



Travel behaviour (module of the Household Budget Survey HBS)

Description

The data collected in the scope of the **travel behaviour** survey enables trips taken by the resident population of Switzerland within and outside national borders to be analysed. Trips made for personal or professional reasons, with or without overnight stays, are recorded. Since 2008, the survey has been conducted annually. Previous surveys were conducted in 2003, 1998 and 1987/1988.

Available since:
1998

Statistical population:
Permanent resident population of Switzerland, persons aged 6 and over living in private households (until 2011, persons aged 15 and over)

Characteristics recorded:

- Number of trips (by type of trip)
- Destinations
- Type of accommodation
- Means of transport used
- Organisation of the trip
- Number of overnight stays
- Number of persons accompanying the traveller
- Expenditure
- Reasons for travel
- Departure period

Methodology

Type of survey:
Module of the Household Budget Survey. Sample survey. Computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI). Sample of around 3000 persons. Participation is voluntary.

Degree of regionalisation:
Major regions

Periodicity:
Yearly since 2008. The results are usually available in the autumn following the reference year.

Reference period:
Calendar year

Review policy

Methodological revisions:
Introduction of methodological changes for the 2020 survey:

- Use of two EBM survey years t and $t+1$ (up to May), to fully (and exclusively) cover the trips of year t .
 - Only trips that actually ended during the survey year t are included in the analysis.
 - Revision of the weighting in line with these changes.
 - The changes have been introduced for the 2020 survey year and have also been applied retroactively to the 2016-2019 surveys.
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Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 (RS 431.01)
Bilateral agreements between Switzerland and the EU: Regulation (EU) 692/2011 concerning European statistics on tourism (repealing directive 95/57/EC)

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

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