

Switzerland in 23 infographics

Society, economy, territory and environment

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Population

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2020



8 670 300

Permanent resident population

♀ 4 367 701 ♂ 4 302 599



35 160

Marriages

651

Registered partnerships



85 914

Live births



16 210

Divorces

212

Dissolved partnerships



76 195

Deaths



85.1 years

Life expectancy at birth



81.0 years

Life expectancy at birth



3.9 m

Private households



163 180

Immigration



109 376

Emigration

Sources: FSO – BEVNAT, STATPOP

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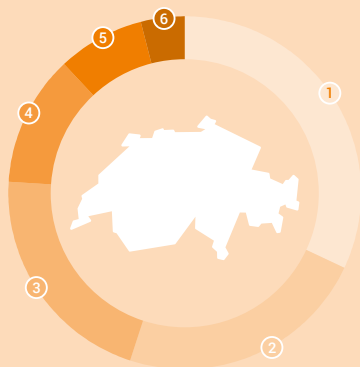
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Territory and environment

2020

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Land use, 2018

- 1 forest and woods 32%
- 2 farmland 23%
- 3 other natural space 21%
- 4 alpine farmland 12%
- 5 settlement and urban areas 8%
- 6 lakes and watercourses 4%



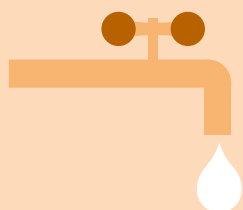
17 t

material footprint per person, 2019



35%

lost or endangered animal and plant species



297 l

daily consumption of drinking water per person



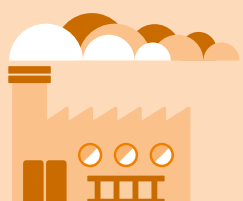
5%

environmentally-related tax revenue



704 kg

municipal waste per person



12.6 t

carbon footprint, CO₂ equivalent per person, 2019



84%

of the population considered the environmental quality in Switzerland in 2019 to be very good or quite good.



164 000

jobs in the environment sector

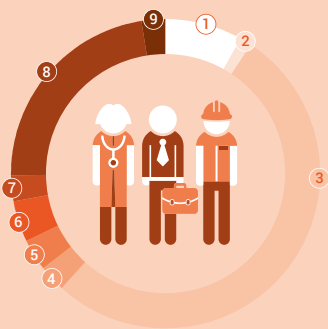
Sources: FSO – Land use statistics, Environmental accounting, Omnibus survey 2019; FOEN – Waste statistics, Red Lists; SGWA – Drinking water statistics

Work and income

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2020

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



- 1 Self-employed **8.1%**
- 2 Family members working in family business **1.2%**
- 3 Employees **52.5%**
- 4 Apprentices **2.8%**
- 5 Unemployed based on ILO definition **3.3%**
- 6 In education or training **4.3%**
- 7 Housewives/househusbands **2.7%**
- 8 Pensioners **22.7%**
- 9 Other economically inactive persons **2.5%**



5.087 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



1.640 m

Employed foreign nationals of whom 20.8% cross-border commuters



7.608 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

9.245 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours, 2016

38.2

Average weekly working time (hours) of persons in full-time employment



CHF 6538

Gross monthly wage, 2018 (median, economy as a whole)

11.5%

Wage gap between women and men, 2018 (economy as a whole)



238 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 4.8% of the economically active population

CHF +1.5%

Increase in real wages (compared to 2019)

Sources: FSO – Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS), Swiss Earnings Structure Survey (ESS)

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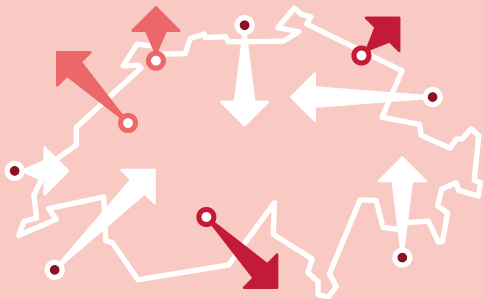
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National economy

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2020



Gross domestic product (GDP)

