

Link to the inquiry:

<https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln>

Quarterly inquiry on international trade in services and international flows of goods 2026

Dear respondent,

Your company has been selected for the 2026 Inquiry on international trade in services carried out by enterprises divided by country and service type quarterly. We cannot obtain data from elsewhere, e.g., from administrative registers. The obligation to provide data is based on the Finnish Statistics Act (280/2004).

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. The size of the sample is 1,500 enterprises.

How to respond

Please respond with the electronic form. Instructions for responding can be found on the web form and on the data collection page <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#instructions>. Statistics Finland's Suomi.fi mandate is **"Responding to data collections from enterprises and organisations"**. Instructions for granting the Suomi.fi mandate for data collections: <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#instructions>. Alternatively, you can log in to the form using the login identifiers in the top right-hand corner of this accompanying letter.

The data must be supplied no later than two weeks after each reporting quarter has ended. As concerns data for 2026, the last days for supplying data are:

Q1: 14.4.2026, Q2: 14.7.2026, Q3: 14.10.2026, Q4: 14.1.2027

What are the data used for

The data collected in the inquiry are used for the compilation of balance of payments, national accounts and statistics on international trade in goods and services. 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.

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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, for cooperation between the national statistical institutes, for cooperation between national statistical institutes, to the EuroGroups Register of multinational enterprises and to the Bank of Finland for the development, production, and quality improvement of the European statistics for which it is responsible. Further information on the data collection page <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#dataprotection>.

According to Section 12 of the Statistics Act, data describing the activities and public service production of central and local government authorities that are public based on other legislation are also public as statistical data. The collected data concerning individual persons are treated confidentially and they are used only for statistical purposes.

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 the person responsible for data protection at Statistics Finland is tietosuoja@stat.fi. The data protection description of personal data concerning respondents can be found at: <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#dataprotection>.

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 <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#dataprotection>.

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/19843/07.01.01.03.01/2017).

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 Commission 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 soon be included. Further information about the service is available at: <https://stat.fi/en/surveys/pauln#dataprotection>.

Saatekirje suomeksi: <https://stat.fi/kyselyt/pauln#letters>

Följebrev på svenska: <https://stat.fi/sv/enkater/pauln#letters>