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Tourism and Travel Statistics at Statistics Austria

Methodology, concepts and results

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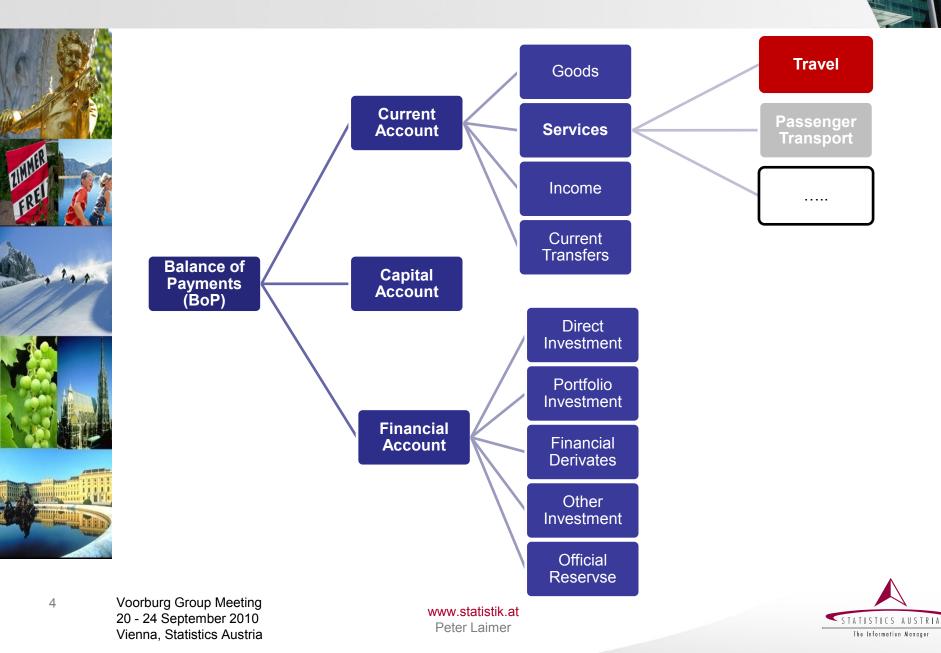
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Tourism and Travel Statistics within the BOP-system



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Where is "Travel" within Balance of Payments (BoP)?





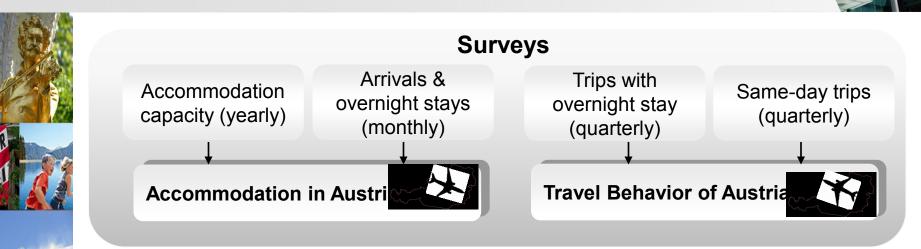
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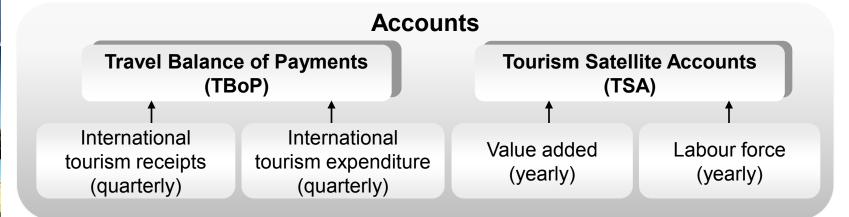
The main projects at Statistics Austria



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Tourism and Travel Statistics at Statistics Austria - an overview





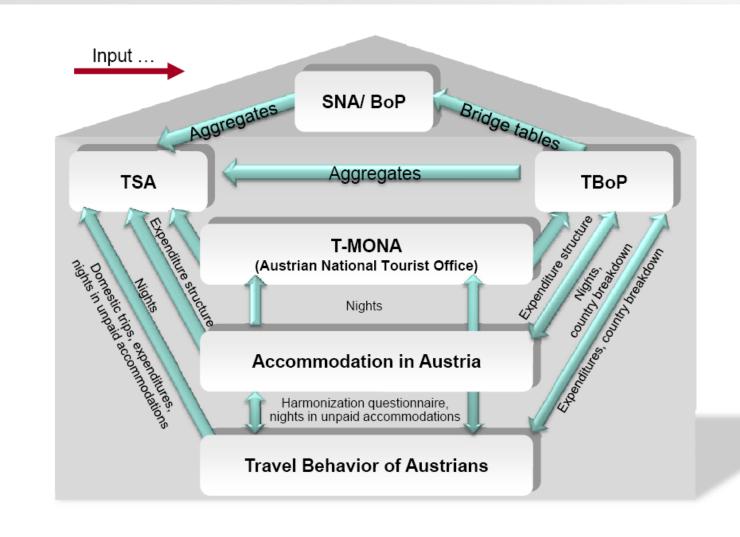
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Integrated System of Tourism and Travel Statistics







