

Labour Statistics Standards: — Conventions and Recommendations

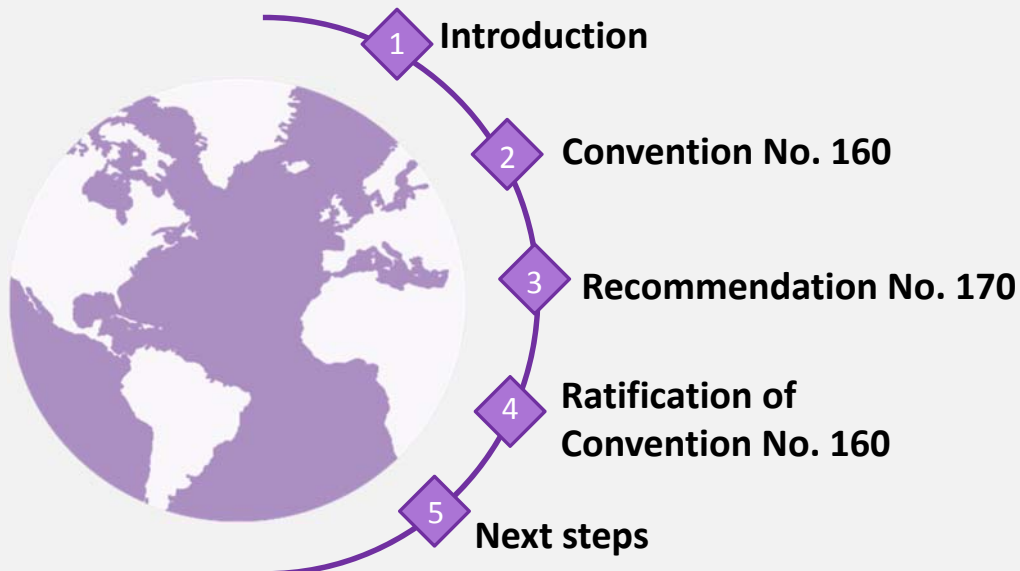
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INTRODUCTION

International standards on labour statistics:

Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference (ILC)

- **Convention 63** – Statistics of Wages and Hours of Work (1938)
- **Convention 160** – Labour Statistics (1985)
- **Recommendation 170** – Labour Statistics (1985)

Resolutions and Guidelines adopted by the International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)

- Resolutions: Non-binding, technical but general
- Guidelines: Non-binding, more specific topics



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INTRODUCTION

In Sept. 2018 the ILO Standards Review Mechanism Tripartite Working Group considered:

C160 and R170 fit for purpose and up-to-date

- Call on the Office to promote ratification of C160

C63 outdated and to be abrogated

- Countries bound by C63 to consider ratifying C160



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Labour Statistics Convention - C160



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Relevant

- «Automatically» updated via link to ICLS (article 2)
- Covers data availability, production, methodology and dissemination

Comprehensive

- Covers numerous topics of labour statistics and all the main sources
- Valid in all countries

Flexible

- Allows for the progressive development of the NSS
- Possible to accept some articles only

Not too demanding

- It is a development tool, not a means of coercion
- Decreased reporting burden

Labour Statistics Recommendation - R170



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Periodicity of data collection

- Desired frequency of data per topic

Data disaggregation

- Main desired breakdowns per indicator

Infrastructure

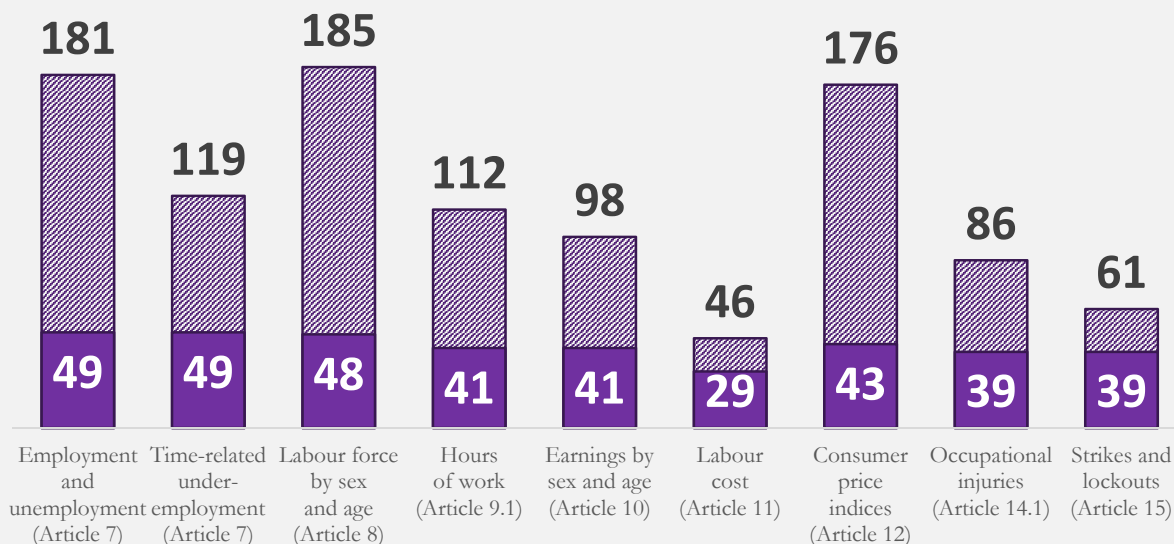
- Major elements needed for an appropriate national statistical system

Ratification of C160

50 COUNTRIES HAVE RATIFIED IT



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- ▨ Number of countries for which post-2010 data is available in ILOSTAT
- Number of ratifying countries having accepted the corresponding article

Ratification of C160: Why?

It is relevant and valid

- Basic framework for the (gradual) development of a comprehensive NSS

It legitimizes labour statistics

- Guarantees involvement of social partners and empowers NSOs
- Formal commitment by the country to develop the NSS

It mobilizes resources and assistance

- Country-level and ILO

In many cases, it requires no big effort



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Conventions and recommendations

Next steps

14 countries bound by C63 to consider ratifying C160

Countries already complying with C160 to consider ratifying it

Countries facing special challenges to seek ILO assistance in implementing (and ratifying) it



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