

Travel as a component of balance of payments

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- In accordance with balance of payments methodology (BOPM5) “Travel” covers goods and services, which have been purchased in the given country by visitors, if the duration of their stay in its territory does not exceed one year.
- The registered amount at this item in balance of payments, correspond estimation of visitors’ expenses on purchase of goods and services in host country.

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- Income from inbound tourism in Kazakhstan (export) and expenditures of citizens on outbound tourism (imports) are calculated as multiplication of average expenditure per trip by the number of entering / leaving.
- «Travel» item in balance of payments of Kazakhstan compiled in sections of CIS and non CIS countries, according to the expanded classification of services in BOP. Travel are divided into business and private. In private travel stand out trips that are related to the health care and education.

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The main sources of information:

- 1) Background information on the number of people leaving / entering by nationality, purposes of travel and countries is the data of the border authority of Kazakhstan and countries-partners.
- 2) The average rate of expenditures per trip based on the results of a survey of individuals crossing the border of Kazakhstan, in terms of destination / arrival and purpose of travel (business, tourism, private). The survey was conducted at major railway crossings and international airports.
- 3) The expenses of residents and non-residents to travel for health care and education are compiled according to the reports of international enterprises on international transaction on services and bank-reporting of remittances of individuals (indicating the purpose of remittance).

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Additional sources of information:

3) The Kazakhstan state bodies' data are used and data of countries- partner countries on the established rate of imbursement on expenses of government employees in business trips in order to determine the rate of expenses on travel for business purposes.

4) Information of statistical authorities of Kazakhstan on tourists (entering / leaving) country (indicating the expenses of trip) to determine the rate of expenses on tourist trip

Data on «Travel» in balance of payments of Republic of Kazakhstan
2006-2007 and 6 months of 2008

mln.US dollars

	2006			2007			6 months of 2008		
	всего	CHГ	не CHГ	всего	CHГ	не CHГ	всего	CHГ	не CHГ
Exports of services									
Travel	837,9	608,8	229,1	1013,1	738,2	274,9	461,3	339,5	121,8
Business	153,1	51,2	101,9	167,2	53,4	113,9	74,0	22,1	52,0
Private	684,8	557,6	127,2	845,9	684,8	161,1	387,2	317,4	69,8
- education, health care	2,6	0,3	2,3	2,9	0,5	2,4	2,5	1,3	1,2
- other	682,1	557,3	124,9	843,0	684,3	158,7	384,7	316,1	68,6
Imports of services									
Travel	-820,7	-551,0	-269,7	-1040,6	-616,6	-424,0	-450,9	-281,0	-169,9
Business	-125,1	-54,5	-70,6	-151,4	-49,6	-101,8	-58,3	-24,4	-33,9
Private	-695,6	-496,5	-199,1	-889,2	-567,0	-322,2	-392,6	-256,5	-136,1
- education, health care	-15,9	-6,8	-9,2	-32,3	-8,8	-23,5	-13,1	-2,5	-10,6
- other	-679,7	-489,7	-189,9	-856,9	-558,2	-298,7	-379,5	-254,0	-125,5