

Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS)

FATS, WHAT AND WHY, CONCEPTS AND METHODOLOGY, COMPILATION



WHY?

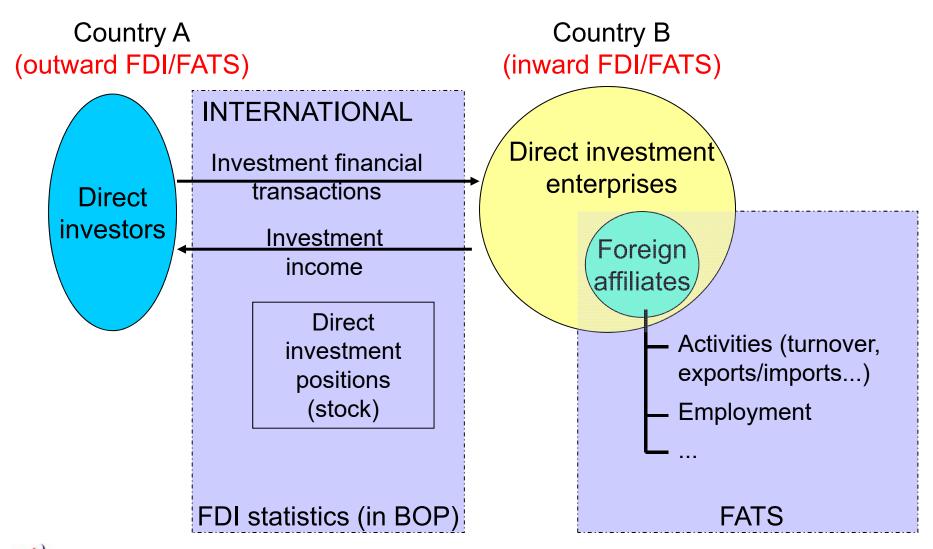
Inward FATS: activities of foreign-controlled resident enterprises

- Enterprises are surveyed about there own activities
 - => statistical unit = reporting unit

Outward FATS: activities of affiliates controlled by resident enterprises

- Enterprises are surveyed about the activities of other enterprises
 - => statistical unit ≠ reporting unit

FDI Statistics and FATS





« Control »: an essential concept

Immediate Ultimate investor for Controlling Foreign Α Institutional affiliate for unit (UCI) Foreign affiliate for (if not controlled) and C **Enterprise B** Control **Enterprise A** Investor C Control Control





FATS – compilation issues (1/2)

1. statistical units

- INWARD: enterprises/establishments under foreign control
- OUTWARD: enterprises/establishments abroad under control of a resident institutional unit
- NB: if statistical units are different between inward and outward => problems of comparability!





FATS – compilation issues (2/2)

2. reference period

 \Rightarrow calendar year



 \Rightarrow annual, biannual

4. valuation

⇒ accrual basis

5. Validation/checking procedures

⇒ cross-checking with other data sources (SBS, partner data); treatment of confidential data...



Economic Variables for FATS



Most are drawn from SNA 2008

Basic FATS variables

(minimum recommended by MSITS)

- Assets
- Compensation of employees
- Net worth
- Net operating surplus
- Gross fixed capital formation
- Taxes on income
- Research and development expenditures
- Purchases of goods and services

- Sales (turnover) and/or output
- Employment
- Value added
- Exports and imports of goods and services
- Number of enterprises



Additional FATS variables

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FATS variables: sales or output?

sales/turnover = total amount invoiced for the
sales of goods and services

- readily available/easy to collect
- easy to disaggregate by activity/product

output = preferred measure for Mode 3 supply
of services

superior measure for wholesale and retail trade, insurance, financial services



A breakdown of sales/turnover or output into total goods and total services gives a better measure of mode 3



FATS variables: # of enterprises

Number of enterprises

- => number of statistical units
 - enterprise
 - establishment



- Depends on the level of consolidation
- Should correspond to the statistical unit used to compile the other variables
- Only consider entities with genuine economic activity



FATS variables: employment

Number of persons employed

- on a full-time equivalent basis
- annual average
- hours worked?
- separate identification of residents, non-residents and intra-corporate transferees



analysis of mode 4!