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Tourism Satellite Accounts

The general conceptual and methodological framework



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Use of TSA



- Describing the size and the **economic importance** of tourism
- Providing detailed information on visitor consumption, including all forms of tourism
- Linking economic data and other non-monetary information on tourism
- Providing a reliable and credible tool necessary for both effective public policies and efficient business operations
- Enhance robust information and indicators on the role tourism is playing and can play in the economy
- Bring new recognition and confidence in tourism as one of the most important sectors of the economy



Use of TSA - what else?





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- Reconciliation/benchmarking tool regarding demand and supply related data, considering the quality of the data used
- Using/combining different data sources as a prerequisite for receiving a consistent TSA
- Starting point of the documentation of the meta data related the data used compiling TSA
- Starting point of cooperation between NSI and NTA, Central Bank, research institutes, and exchange of views with the tourism industry
- Starting point of general considerations related the tourism statistical system, including the introduction of **best estimates**, modeling and extrapolation methods
- Starting of discussion related the quality of the used statistics and rethinking of the used concepts
- Increasing the **public acceptance** of tourism statistical data and justifying new/additional research in this field

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What is (Tourism) Satellite Accounting?

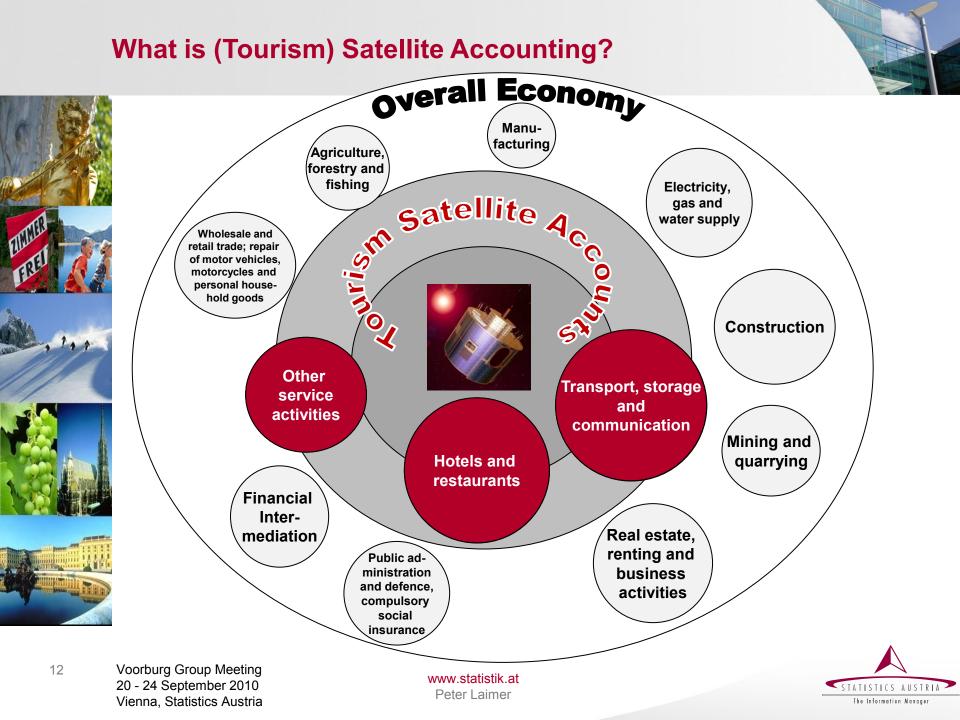


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- The link between inbound and outbound tourism and the balance of payments is highlighted.
- The respective commodities produced by tourism suppliers and purchased by visitors are included in the core accounts.
- <u>BUT</u>: SNA 1993 and ESA 1995 do not distinguish between a shoe purchase by a tourist or by a resident.
- THEREFORE: TSA integrates supply side and demand side
 information figuring out the share of tourism
 demand related to the total value added.





What cannot be fullfilled by TSA?



