

Description of Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2006 in Latvia

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Scope of Study

Summary:	<p>This survey screens the adult age population of Latvia for participation in entrepreneurial activity and informal financing of businesses, as well as gathers data on different characteristics of entrepreneurs, their businesses, and non-entrepreneurs.</p> <p>This dataset is a collection of detailed data not only on established entrepreneurs but also on those who are in a process of starting up a new enterprise, i.e. nascent entrepreneurs.</p> <p>The survey is based on the method of the Global</p>
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	<p>Entrepreneurship Monitor, the multinational research program of annual assessment of entrepreneurial activity (see http://www.gemconsortium.org for details). The standard GEM questionnaire is complemented with questions related to the background and experiences of entrepreneurs used by Djankov et al. (2005) in their study of entrepreneurship in Russia, China, Brazil, India, and Nigeria.</p> <p>The survey data cover demographic characteristics, as well as career and family background on the respondents, including information on education, skills, religious beliefs, educational attainment of parents, involvement of relatives in entrepreneurship, financial situation of the household, perceptions of corruption and subjective opinion on taxation system.</p> <p>The survey focuses specifically on questions related to entrepreneurs (defined as nascent and current owners-managers of enterprises). There is the data about characteristics of their businesses, entrepreneurial motivation, financing used, future expectations.</p> <p>A special series of questions explores informal investors: the firms in which they invest, motivation, the amounts invested and expected in return.</p>
Key Terms:	nascent entrepreneurs, early-stage entrepreneurs, established entrepreneurs, entrepreneurship, informal investors
Area of Investigation:	Entrepreneurship
Geographic Coverage:	Latvia
Time Period:	2006
Data Type:	Survey data
Universe:	Adult population of Latvia (aged 18-64 years)
Unit of Observation:	adult individuals
Smallest geographic unit available:	regions (Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale, Vidzeme and Riga)
Primary Publications:	<p>Dombrovsky, V. and F. Welter (2006), "The role of personal and family background in making entrepreneurs in Post-Socialist Environment", mimeo.</p> <p>Dombrovsky, V., K. Kreslins and M. Chandler (2006), "Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2005 Latvia Report", TeliaSonera Institute, BICEPS, SSE Riga.</p>
Related Publications:	Minniti, M., Bygrave, W. D., & Autio E. (2006), Global Entrepreneurship Monitor: 2005 Executive Report, London Business School and Babson College. Available at

	http://www.gemconsortium.org Djankov, S., E. Miguel, Y. Qian, G. Roland, & E. Zhuravskaya (2005) "Who are Russia's Entrepreneurs?" Journal of the European Economic Association 3(2-3): 587-597
Notes:	The survey is conducted in strict adherence to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) methodology. GEM represents a series of cross-national assessments of entrepreneurial activity, which started in 1999 with 10 participating countries, and expanded to 42 countries in 2006. Latvia participates in this project for the second time.

Methodology

Data Source:	telephone interviews
Survey Vendor:	Latvijas Fakti
Dates of Collection:	July-August 2006
Sampling procedure:	Two-stage stratified random sampling
Strata:	Region (Kurzeme, Zemgale, Latgale, Vidzeme and Riga.); settlement (Riga, big cities, cities, towns, rural areas); nationality (Latvians, Others)
Primary Sample Units:	Household
Sample:	Randomly selected adult individuals (aged 18-64 years)
Response Rate:	70-80%
Number of Completed Observations:	1958
Weights:	The weights are based on age, gender and geographic region
Collection Notes:	

Access and Availability

Content of Collection:	Dataset, documentation, codebook for dataset, syntax for selected derived variables, questionnaires in Latvian, Russian and English languages
Data Format:	Dataset is available in STATA or SPSS formats. Syntax for derived variables is STATA format only. Other related documents are in PDF format.
Restrictions:	The data are available to other teams in the GEM consortium.

	Access to the augmented Latvian GEM2005 dataset (with additional questions) is restricted. Access to the dataset can be granted on a case by case basis.
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Dataset

File Structure:	Rectangular
Case count:	1958
Variable Count:	139
Extent of Processing:	standardized missing data codes, checks for undocumented codes, consistency checks, codebook for original variables and derived variables, frequency distributions, summary statistics