

A complete “National Accounts” includes flow and stock statistics. Flow statistics refers to national income statistics which are published by DGBAS quarterly and yearly. Stock statistics refers to national wealth, which is estimated based on national income statistics for most countries, while in Japan, Korea and Taiwan, it is based on large-scale surveys for industries. These two methods complement each other and are necessary information for the actual strength of a nation’s economy and for measuring the results of economic developments.

Taiwan conducted National Wealth Survey twice. One is in 1989, surveyed for the stock of produced assets of all sectors. The other one is in 1991, which finished the statistics of the structures and distributions of family assets. While due to the sensitivity of the data about cost, labor force and wealth, no further survey conducted since then. To comply with the Budget Law (renewed in 1998), since 2000 DGBAS has been compiling National Wealth by data collections from registration files and survey data, and which serve as references to the central government for budgeting.

There are two main purposes of national wealth statistics. One is to compile the stock of produced assets for all industries and thus to measure the capital usage efficiency and to serve as references for economic estimates. The other one is to compile National Balance Sheet and thus to understand the status of resource distribution among all activities. The structure of compilation, divided by main economic activities, has five departments – household, non-profit institutions, enterprises, non-financial enterprises, government and financial enterprises. Assets are divided into produced assets, non-produced assets and net financial assets; besides, the structures of assets and liabilities of the household are disclosed. As for the methodology, it is based upon the results of the National Wealth Survey and estimated through public registration data and relevant survey statistics. Under good using of information and advanced statistical technologies, as well as proper consideration of cost- efficiency and the burden of labor, the compilation of National Wealth Statistics is reaching its goals.

The produced assets statistics of non-profit institutions, non-financial enterprises, government and financial enterprises are revised in accordance with the revision of national income statistics, and for the convenience of international comparison the assets are compiled according to 2008 SNA.