

SURVEY STATISTICS

OUTLINE OF REB SURVEYS

A. COVERAGE OF SURVEYS

Since December 1991, the "Russian Economic Barometer" has been conducting monthly panel surveys of Russian enterprise managers and bimonthly (till 1993 — quarterly) surveys of bankers.

The sample comprises about 1,000 units: 500 industrial enterprises, 300 agricultural ones, and 100 commercial banks throughout Russia. The response rate for each sector varies in the range of 30-40%, 20-30%, and 25-30% respectively.

Industrial enterprises selected for the sample are situated rather evenly over the territory of Russia. The majority of them belong to manufacturing. The branch distribution in the sample (see Table 1) is representative for Russia as a whole.

Most of the enterprises surveyed are medium-scale (by Russian standards), with the number employed from 150 to 2,000. For 2004, the average number employed was about 898 (see Tables 2 and 3).

During 1992 — 1998, the status of many of the participants surveyed changed: the share of state enterprises among them decreased from 82% to 15%.

The number of industrial enterprises reporting monthly equals 150-220.

Agricultural enterprises selected for the sample are from over 30 out of 80 regions of Russia. The sample includes mainly medium-scale enterprises with the number employed in the range of 100-500. 50% of the surveyed enterprises specialized chiefly in plant-growing, and 50% — in animal husbandry.

The number of every month respondents-agricultural enterprises equals 40-60.

Table 2
Breakdown of REB sample of industrial enterprises by number of employees (% of the total sample)

people	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<200	24	25	27	30	34	37	34	29	30	27	25	26	27
200-500	27	31	31	30	28	29	28	28	29	28	30	32	33
500-1000	23	20	19	18	17	16	19	21	20	20	22	20	17
1000<	26	24	23	22	21	18	20	22	21	25	23	22	23
	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table 3
Average number of employees at industrial enterprises by size (REB sample, people)

people	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<200	125	133	134	129	129	123	126	123	122	116	113	114	110
200-500	350	337	342	345	348	335	303	315	325	328	322	322	317
500-1000	765	731	750	751	726	740	695	700	739	689	689	702	694
1000<	3387	3453	2747	2556	2787	2134	1937	2197	2437	2693	2784	2966	2805
Entire sample	1174	1118	917	840	850	645	659	765	791	934	917	926	898

B. CONTENTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

The managers polled reported the main performance characteristics of their enterprises and banks, as well as answering a number of specific questions concerning the impact of governmental economic policy, privatisation process, and influence of the overall changes in economic environment on their activities and prospects, etc. this strange.

C. DATA AGGREGATING METHODS

In the majority of cases, the respondents were asked to select the most appropriate interval for the indicator to be measured. When treating the survey data the mean value was chosen for each interval. In case of extremes, the continuation of the adopted gradation was assumed and on this basis the same method was used. In other cases, when respondents

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were to choose one situation out of several, the results represent simple addition of reports from individual units.