



## THE ISO SURVEY OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM STANDARD CERTIFICATIONS – 2018 – EXPLANATORY NOTE

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### Background

The ISO Survey of Certifications is an annual survey of the number of valid certificates to ISO management system standards worldwide. The providers of data are the accredited certification bodies.

### Results

The table below displays the total number of valid certificates and the total number of sites for each standard covered by the survey. The detailed results for each standard are available on [ISO website](#). For each of the standard, the number of certificates and the number of sites are displayed next to each other to give a more comprehensive picture of the situation. A certificate is the document issued by a certification body once the client has demonstrated conformity to the standard and a "site" is a permanent location where an organization carries out work or a service.

	Total valid certificates	Total number of sites
ISO 9001:2015	878 664	1 180 965
ISO 14001:2015	307 059	447 547
ISO IEC 27001:2013	31 910	59 934
ISO 22000:2005&2018	32 120	36 105
ISO 45001:2018	11 952	14 607
ISO 13485:2003&2016	19 472	24 123
ISO 50001:2011	18 059	46 770
ISO 20000-1:2011	5 308	7 225
ISO 22301:2012	1 506	5 282
ISO 28000:2007	617	666
ISO 39001:2012	547	1 422
ISO 37001:2016	389	1 541

### Explanation of the 2018 results

The overall total number of valid certificates was lower than in 2017. The reasons for the decrease are related to the participation and can be categorized into three categories:

- Some large certification bodies reported in past surveys the number of certificates that included the number of sites. In this survey, they have split the number of certificates and the number of sites which led to important reduction in the number of certificates reported.
- The data reported by some large certification bodies fluctuates from one year to another.
- Some providers of data adjusted the way they report the number of sectors covered by their certificates with the separation of the two questions in the 2018 survey questionnaire (they were linked in past surveys which led to some confusion in the case of multi sectors certificates).
- Some certification bodies that are important in some countries did not participate.

For the reasons listed above, ISO decided to publish the 2018 results without the past results. With the adjustments made by some of the providers of data in relation with the number of certificates, sites and sectors, the comparison of the figures on the number of valid certificates with the past survey would not lead to accurate conclusions. The level of valid certificates in 2018 is a better reflection of the situation in the market.