



Tourism Satellite Account

Description

Tourism is one of the most important branches of the Swiss economy and has a large influence on employment, production and value added. In particular, international tourism has been - and still is - a major contributor to the development of Switzerland's mountain regions. But the diversity of tourism production makes it difficult to measure the multitude of effects that tourism has on the economy and to present them statistically. Tourism as such is not included in the statistical nomenclatures and the national accounts. For this reason, the required data had to be extracted from the tourism-related components of many different industries and merged into a separate account, the **"Tourism Satellite Account"**.

Available since:

1998

Characteristics recorded:

tourism-specific economic activities (e.g. accommodation, food and beverage serving services, transport services, etc.)

tourism-related economic activities (e.g. service stations, banks, insurances, retail trade, etc.)

non-tourism specific economic activities (e.g. wholesale, other services, etc.)

Methodology

The Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) uses the methodology applied for the Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) to record tourism's economic effects as precisely as possible. As many tourism activities are based in different economic branches, the TSA is used to determine the proportion of a given economic activity which can be attributed to tourism. The aim is to estimate the value added of tourism activities.

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland

Periodicity:

Every 3 to 4 years

Reference period:

Yearly

Legal bases

The statistics in general and the tourism statistics in particular are based on the following:

Federal Statistics Act (FStatA) of 9 October 1992 (as on 22 December 2003) (SR 431.01)

Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Organisation of Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Ordinance of 30.06.1993 on the Conduct of Federal Statistical surveys (SR 431.012.1)

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Federal Act of 19 June 1992 on Data Protection (FADP) (SR 431.112)

Ordinance relating to the Federal Data Protection Act (SR 235.11)

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