SINGAPORE'S STATISTICAL BUSINESS REGISTER
Introduction

Admin sources
Surveys
ACRA

Statistical Business Register

- Sample Population Frame
- Statistics
Administrative Data

- Registration records
- Financial Statements (in XBRL)

- Tax records (e.g. Corporate tax, income tax, GST)

- Employment records
## DOS Business Surveys

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| • Survey of Retail Sales  
| • Survey of Food & Beverage Services | • International Investment Survey  
| | | • Business Expectations Survey  
| | | • Survey of Services  
| | | • Survey of Wholesale Trade |
| | | • Survey of Singapore’s Investment Abroad  
| | | • Survey of International Trade in Services  
| | | • Survey of Services  
| | | • Survey of Foreign Debt and Financial Derivatives Transactions |
Population

- Consist of commercial & non-commercial enterprises/establishments
- Registered Population
- Active Population
  - Breakdown by Industry
Changes in Registered Population

• Source: ACRA

• Firms are required to update any changes with ACRA (including status)

• SBR receive updates from ACRA and the other registration authorities on a weekly basis

• Changes in Registered Population tracked through records on formation/cessation
Changes in Active Population

• Firms registered, but may not commence immediately

• Incorporate use of administrative data to provide indication on whether firms have commenced operations

• Subset of the registered population
Changes in Industry Population

- Based on the principal activity of an economic unit
- Singapore Standard Industrial Classification (SSIC)
- Main Source: ACRA (enterprise level)
  Secondary source: DOS’ business surveys, feedback from other RSUs
- SSIC Feedback Function
Challenges

Classification of multi-activity firms

Updating the activity and status codes of small or non-employing enterprises

Timeliness of administrative data sources
Thank You

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