

Tilastokeskus.fi: a source of reliable statistical data

Statistics Finland's Internet pages open a window on the world of statistical data. Our service provides the latest data by topic for some 200 different statistics, covering extensively different sectors of society. Most of the statistics belong to the Official Statistics of Finland (OSF). In June 2005, Swedish and English versions of the Internet pages were made available in line with the new structure.

All statistics have a homepage of their own, with a permanent Internet address ([tilastokeskus.fi/name of statistics](http://tilastokeskus.fi/name-of-statistics)). In addition to statistical data, the homepage of the statistics also contains detailed background information related to the activity sector concerned, such as quality and methodological descriptions, concepts, definitions and classifications. In order to facilitate data search, the statistics are grouped into statistical topics according to the topic breakdown of the Official Statistics of Finland (tilastokeskus.fi/til/aiheet_en.html). The grouping and extensive background data on the statistics help the user to structure different subject matters and learn more about each topic.

Exhaustive and timely statistics on the Internet

New statistical data are issued on the tilastokeskus.fi service on weekdays at 9 a.m. as statistical releases and databases are updated. In addition to new statistical data, the website contains other topical information about the statistics and their compilation as well as information about events and new publications.

The 'Organisation' section of the service provides general information about the activities of Statistics Finland. Under the 'Products and Services' section you will find several information services based on statistical data: statistical databases, registers and various thematic services on regional, national and international themes. The 'News' service provides flexible access to the latest statistical data and other news in the field of statistics. It also includes a Release Calendar of statistics, weekly events and news calendar, as well as customer and information services (tilastokeskus.fi/ajk/index_en.html).



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The average number of hits per month was close to 190 000 at the end of 2005.

Electronic statistical publication

At the moment, Statistics Finland publishes some 700 statistical releases in Finnish per year. Statistical releases include at least a brief text release, but often comprise a broader review with appended tables and figures. These concise packages then form an electronic statistical publication.

All electronic statistical publications issued on the 'Statistics' pages, whether they contain a brief text release or a broader review, are archived permanently on the 'Statistics' pages. It is thus possible to make permanent references to each statistical publication or to some of its parts, which will remain unchanged in the future. The references can be links on other Internet sites or references in printed articles and publications. For example, the permanent URL for 'Quarterly national accounts 2005, 2nd quarter' is tilastokeskus.fi/til/ntp/2005/02/ntp_2005_02_2005-09-08_tie_001_en.html

Statistical databases

Statistics Finland's statistical databases provide a varied selection of table-format statistical data for different user needs. Free databases contain a wide selection of essential basic statistical data. Chargeable services comprise longer time series, indicator services and extensive packages produced on different topics with more detailed data. Statistical databases can be

found at tilastokeskus.fi/tup/tilastotietokannat/index_en.html

Useful links

By means of the national link collection, you may access the Internet services of the producers of Official Statistics of Finland and other agencies and research institutes. The international link list (tilastokeskus.fi/tup/linkit_en.html) contains the national statistical authorities of different countries, international organisations producing statistics and several other statistical sources.

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http://tilastokeskus.fi/index_en.html