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6 Abbreviations

ABBREVIATIONS

BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
ILO	International Labour Office
ISCED	International Standard Classification of Education
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
NA	Not available
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
SOEC	Statistical Office of the European Communities
UK	United Kingdom
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
US	United States
WDL	Working days lost

PREFACE

This handbook has been compiled to assist those interested in making reasonable international comparisons of key labour market indicators. It is a response to an identified need to bring together in one volume a range and time series of data normally only available in a diverse range of sources.

In the handbook extensive use has been made of the statistics compiled by the OECD (population, labour force, unemployment and consumer prices) and UNESCO (educational statistics) and published annually. Also, the series on labour costs has been taken from the unpublished statistics prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. The work of these organizations in this field are gratefully acknowledged, as is the help provided on request by the various national agencies and embassies contacted during the preparation of the handbook.

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