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Executive Summary

The **Accommodation Statistics** (see [Figure 1](#)) cover the **monthly Accommodation Statistics (= tourism demand)** and the **annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics (tourism supply)**. Both statistical products provide key information about Austria's tourism, which can be used to show the potential tourism development in both regional and structural terms.

While the monthly Accommodation Statistics record the **number of arrivals and nights spent** in the accommodation establishments, the subject of the annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics is the **number of accommodation establishments and their bed capacity and occupancy**.

Both statistics are based on reports from 1 558 reporting municipalities (= municipalities with more than 1 000 nights spent per year, as of 2017). Since the data is not collected from all municipalities (total 2 102), it is not based on a full count, but a **cut-off sample**. Concerning the monthly Accommodation Statistics, this means a maximum underestimation of approximately 0.4% of the total nights spent.

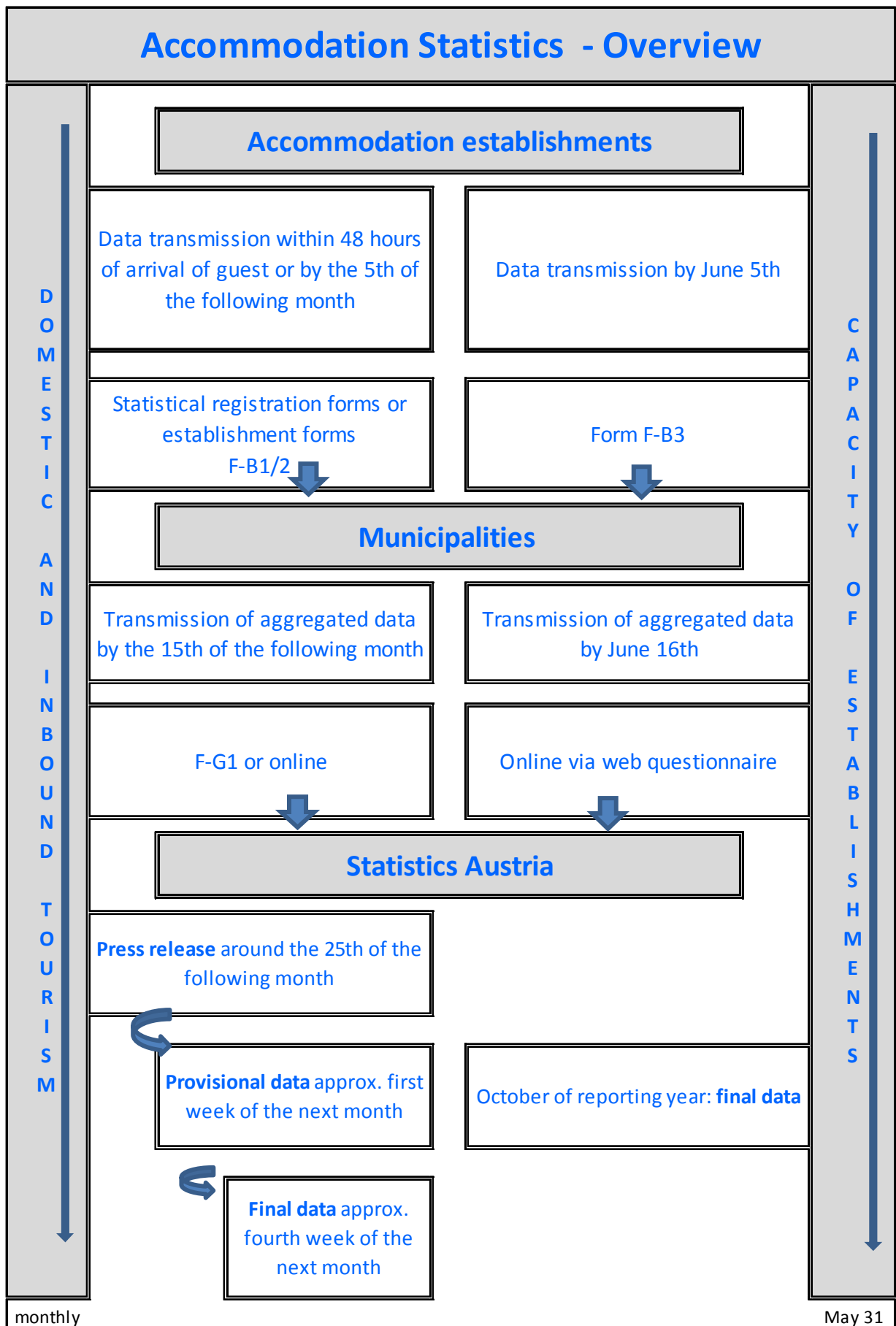
Depending on the development of nights spent in the individual municipalities, new reporting municipalities are proposed by the federal provinces. After checking the quantitative requirements (at least 1 000 nights spent per year for several years) new **reporting municipalities** are included. Due to these **updates**, changes in nights spent at a small-scale level can be due to sampling (and not (only) development-related). Because of the large number of nights spent in Austria (around 141 million in 2016), these changes are at the most in the tenths of a percent range. Over the past 24 years, the number of reporting municipalities has fluctuated between 1 498 in 1993 and 1 558 in 2017.

