Documentation of statistics for
Zoological and Botanical Gardens 2015
1 Introduction

The purpose of the statistics is to describe the yearly opening hours and the number of visitors to Zoos, Aquariums and Botanical gardens. The statistics has been compiled since 1985.

2 Statistical presentation

Visitors and yearly opening hours to the different types of zoos and each individual zoo, aquarium and botanic garden.

2.1 Data description

The purpose of the statistics is to show the number of visitors and annual hours of zoo and botanical gardens. Zoo and botanical is distributed on regions and municipalities. Lists of attendance figures for individual zoos and botanical plants are available on the website of Statistics Denmark.

2.2 Classification system

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.3 Sector coverage

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Opening hours: Annual opening hours.

Visitors: The visitors are persons who physically visited the zoo / botanical garden. It is not decisive whether the ticket has been issued in connection with visits. If there are systematically record of number of visitors, provide an estimate. Number of visitors is calculated in visitors in total and children / young people under 18 with and without learning content.

Zootypes: It distinguishes between three types of zoos:

- zoo which is state-subsidized according to the zoo-law
- Other state-supported
- Non-state-supported

2.5 Statistical unit

Number of visitors. Number of zoos number of yearly opening hours.

2.6 Statistical population

The population is botanical and zoological gardens and nature reserves.
2.7 Reference area
Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage
Statistics for zoos and botanical gardens have been provided each year since 1984. Up to 2011, the statistics were a part of museum statistics.

2.9 Base period
Not relevant for these statistics

2.10 Unit of measure
- Number of persons
- Number of zoos and botanical gardens

2.11 Reference period
The statistics are compiled for the calendar year.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination
Annually.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements
Voluntary.

2.14 Cost and burden
The cost burden is not measured.

2.15 Comment
None.

3 Statistical processing
Yearly questionnaires to the zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens. If a zoo or a botanical plants have large fluctuations in the number of visitors from one year to the next, Statistics Denmark contact the facility to get a clarification.
3.1 Source data
Yearly questionnaires to the zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens.

3.2 Frequency of data collection
Every year.

3.3 Data collection
Yearly questionnaires to the zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens.

3.4 Data validation
When a zoo or a botanical plants have large fluctuations in the number of visitors from one year to the next, contact the facility to get a clarification. Result prioritized according to the size in terms of number of visitors. In the electronic questionnaire is controls, so the reporter can relate to to fluctuations in visitor numbers, when reporting. In addition, check for changes in ownership.

3.5 Data compilation
Data is not corrected for non-responce and no grossing up is made. Tabulation to the StatBank Denmark.

3.6 Adjustment
Not relevant for these statistics

4 Relevance
The users are primarily the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, The Danish Agency for Culture and organizations engaged in activities within in the field of zoos aquariums and botanical gardens and the news media.

The user satisfaction is not measured.

4.1 User Needs
The users are primarily the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, The Danish Agency for Culture and organizations engaged in activities within in the field of zoos aquariums and botanical gardens and the news media.

4.2 User Satisfaction
The user satisfaction is not measured.
4.3 Data completeness rate

Not relevant for these statistics

5 Accuracy and reliability

The statistics are compiled on the basis of (in principle) all zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens, but some non state-subsidized zoo do not answer the questionnaires. There will be the a low number of visitors for non state-subsidized zoo or gardens, but state-subsidized zoo or gardens have a good coverage.

5.1 Overall accuracy

The survey is voluntary. Some minor non- state-subsidized zoos or botanical gardens decline to report to the investigation. All state-subsidized zoo and major non- state-subsidized units report the statistics every year. There are no uncertainty calculations, but the number of visitors to non- state-subsidized zoos or botanical gardens is too low. This will have a lesser impact on the overall number of visitors. Only few and easily accessible information is requested and therefore there is no measurement errors.

5.2 Sampling error

There is no sample.

5.3 Non-sampling error

Reporting to the statistics for zoos and botanical gardens is voluntary. Therefore some smaller zoos and botanical gardens choose not to report to the statistics. The large units report annually.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.
5.6 Quality assessment

The survey is voluntary. Some smaller non state-subsidized zoos or botanical gardens refuse to participate. All state-supported zoos participate. On the website of Statistics Denmark there is an Excel spreadsheet containing information about individual zoos or botanical gardens.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark. The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Only final statistics is published.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics are published annually approx. 4 months after the reference period.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

Only final figures is published.

6.2 Punctuality

The time of publication is very precise.

7 Comparability

Comparability concerning number of visitors is possible from 1984 onwards at the level of the individual zoo, aquarium and botanical garden. At the aggregated level there is a certain level of uncertainly due to an increase of the population; especially in the period 2009 - 2011.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

There are not known to internationally comparable figures in the field.

7.2 Comparability over time

Comparability concerning number of visitors is possible from 1984 onwards at the level of the individual zoo, aquarium and botanical garden.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

Museum statistics also measures the number of visitors and the annual opening hours, but no comparisons between these statistics is made.
7.4 Coherence - internal

Not relevant for these statistics

8 Accessibility and clarity

The statistics are published in Nyt fra Danmarks Statistik (News from Statistics Denmark), in www.statbank.dk and on the subject side on DST.

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calender can be accessed on our English website: Release Calender.

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 9:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published. Theme publications etc. may be published at other times of the day. The National Statistician can decide that such publications may be released before their official publication time, e.g. to the media and other stakeholders.

8.4 News release

There is no publication of news releases on this statistic.

8.5 Publications

Statistical Yearbook.

8.6 On-line database

Stat bank table for zoos from 2010 here
Figures from before 2009 can be found here

8.7 Micro-data access

There is no access micro-data.

8.8 Other

Overview of the individual zoos annual attendance. The text is only in Danish.
8.9 Confidentiality - policy
Not relevant for these statistics

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment
Not relevant for these statistics

8.11 Documentation on methodology
None

8.12 Quality documentation
Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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