

**Uzbekistan**  
**Metadata**  
**Tourism Satellite Account**

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**0. Prerequisites**

**0.1 Legal environment**

**0.1.1 Responsibility for collecting, processing, and disseminating statistics**

**The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

On August 11, 2021, the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Official Statistics” was adopted, which was developed on the basis of the Generic Law on Official Statistics for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

The purpose of the Law is to regulate relations in the field of official statistics. This Law applies to producers and users of official statistics, respondents and suppliers of administrative data, as well as relations arising between them related to the production, dissemination and coordination of official statistics.

Also, in accordance with the Regulations on the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 24, 2025 No. RP-75 “On measures to organize the activities of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the National Statistics Committee is responsible for compliance with the basic principles of official statistics and identity of statistical methodology consistent with international recommendations; organizing the collection of statistical data, statistical observations of households, conducting censuses, one-time counts, sample surveys and other statistical observations; providing users of all levels with official statistical data in the prescribed manner; maintaining statistical registers and classification systems for their use for statistical purposes.

At the same time, in accordance with Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, statistical authorities have the right:

- receive from state and economic management bodies, citizens' self-government bodies, banks and other organizations forms of statistical observation and use statistical observation data for statistical purposes;
- to carry out statistical observations of the activities of statistical units and use the obtained primary data for statistical purposes;
- to reward respondents - individuals for participating in statistical observations;
- to request and receive from state and economic management bodies, as well as from other organizations, information necessary for the implementation of statistical programs;

- involve on a contractual basis individuals and legal entities to collect statistical data necessary for the production of official statistics, in accordance with the law;
- use and introduce into the national statistical system modern methods and tools for collecting, processing, summarizing, analyzing, disseminating and storing statistical data;
- in case of revealing violations related to the presentation of statistical data, give instructions on their elimination and make appropriate corrections to the statistical data;
- within the limits of their powers, apply to officials who have violated the procedure for submitting statistical reports, measures of administrative penalties in accordance with the law.

According to Presidential Order №O-5054 dated September 12, 2017, economic and financial data in the country must comply with the requirements of the Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) of the International Monetary Fund and be coordinated within the framework of this system.

Management of statistical processes, including the preparation and dissemination of statistical data, is carried out in accordance with national procedures developed on the basis of international quality management models (GSIM, GSBPM, GAMSO).

## 0.1.2 Data sharing and coordination among data producing agencies

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to article 11 of the Law on Official Statistics, producers of official statistics are guided by internationally recommended definitions, classifications and methodology when producing statistics.

The authorized state body, within the framework of statistical programs, coordinates the activities of other producers of official statistics.

Producers of official statistics coordinate the methodology for producing statistics within their mandate.

If a discrepancy with international recommendations is revealed in the statistical methodologies of other producers of official statistics, the authorized state body, based on the results of the audit of statistical methodologies, has the right to make them mandatory submissions.

Other producers of official statistics that are part of the national statistical system create subdivisions responsible for generating statistical data and ensuring information exchange with the authorized state body.

Producers of official statistics and suppliers of administrative data submit to the authorized state body the statistical and (or) administrative data they have at their disposal free of charge in the manner and terms established by statistical programs.

According to Article 10 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the Statistical Council is a collegial advisory body on the development, functioning and coordination of official statistics under the authorized state body.

The composition of the Statistical Council is formed from representatives of government bodies, research organizations, non-governmental non-profit organizations, as well as national experts in statistics.

### **0.1.3 Confidentiality of individual reporters' data**

#### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to Article 27 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, individual data held by the producers of official statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes to compile aggregate statistical data. Individual data cannot be used by state bodies, citizens' self-government bodies and other organizations, including international ones, for the purposes of investigation, control, litigation, administrative decisions or for other purposes concerning individuals and legal entities or households.

The National Statistics Committee's employees must comply with the code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their duties.

They are informed of the responsibilities at the time of appointment. Each employee of the National Statistics Committee is obliged to sign an agreement that obliges him not to disclose such data.

### **0.1.4 Provision of statistical reporting**

#### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to Article 14 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state statistics bodies have the right to receive forms of statistical observation from bodies of state and economic management, self-government bodies of citizens, banks and other organizations. In accordance with Article 215 of the Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Administrative Liability”, violation by officials of the procedure for submitting statistical reports, expressed in failure to submit reports and other data necessary for conducting statistical observations, distortion of reporting data or violation of the deadlines for submitting reports entails the imposition of a fine from seven to ten basic calculated values.

According to Article 16 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, when conducting statistical observations in accordance with statistical programs, respondents are obliged to provide producers of official statistics with reliable and complete data free of charge in the manner and terms established by the producer of official statistics.

## **0.2 Resources**

### **0.2.1 Staff, facilities, computing resources, and financing**

3 employees work in the Division of accumulation and satellite accounts of the Department of macroeconomic indicators and national accounts.

