ANNUAL STATISTICAL SURVEY ON TRADE AND CATERING ENTERPRISES:  
SUMMARY METHODOLOGY

Objective of the statistical survey
Statistical estimation of turnover of trade enterprises (excluding VAT), the number of shops, their sales space at national, county and municipal level, provision of data to the users at national level at a 4-digit level according to NACE, provision of regional statistical information at a 2-digit level according to NACE, calculation of volume of alcoholic and tobacco products which are officially sold.

Legal basis
Law on Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 1993, No 54-1048; 1999, No 114-3299);
State programme for alcohol control, approved by Resolution No 212 of 25 February 1999 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 1999, No. 21-603);
Monitoring rules for use of alcohol, its economic harm for health and economy, approved by Resolution No 1135 of 6 September 2004 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2004, No 137-4986);
State programme for tobacco control, approved by Resolution No 954 of 30 July 1998 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 1998, No 69-2010);
Monitoring rules for the use of tobacco products, its harm to health and economy, approved by Resolution No 997 of 19 August 2004 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2004, No 131-4705);

Classifications used

Population of the statistical survey and parameters estimated
All enterprises, the main activity of which is trade or catering, irrespective of kind of enterprise and form of ownership.
The following parameters are assessed:
turnover (excluding VAT); the number of shops; sales space; the number of catering units; the number of places of catering units; turnover by the type of customer; goods and services for resale by the type of customer.
Statistical survey methods
A sampling method is applied for the survey. Sampling plan is prepared according to the information on kind of activity of enterprise, the number of employees, territory, received from the Statistical Register of Economic Entities. The sample covers 48 per cent of enterprises. Employees of Regional Statistical Offices carry out primary logical control of received data; in case of errors data are corrected by contacting respondents. The employees of Regional Statistical Offices enter data into the central database of the statistical survey. ORACLE programme is used for data entering.

Data of annual report PR-07 on trade and catering enterprises. Statistical report is prepared in paper and electronic formats, data can be provided online (using ABBYY eFormFiller programme).

Results provided to users
Statistical information is published:
in Statistical Yearbook of Lithuania;
in publication Counties of Lithuania;
in an annual publication Retail and Wholesale Trade;
in information bulletin Use of Alcohol and Its Consequences;
in information bulletin Use of Tobacco and Its Consequences;
on the website of Statistics Lithuania;
in the Database of Indicators of Statistics Lithuania (http://db1.stat.gov.lt/statbank);
in the Regional Database of Statistics Lithuania (http://db1.stat.gov.lt/statbank);
in the database of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT);
Statistical information is also provided on user request.

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