CHF 706 242 m

At current prices, provisional
CHF 81 758 per inhabitant

-2.4%

Change over previous year,
at prices of preceding year, provisional

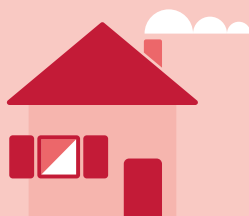
CHF 680 929 m

Gross national income (GNI)
at current prices, provisional

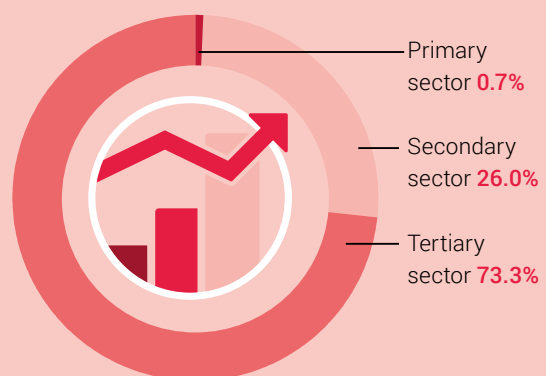
CHF 344 285 m

Consumption expenditure
at current prices,
provisional

CHF 39 856 per inhabitant



Structure of the Swiss economy
as a % of the GDP, by economic sectors



27.6%

Savings rate of private households
as a % of the gross disposable income incl. the 2nd pillar



-2.8

Surplus (+)/deficit (-)
of general government
in relation to the GDP

Sources: FSO – National accounts

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Average price development in Switzerland, 2020 – 2021

Production

+2.7%

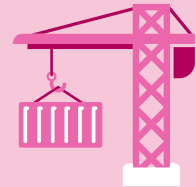
Evolution of total supply prices



Construction

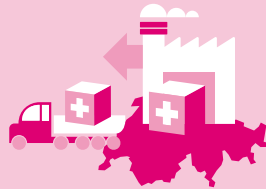
+2.6%

Evolution of construction prices



+1.6%

Evolution of producer prices



Consumption

+0.6%

Evolution of consumer prices



+5.1%

Evolution of import prices



Housing

+5.7%

Evolution of residential property prices

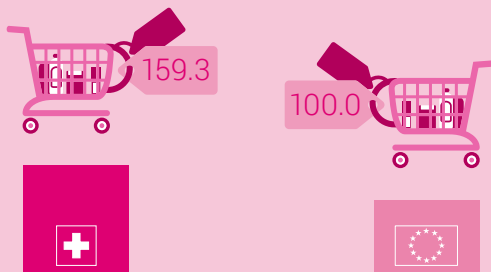


+0.9%

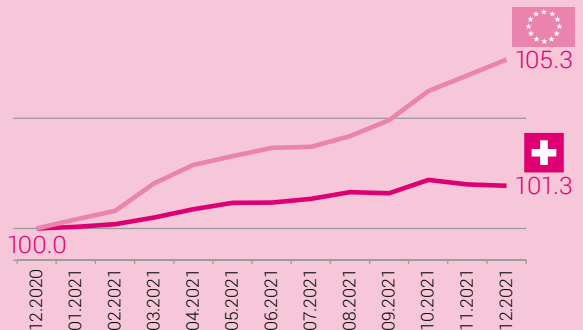
Evolution of housing rental prices

In international comparison

Price level in Switzerland compared to the average price level in the European Union (2020)



Evolution of consumer prices in Switzerland compared to their evolution in the European Union



Source: FSO – Prices

Industry and services

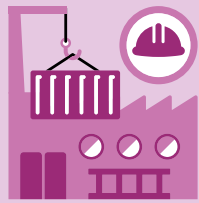
2020

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42 606

Newly founded enterprises, 2019



5.239

Jobs
4th quarter 2021 in millions in full-time equivalents: 4.065

601 392

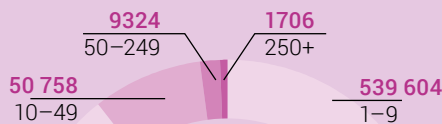
Market-oriented companies in 2019

Sector 1
51 593

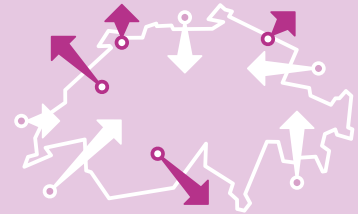
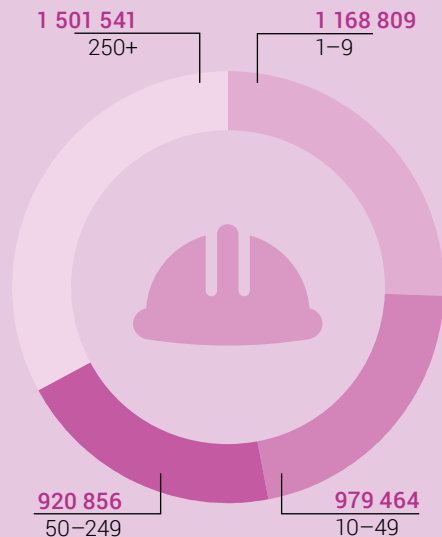
Sector 2
90 560

