

# BLAISE in Macedonia

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The Labour Force Survey is one of the most significant statistical actions that is conducted by the State Statistical Office. It is one of the most valuable sources of information regarding the events in the labour market. The data of this survey are collected through interviews by trained interviewers, who collect the information in a traditional manner, which means on printed forms (questionnaires). Within the framework of this survey the State Statistical Office has also conducted Test Survey on Households through laptop, but after the performed data processing it was decided to continue with collection of data through printed questionnaires.

The entry application for data processing, in accordance with the available technology and equipment in the State Statistical Office, is in BLAISE software with online controls. At the beginning of the preparation of the application, professional assistance was given by the Danish-Finnish Consortium.

Each year modifications were made in the questionnaire and in the entry application with a purpose to improve the quality of the survey material. This also understands training of external workers (persons to make entries) by the Office.

The further data processing is in SAS software and finally the data are put in DB2- 6000 basic data base.

The Labour Force Survey is the first BLAISE application in the Office. This application was for a long time one of a kind, but finally the advantages that this software provides were understood. So, today in the same software we have also other surveys. We expect their number to increase.

Abstract