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- ...**substituting** the regular tourism and travel statistics;
- ...being a micro-economic tool;
- ...providing data on high disaggregated level;
- ...considering the indirect/induced effects;
- ...considering the leisure effects;
- ...being in the first stage a **regional** or a **sub-yearly** tool.







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Tourism Satellite Accounts for Austria

State of the art and data sources



A TSA for Austria - state of the art



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Tourism Satellite Accounting in Austria is

- commissioned by the "Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth",
- done in cooperation with the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO),
- done by the Tourism Statistics' section of Statistics Austria,
- done every year,
- not a perfect system, but being yearly improved,
- a living system, taking into account any relevant data source,
- methodologically based on the UNWTO/EUROSTAT/OECD TSA requirements,
- **not as detailed** as required according to the UN-Manual,
- the **basis** for Regional TSA and the Employment Item.

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A TSA for Austria – overview of the main data sources



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NA yearly main results

Private household consumption expenditure (yearly)

Supply-Use-Tables (SUT; yearly)

Input-Output-Table (5 years)

Price statistics (CPI)

Tourism/Travel Statistics

Accommodation Statistics

Travel Balance of Payments (TBoP)

Travel Behavior of the Austrians

Business Statistics



Economic Census 1995

Structural Business Statistics (yearly)

Business Register

Population Statistics



Population Census

Labour Force Survey

Household Budget Survey

External data sources

Social Insurance Statistics

Data related same-day visits of Germans to Austria

TBoP data from several countries (credit)

Data related same-day visits of Italians to Austria

Austrian Tourism Board (T-MONA)

Central Population Register

Mirror data of several partner countries



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Tourism and Travel Statistics

Selected results





Inbound and domestic tourism 2009/10*)





Number of	Total Non-residents	Residents
Nights spent in Mn. (+/- in %) Arrivals (in Mn.)	124.31 (-1.9%)89.86 (-3,2%)32.32 (-0.9%)21.36 (-2.6%)	34.44 (+1.7%) 10.96 (+2.6%)

Summer season 2009 (May - October)

Number of	Total	Non-residents	Residents
Nights spent in Mn. (+/- in %)	· · /	41.80 (-2.6%)	19.87 (+2.0%)
Arrivals (in Mn.)		10.88 (-2.7%)	6.37 (+3.6%)

Winter season 2009/10 (November 2009 - April 2010)

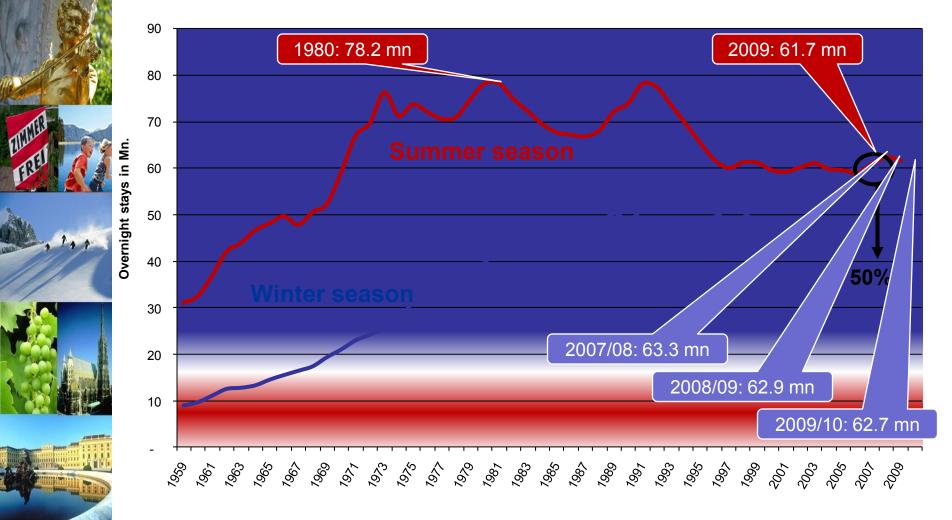
Number of	Total Non-residents	Residents
Nights spent in Mn. (+/- in %)	62.67 (-0.4%) 47.83 (-1.1%)	14.84 (+2.1%) 4.75 (+4.0%)
Arrivals (in Mn.)	15.37 (+1.6%) 10.62 (+0.6%)	4.75 (+4.0%)

*) Source: Statistics Austria; accommodation statistics (commercial and private rental establishments).





