



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Tourist accommodation statistics

HESTA

Description

The **tourist accommodation statistics (HESTA)** are conducted at national level covering 5000 hotels, health establishments and campsites. Their purpose is to gather data on the number of establishments, rooms and beds as well data as on arrivals and overnight stays by visitors' country of residence.

Available since:

1934. After a break in 2004, HESTA was reintroduced in January 2005. Monthly data are available 25 working days after the end of the previous month.

Characteristics recorded:

The key variables are arrivals and overnight stays by visitors' country of residence as well as the number of establishments, rooms and beds.

Statistical population:

Business and Enterprise Register (BER)

Survey units:

The statistical unit is the establishment (local unit).

Methodology

The exhaustive survey covers approximately 5000 establishments each month. A written reminder is sent after 10 days. Participation in HESTA is compulsory. The survey channels are: Internet (www.esurvey.admin.ch/ehesta), hotel management systems (PMS), email or paper questionnaire.

Degree of regionalisation:

Communes

Periodicity:

Monthly

Reference period:

Month

Policy on revisions

Routine revision:

Results for the months of January to November are provisional in character and are revised for the publication of the December results. After this publication, all results are final.

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Organisation

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