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Reclaiming Relevance of the SNA Core

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Dissatisfaction with the NA figures conforming with SNA2008 requirements have surfaced in several instances, since these figures were released. Not just when more ambitious aspects of the economy (like externalities affecting the environment) require measurements. But actually with the core concept GDP to measure country wide value added. The SNA2008 seems to have traded in statistical relevance of the core concepts (for complete accordance with BPM concepts), compared to SNA1993. The paper proposes some minor changes with big effects in terms of adjusting the statistical framework to better cater for users' needs.

Especially needs for geographically organised/segmented data, in other ways than through the residence status of institutional units.

Such reorientation requires the principles to be fully transparent.

The paper presents alternative definitions of a few concepts which better suit the needs of users who want to know what is going on in specific areas.