Statistics Finland

Pre-filling of the quarterly inquiry on labour costs with data from the Incomes Register

1. For which companies can pre-filling be done?

The Labour Cost Index measures changes in labour costs per hour worked, so it is important that the data on wage and salary costs and hours worked correspond quarterly. We are at the moment working to ensure that we could utilise the data obtained from the Incomes Register as pre-filled data in our data collection on the **manufacturing and service industry forms** of enterprises.

In the first stage, the **pre-filling of wage and salary costs** for the data collection will be carried out for those enterprises that fulfil the following conditions:

- 1. Enterprises have reported the data needed for forming the data to the Incomes Register (see selection rules below) and
- 2. The enterprise's wages and salaries subject to withholding tax calculated from the Incomes Register differ by under five per cent from the wages and salaries subject to withholding tax reported in the data collection in the preceding quarter. In calculating the wages and salaries subject to preliminary withholding tax for the preceding quarter, only data reported to the Incomes Register by the fifth day of the month following the quarter in question are used. For example, when calculating the wages and salaries for the fourth quarter of 2020, data reported to the Incomes Register by 5 January 2021 are used.

For **new companies** to be added to the sample at the beginning of the year, only the fulfillment of condition 1 is sufficient in the first quarter to allow for pre-filling.

Voluntary data needed for determining **working hours** have not yet been sufficiently reported to the Incomes Register so that we can reliably examine their correspondence with the hourly data collected in the data collection.

2. Matters affecting the allocation of data collection and Incomes Register data

- The data are reported enterprise specifically in the data collection and individual-level data meeting all selection criteria are aggregated from the Incomes Register to the enterprise level.
- Voluntary data needed to form pre-filled data have not been reported to the Incomes Register (see selection rules).
- The groups for which it is not possible to report working hours, e.g. the enterprise's top management and those paid on commission, are excluded from the data collection. In this respect, the possibility of allocating data to the Incomes Register will be examined.
- The wage and salary data reported to the data collection may differ from the data allocated to income types in the Incomes Register, in which case the selection rules in accordance with the table below do not apply.
- Payment periods may overlap in time within the enterprise, which causes temporal allocation problems of the data. The Labour Cost Index requires data according to the reporting period of the data collection.

- 3. Formation of pre-filled data from the Incomes Register
 - In accordance with the instructions of the quarterly inquiry on labour costs, payment periods ending during the quarter are selected from the Incomes Register (Paymentperiod).
 - Data on hourly and monthly-paid employees can be pre-filled only if the income earners have been informed of the payment type (Paymenttype=1,2, 3).
 - Data on part-time employees are pre-filled if the enterprise has reported at least one income earner whose employment relationship type is full-time (Employmentcode=1) and at least one income earner whose employment relationship type is part-time or data are not available (Employmentcode=2,3).
 - The inquiry concerns wages and salaries subject to taxation in Finland and the personnel with an employment relationship with the enterprise for whom working time can be reported. Therefore, the following cases are excluded from the Incomes Register data:
 - The enterprise acts as a substitute payer (SubstitutePayerActs= "true").
 - The income earner does not have an employment relationship with the enterprise (Employed= "false").
 - The income earner has not been notified of the occupational group according to Statistics Finland's Classification of Occupations (TK10) (ProfessionType=1). The occupational group according to the TK10 classification must be reported to the Incomes Register if the income earner is insured against occupational accidents.
 - The income earner's payment periods where pay includes only income types 202 (initiative fee), 210 (meeting fee), 214 (lecture fee), 215 (compensation for acting in a position of trust) and 308 (compensation for membership of a governing body) and benefits in kind on top of these income types (income types 226, 301, 302, 304, 315, 317, 320, 330, 334, 342, 343, 364, 367, 368).
 - Self-employed persons and light entrepreneurs (PensionActCode=2,3 or IncomeEarnerType=14 or IncomeEarnerType=17).
 - The income earner belongs to the following income earner groups: leased employees living abroad, persons working in a frontier district, income earners whose income is not taxed in Finland according to the so-called six-month rule and organisations (IncomeEarnerType = 5, 6, 10, 12).
 - Wages and salaries subject to six-month rule (SixMonthRuleApplicable=" true").
 - Income type 334 (meal benefit) is taken into account when calculating wages and salaries sums when no compensation corresponding to the taxable value has been collected for the meal benefit (MealBenefitTaxValue \neq "true").
 - Wages and salaries subject to tax at source:
 - Non-resident taxpayers (NonResident=" true").
 - Foreign key employees (IncomeEarnerType=4).

