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Financial statements inquiry for enterprises

Enterprise Finance Address Postal code Post office Link to the inquiry: https://stat.fi/en/surveys/yrti User-ID: Password: Business-ID:

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Dear respondent,

Your company has been selected for the financial statements inquiry for enterprises (TILKES) which annually collects data on the breakdown of income and expenditure, increases and decreases in assets, and itemised balance sheet data. In addition to the above-mentioned data, some enterprises are asked industry-specific business data and for certain variables, the enterprise unit's internal items. Data concerning renovation building is asked from construction enterprises. The inquiry concerns enterprises whose accounting period ended during 2024. The obligation to provide data is based on the Finnish Statistics Act (280/2004).

The survey includes all enterprises with over 60 employees, as well as enterprises with a turnover of over EUR 40 million or a balance sheet exceeding EUR 300 million. Enterprises with 10 to 60 employees have been drawn into the inquiry by random sampling. The inquiry also comprises some enterprises with a lower number of employees and municipally owned enterprises. In total, the inquiry comprises approximately 5,500 enterprises.

How to respond

Instructions for responding can be found on the web form and on the data collection page https://stat.fi/en/surveys/yrti#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#org. Alternatively, you can log in to the form using the login identifiers in the top right-hand corner of this accompanying letter.

If the data is not available by the due date, you can apply for extension for answering via web form. Kindly send a copy of your financial statement inclusive of notes appended to Statistics Finland via web form, if your enterprise has not supplied its financial statement to the Finnish Patent and Registration Office or to Finnish Tax Administration.

We ask for your response by no later than 30 April 2025.

What are the data used for

The preliminary compilation of national accounts based on the data of the inquiry is published in June at https://stat.fi/en/statistics/vtp. Preliminary data on Structural business and financial statement statistics is published in September and final data in December at https://stat.fi/en/statistics/vtp. Preliminary data on Structural business and financial statement statistics is published in September and final data in December at https://stat.fi/en/statistics/yrti. The data will also be used in the EU's production of statistics, in compilation of other economic statistics, and in scientific research. 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 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/yrti#dataprotection.

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/yrti#dataprotection (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 https://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/19843/07.01.01.03.01/2017).

About the data collection

Data on enterprises' financial statements are collected for Structural business and financial statement statistics. The data are also used in national accounts calculations and compilation of other economic statistics. Regulations of the European Union partly oblige the collection of the data concerned. (Regulation concerning structural business statistics (EC) No 295/2008 and Regulation on the European system of national and regional accounts in European Union No 549/2013).

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#org.

Saatekirje suomeksi: Följebrev på svenska: https://stat.fi/kyselyt/yrti#letters https://stat.fi/sv/enkater/yrti#letters