Internal tourism by seasons 1959 - 2009*)



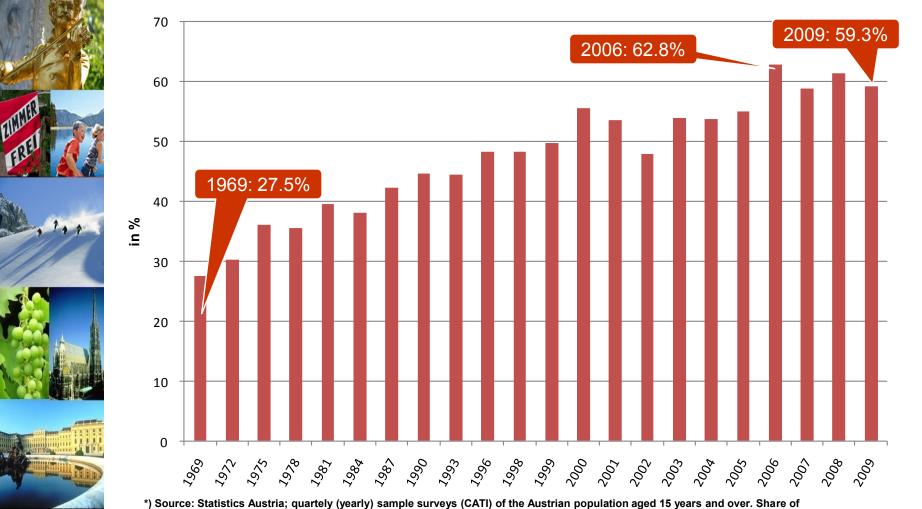
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Travel behavior of the Austrians: Travel intensity*) 1969 - 2009 (in %)



*) Source: Statistics Austria; quartely (yearly) sample surveys (CATI) of the Austrian population aged 15 years and over. Share or persons on overall population with at least one holiday trips with at least 4 overnight stays.

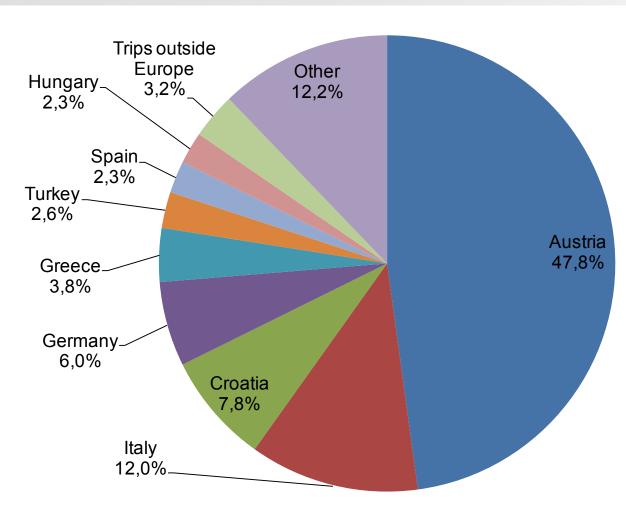
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Travel behavior by the Austrians: Holiday trips by destination in <u>summer</u> 2009 (in %)



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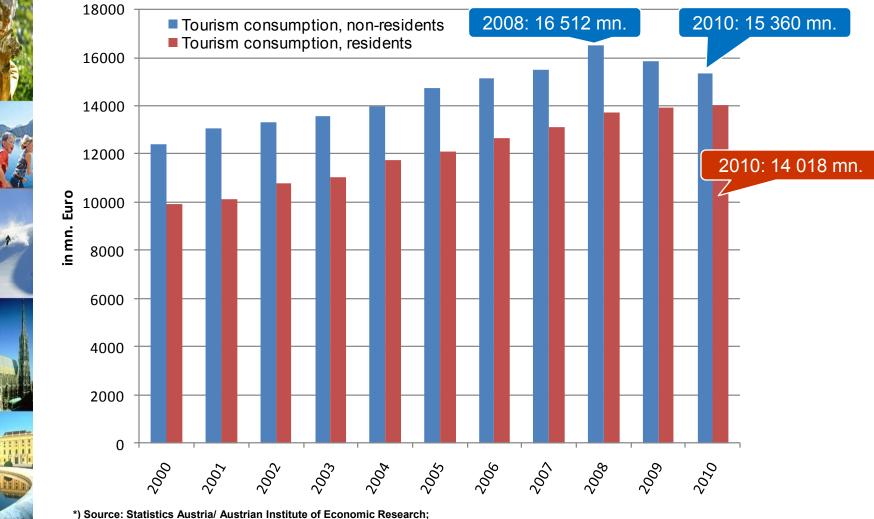


