

I have the pleasure to submit to the attention of the readers the current 61st edition of the Statistical Yearbook, by which the National Statistical Institute (NSI) provides the users from the country and abroad with rich information related to demographic, social and economic situation of the Republic of Bulgaria.

In its desire to reflect objectively the phenomena and the processes connected with the transition to the market economy, the National Statistical Institute turns its attention to the priority researches, such as: statistical surveys of inflation, employment and unemployment, incomes, participation of the private sector in different fields of social and economic activities, restitution, privatization and other significant problems related to the society.

In the edition one could find basic data concerning the demographic and social status of the society, extracted from the population and housing census by 04.12.1992. The census results are given in details in a series of publications in which the information is selected by different indicators.

Taking into consideration the overall subject-matter of the Yearbook in this edition certain changes are accomplished, connected with enriching of the content and form of presentation of the statistical data which are due to the expanding of coverage and improvement of the statistical surveys, as well as to the aim for complete and objective reflection of the social and economic status of the country.

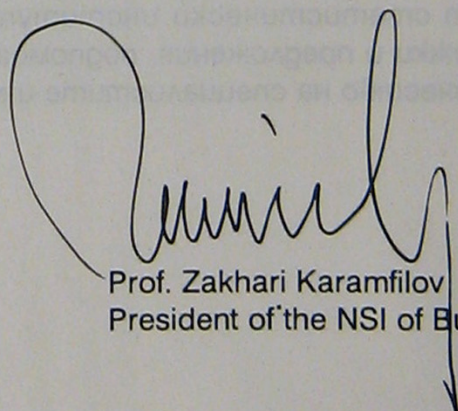
The conditions, rapidly changed in the recent years determine series of difficulties on the provision of comparability of the statistical data for a long period of time during which particular trends in the economic development could be traced out.

The study and the application of the European and World methodological and practical experience in designing and carrying out of the statistical surveys and mostly the efforts of the NSI specialists made possible the issuance of this publication.

The Statistical Yearbook is issued also in English due to a great interest on the side of the foreign users of statistical data.

In its ambition to study the opinion of its readers related to the improvement of the future editions of the Yearbook, the NSI proposes to you to take part in filling up the questionnaire which you would find in your copy.

The NSI would like to thank all persons and institutions for their cooperation, comments and proposals which helped for the issue of the current publication and would also like to propose its readiness to collaborate with specialists and a great number of users from the country and abroad.



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