Sector 3
459 239

Number of market-oriented companies by size category, 2019



Number of employees by size category of companies, 2019



Switzerland's foreign trade: the most important partners (trading volume)

Imports

Total CHF 273.8 bn

Germany 53.2

Italy 22.2

United States 19.8

China 16.6

France 16.4

Exports

Total CHF 299.5 bn

United States 68.8

Germany 46.1

China 16.4

Great Britain 15.8

France 15.4

Sources: FSO - STATENT, JOBSTAT, Federal Customs Administration, Foreign trade statistics

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Agriculture and forestry

2020

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35%

Agricultural areas, 2018



32%

Forest and woods, 2018

Primary sector
output value



CHF 11.6 bn

Agriculture

CHF 1.0 bn

Forestry

CHF 0.05 bn

Fishing and fish farming



49 363

Farms
of which organic 7561



4.8 m m³

Timber harvest

48% Sawlogs

40% Fuel wood

11% Industrial wood

Utilised agricultural area



- 1 Grassland 70%
- 2 Cereals 14%
- 3 Other arable land 7%
- 4 Oilseeds 3%
- 5 Potatoes, sugar beet, fodder beet 3%
- 6 Permanent crops 2%
- 7 Other utilised agricultural area 1%

Total area 1044000 ha



56% Self-sufficiency rate

kg per person

239 Milk and dairy products

105 Vegetables

91 Cereals

47 Meat

Source: FSO, Agristat

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Energy

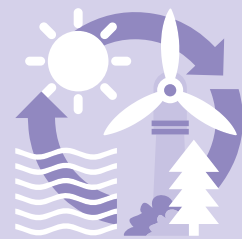
2020

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Energy dependency

28% domestic production
72% imports



27.2% renewable energies



59% fossil fuels



Domestic electricity production

- 1 hydropower plants 58%
- 2 nuclear power plants 33%
- 3 thermal power plants 4%
- 4 various renewable sources 5%



CHF 241

monthly household expenditure on energy, 2019

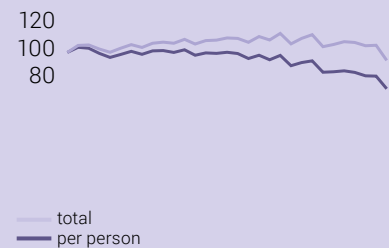
CHF 432 m

public expenditure on energy research



76% energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, 2019

Final energy consumption 1990–2020



Sources: FSO – HBS; SFOE – Overall energy statistics, Renewable energy statistics, Electricity statistics, Energy research statistics; FOEN – Greenhouse gas inventory

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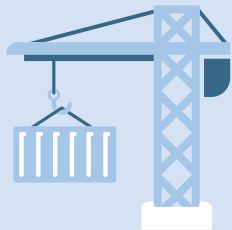
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Construction and housing

2020

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CHF 67 180 million

Construction expenditure, 2019

11 126

New buildings with dwellings, 2019

48 040

Newly built dwellings, 2019



1 765 551

Residential buildings

1 003 710

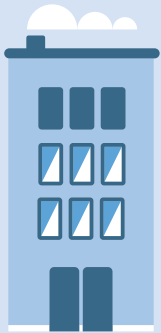
of which single-family houses

1 storey 123 497

2 storeys 820 918

3–5 storeys 769 069

6+ storeys 52 067



4 637 174

Total number of dwellings

3 888 575

Occupied dwellings

1 401 565

of which single-person households



1020

CHF 1373

Average rent



1.54%

Empty dwellings rate, 2021



36.2%

Home ownership rate

1.7

Number of rooms per person

46.3 m²

Living space per person

Sources: FSO – Buildings and Dwellings statistic, Structural Survey, Empty dwellings census, Housing construction statistics

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38.5 m



Overnight stays in tourist accommodation

- ① Switzerland **28.3 m**
- ② Europe **8.8 m**
- ③ Asia **0.6 m**
- ④ America **0.6 m**
- ⑤ Africa and Oceania **0.2 m**



