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QUALITY REPORT FOR STATISTICAL SURVEY
Nautical Tourism – Capacities and Turnover of Ports
in 2025

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0. Basic information

- Purpose, goal, and subject of the survey

The purpose of the statistical survey is to monitor the capacity and the number of vessels on a permanent mooring and in transit according to the flag and length of vessels in nautical ports and other facilities for rendering services of mooring and storage of vessels, occupancy and income of nautical ports and other facilities for rendering services of mooring and storage of vessels. Results of this survey provide basic indicators necessary for the analysis of tourist developments in nautical ports in the Republic of Croatia. Observation units are nautical ports: anchorages, moorings, land marinas, marinas and boat storages.

- Reference period

Calendar year

- Legal acts and other agreements

At the national level:

Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20, 155/23 and 124/25 – corr.)

Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia in 2025 (NN, No. 29/25)

Act on the Provision of Tourism Services (NN, Nos 130/17, 25/19, 98/19, 42/20, 70/21 and 126/25)

Ordinance on Classification and Categorisation of Nautical Ports (NN, Nos 142/99, 47/00, 121/00, 45/01, 108/01 and 72/08)

Ordinance on Categorisation of Nautical Ports and Classification of Other Facilities for Rendering Services of Mooring and Storage of Vessels (NN, No. 120/19)

- Classification system

The following classifications/code lists are applied in the survey:

Code List of Types of Nautical Ports

Code List of Countries

Code List of the Length of Vessels

Territorial constitution in compliance with the Act on the Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, Nos 86/06, 125/06, 16/07 and 145/10)

- Statistical concepts and definitions

Nautical tourism is the sailing and stay of tourists (sailors or passengers) on vessels (motor yachts, sailboats, boats, etc.) for personal needs or for economic activity and stay in nautical ports for rest, recreation and cruising.

Marina is a part of a specially built and arranged sea or water area and coast intended for rendering services of mooring, accommodation of tourists on vessels and other services for tourists. Marinas provide the services of preparing and serving drinks, beverages and food. Marinas and other facilities for rendering services of mooring and storage of vessels are classified by types, while marinas are also categorised.

Anchorage (nautical anchorage) is a part of a sea or water area suitable for the mooring of vessels and equipped with installations for safe mooring.

Berth (nautical berth) is a part of a specially built sea or water area and a part intended for rendering mooring services.

Land marina is a part of a fenced and equipped land intended for rendering the services of dry storage of vessels, as well as the services of transporting a vessel, launching it into the water or lifting it from the water. Land marinas may render the services of tourist stays, preparation of vessels for navigation as well as preparation and serving of drinks, beverages and food.

Boat storage is a part of a fenced and equipped land intended for rendering the services of dry storage of vessels, as well as the services of transporting a vessel, launching it into the water or lifting it from the water. The category of Boat storage does not render the services of tourist stays and preparation of vessels for navigation.

Water surface area comprises the sea area of a nautical port with piers (not including land part).

Sea mooring is an area in the sea where a vessel can be placed.

Shoreline equipped for mooring of vessels is a part of a shore adapted for mooring of vessels (piers with moorings).

Space for land storage is an area adapted for the storage of vessels.

Land area is a part of land where a vessel can be stored.

Motor yacht is a vessel equipped with an engine intended for entertainment, sport or recreation and having, according to the common maritime usage, a cabin with at least two beds, a toilet and cooking facilities.

Sailboat is a vessel intended for entertainment, sport or recreation whose main power is wind. It is equipped with a cabin with at least two beds, a toilet and a cooking facility.

Other vessels are boats (made of wood, plastic, rubber and the like) 3 or more meters long or less than 3 meters long if they are equipped with an engine. Included are also motorboats if they do not meet requirements for yachts.

Occupancy of sea mooring capacity is expressed as the ratio of occupied and available moorings in the sea, taking into account calendar days in the month. The data is expressed as a percentage.

Occupancy of land berth capacity is expressed as the ratio of occupied and available land berths, taking into account calendar days in the month. The data is expressed as a percentage.

Occupancy of sea mooring capacity (vessel days) on a permanent contract is expressed as the ratio of occupied sea moorings on a permanent contract and available sea moorings. The data is expressed as a percentage.

Occupancy of land berth capacity (vessel days) on a permanent contract is expressed as the ratio of occupied land berths on a permanent contract and available land berths. The data is expressed as a percentage.

Income includes only the income (excluding VAT) generated by nautical ports and other facilities for providing the services of mooring and storage of vessels in their area, resulting from the provision of nautical tourism services. Income includes all income generated by the provision of services in the area of the facility, namely: the rental of moorings, maintenance and technical services, vessel rental services, the sale of goods and equipment, hospitality services, the rental of business premises owned by the port and in the area of the port, and other income resulting from the use of the port's area and infrastructure, and which is related to the provision of services for nautical tourism purposes.

- Statistical units

Statistical units in this survey are all active nautical ports: anchorages, moorings, land marinas, marinas and boat storages.

