

INFORMATION ON THE PROCESSING AND PROTECTION OF DATA COLLECTED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES

LEGAL BASIS AND PURPOSE OF DATA COLLECTION

For the purpose of producing official statistics, the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, pursuant to [Regulation \(EC\) No 223/2009 on European statistics](#) and the [Official Statistics Act](#), conducts statistical surveys defined by the multiannual [Programme of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia](#) and the [Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia](#), adopted by the Croatian Parliament.

For the purpose of conducting statistical surveys, the Croatian Bureau of Statistics has the right to collect data from all available sources.



PROTECTION AND STORAGE OF COLLECTED DATA

Data collected by the Croatian Bureau of Statistics for the purpose of conducting statistical surveys, if such data can be directly or indirectly linked to you or to a natural or legal person for whom you are providing data as a statistical unit, are **statistically confidential** and **represent an official secret**.

The collected data can be used **exclusively for statistical purposes** and are expressed in **aggregated form**, and they may not be used or transferred to third parties or bodies for the purpose of determining the rights and obligations of reporting units (such as administrative, legal or tax purposes), or in order to verify the reporting units.

The basic rule of official statistics is that we keep and store the data you provided in a form that **prevents the identification of the statistical unit**, and we destroy the paper forms after entering and processing the data.

Data you have provided are **protected from abuse, forgery, theft and unauthorised disclosure**.

Officials who have access to the data you have provided are obliged to sign a **declaration of confidentiality**, committing themselves to comply with the provisions of all regulations and rules relating to the confidentiality and protection of statistical data, including after the termination of their employment or the performance of official statistics tasks, based on which they could have access to the statistical data in question.



RECIPIENTS AND TRANSFER

OF DATA

In order to reduce the burden on you when conducting statistical surveys, and at the same time to fulfil the needs for producing official statistics, the data you have provided may be made available to [other producers of official statistics](#) and [Eurostat](#) as the main statistical office of the European Union, provided that it is necessary for the effective development, production, dissemination or increase of the quality of official statistics within their scope.

The aforementioned bodies are also subject to all regulations and statistical confidentiality rules and may use the received data solely for statistical purposes.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics may, on the basis of a written request, provide [scientists](#) and [scientific organisations](#) carrying out statistical analyses for scientific purposes with access only to those data that do not allow direct identification of the statistical unit.

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics and other producers of official statistics, as well as scientists and scientific organisations, as recipients of data, shall take all necessary regulatory, administrative, technical and organisational measures to ensure the physical and logical protection of data.





CONSEQUENCES

OF THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT DATA

In order to enable the production and quality of official statistical data, the Official Statistics Act prescribes fines for legal entities, natural persons and responsible persons in legal entities if they fail to submit accurate, complete and up-to-date data to the Croatian Bureau of Statistics for the purpose of official statistics.

RIGHTS

OF DATA PROVIDERS

Article 33 of the Act on the Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation (NN, No. 42/18), pursuant to the provisions of Article 89 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), provides for derogations from certain rights laid down in the provisions of the [General Data Protection Regulation](#), namely the right of access to personal data, the right to rectification of personal data, the right to restriction of processing of personal data and the right to object to the processing of personal data, in order to enable the production of official statistics, while also ensuring you can exercise your rights to the greatest extent possible.

If you have any questions or concerns about how we handle the data you have provided, or if you would like to exercise your rights regarding the processing of that data, you can contact the appointed data protection officers at the following contact details:

If you consider that any of your rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the [Croatian Personal Data Protection Agency](#) at the following contact details:

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