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Annual Labour Cost Statistics

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Executive Summary

The **annual labour cost statistics** display the development of the level and the structure of labour costs in different economic activities. Labour costs are the total expenditure borne by employers in order to employ staff (wages and salaries, social contributions, vocational training costs, taxes etc.).

The primary purpose of annual labour costs and earnings statistics is to provide a minimum requirement of labour cost data for the years between the Labour Cost Surveys performed every four years.

Until 2013, the annual labour cost statistics together with the annual earnings statistics, the four-yearly published Labour Costs Surveys and Structure of Earnings Surveys as well as the quarterly Labour Cost Index constituted the **European System of Labour Costs and Earning Statistics**. In a Gentlemen's Agreement between Eurostat and member states it has been agreed in 2002 that the latter will annually provide data on labour costs and annual gross earnings. The data collections have been discontinued by Eurostat in 2013 because of a lack in comparability of the data. However, provision of annual labour cost statistics will still be provided at national level.

European System of Labour Costs and Earnings Statistics			
Labour Cost Survey (LCS)	Structure of Earnings Survey (SES)	Annual Labour Costs and Earnings Statistics Ceased in 2013!	Labour Cost Index (LCI)
every 4 years	every 4 years	annually	quarterly

Statistical data on labour costs are an important basis for information and decision-making at international and national level (e.g. collective bargaining, assessment of business locations and settlement, economic analysis and forecasts).

Business surveys as well as micro-census Labour Force Survey and National Accounts are used for the compilation of annual labour cost statistics. Cornerstones are the results of previous Labour Cost Surveys. Data for NACE divisions and/or reporting years not surveyed are estimated by means of indicators from other data sources.

Coherence with the Labour Cost Surveys is fully given. Deviations to the labour Cost Index are primarily attributed to differences in the data sources. An extrapolation of main results of the last labour Cost Survey done by Eurostat is based on the Labour Cost Index.

Annual Labour Cost Statistics – Main Features	
Subject Matter	Labour costs per hour worked, monthly labour cost and structure of labour costs in percent of annual total labour costs.
Population	About 43 000 enterprises, consortia, public corporations, establishments of public corporations and associations with at least 10 employees in sections B to N and P to S of ÖNACE 2008 and about 97 100 associated local units.
Type of statistics	Secondary statistics based on primary statistical data collections and National Accounts.
Data sources/Survey techniques	Secondary statistical data: Labour Cost Surveys, Short Term Statistics in the production sector, Structural Business Statistics, micro-census Labour Force Survey. Accounts: National Accounts.
Reference period or due day	From 1996.
Periodicity	Annually.
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	-
Main legal acts	Federal Statistics Act 2000.
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austria.
Availability of results	Preliminary results: t + 11 m Final results: t + 23 m After availability of a new Labour Cost Survey for year t all three reporting years before the survey year (t-1 to t-3) and all extrapolations already done (t, t+1) will be revised.
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