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Link to the inquiry: login.stat.fi/auth/login/targets/kulhi?lang=en

Data collection on consumer prices

The inquired data

The data collection asks for consumer prices of alcoholic beverages from the restaurants selected to the sample. The data collection is usually conducted monthly but the price collection of alcoholic beverages is made every two months due to periodisation. The inquiry was transferred to Statistics Finland from the Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare in November 2023.

When the data collection begins, we ask you to select the most sold products at your restaurant under each product group on a web form. If in future the sale of a product cease altogether or is about to cease, a replacing product is selected instead.

From whom are data inquired

Price data on alcoholic beverages are currently collected from licensed restaurants, around 200 of which belong to the sample.

Price data are also collected in other ways for the compilation of statistics: as total data supplied by enterprises, collected by interviewers, by web scraping and as collection of data by statistical experts.

What are the data used for

The collected data are primarily used in the Consumer Price Index, which describes the monthly price development of goods and services purchased by households in Finland, and it is used as a general measure of inflation.

Instructions for responding

Instructions for responding can be found on the web form and on the data collection page www.stat.fi/en/surveys/kulhi.

You can log in to the form either with the user ID and password sent by Statistics Finland by email or with the Suomi.fi identification and mandates maintained by the Digital and Population Data Services Agency. The Suomi.fi mandate for data collection is **Responding to data collections from enterprises and organisations**. In this data collection, a mandate definer (i.e. a specifier), **kulhi** is also needed. Instructions for granting the Suomi.fi mandate for Statistics Finland's data collections: www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org.

Please respond by no later than 4 December 2023.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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Further information on the obligation to provide data and treatment of the data

Confidentiality, data protection and publicity

Statistics Finland uses the data for the compilation of statistics. Unit level data collected for statistical purposes must be kept confidential by virtue of Section 24, Paragraph 1, Sub-paragraph 16 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities (621/1999). According to Section 13 of the Statistics Act (280/2004), Statistics Finland may also release data for scientific studies and statistical surveys without data enabling direct identification.

Statistics Finland may release data with their identification data to another Finnish statistical authority for the purpose of compilation of statistics on an activity falling within its sphere of influence. In addition to Statistics Finland, the statistical authorities are the Natural Resources Institute Finland, the National Institute for Health and Welfare and Finnish Customs. Data with their identification data can also be released in accordance with the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on business registers to the EuroGroups Register of multinational enterprises maintained by Eurostat (EC No 177/2008, Article 11). In addition, Statistics Finland may release data with their identification data for cooperation between national statistical institutes in accordance with Article 21 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics and according to Section 13, Subsection 4 of the Statistics Act, to the Bank of Finland for the development, production and quality improvement of the European statistics for which it is responsible.

The data are protected against unauthorised access in accordance with the data protection rules adopted by Statistics Finland. The Statistics Act prohibits the use of data collected for statistical purposes in an investigation, surveillance, legal proceedings, administrative decision-making or other similar handling of a matter concerning the enterprise. Unit-level data on enterprises may only be handled at Statistics Finland by persons whose tasks require the use of such data. The email address of Statistics Finland's employee responsible for data protection is tietosuoja@stat.fi. The data protection description of personal data concerning respondents can be found at: www.stat.fi/yhteisojen_vastaajien_yhteystiedot (in Finnish).

Obligation to provide data

The obligation to provide data is based on Sections 14 and 15 of the Finnish Statistics Act (280/2004). Notwithstanding the provisions on data secrecy, entrepreneurs are obliged to provide Statistics Finland with such data that are necessary for the compilation of statistics. By virtue of Section 21 of the Statistics Act, Statistics Finland is entitled to receive these data free of charge.

By virtue of Section 8 of the Statistics Act, data providers have the right to seek exemption from the obligation to provide data wholly or partially if the provision of data causes the respondent unreasonable inconvenience and the exemption will not essentially hamper the production of statistics or weaken the reliability and usability of statistics. Unreasonable inconvenience refers to putting the respondent in an unequal position with regard to other data providers. Further information about the obligation to provide data and exemption from it as well as a form to apply for exemption can be found on Statistics Finland's web page www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org.

Duration of storage

Digital statistical data formed from the supplied data are permanently stored at Statistics Finland in accordance with the National Archives of Finland's confirmed storage period decision (KA/19843/07.0 1.01.03.01/2017).

About the data collection

The regulations of the European Union in part require the collection of the data in question, such as the Council Regulation (EU) No 2016/792 on harmonised indices of consumer prices and the house price indices.

Data collection service for enterprises

Statistics Finland provides a service where enterprises can check in which Statistics Finland's data collections they have previously been and will in the near future be included. Further information about the service is available at: www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org.

Saatekirje suomeksi: Följebrev på svenska: www.stat.fi/kyselyt/kulhi#letters www.stat.fi/sv/enkater/kulhi#letters