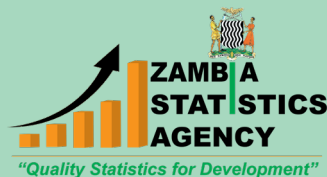


guilty may be punished through a fine or imprisonment, or both:

- i. Misusing statistical information (unlawful publication or communication of acquired in the course of an engagement);
- ii. Hindering or obstructing an authorised officer in the performance of the authorised officer's functions;
- iii. Failing to complete a return, form or other document that one is lawfully left with;
- iv. Failing to transmit or deliver a duly completed return, form or other document in accordance with given instructions;
- v. Failing to answer any lawfully put questions;
- vi. Knowingly giving false information in a return, form or other document, or in a response given to an authorised officer for purposes of the Statistics Act;
- vii. Unreasonably delaying or withholding information; and
- viii. Concealing or falsifying records.



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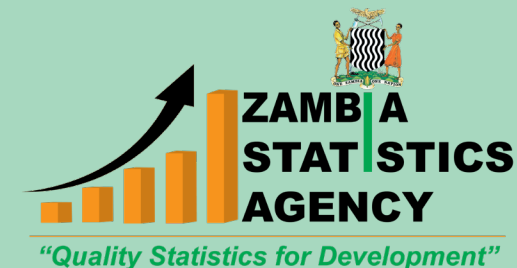
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- The Statistics Act, Chapter 127 of the Laws of Zambia, is the principal law governing the production and publication of official statistics in Zambia.
- The Statistics Act established the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats) as a corporate body that is the only designated entity responsible for the publication of official statistics. ZamStats is at the apex of the official statistics ecosystem in Zambia. ZamStats is the successor of the former Central Statistical Office (CSO), which was a department under the Ministry responsible for national statistics,
- ZamStats sets the standards for the recruitment of statisticians in statistical agencies in order to ensure professional standards in the National Statistical System (NSS). The NSS consists of data producers, data suppliers, users of statistics (such as public bodies, private bodies, researchers, research institutions, higher education institutions, and international or regional organisations), and the media.
- A person or body cannot commence, vary, discontinue or undertake a statistical collection (such as the process of conducting a census, survey,

or collating administrative documents for statistical purposes) without the authorisation of ZamStats.

- A private entity can carry out a census or survey at national level if:
 - i. The private entity furnishes ZamStats with particulars of the proposed census or survey before undertaking the census or survey for the purpose of producing official statistics; and
 - ii. ZamStats approves the proposal by the private entity on conditions the Board may approve.
- ZamStats can enter into an agreement with a private body for the collection of official statistics or data which ZamStats has authority to collect.
- It is against the Statistics Act for a person to publish official statistics without the approval of ZamStats. As such a person desiring to publish any official statistics must, before such publication, seek the approval of ZamStats.
- Statistical agencies (public bodies that have power to collect, compile or disseminate statistics under a written law) have an obligation to provide ZamStats with administrative data and metadata in their possession for

the production of official statistics and assessment of data quality respectively. Administrative data in this context refers to the range of information, generally textual, that fosters understanding of the context in which statistical data has been collected, processed and analysed with the objective of creating statistical information; and metadata is data collected by, or on behalf of, a public body for administrative purposes in conformity with an applicable written law.

- An authorised officer of ZamStats may enter and inspect land, premises or a private dwelling for the purposes of taking a national census, survey or statistical collection. An authorised officer can only do this if the person in charge of the land, premises or private dwelling consents or if authorised by a warrant. The authorised officer must, when carrying out the authorised officer's duties, be in possession of an identity card issued by the ZamStats Board and show it to any person who requests to see it.
- The information submitted for the purpose of a statistical collection, including information by which the supplier of the information may be identified, is confidential and cannot be published except in the case of a prosecution for a breach of the Statistics Act. Anonymised information may be published.
- The following acts or omissions constitute offences under the Act and a person found