

CSO IN BRIEF

- In Thirties of last century the statistics office was department in the Ministry of Economy and Transport, after it was divided into two ministries, in 1939 this branch was joined to the ministry of Economy and named (The main office for Statistics).
- In 1956, this department was merged with statistical offices and sections of some government departments and enterprises therefore it was named (Central office of Statistics).
- In 1959 Authority of Implementation Law was issued and according to that, Ministry of Planning had been established and the Central office of Statistics was joined with Ministry of Planning then raised to general directorate in 1/7/1959.
- In 1968 Ministry of Planning system was issued, that Central Statistical Organization (CSO) was established according to it and headed by consultant degree.
- In 2004 the systematical and technical structure of the ministry were reconsidered which became Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation to conform actually to the nature of its activities and tasks.
- The central statistical organization (CSO) has been renamed to The Central Organization for Statistics and Information Technology (COS) after establishing of a general directorate that named (Information Technology Directorate).
- COS specialized in statistical processes concerning with population census, sampling census and all statistical operations such as agricultural, industrial, economic, social, financial and monetary, cultural and other that related to formal and semi formal, public and private institutions, companies in general and Individuals, In addition to citizens status and their activities that serve planning , national development and scientific research.

CSO Activities Link:

<http://www.cosit.gov.iq/english/index.php>