- Collect data directly through surveys
- Figures derived from other data sources (SBS) –
 INWARD only





Breakdown of FATS variables

1. Attribution by COUNTRY





- Ultimate investing or host country
- Inward FATS: Ultimate Controlling Institutional Unit
- Outward FATS: To the country of the affiliate whose operations are described by the variables



Breakdown of FATS variables

- Attribution by primary activity of affiliate enterprise (ISIC rev. 4) not of the mother company!
 - All economic activities should be covered to enable cross-activity comparisons
 - More detail on services + total for service activities
 <u>indication</u> of international supply of services



If SBS are the basis for INWARD FATS, coverage of all service activities should be ensured



Classification by Activity

- FATS variables classified as a first priority on an activity basis
 - Foreign affiliates classified by their primary activity
 - According to ISIC and grouped according to ISIC Categories for Foreign Affiliates in services (ICFA Rev.1)
 - Often easier to compile given existing related data (e.g. FDI, Business statistics)
- Current practice of many countries
- Allows comparisons between activities. Provides framework for services as secondary activities
- ICFA can be linked with EBOPS (to a limited extent)
- Some issues when using data in mode 3 analysis (e.g. compare with BoP services statistics)

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ICFA Rev.1



ICFA headings/elements

ISIC Rev. 4 code

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	Section A
Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities	div. 01
Support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities	group 016
Forestry and logging	div. 02
Support services to forestry	group 024
Fishing and aquaculture	div. 03
MINING AND QUARRING	Section B
Mining support service activities	div. 09
MANUFACTURING	Section C
Repair and installation of machinery equipment	div. 33
ELECTRICITY, GAS, STEAM AND AIR CONDITIONING SUPPLY	Section D
Electric power generation, transmission and distribution	class 3510
WATER SUPPLY; SEWERAGE, WASTE MANAGEMENT AND REMEDIATION ACTIVITIES	Section E
Water collection, treatment and supply	div. 36
Sewerage	div. 37
Waste collection, treatment and disposal activities; materials recovery	div. 38
Remediation activities and other waste management services	div. 39

ICFA Rev.1 (continued)



ICFA headings/elements

ISIC Rev. 4 code

CONSTRUCTION	Section F
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES	Section G
AND MOTORCYCLES	
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	div. 45
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	div. 46
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	div. 47
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE	Section H
Land transport and transport via pipelines	div. 49
Passenger rail transport, interurban	class 4911
Freight rail transport	class 4912
Other passenger land transport	class 4922
Freight transport by road	class 4923
Transport via pipeline	class 4930
Water transport	div. 50
Sea and coastal water transport	group 501
Inland water transport	group 502
Air transport	div. 51
Warehousing and support activities for transportation	div. 52
Postal and courier activities	div. 53

ICFA Rev.1 (continued)

ICFA headings/elements

ISIC Rev. 4 code

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICE ACTIVITIES	Section I	_
Accommodation	div. 55	
Food and beverage service activities	div. 56	
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION	Section J	
Publishing activities	div. 58	
Publishing of books, periodicals and other publishing activities	group 581	
Software publishing	group 582	
Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	div. 59	
Programming and broadcasting activities	div. 60	
Telecommunications	div. 61	
Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	div. 62	
Computer programming activities	class 6201	
Computer consultancy and computer facilities management activities	class 6202	
Other information technology and computer service activities	class 6209	
Information service activities	div. 63	
Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals	group 631	
Other information service activities	group 639	
News agencies activities	class 6391	
Other information service activities n.e.c	class 6399	

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Breakdown of FATS variables

Attribution when services are secondary activity??

to measure services produced by enterprises primarily engaged in goods producing activities (and vice-versa)

