

## Glossary

### **1. Statistics**

The practice or science of collecting and analyzing numerical data in large quantities

### **2. Data**

Facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis.

### **3. Database**

A structured set of data held in a computer, esp. one that is accessible in various ways.

### **4. Data Collection**

Data collection is a term used to describe a process of preparing and collecting data

### **5. Centralisation**

The act of consolidating power under a central control

### **6. Decentralisation**

The social process in which population and industry moves from urban centres to outlying districts

### **7. Population Census**

A census is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording information about the members of a given population

### **8. Economic Census**

The Economic Census collects and produces our Nation's most comprehensive and useful business statistics.

### **9. Agricultural Census**

Can be defined as a large-scale, periodic, statistical operation for the collection of quantitative information on the structure of agriculture

### **10. Survey**

Investigate the opinions or experience of (a group of people) by asking them questions.

### **11. Gender Statistics**

Gender statistics are the body of statistics compiled, analysed and presented by sex, reflecting gender issues in society.

### **12. Variable**

Variable is a symbol that stands for a value that may vary; the term usually occurs in opposition to constant, which is a symbol for a non-varying value

### **13. Population**

A statistical population is a set of entities concerning which statistical inferences are to be drawn, often based on a random sample taken from the population.

### **14. Sample Size**

The sample size of a statistical sample is the number of observations that constitute it. It is typically denoted  $n$ , a positive integer (natural number).

## **15. International Trade**

International trade is exchange of capital, goods, and services across international borders or territories