- To be considered in connection with income types:
 - Income types 401 (compensation collected for car benefits), 407 (reimbursement collected for other fringe benefits) and 419 (deduction before withholding) and income types recorded as recovered (Recovery="true") are deducted from the calculated wages and salaries sums.
 - Income types 202 (initiative fee) and 326 (compensation for employee invention) are taken into account when calculating wages and salaries sums when social insurance contributions have been paid from the income type.
 - Income type 216 (other compensation) is a residual category which includes wages and salaries for hours worked and hours not worked (e.g. compensation during mid-week holiday), as well as other one-off compensations (e.g. emergency call-out allowance), so the income type is used only to determine wages and salaries subject to withholding tax (item 3a).
 - Income type 203 (bonus pay) includes both group bonuses and individual bonuses. Group bonuses generally belong to performance-based bonuses (3c) and individual bonuses belong to other one-off pay (3d). At the moment, the bonus pay is placed under 3d.

More detailed information about reporting to the Incomes Register can be found on the Incomes Register pages:

Descriptions of income types:

<u>https://www.vero.fi/en/incomes-register/companies-and-organisations/employers/earnings-payment-data/wage-income-types/</u> Schema descriptions of the earnings payment reports: <u>https://www.vero.fi/globalassets/tulorekisteri/dokumentaatio-2024/data-</u> <u>delivery-schemas-earnings-payment-reports-2024.pdf</u>

Codes used in the technical interface of the Incomes Register: <u>https://www.vero.fi/globalassets/tulorekisteri/dokumentaatio-</u>2024/codes-2024.pdf

4. Selection rules for the Incomes Register data of the manufacturing industry form

NB Selection rules may still change as data collection and data related to the allocation of the Incomes Register become revised!

Further information about the utilisation of Incomes Register data in the data collection is available at: tvkindeksi@stat.fi

Data asked on the data collection form	Incomes Register data used in pre- filling: Hourly-paid employees	Incomes Register data used in pre- filling: Monthly-paid employees	Voluntariness/ Obligatoriness in the Incomes Register
The payment type	Hourly-paid employees include employees whose payment type is hourly pay or contract pay (Paymenttype = $2,3$).	Monthly-paid employees are employees whose payment type is monthly pay (Paymenttype = 1).	The payment type is voluntary
Reporting period (dd.mm.yyyy)	Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined	Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined	
 Paid service relationships at the end of the statistical reference period 	 Number of individual income earners' identifiers (usually personal identity code) in the last principal payment period of the quarter and in the payment periods where the start or end date of the payment period is included in the principal payment period. Earnings payment reports where the end date of the employment relationship is before the end date of the latest principal payment period are not taken into consideration. Data on unpaid absences are not utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting. 	Number of individual income earners' identifiers (usually personal identity code) in the last principal payment period of the quarter and in the payment periods where the start or end date of the payment period is included in the principal payment period. Earnings payment reports where the end date of the employment relationship is before the end date of the latest principal payment period are not taken into consideration. Data on unpaid absences are not utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting.	The income earner's identifier is obligatory. The end date of the service relationship is voluntary. The number of unpaid days absent is voluntary.

