

Final supply and use tables for 1993

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This report contains the final supply and use tables (SU-tables) for 1993, estimated according to the recommendations of the 1993 System of National Accounts (1993 SNA) which Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) has been implementing since 1995. They are closely linked to the revised estimates for the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (Statistical Release P0441) published on 21 June 1999.

Often regarded as the cornerstone of the 1993 SNA, the SU-tables have both statistical and analytical functions. As a statistical tool they serve as a co-ordinating framework for economic statistics, both conceptually for ensuring the consistency of the definitions and classifications used, and as an accounting framework for ensuring the numerical consistency of data obtained from different sources (i.e. industrial surveys, household expenditure surveys, investment surveys, foreign trade statistics).

As an analytical tool, the tables serve as a basis for calculating the economic data contained in the national accounts, and for detecting weaknesses in the economic data. Moreover, they are conveniently integrated into macro-economic models in order to analyse the link between final demand and industrial output levels.

The SU-tables also have many other uses. These include the extension of the tables to –

- input-output tables, i.e. tables focusing on the inter-relationships between industries in an economy with respect to the production and uses of its products and the products imported from abroad;
- social accounting matrices, i.e. matrices elaborating on the linkages between SU-tables and institutional sector accounts; and
- satellite accounts, i.e. accounts linking the 1993 SNA with specific fields of enquiry.

Users of such tables will be aware that, internationally, three years and more is the usual period since reference date for the publication of final SU-tables. The *provisional* tables for the 1998 reference year will be published by Stats SA in 2000.

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