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Tourism in the national economy: Tourism consumption 2000 - 2010*)



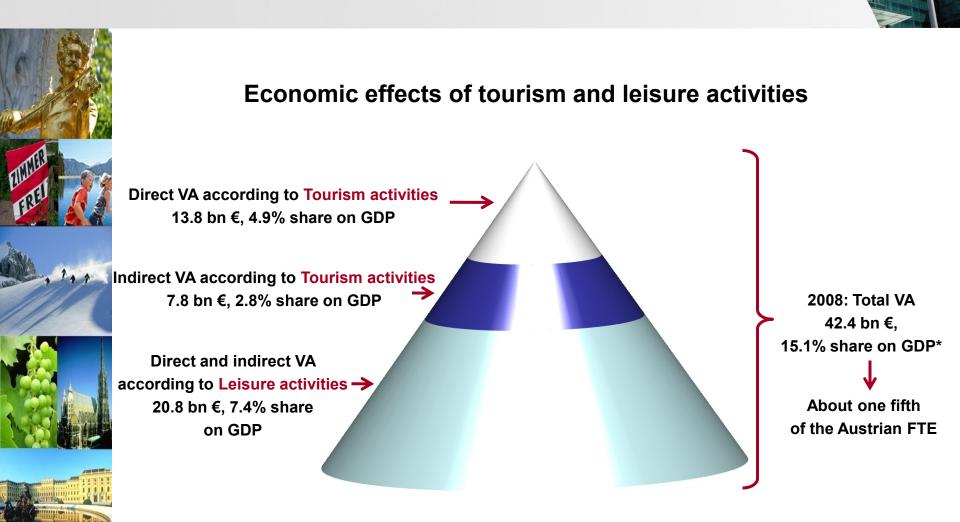
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Extended TSA – the main results 2008

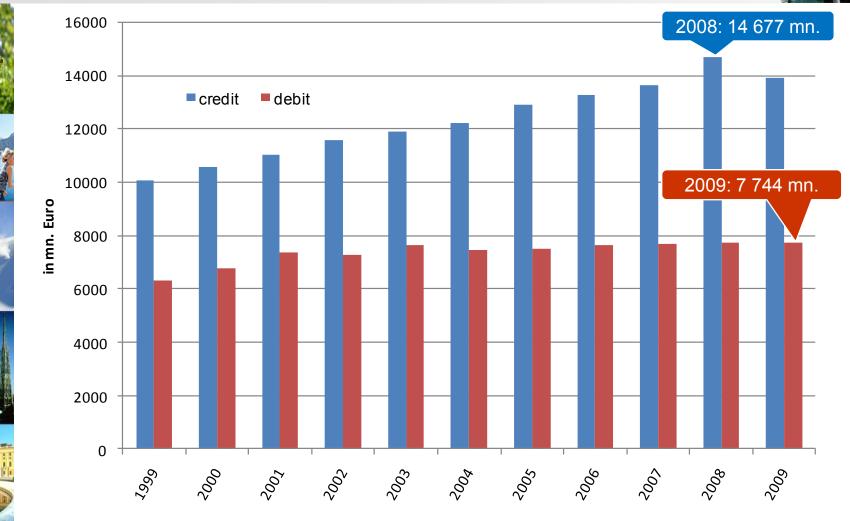


*) excl. business trips.

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Travel Balance of Payments: Credits and debits 1999 - 2009*)



*) Source: Austrian Central Bank/ Statistics Austria. Exclusive international passenger transport; 2009: provisional results.



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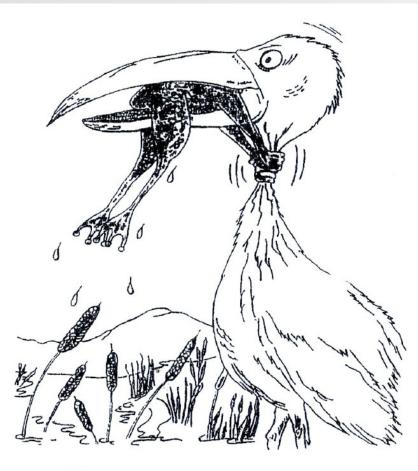
- **part** of the official Austrian statistical system,
- done on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis,
- an integrated and to a great extent harmonised system,
- accepted as an instrument of political interest and used as a decision basis to justify and to initiate tourism investments,
- used as a statistical basis for **forecasting** in the field of tourism,
- not a perfect but a living system ready for current improvements, and
- a **statistical challenge** which requires every day afresh to say...







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Never ever give up !



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