

Hospitality income up 6.9% in November

Total income for SA's accommodation sector rose by 1.3% year-on-year in November, Statistics SA's (Stats SA) tourist accommodation survey released on Monday, 21 January 2013, showed.

The survey is conducted monthly and covers a sample of public and private enterprises involved in the short stay accommodation sector, with the results used to compile estimates of tourism satellite accounts as well as the gross domestic product.

Total income for the sector increased by 6.9% in the three months ended November last year compared with the three months year.

Total income includes income from accommodation, restaurants and bar sales, and "other" income.

Stats SA said that income from accommodation rose by 10.2% in the three month period last year.

The increase was mainly due to an increase of 1.2% in the number of stay-unit-nights sold, and an increase of 8.9% in the average income per stay-unit-night sold.

Income from accommodation increased by 4.2% year-on-year in November.

The number of stay-units available increased by 1.9% in the three months.

Stats SA describes a stay-unit as a unit of accommodation available to be charged out to guests. Examples include a powered site in a caravan park or a hotel room.