

# Barriers in access to microdata

Perspective of Statistics Netherlands

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# Checking of output

- At present every output is checked
- Continuing growth in number of researchers
- More outputs  $\Rightarrow$  increasing strain on personnel
- Possible solution: only random checks for experienced and trusted researchers



## Financing

- Researchers pay fees for microdataservices
- Current fees do not cover total costs
- Loss for SN increases with increasing usage
- Full recovery of costs leads to doubling of fees  
⇒ will researchers accept this ?
- Search for other large contributors (for instance Ministry of Education, The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research)



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## Documentation

- Standardised metadata is created for each microdatafile
- Not as part of regular statistical process, but by personnel of the RDC.
- More available datafiles ⇒ more new files each year (new reporting periods)
- Increasing strain on personnel



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## Access legally limited

- Access is only for a limited group:
  - Universities
  - Planning agencies established by law
  - European NSI's and Eurostat
  - Others as authorised by CCS:
    - Research aim
    - No administrative authority
    - Publish for the public use