1a. Full-time employees	Number of individual income earner identifiers when the type of employment relationship is full-time (Employmentcode = 1)	Number of individual income earner identifiers when the type of employment relationship is full-time (Employmentcode = 1)	The type of employment relationship is voluntary.
1b. Part-time employees	Number of individual income earner identifiers when the type of employment relationship is not full-time (Employmentcode \neq 1)	Number of individual income earner identifiers when the type of employment relationship is not full-time (Employmentcode $\neq 1$)	The type of employment relationship is voluntary.
2a. Select hours worked or paid	The data are not asked.	The data are pre-filled based on the data supplier's report in the previous quarter. Possibilities for pre-filling data from the Incomes Register are examined.	
2b. Number of working hours	Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined. Data on absence and on the pay unit cannot be utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting. The number of hours worked can possibly be formed utilising these Incomes Register data:	Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined. Data on absence and on the pay unit cannot be utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting. The number of hours worked can possibly be formed utilising these Incomes Register data:	The data of the pay unit are voluntary. Regular agreed weekly working hours are voluntary.
	Number of hours when the unit for individual pay is set to hour Number of paid days of absence	Regular agreed weekly working hours Number of hours related to extra and overtime work Number of unpaid days of absence Number of paid days of absence	The numbers of unpaid and paid days absent are voluntary.
3a. Pay subject to preliminary withholding tax	 201 Time-rate pay 203 Bonus pay 204 Complementary wage/salary paid during benefit period 205 Emergency work compensation 206 Evening work compensation 	 201 Time-rate pay 203 Bonus pay 204 Complementary wage/salary paid during benefit period 205 Emergency work compensation 206 Evening work compensation 	The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode.

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	208 Notice period compensation	208 Notice period compensation	400 series of
	209 Kilometre allowance (taxable)	209 Kilometre allowance (taxable)	income types
	210 Meeting fee	210 Meeting fee	are obligatory
	211 Saturday pay	211 Saturday pay	•
	212 Extra work premium	212 Extra work premium	
	213 Holiday bonus	213 Holiday bonus	
	214 Lecture fee	214 Lecture fee	
	215 Compensation for acting in a position	215 Compensation for acting in a position	
	of trust	of trust	
	216 Other compensation	216 Other compensation	
	217 Waiting time compensation	217 Waiting time compensation	
	218 Working condition compensation	218 Working condition compensation	
	219 Partial pay during sick leave	219 Partial pay during sick leave	
	220 Commission	220 Commission	
	221 Sunday work compensation	221 Sunday work compensation	
	222 Benefit arising from synthetic option	222 Benefit arising from synthetic option	
	223 Performance bonus	223 Performance bonus	
	224 Monetary compensation from a	224 Monetary compensation from a	
	working time bank	working time bank	
	225 Compensation for accrued time off	225 Compensation for accrued time off	
	226 Share issue for employees	226 Share issue for employees	
	227 Contract pay	227 Contract pay	
	229 Damages in conjunction with	229 Damages in conjunction with	
	termination of employment	termination of employment	
	230 Stand-by compensation	230 Stand-by compensation	
	231 Voluntary compensation in	231 Voluntary compensation in	
	conjunction with termination of	conjunction with termination of	
	employment	employment	
	232 Weekly rest compensation	232 Weekly rest compensation	
	233 Profit-sharing bonus	233 Profit-sharing bonus	
	234 Annual holiday compensation	234 Annual holiday compensation	
	235 Overtime compensation	235 Overtime compensation	
	236 Night work allowance	236 Night work allowance	
	237 Night shift compensation	237 Night shift compensation	