3. Attribution by **product**

sales/turnover, output, exports and imports

=> most relevant information for negotiators and analysts

=> compatible with EBOPS

=> difficult to implement, long-term objective

Start from total goods and total services

Two approaches for data collection Two

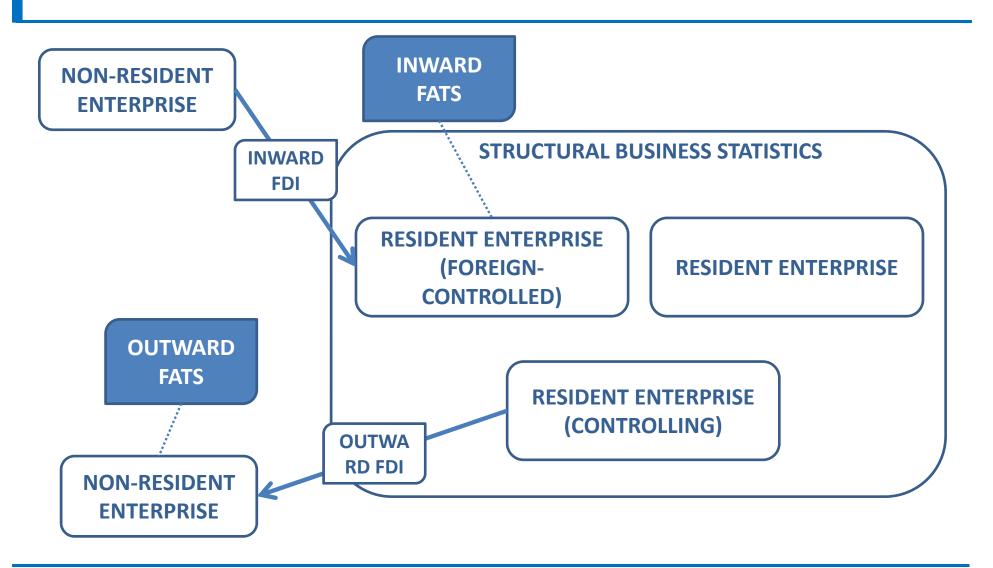
- 1. Existing data sources on resident enterprises (Structural Business Statistics)
- 2. Ad-hoc surveys
 - FDI surveys
 - FATS specific surveys



Maximize the use of existing information!



FATS vs. other statistics





Statistical Business Register

Definition and objectives

- List of all resident economic units
 - => statistical units
- Central sampling frame for all business surveys



- Integrated collection and compilation of economic statistics
- Reduction of costs and of response burden
- Better quality and coherence of official statistics





Characteristics

Statistical units

Identifier variables

Name, address, VAT registration number...

Economic characteristics (stratification variables)

Activity classification, size, location...

Demographic characteristics

Beginning and termination of activities...



Structural business statistics

Detailed economic and financial data on the activities of resident enterprises (employment, turnover...)

- 1. Identify the foreign-controlled enterprises
- Complement the questions to cover the information needs of the MSITS 2010



- FATS comparable to indicators of domestic economy
- Little burden added for collection



- May be difficult to derive all the recommended items
- Only relevant for INWARD FATS



FDI surveys (1/2)

Possible synergies between FATS and FDI:

- FDI registers can be used to identify foreigncontrolled affiliates
- FATS variables can be included in existing FDI surveys
- If FATS are not yet produced, FDI positions can be used as proxy of a country's interest in commercial presence



FDI surveys (2/2)



- Risk of increasing the response burden for non-controlled foreign affiliates
- Need to identify affiliates indirectly controlled
- Different frequency needed for FDI and FATS



Can be a cost-effective, short-term solution (especially for OUTWARD FATS)



FATS surveys

- FATS collection carried out separately from other collection systems
- INWARD and OUTWARD conducted separately (different target populations)



- Easier to follow international recommendations
- Targeted to the controlled/controlling enterprises only



Requires additional resources

FATS surveys



Country example: US

- Specific surveys on operations of MNCs (inward and outward)
- All MNCs are covered
 - Majority and minority owned
 - Grouped by size
- System of surveys
 - benchmark surveys (every 5 years)
 - annual surveys
- Large, majority-owned companies are required to report annually the most detailed information

FATS surveys



Country example: US

- Sales broken down into goods and services
- Trade between affiliated and unaffiliated parties is identified
- Data cross-checked for consistency with quarterly FDI surveys

