



# Tourism statistics: linking and liaising with Balance of Payments Travel item compilation

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## Sources for compilation of BoP Travel item

- 1) Inbound tourism survey carried out by Statistics Lithuania;
- 2) Outbound tourism survey carried out by Statistics Lithuania;
- 3) Statistical research of flow of visitors crossing border posts carried out by Statistics Lithuania;
- 4) Information of State border control service about departures and arrivals of non-EU residents (monthly data);
- 5) Commercial bank's data on payments by credit and debit cards, on cashing of traveler's checks, on currency exchange;
- 6) Statistical reports:
  - of tour operators;
  - of accommodation establishments;

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# How these sources are combined?

BoP Travel item's monthly data are calculated on a basis of State border control service's monthly information, of inbound and outbound tourism surveys of previous years, of commercial bank's data of current year.

BoP Travel item's quarterly data are calculated on a basis of tour operators statistical reports, of accommodation establishments statistical reports, of commercial bank's data.

When BoP Travel item's data of the quarter are ready, then monthly data of that quarter are revised and updated.

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# Comparison of Balance of Payments Travel item estimates with tourism estimations

For estimations of BoP is responsible the Bank of Lithuania.  
For estimations of inbound and outbound tourism surveys is responsible the Statistics Lithuania.  
The calculations methods of BoP and tourism statistical surveys is slightly different.

*For example, in outbound trips expenditure are included all package travel expenditure, because tourist spend this expenditure during their trips. Travel balance not includes all package travel expenditure.*

Nevertheless, when these data are being compared, discrepancy is not big, about 10%.

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# Steps to improve consistency and data exchange between tourism statistics and BoP

Each quarter Statistics Lithuania provides quarterly data for the Bank of Lithuania by bilateral agreement .

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# Thank you

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