238 Other regular compensation	238 Other regular compensation
239 Compensation for unused	239 Compensation for unused
compensatory leave	compensatory leave
301 Accommodation benefit	301 Accommodation benefit
302 Interest benefit for a housing loan	302 Interest benefit for a housing loan
304 Car benefit	304 Car benefit
308 Compensation for membership of a	308 Compensation for membership of a
governing body	governing body
310 Monetary gift for employees	310 Monetary gift for employees
315 Other taxable benefit for employees	315 Other taxable benefit for employees
317 Other fringe benefit	317 Other fringe benefit
320 Stock options and grants	320 Stock options and grants
330 Telephone benefit	330 Telephone benefit
339 Dividends/profit surplus based on	339 Dividends/profit surplus based on
work effort (wages)	work effort (wages)
342 Employer-subsidised commuter	342 Employer-subsidised commuter ticket,
ticket, taxable share	taxable share
343 Employee stock option	343 Employee stock option
351 Wages paid from athletes' special	351 Wages paid from athletes' special fund
fund	364 Bicycle benefit, taxable share
364 Bicycle benefit, taxable share	367 Stock grant paid in money
367 Stock grant paid in money	368 Employee stock option paid in money
368 Employee stock option paid in money	401 Compensation collected for car benefit
401 Compensation collected for car	407 Reimbursement collected for other
benefit	fringe benefits
407 Reimbursement collected for other	419 Deduction before withholding
fringe benefits	
419 Deduction before withholding	When social insurance contributions have
	been paid from the income type
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been paid from the income type	and InsuranceCode = 3 and Included \neq
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3b. Monetary pay for hours worked	 Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined. The data on absence cannot be utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting. The monetary pay for hours worked can possibly be formed utilising these Incomes Register data. 201 Time-rate pay 205 Emergency work compensation 206 Evening work compensation 207 Evening shift allowance 211 Saturday pay 212 Extra work premium 218 Working condition compensation 220 Commission 221 Sunday work compensation 227 Contract pay 232 Weekly rest compensation 		The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode. The amount of wages and salaries for the paid period of absence is voluntary.

	 235 Overtime compensation 236 Night work allowance 237 Night shift compensation 238 Other regular compensation Deduct The amount of wages and salaries for the paid period of absence 		
3c. Pay premiums for extra and Sunday work	 205 Emergency work compensation 212 Extra work premium 221 Sunday work compensation 232 Weekly rest compensation 235 Overtime compensation 		The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode.
3d. Pay for working hours not worked	 Possibilities for pre-filling data are examined. The data on absence cannot be utilised at this stage due to the low level of reporting. The pay paid for hours not worked can possibly be formed utilising these Incomes Register data. 204 Complementary wage/salary paid during benefit period 219 Partial pay during sick leave 225 Compensation for accrued time off 230 Stand-by compensation 		The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode. The amount of wages and salaries for the paid period of absence is voluntary.
3e. Pay for extra and overtime work		205 Emergency work compensation212 Extra work premium235 Overtime compensation	The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode.

3f. Performance-based bonuses	222 Benefit arising from synthetic option223 Performance bonus	222 Benefit arising from synthetic option223 Performance bonus	The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode.
3g. Other extraordinary or one-off pay (e.g. holiday bonus)	203 Bonus pay 208 Notice period compensation 213 Holiday bonus 224 Monetary compensation from a working time bank 229 Damages in conjunction with termination of employment 231 Voluntary compensation in conjunction with termination of employment 233 Profit-sharing bonus 234 Annual holiday compensation 239 Compensation for unused compensatory leave 310 Monetary gift for employees 339 Dividends/profit surplus based on work effort (wages) 367 Stock grant paid in money 368 Employee stock option paid in money When social insurance contributions have been paid from the income type (InsuranceCode = 1 and Included \neq false and InsuranceCode = 3 and Included \neq false) 202 Initiative fee	203 Bonus pay 208 Notice period compensation 213 Holiday bonus 224 Monetary compensation from a working time bank 229 Damages in conjunction with termination of employment 231 Voluntary compensation in conjunction with termination of employment 233 Profit-sharing bonus 234 Annual holiday compensation 239 Compensation for unused compensatory leave 310 Monetary gift for employees 339 Dividends/profit surplus based on work effort (wages) 367 Stock grant paid in money 368 Employee stock option paid in money When social insurance contributions have been paid from the income type (InsuranceCode = 1 and Included \neq false and InsuranceCode = 3 and Included \neq false) 202 Initiative fee	The 200 series of income types is a voluntary delivery mode. The 300 series of income types is obligatory.

4. Share of social insurance contributions (%) in the wages and salaries sumData are not available from the Incomes Register	Data are not available from the Incomes Register
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