

## The Indonesian urban informal sector : charateristics and growth from 1980 to 1990

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### Abstrak

This paper defines the informal sector (IS) as being self employed persons assisted by family and other non-wage earners. It discusses some theoretical aspects of the urban informal sector and presents some pertinent findings in indonesia such as why persons enter the informal sector. relationships of the informal sector to itself and the formal sector (FS), factors affecting the competitiveness and potential of the informal sub-sectors. and the interpretation of a change in the size of the informal sector relative to the format sector. An analysis of Central Bureau of Statistics data shows that the rate of growth of the informal sector from 1985 to 1990 was much tower than the formal sector and much lower than the informal sector from 1980 to 1985, with the construction and transportation sectors being exceptions and the female informal sector growth rate being 39 % that of males.