

# Register-based statistics production

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### 1. Use administrative data!

**How?**

Reduce respondents' and producer's costs

Improve quality

**How?**

A systems approach, combine data:

**Quality?**

Better coverage, can find errors

### Total turnover

Sample surveys have never better accuracy

Sample surveys may have better timeliness

### Turnover by product group

Sample survey the only possibility,  
but heavy response burden

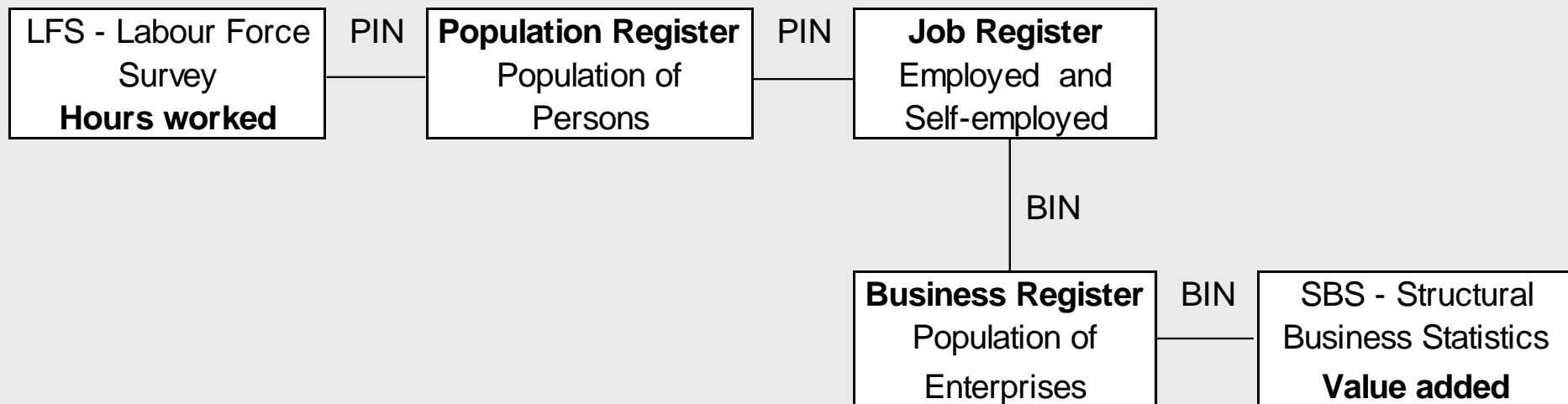


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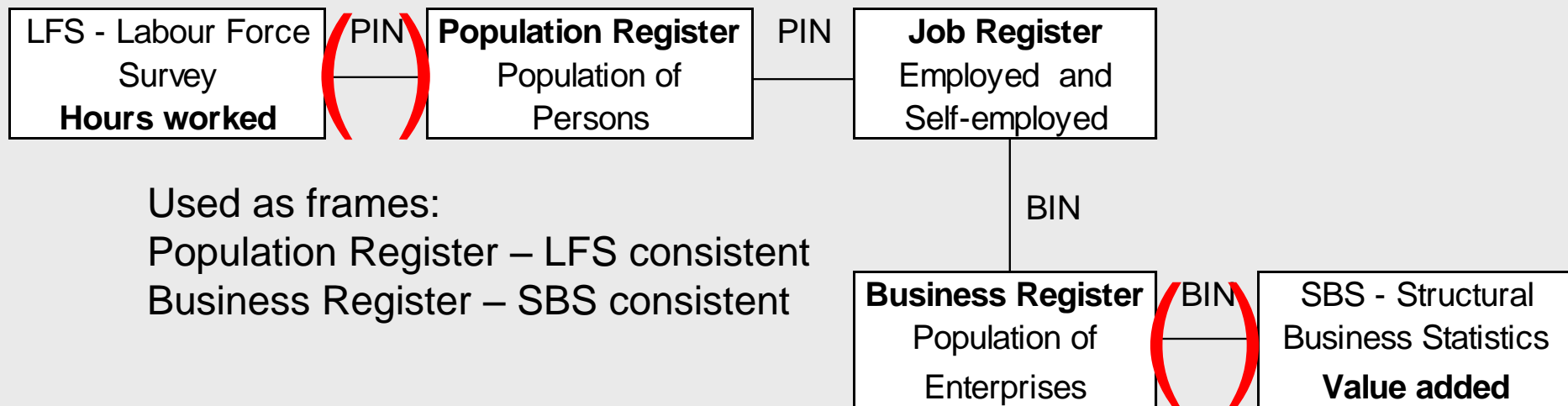
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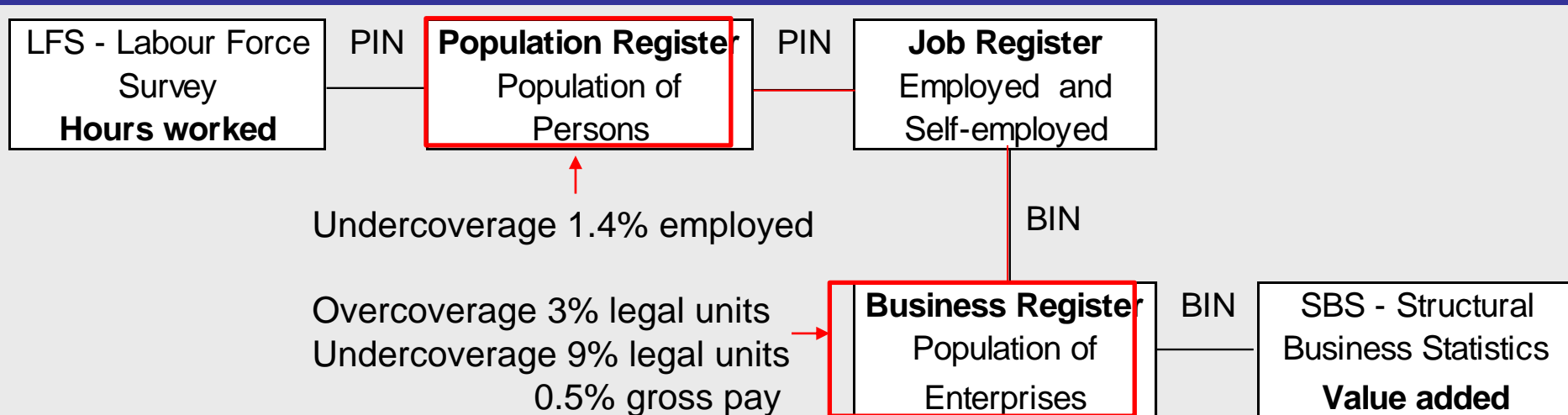
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When we correct the Population and Business Register for these coverage errors, ALL surveys using these as frames are improved

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Survey  
Hours worked

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Employed and  
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**Inconsistencies!**

**Different Sector**

**Different ISIC**

## Register-based statistics production:

### 4. Can (yearly) National Accounts get consistent macrodata?

The previous examples show that by combining microdata from different sources we can find and correct many errors in economic statistics.

There is another way of improving consistence:

By combining many sources, coverage can be improved and the populations used in different surveys can be harmonised:

The production of ALL enterprises should be measured and there should be no double counting!