- Statistical population

Statistical population in this survey are nautical ports that comprise the following types: anchorages, moorings, land marinas, marinas and boat storages.

1. Relevance

1.1. Data users

National users: Ministry of Tourism and Sports, Croatian National Tourist Board, local tourist boards, Institute for Tourism, county chambers of commerce, economic analysts, scientists, the media and general public

Internal users: Macroeconomic Statistics Directorate

1.1.1. User needs

The survey satisfies users' needs.

1.1.2. User satisfaction

The first survey on satisfaction of users of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics was carried out in 2013, then in 2015 and 2022, and the last one at the end of 2024. The results can be checked out on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics – [User satisfaction surveys](#).

1.2. Completeness

The survey covers all variables determined in the legal basis.

1.2.1. Data completeness rate

Data completeness rate is 100%.

2. Accuracy and reliability

2.1. Sampling error

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.1.1. Sampling error indicators

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2. Non-sampling error

Non-sampling error occurs in the form of measurement error, processing error and non-response error.

2.2.1. Coverage error

The survey is based on full coverage. Data are collected from reporting (statistical) units with decisions issued by the Ministry of Tourism concerning the type of marina or a decision issued by the county administration offices or the administrative body of the City of Zagreb in charge of tourism affairs for the following types: anchorages, moorings, land marinas and boat storages.

2.2.2. Over-coverage rate

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.3. Measurement errors

During the statistical analysis of received filled-in forms, data validation is implemented according to the established algorithms for particular types of errors. Potential errors during data entry and calculation are checked and corrected by running data validation according to the established algorithms for particular types of errors.

2.2.4. Non-response error

Non-response errors refer to information on how many statistical units did not fill in the form, i.e. on the number of nautical ports that did not accept participation in the survey.

2.2.5. Unit non-response rate

The non-response rate was 0.5%.

2.2.6. Item non-response rate

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.7. Processing error

During the statistical analysis of data received by reporting units, data validation is implemented according to the established algorithms for particular types of errors. Potential processing errors are checked by comparing data to previous periods.

2.2.8. Imputation rate

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.9. Model assumption error

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.3. Data revision

2.3.1. Data revision – policy

The users of statistical data are informed about revisions on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, on the link [General Revision Policy of the CBS](#).

2.3.2. Data revision – practice

Final data are released in the First Release. As a rule, unplanned revisions caused by events that could not be foreseen and prevented (later changes in data sources or errors in already submitted data that were detected only later) are disseminated as soon as possible.

2.3.3. Data revision – average size

The indicator for this survey is not computed.

2.4. Seasonal adjustment

The indicator for this survey is not computed.

3. Timeliness and Punctuality

3.1. Timeliness

3.1.1. Time lag – first results

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

3.1.2. Time lag – final results

Timeliness of final results is up to 120 days after the end of the referent period (T + 120).

3.2. Punctuality

3.2.1. Punctuality

Data are released on the exact date as announced in the Calendar of Statistical Data Issues.

4. Accessibility and clarity

The data and Notes on Methodology are available in statistical publications and in electronic format on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics as well as by providing information/data by phone or e-mail. Dissemination methods and deadlines are specified in the Calendar of Statistical Data Issues and the Publishing Programme.

4.1. News release

[NAUTICAL TOURISM – Capacity and Turnover of Ports, 2025](#)

4.2. On-line database

Online databases available for the survey on “Nautical Tourism – Capacities and Turnover of Ports, 2025” are issued on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics within PC-Axis Databases, Tourism, link: [PX-Web - Choose table \(dzs.hr\)](#).

The released data are available on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics under the title [Statistics in Line](#).

4.3. Micro-data access

The conditions under which certain users can access microdata are regulated by the [Ordinance on Conditions and Terms of Access and Use of Confidential Statistical Data of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics for Scientific Purposes](#) (NN, No. 5/23). Microdata are not released.

4.4. Documentation on methodology

The First Releases include Notes on Methodology that contain information on the survey purpose, legal and methodological bases, observation units, coverage, sources and methods of data collection and definitions. Basic Notes on Methodology are included in every First Release.

5. Comparability over time

5.1. Asymmetry for mirror flows statistics

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.2. Comparability - over time

Data series has been available since 1992. The data source is the regular survey “Nautical Tourism – Capacities and Turnover of Ports (TU-18)”, which was carried out two times a year by using reporting method in the period from 1992 to 2004, while, since 2005, it has been conducted annually.

Data on capacities and turnover of nautical ports are comparable to previous years.

5.3. Coherence – subannual and annual statistics

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.4. Coherence – national accounts

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.5. Coherence – administrative sources

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

6. Cost and burden

6.1. Cost

The indicator for this survey is not computed. Data are collected on the website applying the computer-assisted web questionnaire and processed in the Survey Processor application. Costs of production and processing are minimal compared to the quantity of processed data.

6.2. Burden

Data are collected on the website applying the computer-assisted web questionnaire. The mean time for collection of necessary data and filling in the form performed by reporting units was 40 minutes.