661 740

Total beds surveyed in tourist accommodation

Distribution of beds by sector

279 248

Hotel sector

153 563

Holiday homes

114 125

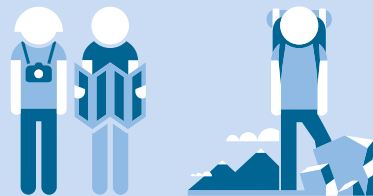
Collective accommodation

114 804

Campsites
(pitches for passing guests x 4)

Trips by the Swiss resident population

Number of trips per person and year



Daily expenditure per person on private trips with overnight stays



7.1

Without overnight stay



1.9

With overnight stays



CHF 121
Domestic trips



CHF 135
Trips abroad



45%

Share of trips abroad in total trips with overnight stays



CHF 14.8 bn

Tourism-related gross value added

Sources: FSO – Tourist accommodation statistics, Supplementary accommodation statistics, Travel behaviour, Annual Indicators of the Tourism Satellite Accounts

Mobility and transport

2020

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983 km²

Land used for transportation, 2013/2018



4.7 m

Passenger car stocks, 2021



17%

Share of public transport in passenger transport



14 km

Average commute for work purpose



227 Road deaths
19 795 Persons injured

Daily travel time per person, in Switzerland (2015)



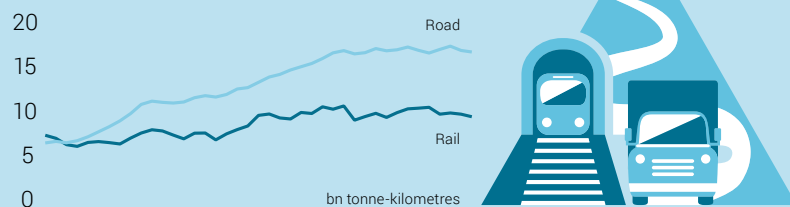
90 minutes

- 1 Work 17 min.
- 2 Education 5 min.
- 3 Shopping 13 min.
- 4 Leisure 45 min.
- 5 Other 9 min.

Transport performance of goods transport

63% Road 37% Rail

Change 1980 – 2020



CHF 95 bn



Total costs of transport, 2018

(The following costs were taken into account: infrastructure, means of transport, accidents, damage to environment and health.)

Road CHF 76 bn

Rail CHF 12 bn

Air CHF 7 bn

Inland waterways CHF 0.3 bn

(road transport: excluding walking and cycling; inland waterways: costs in 2015)

Sources: FSO – AREA, GTS, CFT, TP, PEND, PV-L; FSO, ARE – MTMC; FSO, FEDRO – MFZ, SVU

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Money, banks and insurance

2020

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Banks



CHF 1974.2 bn

Customer deposits
of which in Switzerland: 1324.1 bn



243

Number of banking
institutes in Switzerland

CHF 3467.3 bn

Banks' total assets

CHF 684.7 bn

Banks' liquid assets

CHF 1074.2 bn

Mortgage loans (Switzerland)
at major banks: 295.9 bn
at cantonal banks: 401.5 bn



CHF 88.8 bn

Currency in circulation (2021)



106 616

Employees
(full-time equivalents)

Insurance



CHF 119.0 bn

Total premium revenue

- 1 Life insurance 26.8 bn
- 2 Accident and indemnity insurance 46.7 bn
- 3 Reinsurance 45.6 bn



195

Number of private
insurance institutes

Sources: FSO – Swiss National Bank SNB, The Federal Finance Administration (FFA)

Social security

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2020



272 100

Number of social assistance recipients

3.2%

Social assistance rate

29.3%

Share of 0–17 year old social assistance recipients



29.1%

Expenditure on the system of social security benefits, as % of the GDP

CHF 206 bn

Expenditure on social benefits



- ① Sickness/health care **29.5%**
- ② Disability **8.0%**
- ③ Old age **39.6%**
- ④ Survivors **4.4%**
- ⑤ Family/children **5.6%**
- ⑥ Unemployment **9.7%**
- ⑦ Housing **1.2%**
- ⑧ Social exclusion **2.1%**



CHF 2.8 bn

Net expenditure on economic social assistance

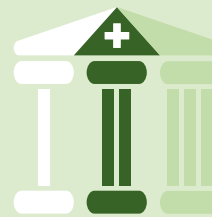


CHF 46.6 bn

OASI, revenue

CHF 46.0 bn

OASI, expenditure



CHF 41.2 bn

2nd pillar, benefits (pensions + lump-sum)

