

Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) has been serving as the producer and coordinator of our country's official statistics since its foundation, as authorized by Turkish Statistics Law No. 5429 and Presidential Decree No. 4. It has adopted the mission of producing and making available quality, up-to-date, reliable, consistent, impartial, and international standards-compliant statistics, taking into account the needs and priorities of national and international users.

TurkStat is committed to implementing a quality policy based on the European Statistics Code of Practice (ES-CoP), the European Statistical System Quality Assurance Framework (ESS-QAF), and other internationally recognized best practices determined by the European Statistical Office (Eurostat). In this context, TurkStat strictly adheres to and implements quality standards in statistical production processes by adopting the principle of continuous improvement and excellence in accordance with the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System Standard.

Through the Official Statistics Program (OSP), a planned statistical production process based on participatory sharing and collaboration is carried out in close cooperation with public institutions and organizations. Data collection methods and technological infrastructure are constantly updated, and the effective use of financial resources is ensured.

TurkStat carries out quality assessments under the name of Quality Logo for the official statistics produced by the institutions and organizations within the scope of OSP and under the name of Quality Monitoring and Assessment Tool (QMAT) for the official statistics produced by TurkStat.

Within the framework of the Quality Policy; TurkStat,

- ▶ aims to produce accurate and reliable statistics within the framework of necessary scientific methods and international standards in order to meet stakeholders' expectations,
- ▶ carries out the necessary work to reduce the burden on data providers and the cost of information in order to ensure efficient use of resources,
- ▶ carries out assessments to systematically monitor user satisfaction and provides products and services that meet the needs of users in accordance with the principles of transparency and accessibility,
- ▶ produces statistics in a clear and understandable manner, respecting scientific independence and objectivity, and in compliance with national and international classifications, standards, and methodologies,
- ▶ publishes statistics in accordance with the data release calendar, consistent within itself and over time, and provides equal access to all users at the same time by publishing them together with descriptive metadata, quality reports, and guides in a way that allows comparability between regions and countries,
- ▶ adopts confidentiality principles and takes all necessary data security precautions to ensure the security of confidential data. Guarantees that the data will only be used for statistical purposes,
- ▶ develops institutional improvement policies through staff satisfaction surveys and self-assessments,
- ▶ carries out studies to increase the training, motivation, and satisfaction of its employees in order to ensure their professional and personal development,
- ▶ encourages its staff and researchers to introduce new products, research, develop, and monitor new production processes, services, and organizations in order to ensure continuity in terms of diversity and productivity in statistical production,
- ▶ is aware of the necessity of continuous improvement within the national statistical system to elevate the quality of statistics.