



**Integrated
Correspondence
System**

ICS

**Register today to
become an ICS
correspondent.**

**A Secure Electronic Tool for
Reporting Country Data
via the Web.**



Register to become an ICS correspondent
by completing the online ICS registration
form:

<https://www-ics.imf.org/ics/Register.aspx>

For questions about ICS, please contact us through
the ICS support center:

https://www-ics.imf.org/ics/ICS_Assistance.aspx

or

by e-mail at icsinquiry@imf.org

Please address all letters to:

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IMF Statistics Department
International Monetary Fund
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For more information on ICS, please visit our website:

<https://www-ics.imf.org>



What is the Integrated Correspondence System (ICS)?

- The Integrated Correspondence System (ICS) is a web-based data reporting system developed by the IMF Statistics Department (STA) for use by country data reporters. The ICS provides data reporters an efficient method of reporting data to STA in a secure internet environment.
- The ICS allows data reporters to download and upload electronic report forms; it also allows reporters to view submitted data after the data have been processed.
- The ICS currently supports Excel-based report forms.

Benefits of ICS:

- It is web-based. No more paper forms to complete and mail.
- Reported data are transmitted instantly, securely and electronically.
- Reported data may be viewed in a timely fashion.
- The process is standardized and automated.

Who can be an ICS Correspondent?

Data reporters from member countries who are nominated by their respective official correspondent to submit data electronically via the ICS. An official correspondent is a person designated by each IMF member country as being responsible for overseeing its data reporting to the IMF Statistics Department for International Financial Statistics (IFS), Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook, Direction of Trade Statistics, and/or Government Finance Statistics Yearbook.

Primary ICS Functions

Services available in ICS:

- Download data for reporting and/or viewing.
- Submit data using Excel-based report forms.
- Access news and reporting schedules.
- Obtain support directly from the Statistics Department of the International Monetary Fund.

Report forms that can be submitted via ICS:

International Financial Statistics

Monetary Statistics
Exchange Rates and International Reserves (01R)
Interest Rates (06R)
Standardized Report Forms (SRF)
Central Bank (1SR)
Other Depository Corporations (2SR)
Other Financial Corporations (4SR)
Monetary Aggregates (5SR)
Pre-SRF Data
Monetary Authorities (10R)
Deposit Money Banks (20R)
Other Banking Institutions and Nonbank Financial Institutions (40R)
Integrated monetary database (IMD file)

Prices, Production, Labor and Trade (60R)
Government Finance Statistics for IFS (80R or 81R)
National Accounts (90R)

Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook

Balance of Payments Transactions (F10)
Balance of Payments Transactions Euro Area Countries (F11)
International Investment Position (S10)
International Investment Position Euro Area Countries (S11)

Direction of Trade Statistics

Exports by Partner Country (XUS, XNC, XCN)
Imports by Partner Country (MUS, MNC, MFN, MFU, MCF)

Government Finance Statistics Yearbook

Government Finance Statistics Yearbook Questionnaire

Financial Soundness Indicators

Financial Soundness Indicators Questionnaire (FSI)

System Requirements

To use ICS you will need the following:

- A computer with a connection to the Internet;
- A web browser, preferably Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.0 or higher;
- Microsoft Excel 2000 or higher; and
- A personal e-mail account.

The IMF will provide newly registered ICS correspondents with the following materials:

- ICS user name and password;
- a SecurID® card if you chose SecurID® login on your registration form;
- Instructions for initial login.

The following information is available online from the ICS page, <https://www.ics.imf.org/>:

- "Using the ICS" guide;
- Instructions for Editing Excel-Based Report Forms;
- SecurID card guide; and
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

What is a SecurID® card?

The SecurID® card is used to support two-factor user authentication to the ICS. SecurID® cards are as simple to use as entering a password, but are much more secure. The card generates a new, random code every 60 seconds. SecurID® login registrants must enter this code, along with a username and password, at the ICS login screen in order to access the ICS.