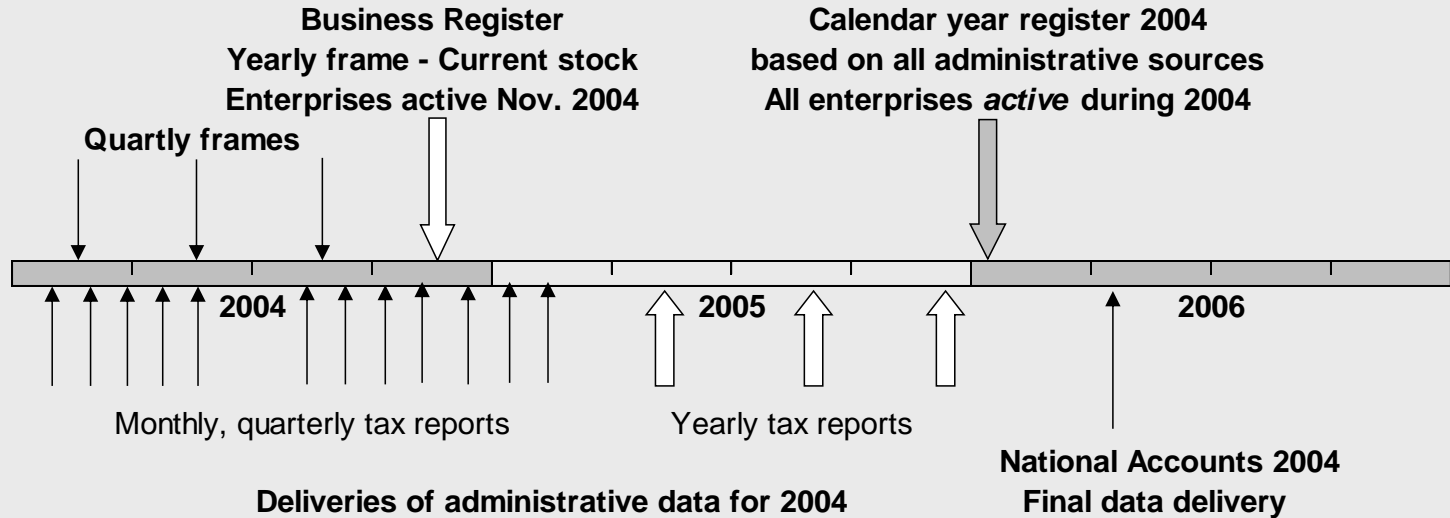


All enterprises active in at least on administrative system regarding 2004 = The calendar year population 2004

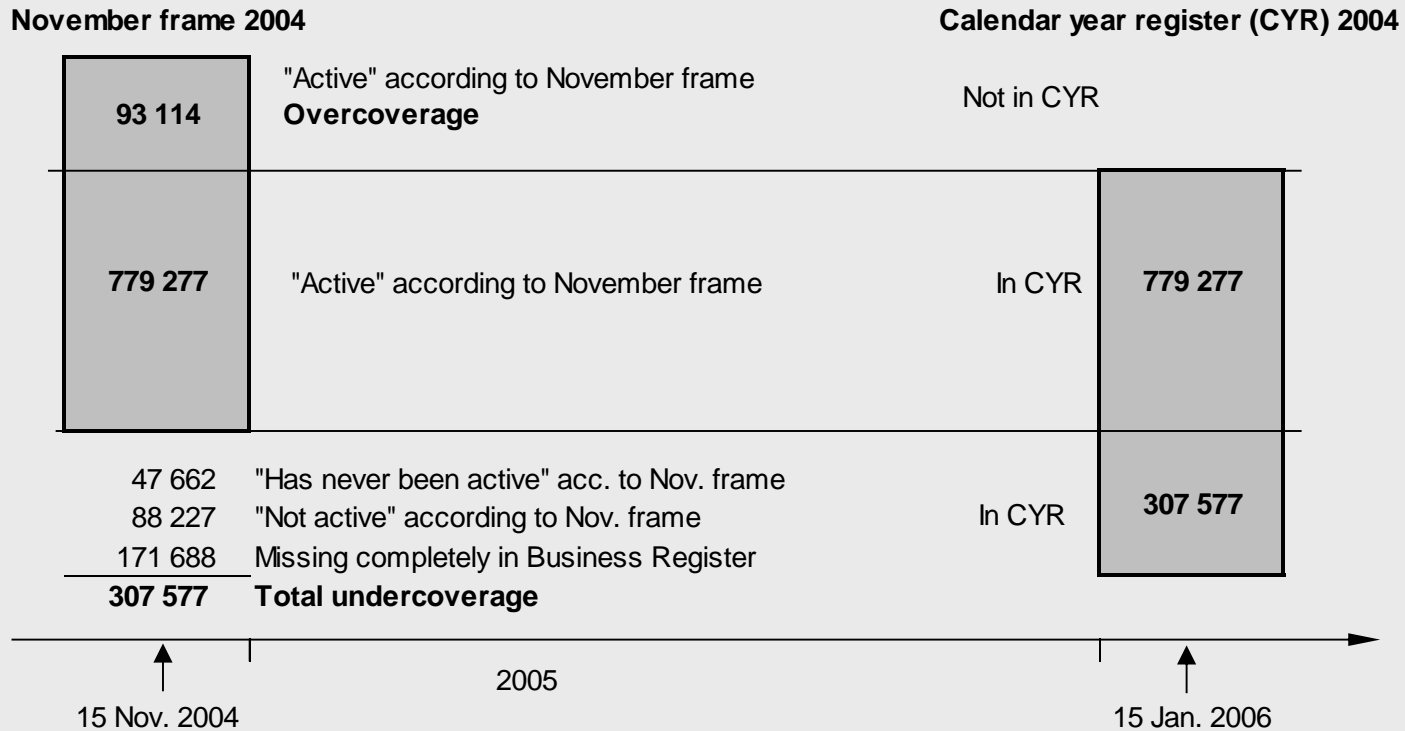
Wait until **all** administrative sources regarding 2004 are available

