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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 1 565 reporting municipalities (= municipalities with more than 1 000 nights spent per year). Since the data is not collected from all municipalities (total 2 095), 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 0.3% of the total nights spent.

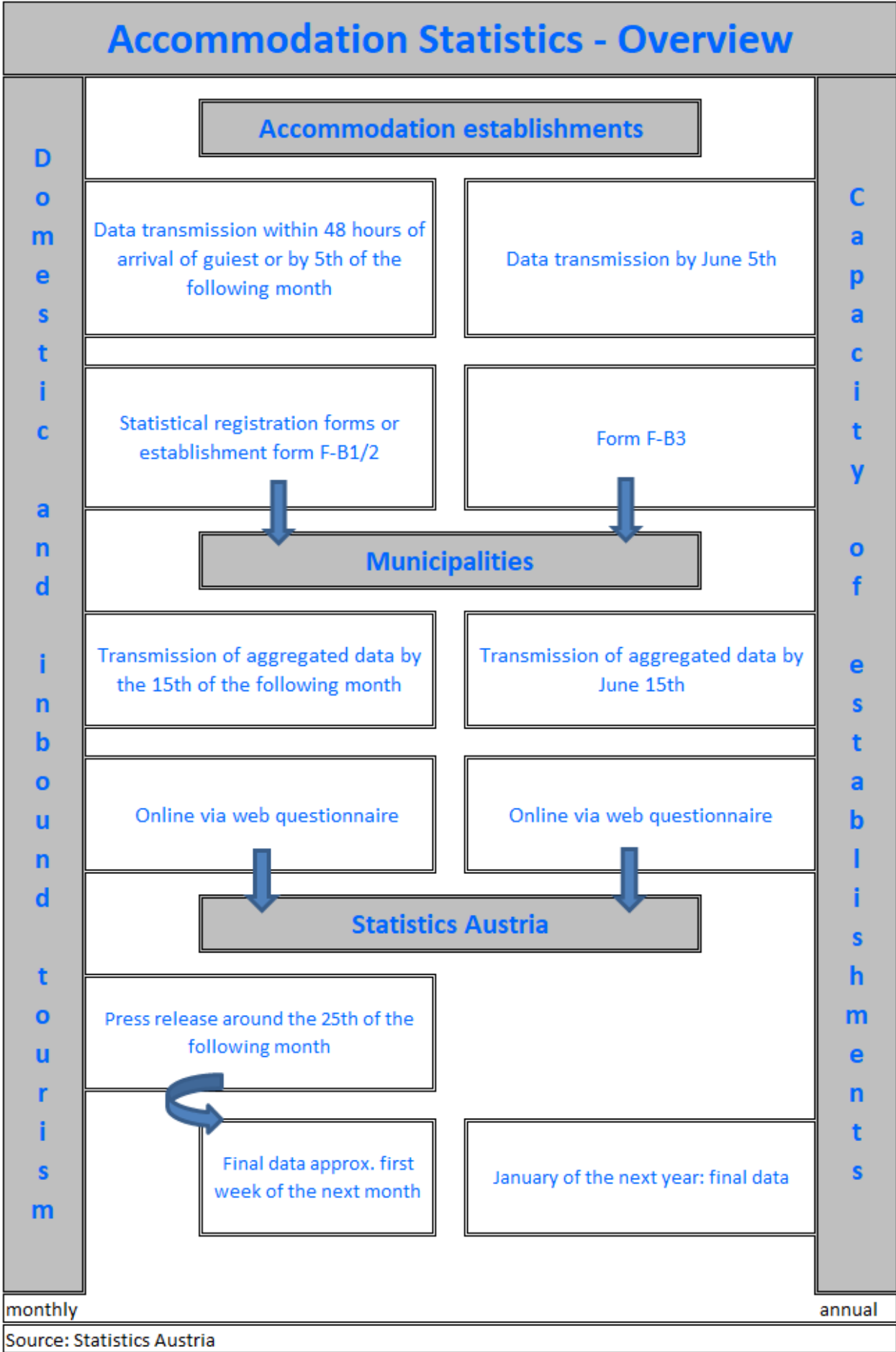
Depending on the development of nights spent in the individual municipalities, new reporting municipalities are proposed by the federal provinces. After checking the quantitative requirements (at least 1 000 nights spent per year for several years) new **reporting municipalities** are included. Due to 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 152 million in 2019), these changes are at the most in the tenths of a percent range. Over the past 27 years, the number of reporting municipalities has fluctuated between 1 498 in 1993 and 1 565 in 2020.

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 ten days 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 5th. 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



Main Features		Monthly Accommodation Statistics	Annual Accommodation Capacity Statistics
Subject matter	Arrivals and nights spent in Austria by type of accommodation establishment and by country of origin	Number of accommodation establishments and bed capacity by type of accommodation establishment	
Population	68 142 accommodation establishments in 1 565 reporting municipalities		
Type of statistics	Primary statistical survey based on administrative data		
Data sources/Survey techniques	Basis are the reports from 1 565 reporting municipalities, 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	Months of a calendar year or yearly data	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) 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.	
Periodicity	Monthly	Annually	
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	Preliminary results: t + 25 days Final results: t + 50 days	Final results: End of calendar year	
Other			