Training of personnel on the methodology of the Tourism Satellite Account is carried out continuously. Division employees improve their qualifications through:

- courses organized by the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research of the National Statistics Committee;

- courses organized by the International Monetary Fund in collaboration with:
  - Institute for Capacity Development (USA),
  - Joint Vienna Institute (Austria),
  - Regional Capacity Development Centre for the Caucasus, Central Asia and Mongolia (Kazakhstan);
- online courses organized by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;
- other seminars of international statistical organizations.

The division has a sufficient number of computers - each employee works on a personal computer. Personal computers are connected to the local network and also have internet access.

Financial resources are provided within the framework of the Statistical Program and are sufficient to perform the statistical work stipulated by the Program, as well as to implement the planned measures for introducing the updated "System of National Accounts 2008" manual into statistical practice.

## **1.Integrity**

### **1.1 Professionalism**

#### **1.1.1 Impartiality of statistics**

##### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are impartiality and objectivity.

According to Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, state bodies, other organizations and their officials are not entitled to interfere with the activities of state statistics bodies carried out in accordance with this Law.

Territorial departments of statistics, departments of statistics of districts (cities) are independent from local government bodies and are directly subordinate to the authorized government body.

When selecting the employees and appointing them to senior positions, their experience and professionalism in the field of statistics are taken into account. Improvement of the qualification of the department's employees is ensured through participation in training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research of the National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as in training courses, training seminars organized by international organizations. Employees of the department give lectures at training courses organized by the Institute for Professional Development and Statistical Research. The placement of scientific articles of the department's employees in the mass media has been organized.

## **1.1.2 Selection of sources, methodology, and modes of dissemination**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to Article 33 of the Law “On Official Statistics”:

Producers of official statistics assess the quality of official statistics on an ongoing basis. To ensure quality assurance, official statistics are produced and disseminated on the basis of general principles and methods concerning coverage, definitions, statistical units and classifications of official statistics.

In order to improve the quality of official statistics, producers of official statistics have the right to analyze and edit data, combine data from various sources, link and compare data for statistical purposes, and use statistical methods to evaluate them.

Producers of Official Statistics document the sources and methods used in the production process as well as the resulting datasets. Users of official statistics are informed about the sources and methods of producing statistics and about the quality of official statistics through metadata.

## **1.1.3 Commenting on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The National Statistics Committee may comment on misinterpretation and misuse of statistical data.

## **1.2 Transparency**

### **1.2.1 Disclosure of terms and conditions for statistical collection, processing, and dissemination**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

According to Article 6 of the Law “On Official Statistics”, the main principles of official statistics are clarity and transparency. The conditions for the collection, processing and dissemination of statistical data are included in the legislative acts of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning statistics. These laws are posted on websites and are thus available to the public. The Law “On Official Statistics” and the statistical program, which clearly defines the terms for the development and dissemination of statistical data, are posted on the official website of the National Statistics Committee (<https://stat.uz>). The law is available in the bulletin of the Oliy Majlis, the database of regulatory legal acts (norm), as well as in the database of the Ministry of Justice located at [www.lex.uz](http://www.lex.uz). Statistical reporting forms submitted by respondents to generate statistical data are published in advance for users on the National Statistics Committee's official website.

## **1.2.2 Internal governmental access to statistics prior to release**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The government does not have access to the statistics produced by the National Statistics Committee prior to their publication. State statistical bodies are independent in the dissemination of statistical data. Interference by state bodies is not allowed (Article 13 of the Law “On Official Statistics”). Only the Chairman of the Committee, his deputies and responsible employees have access to statistical data prior to their publication.

## **1.2.3 Attribution of statistical products**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The logo and footnotes clearly identify that the information published for the public in print statistical publications, information bulletins and in mass media is produced by the National Statistics Committee.

## **1.2.4 Advance notice of major changes in methodology, source data, and statistical techniques**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The National Statistics Committee notifies the public in advance about the transition to a new methodology and significant changes in existing methods and approaches. The National Statistics Committee posts on its official website the relevant methodological guidelines explaining what changes users should expect. The expected changes are communicated to the public in articles, news and press conferences.

## **1.3. Ethical standards**

### **1.3.1 Guideline for staff behavior**

### **The National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

The Rules of Conduct for the National Statistics Committee's employees were approved. They are required to comply with a code of ethics, including the principle of confidentiality, and must not disclose any information provided to them in the performance of their assigned duties. They are informed of these obligations upon appointment. An employee of the National Statistics Committee is obliged to conclude an agreement containing an obligation not to disclose individual data.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 Concepts and definitions

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Within the framework of statistical assessment of the Tourism Satellite Account, the calculation of gross value added directly generated by tourism and its share in the gross domestic product is carried out annually based on the concepts and definitions recommended in the 2008 SNA, "International Recommendations for Tourism Statistics 2008," and "Tourism Satellite Account: Recommended Methodological Framework 2008" guidelines. The methodological basis for statistical evaluation of the Tourism Satellite Account is the "Methodological Provisions for Compiling the Tourism Satellite Account" (Order No. 86 dated 14.12.2023).

