



Official Statistics Liechtenstein

Official Statistics Liechtenstein sees itself as a statistical information centre. Its responsibility is to provide relevant, reliable and coherent information on population, the economy, society and the environment. The statistical information serves the authorities and the public by contributing towards shaping opinions on specific topics and towards political decision-making.

The first statistical surveys began in Liechtenstein from 1784 onwards in the form of population censuses, although Official Statistics was not institutionalised until 1950 with the creation of the Office of Statistics. In 1976 the Office of Statistics was integrated into the Office of Economic Affairs, and now Official Statistics Liechtenstein is organised as a division of the Office of Economic Affairs. On the government level, the business of Official Statistics is the responsibility of the Minister of Economic Affairs.

The activities of Official Statistics Liechtenstein are based on the Statistics Act of 1976, which together with the obligations arising under the EEA Agreement forms the framework for the statistical work.

Liechtenstein has been a member of the European Economic Area (EEA) since 1 May 1995. The EEA Agreement between the EU member states and the three EFTA states of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway also regulates statistical cooperation. Under the EEA Agreement the EEA member states are responsible for producing and disseminating coherent and comparable statistics to describe and monitor all relevant economic, social and ecological aspects of the European Economic Area. For this purpose the EEA member states develop and employ harmonised methods, definitions and classifications as well as joint programmes and procedures.

In carrying out its duties, Official Statistics is guided by the European statistical principles of the Code of Practice. This Code is an integral part of the EEA Agreement and, in accordance with a government order, forms a guideline for the activity of Official Statistics Liechtenstein.

The work of Official Statistics Liechtenstein is supported by the Committee for Statistics. According to the provisions of the Statistics Act, the government appoints a Committee for Statistics every four years. The task of the Committee is to examine all questions concerning statistics which are referred to it by the government or by Official Statistics. It can submit to the government recommendations on all statistical matters. The Committee includes representatives of the trade associations and the communities, as well as specialists, and is chaired by the Head of the Statistics Division. The Head of Statistics is appointed by the government.

Ongoing programme planning extending over several years serves as a planning and decision-making basis for new statistics projects.

The publications programme of Official Statistics Liechtenstein covers 27 different types of statistics and each year around 60 publications are issued.



Publications

Appearing

Latest figures on population and economic trends	Quarterly
Unemployment statistics	Annually
Banking statistics	Annually
Construction statistics	Quarterly/annually
Employment and jobs statistics	Annually
Population statistics	Half-yearly
Education statistics	Annually
Naturalisation statistics	Annually
Energy statistics	Annually
Tourism statistics	3 times per year
New motor vehicles on the road	Monthly/annually
Goods transport statistics	Annually
Economic report Liechtenstein	Half-yearly
Economic survey	Quarterly
Consumer and rental price indices	Monthly
Health insurance statistics	Annually
Agricultural statistics	5-yearly
Liechtenstein in Figures	Annually
Statistics on Earnings	Annually
Motor vehicle statistics	Annually
Statistical Yearbook	Annually
Tax statistics	Annually
Accident insurance statistics	Annually
National accounts	Annually
Population census	10-yearly
Babies' names	Annually
Statistics on marriages, divorces, births, and deaths	Annually

In many cases the statistics produced are based on administrative data, with great emphasis placed on the use of registers. Due to the small size of the country, which has around 35,000 inhabitants, surveys can only be conducted to a limited extent for statistical and financial reasons.

Official Statistics Liechtenstein is located in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. For organisational purposes the Statistics Division is divided into the three units of Register and International Affairs, Economic and Education Statistics, and National Accounts. In total, 10 people are employed at Official Statistics Liechtenstein. There are no regional statistics offices as in other countries.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.llv.li/amtsstellen/llv-avw-statistik.htm>

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