

Quality Policy of the Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia

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The Statistical Committee of the Republic of Armenia (Armstat) is a body implementing functions aimed at the public interest that is independent from state and local self-government bodies of the Republic of Armenia in its activities.

The Mission of the Armstat is to collect, publish and disseminate official statistics for public use.

The supreme body of governance of the Armstat is the State Council on Statistics that has a right to adopt normative and individual decisions on official statistics, to approve annual and five-year statistical programs and their implementation reports. This system provides the Armstat with the solid legal basis of professional independence to act according to the sound methodology and appropriate statistical procedures, assuring impartiality, objectivity and confidentiality of statistical information.

In order to meet users' continually increasing demands the Armstat is strictly following the timeliness and punctuality, accessibility and clarity principles.

The Armstat is responsible for official statistics in Armenia and should ensure the coherence and comparability of official statistics, using business and administrative sources, when possible, to avoid excessive burden on respondents.

The Armstat's Quality Policy is aimed at the systematic improvement of statistical products and processes through the development of relevant methodologies and tools, focusing on high quality services, increasing the work efficiency and cost effectiveness.

The quality system of the Armstat is based on the 15 principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice:

1. Professional independence
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2. Mandate for data collection
3. Adequacy of resources
4. Commitment to quality
5. Statistical confidentiality
6. Impartiality and objectivity
7. Sound methodology
8. Appropriate statistical procedures
9. Non-excessive burden on respondents
10. Cost effectiveness
11. Relevance
12. Accuracy and reliability
13. Timeliness and punctuality
14. Coherence and comparability
15. Accessibility and clarity