

Use of non-survey data in production of official statistics

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Abstract

In Statistics Norway's strategy, one of the main goals is to collect, use and share data for the benefit of the entire society. Statistics Norway's management documents emphasize that Statistics Norway must utilize the growth in new data sources for statistical purposes, and that new data sources can contribute to realizing Statistics Norway's focus areas.

This paper concentrates on Statistics Norway's use of existing data sources that were not originally intended for official statistical purposes, but which can be processed and reused for such purposes. It includes both administrative and other data and is referred to in international literature as "non-survey data". Such data differ from data collected via statistical surveys.

The paper first provides an overview of non-survey data that can be useful for official statistics, along with key aspects most relevant to this discussion. Then we summarize Statistics Norway's most important experiences so far with the collection of non-survey data. Finally, the main directions for the further work with the use of such data are outlined.