

## **Policy on the area of protection of confidential statistical data of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan**

Statistical data presented to users by the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan is disseminated in form like statistical bulletin, yearbook, press-release, etc. through publishing according to requirements of the law on Official Statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 10 fundamental principles of official statistics adopted by the UN, also European Statistics Code of Practice, and are timely uploaded to the website of the Committee. Statistical data presented to users are developed on the basis of administrative data used for statistical purposes, and primary data received from respondents.

According to the law on Official Statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan, confidential statistical data are which obtained for the production of official statistical materials, and allow directly or indirectly to reveal statistical units and disclose primary data.

Statistical confidentiality is protection of confidentiality of primary (personal) data enabling to identify statistical units during collecting, processing, analysing, disseminating, storing, and using data published for society, and this is the main condition for gaining and keeping trust of statistical units.

The employees and officials of state statistical bodies, and persons involved in conduction of official statistical surveys bear the responsibility for the violation of statistical confidentiality according to the law on Official Statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan, do not present official statistical materials disclosing or reflecting confidential data to society (if final (aggregate) data do not contain at least data of three statistical units, and the share of any unit exceeds 85% in such aggregates).

If it is not allowed to use data of them for any purpose by respondents, confidential data could only be used for scientific purposes through ensuring the anonymity of a statistical unit in the exclusive circumstances, or for production of official statistical overview materials according to the law on Official Statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Given the above-mentioned, the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

- Guarantees the statistical confidentiality for public confidence according to requirements of the law on Official Statistics of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Imposes liability on the employees and officials of the state statistical bodies, and persons being involved in conduction of official statistical surveys with the document on the protection of the confidentiality of primary (personal) data;
- Constantly organizes seminars for informing the employees and involved professionals on the subject of protection of statistical confidentiality, as well as increasing their knowledge and skills in this direction;

- Develops methodological documents adjusted to the international requirements and recommendations on the protection of statistical confidentiality;
- Takes constant improvement measures related to quality and security of determined protective mechanisms to ensure efficient management on the area of protection of the statistical confidentiality.