

Link to the survey:

<https://www.stat.fi/en/surveys/paul>

## Annual inquiry on international trade in services and international flows of goods 2023

### The inquired data

In the inquiry, questions are asked about international trade in services carried out by enterprises divided by country and service type in the calendar year 2023. International trade in services includes business activity where a Finnish enterprise buys a service (imports) from a foreign enterprise and sells a service to a foreign enterprise (exports). In addition, the inquiry covers international purchases and sales of goods connected to merchandising, goods sent abroad for processing and factoryless production. Goods and services departing from Finland and those bought abroad are also reported for project deliveries and construction.

### From whom are data inquired

The data are collected from enterprises and general government that are known from administrative sources to engage in international trade in services or sales of goods abroad. A random sample is drawn from other enterprises. The target population for the inquiry has been drawn from Statistics Finland's Business Register. The size of the sample is around 2,000 enterprises.

### What are the data used for

The data are used for the compilation of balance of payments, national accounts and statistics on international trade in goods and services. The data are also used to support decision-making and social debate. Responses are needed from all enterprises and corporations to ensure the quality of the statistics.

To thank you for responding you receive a link to a compilation made of enterprise statistics where you can view statistical data by industry. A link to the compilation can be found on the end page of the form.

### Instructions for responding

Please respond with the electronic form. The Internet address of the inquiry and the login identifiers for your enterprise are in the top right-hand corner of this letter. Further information and instructions for responding can be found at the following address [www.stat.fi/en/surveys/paul#instructions](https://www.stat.fi/en/surveys/paul#instructions). You can also utilise the Suomi.fi authorisation service by The Digital and Population Data Services Agency. Statistics Finland's Suomi.fi mandate is **responding to data collections from enterprises and organisations**.

We would ask for your response by no later than on 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

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*Thank you for your co-operation*

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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 improper use in accordance with the data protection regulations issued 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 the person responsible for data protection at Statistics Finland is [tietosuoja@stat.fi](mailto:tietosuoja@stat.fi). You can access the data protection description (in Finnish) at: [https://www.stat.fi/yhteisojen\\_vastaajien\\_yhteystiedot](https://www.stat.fi/yhteisojen_vastaajien_yhteystiedot)

## 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](http://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 (Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council (No 184/2005/EC) and the Commission Implementing Regulation (No 555/2012)).

## 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](http://www.stat.fi/en/surveys#org).

## Saatekirje suomeksi

<https://www.stat.fi/kyselyt/paul#letters>

## Följebrev på svenska

<https://www.stat.fi/sv/enkater/paul#letters>