



Tourism balance of payments

Description

The tourism balance of payments is a component of the balance of payments, the latter is produced by the Swiss National Bank (SNB). The tourism balance of payments records the income received and expenditure incurred within the context of cross-border travel for Switzerland's accounts. The tourism balance is therefore an important instrument to measure the monetary effects of tourism.

Available since:
1975

Characteristics recorded:

Income received from visitors who have their main place of residence abroad and travel to Switzerland broken down into the following subheadings: Stays in hotels, holiday and other short-stay accommodation or private homes; Study stays and hospital stays; Day trips and transit tourism; consumption expenditure of border and short-term workers. Expenditure incurred of visitors who have their main place of residence in Switzerland and travel abroad broken down into the following subheadings: Travel with overnight stays; Travel without overnight stays (day trips and transit tourism)

Methodology

The tourism balance of payments is a composite statistic. This means that its compilation requires a large number of different base statistics.

Degree of regionalisation:
Switzerland

Periodicity:
Annual

Reference period:
Calendar year

Revision:
The last benchmark revision of the tourism balance of payments took place in 2020. Previous series were recalculated up to 1975 based on the revised values.

Policy on revisions

The revision policy of the tourism balance of payments is aligned with that of the national accounts.

Routine revisions (or current revisions):
1st estimate in t+6 months (end of June)
2nd estimate in t+18 months
3rd estimate in t+30 months

Benchmark revisions (or major regular revisions):
Every 5 years (years ending in 4 and 9) in t+6 months

Legal bases

The statistics in general and the tourism statistics in particular are based on the following:
Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 (FStatA) (Status as of 01 January 2016, SR 431.01)
Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Organisation of Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys (including appendix) (SR 431.012.1)
Federal Act of 19 June 1992 on Data Protection (FADP) (SR 235.1)
Ordinance of 14 June 1993 to the Federal Act on Data Protection OFADP) (SR 235.11)

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