCSC was installed along with the ACSS Committee in November 2011, to address the strong need for coordination of statistical activities at the regional level in meeting the expanded coverage of statistics under the purview of the ACSS Committee. It assumes the role of the focal point and provides leadership support to the Committee Chair.

**Working Groups**

- **Working Group on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS)**

A detailed project implementation plan for the harmonization of international goods and services statistics was endorsed by AHSOM 6 in August 2005. The Task Force on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (TFIMTS) was created in 2006 and resumed under AHSOM 10 in 2010 at Chiang Mai, Thailand. The ACSS Committee at its Third Session in Brunei Darussalam, October 2013, adopted the Terms of Reference of the WGIMTS from the TFIMTS in order to reflect its permanent status within the decision making framework of the ACSS Committee. The main objective of the ASEAN WGIMTS is to facilitate the development and harmonization of IMTS, enhance timeliness and effectiveness of IMTS data sharing and dissemination, and to better respond to the information requirements in support of economic integration and development as envisaged in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint. The ToR of the WGIMTS were adopted at the Third Session of the ACSS Committee in October 2013.

- **Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS)**

The original Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services were adopted at AHSOM 7 in Brunei Darussalam in November 2006. The first ToR of the TFSITS was amended in January 2010 at AHSOM 10 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. At the Third Session of the ACSS Committee in October 2013, the TFSITS was converted into the WGSITS for following reasons: 1) to reflect its permanent status within the decision making framework of the ACSS Committee; 2) to take account the initiative on the harmonization of SITS; and 3) to address the emerging needs for more detailed, more comparable, and more comprehensive SITS in various forms. The ToR of the WGSITS were adopted at the Third Session of the ACSS Committee in October 2013.

- **Working Group on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS)**

Following the decision of the higher ASEAN bodies to transfer the supervision of the Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS) to the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee and the ASEAN Coordinating Committee, new efforts to enhance the mechanism of the WGFDIS would include amending the Terms of Reference, which was drafted initially in 2000, to reflect the new reporting structure and scope of the work program. The 24th Meeting of the WGFDIS in January 2012 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar decided to rename the WGFDIS to Working Group on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS). The objective of the WGIIS is to promote the development, compilation, dissemination and reporting of international investment statistics by ASEAN Member States for the design, development, implementation and monitoring of ASEAN investment policies and programs. The ToR of the WGIIS were adopted at the Second of the ACSS Committee in September 2012.
• **Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of ASEAN Statistics (WGDSA)**

The WGDSA was initially created under AHSOM 9 in January 2009 in Singapore and its revised Terms of Reference were adopted at the Second Session of the ACSS Committee in 27-28 September 2012 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The WGDSA aims to improve the national and regional capacities in information development and analysis, dissemination and communication of statistics in support of regional policy and program implementation, monitoring/evaluation, and improved governance and accountability in ASEAN.

• **Task Force on Statistical Classifications (TFSC)**

The TFSC is among the first Task Forces created under the AHSOM. It was established in response to the global initiative led by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) to migrate from the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) Revision 3 to ISIC Revision 4. Endorsed by AHSOM 4 in 9-10 December in Yangon, Myanmar, the TFSC has developed an ASEAN Common Industrial Classification (ACIC) which along with the UN ISIC Revision 4, was referred to in revising/drafting the national industrial classification of the Member States.