1.3 m

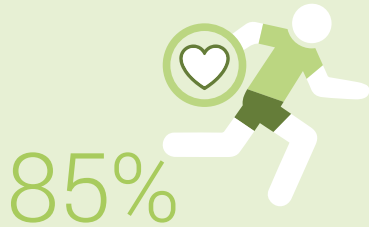
Recipients of benefits

Sources: FSO – GRSS, SHS, FIBS, pension fund statistics; FSIO – Swiss insurance statistics

Health

2020

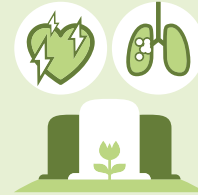
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Share of the population in good health, 2017



Share of the population that is obese, 2017



67 780

Deaths in 2019, of which:

Cardiovascular diseases 19 901

Cancer 17 192

Dementia 6603

Accidents 2560

Suicide 1018



274 990

Full-time equivalents, jobs in hospitals and nursing homes



4.4

Doctors per 1000 inhabitants

CHF 82.5 bn

(11.3% of the GDP)

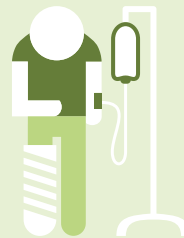
Health expenditure in 2019, of which:

Outpatient curative treatment CHF 21.7 bn

Long-term care CHF 16.8 bn

Inpatient curative treatment CHF 15.7 bn

Medical goods CHF 12.6 bn



11%

Share of the population hospitalised throughout the year



14%

Share of the population aged 80 and over in nursing homes (71% of residents aged ≥ 80 years are women)

Sources: FSO – SHS, CoD, KS, MS, SOMED, STATPOP, COU; FMH – Doctors' statistics

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Education and science

2021

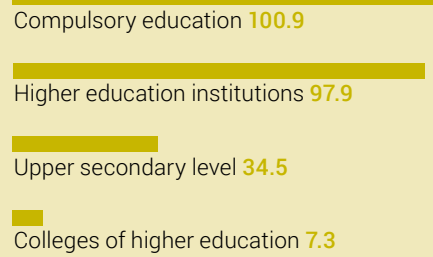
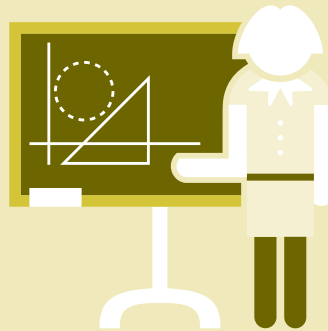
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People in education 2020/21, in thousands

- ① Compulsory education **976.1**
- ② Upper secondary level **364.0**
- ③ Professional education **62.0**
- ④ Higher education institutions 2021/22 **276.6**

Teaching staff 2019/20 and higher education staff, in thousands



Diplomas 2020, in thousands



Upper secondary level

- ① Vocational education and training **70.2**
- ② General education **43.4**

Tertiary level

- ③ Professional education **25.7**
- Higher education institutions
- ④ Bachelor **32.6**
- ⑤ Master **19.6**
- ⑥ Doctorate **4.4**



CHF 38.9 bn
Educational public expenditure
2018

5.4%
of the gross domestic product



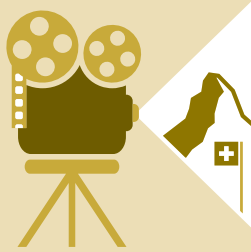
CHF 23 bn

Expenditure on research and development 2019,
in Switzerland/Of which business enterprises **68%**

R&D personnel in the business enterprises **51 623**
(full-time equivalents)

Sources: FSO – SDL, SHIS-studex, SSP, SHIS-PERS, SBG-SFPI, SBA, ÜBA, RD Switzerland, RD Priv

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0.6

Cinema admissions per inhabitant

2255

Films in the regular cinema programme



×193

Volume of data on mobile network since 2010, 2020

96%

Share of households with internet access



8.1 m

Number of museums in Switzerland, 2020

1053

Number of museums in Switzerland, 2020



75 000

Number of protected monuments in Switzerland, 2016



67.4 m

Number of printed materials (books, newspapers...) in publicly accessible libraries in Switzerland, 2020

74%

Share of the population that visited museums, exhibitions and galleries, 2019

>127 min.

