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Tourist accommodation statistics HESTA

Description

The **tourist accommodation statistics (HESTA)** is conducted at national level covering 6000 hotels, health establishments and campsites. Its purpose is to gather data on the number of establishments, rooms and beds as well as data 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 registered:
The statistical unit is the establishment (local unit).

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

Methodology

Participation in HESTA is compulsory. Questionnaire sent by post, fax or email; reply by post, fax or internet (www.esurvey.admin.ch/ehesta). The exhaustive survey covers approximately 6000 establishments each month. A written reminder is sent after 10 days.

Degree of regionalisation:
Communes

Periodicity:
Monthly

Reference period:
Month

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the conduct of federal statistical surveys (RS 431.012.1)

Organization

Federal Statistical Office (FSO), cantons, associations

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