FATS data collection Main issues (1/3)



The structure of multinationals may be complex

- Establishments or enterprises?
- Complicated structures and sophisticated legal forms
- Rapidly changing corporate structures
- UCI attribution



Possible solutions:

- direct contacts/press/internet
- consultation between countries (inward vs. outward FATS)
- different registers (e.g. Eurogroup register)



FATS data collection Main issues (2/3)

- Data completeness
- Estimations when thresholds applied (mainly a problem for Outward FATS)
- Consolidated reporting
- Trade variables, in particular intra-group trade
- Level of detail vs. confidentiality
- Consistency when using Structural Business Statistics (only for inward FATS)



FATS data collection Main issues (3/3)

Asymmetries Inward vs. Outward FATS

- Inward FATS 'easier' and thus more complete
- international comparisons and consultations very useful in order to improve Outward FATS

Asymmetric burden distribution between countries

- level of business internationalisation different
- number of Outward FATS statistical units ranging from less than 50 to more than 20.000.....it depends on the country
- countries with the most impact on global figures have the most burden to cope with



USA Inward FDI Questionnaire

PART II - FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA OF U.S. AFFILIATE - Continued

Section C — DISTRIBUTION OF SALES OR GROSS OPERATING REVENUES

Distribute sales or gross operating revenues among three categories — sales of goods, sales of services, and investment income. For the purpose of this distribution, "goods" are normally outputs that are tangible and "services" are normally outputs that are intangible. When a sale consists of both goods and services and cannot be unbundled (i.e., the goods and services are not separately billed), classify the sales as goods or services based on whichever accounts for a majority of the value. Give best estimates if actual figures are not available.

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Utilities and Oil & Gas Producers and Distributors — To the extent feasible, revenues are to be allocated between sales of goods and sales of services. Revenues earned from the sale of a product (e.g., electricity, natural gas, oil, water, etc.) are to be reported as sales of goods. Revenues earned from the distribution or transmission of a product (e.g., fees received for the use of transmission lines, pipelines, etc.) are to be reported as sales of services.

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50.	To foreign persons	7 \$			000



USA Outward FDI Questionnaire

Part II — FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA OF MAJORITY-OWNED FOREIGN AFFILIATE — Continued

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- Between goods and services
 - Goods-producing industries can be important suppliers of services
 - For example, U.S. affiliates classified in manufacturing sector were third largest suppliers of services in 2010
- Between services and investment income
 - Needed for industries where investment income is included in revenues, such as finance and insurance



U.S. Presentation of International Supply of Services

- In 1990 introduced annual report presenting both sales of services through affiliates and resident/nonresident trade
- Sales through affiliates (Mode 3)
 - Covered sales of services and excluded goods and income
 - Covered nonbank majority-owned affiliates only
 - U.S. affiliates: Sales in the United States
 - Foreign affiliates: Sales to foreign persons
- Resident/nonresident trade (Modes 1, 2, and 4)



Compilation experiences

India

- Computer software and IT enabled services (outward)
- Trade in banking services

Vietnam

- Inward FATS only
- Majority of data collected via Annual Enterprise Survey, foreign affiliates identified via Establishment Census Survey
- Good exports/imports sourced via matching with Customs records (tax number)
- Imports/exports of services sourced via International Trade in Services Survey



8.	Information on Number of Employees			
	Employment	Indian	Foreigner (Citizens of	Total
		Citizen	other	
			countries)	
		(1)	(2)	(1+2)
	a) Indian Company			0
	b) Subsidiary(s)/Associate(s) abroad			0
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PART -D: Subsidiary/ Associate Abroad

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9. Information on subsidiary(s)/ associate(s) abroad

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Hong Kong Inward FATS

- Data of establishments collected through the Programme of Annual Economic Surveys
- Information on the source of investment obtained from the Survey of External Claims, Liabilities and Income used for identifying majority owned foreign affiliates
- Many variables collected

Hong Kong Inward FATS in Annual Economic Survey (1/2)