First results of the monthly Accommodation Statistics are published in a press release about 25 days after the end of the reporting period; the final data is available about a month later. The results do not include visitors who stay free of charge with friends and relatives and who account for about a quarter of the total nights spent.

Due to the necessity to update the types of accommodation establishments or the countries of origin, there are **breaks in the time series** for the corresponding characteristics. Affected are mainly characteristics where positions were merged or separated, e.g. "separation" of new EU countries from the position "other foreign countries".

The **number and capacity of the accommodation establishments** is collected **once a year**. The accommodation establishment is obliged to fill out the form by June 7th. The number of establishments, rooms and beds is published annually and is available broken down by type of accommodation (commercial and private), regionally on the municipal level and for the reporting periods from November to October and for the winter and summer season. In addition, the occupancy rate for the winter and summer season is calculated based on the nights spent from the monthly Accommodation Statistics.

Figure 1: Accommodation Statistics – Overview



Source: Statistics Austria

Accommodation statistics – Main Features	
Subject matter	<p>Monthly Accommodation Statistics: Arrivals and nights spent in Austria by type of accommodation establishment and by country of origin</p> <p>Annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics: Number of accommodation establishments and bed capacity by type of accommodation establishment</p>
Population	64 478 accommodation establishments in 1 558 reporting municipalities
Type of statistics	Primary statistical survey based on administrative data (from a different point of view, however, it could also be classified as secondary statistical survey, since the accommodation data is available as administrative data from the municipalities, for determining the charges the accommodation providers have to pay based on national regulations)
Data sources/Survey techniques	Basis are the reports from 1 558 reporting municipalities (as of 2017), with more than 1 000 nights spent per year. The reporting municipalities themselves receive the data from the accommodation establishments located in the respective municipalities. The aggregated municipal results are transmitted electronically to Statistics Austria. It is therefore a cut-off sample of the most important tourism municipalities.
Reference period or due day	<p>Monthly Accommodation Statistics: Months of a calendar year or yearly data</p> <p>Annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism year (November from previous year to October of current year) • Winter season (November from previous year to April of current year) • Preview on summer season (May to October) <p>The date of reporting (May 31) from the Regulation on Tourism Statistics 2002 refers only to the reporting by the establishments, and is not relevant for the reference periods.</p>
Periodicity	<p>Monthly Accommodation Statistics: monthly</p> <p>Annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics: annual</p>
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Compulsory (refers to the report of the accommodation establishments to the municipality and the report of the municipality to Statistics Austria)
Main legal acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Regulation on Tourism Statistics 498/2002 • National Regulation with which the tourism statistics regulation 2002 is changed 24/2012 • Registration Act 1991 9/1992 • Regulation (EU) No 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2011 concerning European statistics on tourism and repealing Council Directive 95/57/EC • Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1051/2011 of 20 October 2011 implementing Regulation (EU) No 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism, as regards the structure of the quality reports and the transmission of the data
Most detailed regional breakdown	Municipal level
Availability of results	<p>Monthly Accommodation Statistics: Preliminary results: t + 25 days, Final results: t + 50 days</p> <p>Annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics: End of calendar year (final results)</p>
Other	-