

CLASSIFICATION OF STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES

VERSION 2.0 (CSA 2.0)

1 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.

2 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).

3 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.

Source: Classification of Statistical Activities, Version 2.0 (CSA 2.0) (2023)



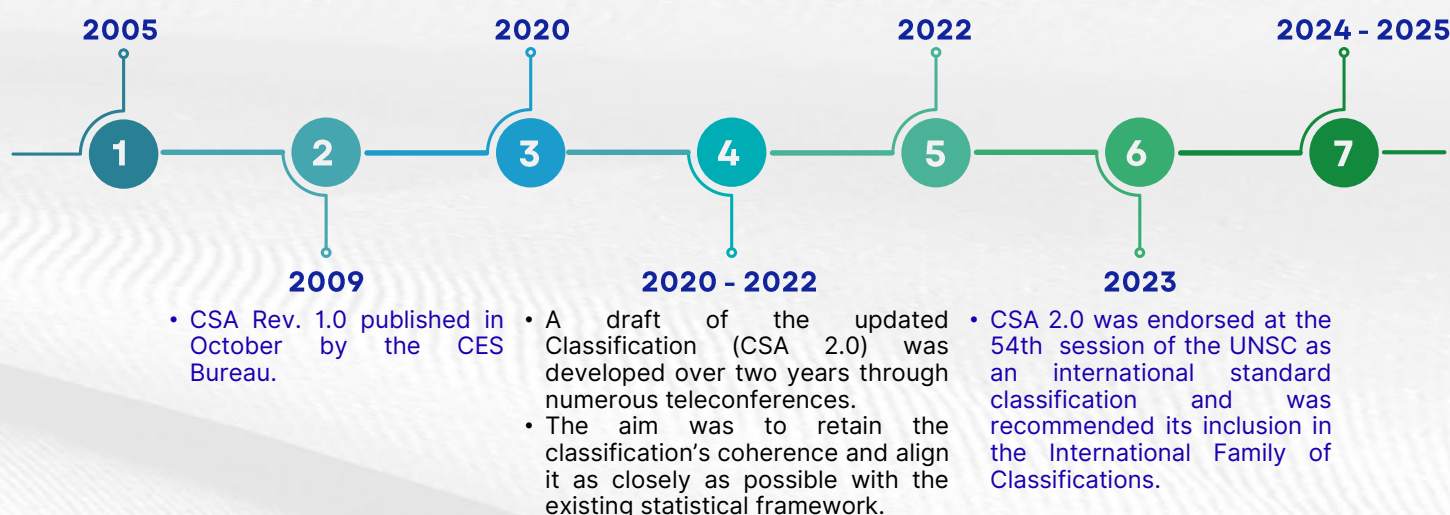
REVISION PROCESS OF CSA

- 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.



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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



DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

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- 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

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- 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.



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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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.

STATISTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND METHODOLOGY

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- 601 Metadata
- 602 Classifications
- 603 Statistical registers
- 604 Data sources
- 605 Data exchange and data sharing
- 606 Data processing and analysis
- 607 Data science
- 608 Geospatial data
- 609 Statistical confidentiality and disclosure protection
- 610 Data dissemination and communication
- 699 Statistical infrastructure and methodology, n.e.c.



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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.

