



CLASSIFICATION OF STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

VERSION 2.0 (CSA 2.0)

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INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), at its 54th session held from 28 February - 3 March 2023, **endorsed the Classification of Statistical Activities 2.0 (CSA 2.0)** as an international standard classification and recommended its inclusion in the International Family of Classifications.

- The CSA is an analytical classification that provides a hierarchical structure of categories about statistical activities, covering subject-matter activities, activities related to infrastructure and methodology, and strategic and management activities for official statistics.
- It is used to classify statistical data and products, and as a reference leading to better harmonisation in structuring information about activities of statistical organisations, dissemination websites and publications.

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PURPOSE OF THE CSA

- **Process related to a statistical activity:** To classify statistical events, capacity building activities, training courses, working groups, publications or statistical standards, etc.
- **Output of a statistical activity:** To classify data and metadata particularly domains 1 to 5 which are related to subject-matter activities).

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CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

Level 1: Domains

The seven broad statistical domains.

Level 2: Activities

Specific types of work within each domain.

Level 3: Detailed breakdowns

More fine-grained breakdowns of the activities (not exhaustive) within each domain-activity combination.



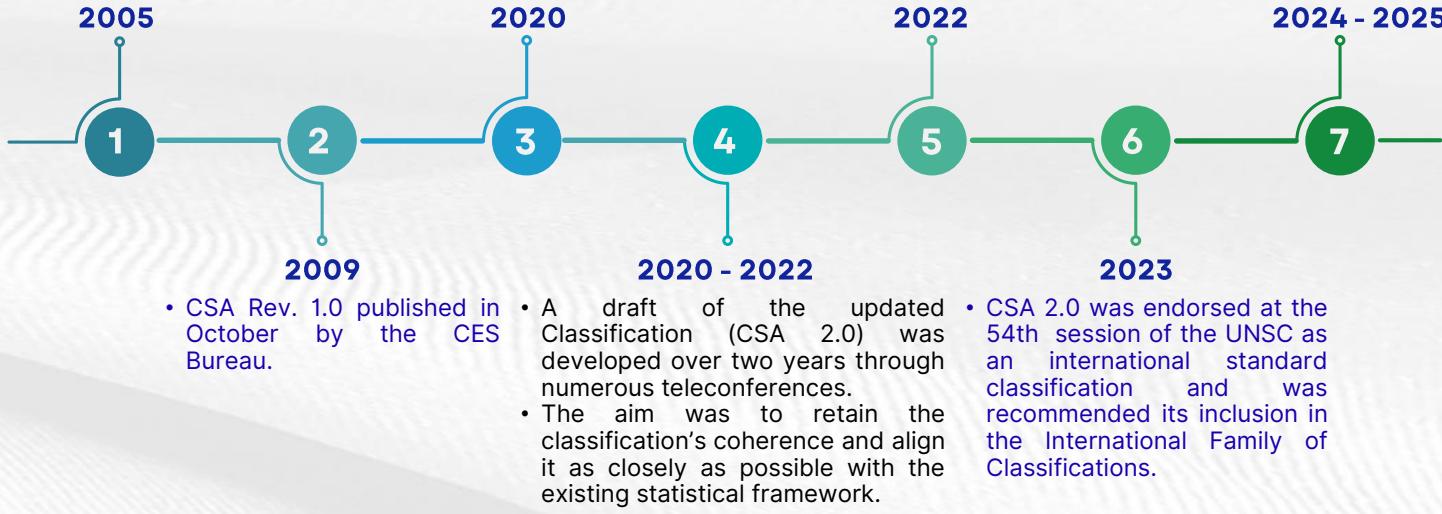
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REVISION PROCESS OF CSA

- The initial classification was established by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians (CES).
- It was developed as a regional classification for a specific purpose (Database of International Statistical Activities maintained by UNECE).

- The CES Bureau approved the procedure for updating the Classification to include new, emerging areas of international statistical work.
- Conducted a targeted survey among international organisations to get more information about how CSA was used, and to identify the needs for updates.
- The draft CSA 2.0 was electronically consulted with all countries and organisations in April-May 2022.
- The UNCEISC endorsed CSA 2.0 at its meeting on 25-28 October 2022 in New York, and submitted to the UN Statistical Commission for adoption.
- Between its 55th and 56th sessions (2024-2025), the UNSC recommended and subsequently approved a limited update of CSA 2.0 to incorporate a stand-alone data domain on food security and nutrition.**



CHANGES OF CSA

| Version | Year | Custodian | Nature of change | Main Focus/Changes |
|---------------|------|---|--|---|
| CSA 1.0 | 2009 | CES Bureau (UNECE) | Original structure (5 domains) | Foundation for classifying statistical work in UNECE region |
| CSA 2.0 | 2023 | Transferred to UNSD (endorsed by UN Statistical Commission) | Major revision (expanded to 7 domains) | Two subject matter domains were added: Environment statistics and Governance statistics |
| CSA 2.1 Draft | 2025 | UNSD (with UNCEISC oversight) | 7 domains with minor update | Inclusion of a new data domain on food security and nutrition |



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7 DOMAINS OF CSA 2.0

1 DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

- 101 Population
- 102 Migration
- 103 Labour
- 104 Education
- 105 Health
- 106 Income and consumption
- 107 Social protection
- 108 Human settlements and housing
- 109 Culture
- 110 Time-Use
- 199 Demographic and social statistics, n.e.c.

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ECONOMIC STATISTICS

- 201 Macroeconomic accounts and statistics
- 202 Business statistics
- 203 Sectoral statistics
- 204 International trade
- 205 Prices
- 206 Science, technology and innovation
- 299 Economic statistics, n.e.c.

ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS

- 301 Environmental conditions and quality
- 302 Environmental resources and their use
- 303 Residuals
- 304 Hazardous events and disasters
- 305 Human settlements and environmental health
- 306 Environmental protection, management and engagement
- 399 Environment statistics, n.e.c.



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CROSS-CUTTING STATISTICS

- 501 Sustainable development
- 502 Human rights
- 503 Gender statistics
- 504 Special population groups
- 505 Living conditions and poverty
- 506 Climate change
- 507 Regional and small area statistics
- 508 Information society and digitalization
- 509 Circular economy
- 510 Social and solidarity economy
- 599 Cross-cutting statistics, n.e.c.

GOVERNANCE STATISTICS

- 401 Non-discrimination and equality
- 402 Participation
- 403 Openness
- 404 Access to and quality of justice
- 405 Responsiveness
- 406 Absence of corruption
- 407 Trust
- 408 Safety and security

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7 STRATEGIC AND MANAGERIAL ACTIVITIES

- 701 Institutional frameworks and principles; role and organization of official statistics
- 702 National statistical coordination
- 703 Quality management
- 704 Management of human resources
- 705 Management of IT, information and knowledge
- 706 Management of other resources
- 707 International statistical coordination
- 708 Capacity development
- 799 Strategic and managerial activities, n.e.c.

