

## 148 YEARS OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS

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The beginning of each July has a special meaning for Romanian statistics. More precisely, this meaning is given by two key moments: the first one, with historical valences, is related to the date of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1859, when the ruler Alexandru Ioan Cuza has signed the decision on the birth of official statistics in our country; the second one, relatively recent, is associated to the decision of June 2002, when Romania's Government stated the "Statistician's Day", which is annually celebrated at a date close to the above mentioned one, as starting point in the evolution of Romanian official statistics.

In this beginning of July, animated by statistics' celebration, but also by their incumbent responsibilities in their various positions as participants in statistical process, the information providers, the statistical data producers and users prevail themselves of the opportunity to evoke Romanian statistics, both by reminding the forerunners efforts and contributions and by pointing out its outcomes at national and international level, either included in current balance or in the future projects, envisaging the consolidation of accomplishments and the full compliance with the European Statistical System.

No matter of the way it is seen, as science, field of activity, working method or profession, statistics plays its indispensable role in the society and manifests its constructive and dynamic feature in the quantitative measurement of the state of art and of the economic and social evolution of the country. Its objective and mandatory dynamism reaches the consensus with the one of the society it describes, with specific means, as "history in motion".

Indeed, through the provided data, statistics marks the level reached by the society at each moment of its evolution, in its economic development, in reaching the standards of demographic and social nature, the living standard and the culture and civilization degree.

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