### 2.2 Scope

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##### 2.2.1.1 Scope of the data

Currently, the Tourism Satellite Account data is being generated for the Republic of Uzbekistan. Statistical indicators for the informal sector of the economy, including production for own final consumption, as well as indicators of the "shadow" economy are assessed, excluding indicators of illegal activities.

##### 2.2.1.2 Exceptions to coverage

There are no exceptions.

##### 2.2.1.3 Unrecorded activity

Evaluation of statistical indicators of the Tourism Satellite Account is carried out without including indicators of illegal activities.

### 2.3 Classification/sectorization

#### 2.3.1 Classification/sectorization

For the statistical assessment of the tourism satellite account, the National Classification on kind of Economic Activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan, rev.2 is used as the industry classification.

## **2.4 Basis for recording**

### **2.4.1 Valuation**

The valuation rules used for recording flows and stocks generally comply with the 2008 SNA:

- The value of market output is recorded at basic prices;
- Output for own final use is valued at equivalent market prices;
- Transactions in foreign currency are converted using the average market exchange rate at the time of the transaction;
- Economic transactions in the SNA are mainly recorded on an accrual basis at prices current at the time of the transaction;
- Non-market goods and services are valued using the market price of similar goods and services sold in the market, if it can be determined, or at production cost if no market price is available. In particular, services of general government and non-profit institutions serving households are valued at production cost.

### **2.4.2 Recording basis**

Transactions and flows are recorded on an accrual basis in accordance with SNA principles.

### **2.4.3 Grossing/netting procedures**

Estimates of the Tourism Satellite Account are calculated on a gross basis, i.e., the gross value added equals the difference between output and intermediate consumption. The gross value added of industries is calculated on a gross basis, i.e., including the consumption of fixed capital.

## **3. Accuracy and reliability**

### **3.1 Source data**

#### **3.1.1 Source data collection programs**

The sources of information for compiling the Tourism Satellite Account are primary data collected by the sectoral departments of the National Statistics Committee (data from statistical observations of legal entities (enterprises and organizations), results of regular observations of the informal sector by economic sectors, household surveys provided for in the Statistical Program), as well as administrative data (data from the Border Troops of the State Security Service and the State Personalization Centre under the Cabinet of Ministers, and the Tax Committee).

### **3.1.2 Source data definitions, scope, sectorization, classifications, valuation, and time of recording**

The source data correspond to the definitions, statistical coverage, and classifications of the Tourism Satellite Account, as well as in terms of time of recording, reporting periods, and valuation principles.

### **3.1.3 Source data timeliness**

Source data are received in a timely manner within the timeframes established in the Statistical Program.

## **3.2 Assessment of source data**

### **3.2.1 Source data assessment**

The primary sources of information for compiling the Tourism Satellite Account are data collected by the sectoral departments of the National Statistics Committee (including statistical observations of legal entities (enterprises and organizations), results of regular surveys of the informal sector across economic sectors, and household surveys as outlined in the Statistical Program), as well as administrative data (from the Border Troops of the State Security Service, the State Personalization Centre under the Cabinet of Ministers, and the Tax Committee).

## **3.3 Statistical techniques**

### **3.3.1 Source data statistical techniques**

Individual data sources are reviewed to identify any outliers. If significant deviations are detected, the compilers of the Tourism Satellite Account contact the relevant departments to verify the data. Primary data are analyzed and checked for consistency over time.

### **3.3.2 Other statistical procedures**

When statistically assessing the Tourism Satellite Account, activities prohibited by law are not evaluated. Informal and shadow economic activities are assessed based on special studies, administrative data, and sample household surveys.

## **3.4 Data validation**

### **3.4.1 Validation of intermediate results**

Individual data sources are examined to check for outliers. If outliers are detected, the compilers of the tourism satellite account contact the relevant departments to verify the data. The source data are analyzed and checked for consistency over time.

### **3.4.2 Assessment of intermediate data**

Possible discrepancies in the main intermediate data are analyzed and adjusted to eliminate inconsistencies. In particular, the following ratios are carefully checked: intermediate consumption/output, gross value added/output. Additionally, the structure of value added by type of activity is also checked for chronological consistency.

### **3.4.3 Assessment of discrepancies and other problems in statistical outputs**

Comparison of tourism satellite account data with industry statistics is often based on preliminary statistical data. Therefore, analysis is frequently conducted during the process rather than at the final stage.