Coverage much better!

The November frame and the **Calendar Year Register 2004**



Over and undercoverage as number of legal units in the November frame



Yearly GDP is not measured in one survey, it is measured in a large number of surveys done by different statistical offices in Sweden, monthly, quarterly and yearly surveys, sample surveys and register surveys:

## Serious inconsistencies regarding populations!

<b>Legal units by institutional sector and economic activity</b>	<b>Calendar year population</b>				
Economic activity:	Institutional sector: Non-financial enterprises	Financial enterprises	Government	Sole traders	Non-profit organisations
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	11 354	0	13	236 467	546
Manufacturing, mining, energy	33 743	1	13	23 717	139
Construction	44 611	0	0	49 161	62
Trade and transport	96 626	1	5	61 606	246
Hotels and restaurants	18 598	2	0	10 966	255
Information, communication	29 010	1	1	25 807	318
Financial intermediation	10 852	2 060	10	683	1116
Real estate, business activities	157 163	15	49	112 719	10 914
Government	70	0	298	61	247
Education	8 738	0	120	14 277	985
Health and social work	14 196	0	256	17 847	979
Personal and cultural services	21 837	1	94	80 281	25 949

# Questionnaire data and administrative data on enterprises

BIN	=	Business identity number of each legal unit/entity
SBS	=	Turnover according to Statistics Sweden's questionnaire
YIT	=	Turnover according to the yearly income tax returns
VAT	=	Turnover according to 12 monthly VAT returns
Distance	=	$ SBS-YIT  +  SBS-VAT  +  YIT-VAT $

**Chart 2.3 Yearly turnover for the same enterprises in three sources, USD million (transformed microdata)**

BIN	SBS	YIT	VAT	Distance
160001	7 179	11 941	8 089	3 175
160002	2 954	0	0	1 969
160003	843	3 561	918	1 812
160004	5 514	2 888	2 895	1 751
160005	26	538	2 536	1 673
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2 strata in SBS:  
 - Big ones get questionnaires  
 - The rest: Use administrative data

Administrative and statistical units give rise to difficult problems in economic statistics

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Complete groups of enterprises

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One enterprise may consist of many legal units

Tax reporting may be organised in different ways:

VAT in one way  
YIT in another way

Here, SBS may get measurement errors

## Employees by economic activity November 2004 thousands

Economic activity	Legal units 1st ISIC (1)	Local units 1st ISIC (2)
Agriculture and forestry, fishing	35	37
Mining, quarrying, manufacturing	688	636
Electricity, gas and water	21	22
Construction	197	209
Wholesale and retail trade	456	453
Hotels and restaurants	89	93
Transport, communication	240	242
Financial intermediation	83	77
Real estate, business activities	457	524
Government	139	215
Education	382	408
Health and social work	836	684
Other service activities	142	163
Total	3 763	3 763

Different units  
have  
consequences for  
economic  
statistics:

**Inconsistencies!**

We need better  
estimation  
methods!

You have seen substantial errors and inconsistencies in Statistics Sweden' economic data

Other countries have the same errors but it is not so easy to find the errors if you do not have a system of statistical registers

Errors and inconsistencies in economic data is a general problem

By using administrative data in a systematic way many sources can be combined, inconsistencies and errors will be found and can be reduced