

Historical Review

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| 1880 | The Statistical Division at the Ministry of Justice (January 21st 1880) was established and the Statistical Organizational Division at the Ministry of Finance was formed (June 25th 1880) |
| 1881 | The first Population Census was conducted as of 1st January 1881 |
| 1881 | The Bulgarian Official Statistical Institution was established. The Statistical Division turned into independent Statistical Office |
| 1897 | A Law on the Statistics Directorate in the Principality of Bulgaria and a Law on Population Census, Housing and Livestock |
| 1908 | The first Monthly Statistical Reviews was issued |
| 1909 | The first Census in Industry was carried out |
| 1910 | The first Statistical Yearbook was published |
| 1925 | The first Household Budgets Survey was conducted |
| 1929 | The first specialized 'Journal of the Statistics Directorate General' was published. Nowadays it comes out under the name of 'Statistics Journal' |
| 1953 | A Central Statistical Office at the Council of Ministers as a state authority to manage the overall statistical activity in the Republic of Bulgaria was created |
| 1991 | A Law on Statistics - the National Statistical Institute (NSI) was created |
| 1993 | A Common Declaration of Statistical Cooperation between the National Statistical Institute of the Republic of Bulgaria and Eurostat (Statistical Office of the European Communities) was signed |
| 2007 | The Bulgarian Statistics was integrated into the European Statistical System |



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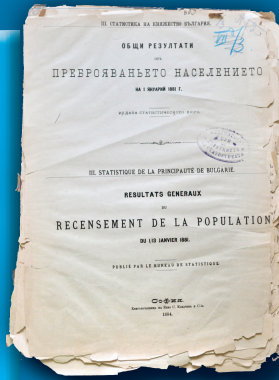
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Statistical heritage

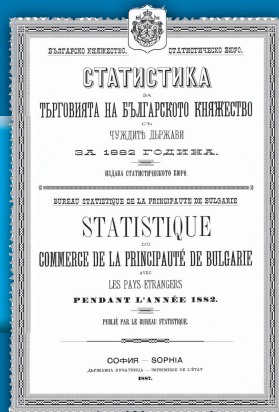
1. 1880 marks the beginning of population censuses in the Principality of Bulgaria with a law on December 13, 1880. The first census after the Unification of the Principality of Bulgaria with Eastern Rumelia was carried out on December 31, 1887. Until now, in Bulgaria 17 population and housing censuses have been organized.



2. The first Statistical Yearbook of the Kingdom of Bulgaria was published in 1910. Collection of data on the economic, social, political and cultural life of Bulgaria in one publication was a necessity imposed by the needs of the state and public interests.

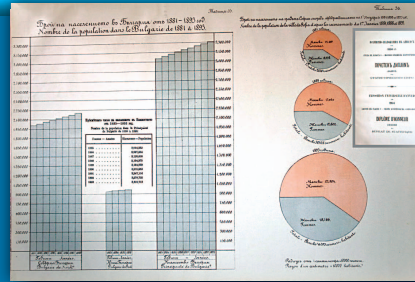


3. Foreign Trade Statistics is a statistical research launched in 1880. It covers the export, import, transit, new export, temporary import and temporary export.

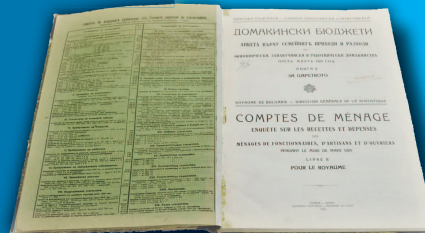


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4. Statistics of population movement was introduced in 1880. This is the beginning of a statistical research in the field of demographic statistics in Bulgaria.



5. Household Budget Survey dates back to March 1925 when the first one-month sample survey of the family income and expenditure of the 1 487 civil servants' and workers' households had been implemented. 1951 marked the beginning of Statistics on Household Budgets, and since 1953 has been organized a year-round monitoring survey on expanded programme based on random (stochastic) selection.



6. The first issue of 'Quarterly journal of the General Statistics Directorate' was published in 1929, which later is released as 'Statistics Journal'. The issue reflects the development of methodology, theory and practice of statistical science at national and international level.

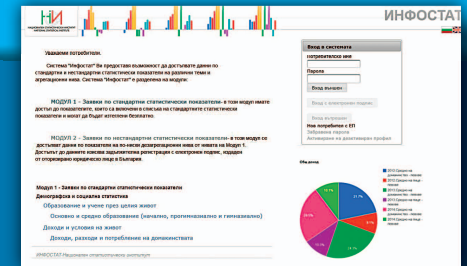


Electronic services

7. The first electronic Population and Household Census was conducted in 2011. Over 40% of the people in Bulgaria were enumerated online.



8. Since 2009 respondents have had opportunity to submit their annual reports online. Over 70% of the nearly 600 000 companies already take advantage of the opportunity to meet their commitments online. Since the autumn of 2015 users will be able to access all databases, incl. extracting graphics and maps.



9. NSI's digital library provides users with the opportunity of free Internet access to over one million digitalised pages of statistical publications since 1880 till the present day.