## **3.5 Revision studies**

### **3.5.1 Revision studies and analyses**

The procedure for revising the tourism satellite account is reflected in the Statistical Program, which is approved annually.

## **4. Serviceability**

### **4.1 Periodicity and timeliness**

#### **4.1.1 Periodicity**

The statistical assessment of the tourism satellite account is compiled annually.

#### **4.1.2 Timeliness**

The final annual estimates of the tourism satellite account are completed in November.

### **4.2 Consistency**

#### **4.2.1 Internal consistency**

None.

#### **4.2.2 Temporal consistency**

Annual estimates of the Tourism Satellite Account have been available since 2019.

#### **4.2.3 Intersectoral and cross-domain consistency**

The statistical evaluation indicators of the Tourism Satellite Account are consistent with industry statistics data.

## **4.3 Revision**

### **4.3.1 Revision and/or update schedule**

The data revision cycle is determined in advance and remains fairly stable from year to year. The schedule for revising indicators is reflected in the annually approved Statistical Program.

### **4.3.2 Identification of preliminary and/or revised/updated data**

In publications, preliminary data are indicated and explained as necessary.

### **4.3.3 Dissemination of revision studies and analyses**

Revised (final) data are disseminated through publications of the National Statistics Committee and on the official website.

## **5. Accessibility**

### **5.1 Data**

#### **5.1.1 Statistical presentation**

Annual data are provided to users through publications such as "Tourism in Uzbekistan" and others, as well as on the official website of the National Statistics Committee at <http://www.stat.uz> in the form of tables.

For the correct interpretation of data, methodological explanations for the main indicators are provided in publications. Additionally, methodological guidelines for the formation and calculation of statistical indicators are posted on the website. To compare data in publications and on the website, figures for several periods are presented in the form of tables and graphs.

The schedules for the release of statistical publications (data) are reflected in the annually approved Statistical Program.

#### **5.1.2 Dissemination media and format**

##### **5.1.2.1 Hard copy - New release**

The data is distributed to users in printed form through the publications of the National Statistics Committee "Tourism in Uzbekistan" (once every two years). Additionally, data is provided to government bodies and other users in agreed-upon table formats upon their request.

Macroeconomic indicators are published in the form of tables, graphs, and diagrams with brief analytical comments.

#### **5.1.2.2 Hard copy - Monthly bulletin**

Not available.

#### **5.1.2.3 Hard copy - Quarterly bulletin**

Not available.

#### **5.1.2.4 Hard copy - Annually bulletin**

Annual data is submitted to government bodies and other users upon their request according to agreed table formats.

#### **5.1.2.5 Hard copy - Other**

Annual data are disseminated through the publication "Tourism in Uzbekistan" (issued biennially), and annual data are also provided to government bodies and other users upon request in agreed-upon table formats.

#### **5.1.2.6 Electronic - On-line bulletin or data**

On the official website of the National Committee on Statistics, statistical data and time series in the form of electronic tables are posted and regularly updated.

### **5.1.3 Advance release calendar**

The official statistics release calendar is posted on the official website of the National Statistics Committee.

### **5.1.4 Simultaneous release**

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### **5.1.5 Dissemination on request**

According to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Official Statistics" and other regulatory documents, statistical data are provided to users upon request in the prescribed manner. Dissemination of statistical information is carried out by providing, at the request of legal entities or individuals, printed or electronic tables, statistical compilations, bulletins, and express information, as well as through information sharing agreements between parties.

## **5.2 Metadata**

### **5.2.1 Dissemination of documentation on concepts, scope, classifications, basis of recording, data sources, and statistical techniques**

Concepts related to data, statistical coverage, classifications, accounting principles, data sources, and statistical methods are reflected in the disseminated statistical compilations as methodological explanations for the indicators of the Tourism Satellite Account. Methodological provisions for the statistical assessment of the Tourism Satellite Account are available on the website.

## **5.3 Assistance to users**

### **5.3.1 Dissemination of information on contact points**

On the official website of the National Statistics Committee.

## **9. Plans**

### **9.1 Recent**

#### **9.1.1 Plans for improvement - Recent improvements**

National Classification on kind of Economic Activities of the Republic of Uzbekistan, rev.2 has been implemented in statistical practice, along with the calculation of housing services produced by homeowners for their own consumption using the user cost method, calculation of the volume of financial intermediation services indirectly measured, and assessment of the non-observed economy's volume.

### **9.2 General**

#### **9.2.1 Plans for improvement - Short-term**

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#### **9.2.2 Plans for improvement - Medium-term**

Improving the accounting of the Tourism Satellite Account.

## **9.3 Financial**

### **9.3.1 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Short-term**

Technical assistance is required to improve the calculation of macroeconomic indicators.

### **9.3.2 Plans for improvement - TA/financing needs - Medium-term**

Technical assistance is required to improve the accounting of the Tourism Satellite Account.

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