Average time spent watching TV per day, 2020

CH-D: 119 min., CH-F: 142 min., CH-I: 170 min



CHF 3.02 bn

Total public expenditure on culture, 2019

CHF 352

Total public expenditure on culture per inhabitant, 2019

Sources: FSO – Statistics on culture, media and information society

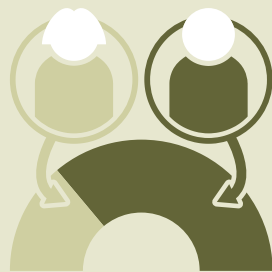


48%

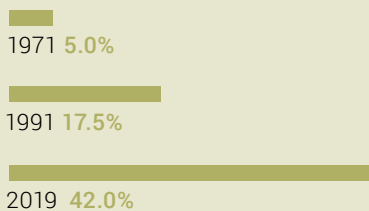
Voter participation,
average value for last 5 years

45.1%

Voter participation,
National Council Elections 2019

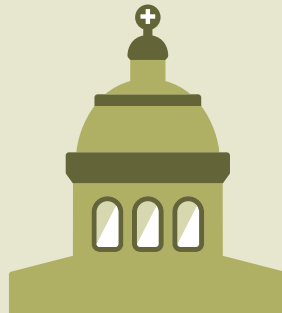


Women in the National Council
Progress from 1971 to 2019



Sources: FSO – Election and vote statistics

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Federal popular votes

654 proposals in 317 polls
since 1848

50% proposals in the last
37 years

8% of proposals in
the 19th century



Federal popular votes

Mandatory referendums:

75% Accepted
(total 224)

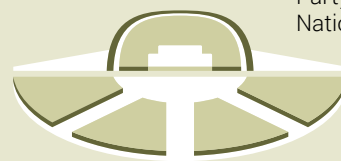
Optional referendums:

57% Accepted
(total 202)

Popular initiatives:

11% Accepted
(total 228)

4 parties represented in the Federal Council:
Party share of vote,
National Council Elections 2019, %



15.1 FDP 11.4 CVP 16.8 SP 25.6 SVP

29.4% Highest party share of vote since 1919
(SVP/UDC, National Council Elections 2015)

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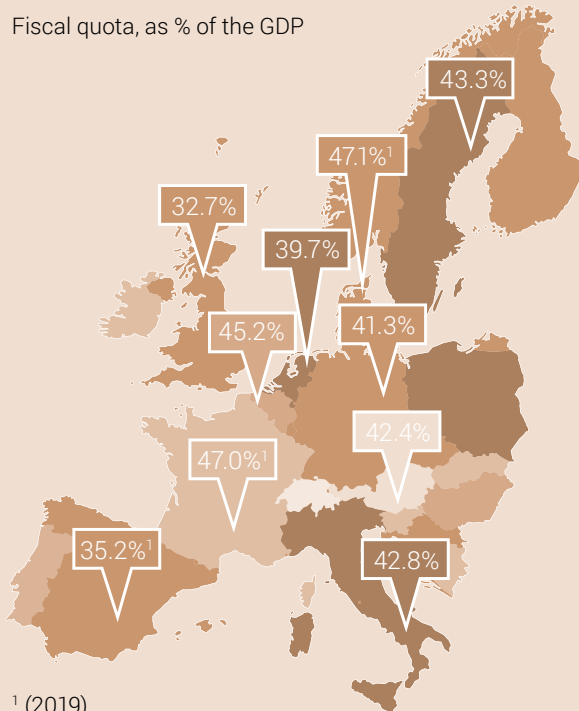
Public finances

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2020

27.7%

Fiscal quota, as % of the GDP



CHF -15 168 m



CHF Fiscal balance Confederation (FS model)

Cantons **1036**
Communes **627**



27.8%

Confederation debt rate, as % of the GDP



CHF 89 288 m

Confederation expenditure (FS model)



CHF 4 733 183 m

Value added tax, turnover (2018, all economic sectors)

Sources: FSO – Federal Finance Administration

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Crime and criminal law

2020

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421 678

Criminal offences against the Swiss Criminal Code (SCC)

Criminal offences registered by the police by title of the SCC

Property **65,2%**

Liberty **13,2%**

Other titles of the SCC **13,1%**

Life and Limb **6,4%**

Sexual Integrity **2,1%**



24 398

offences with a «digital» component



466

Juveniles in placement

6897

Detained adults



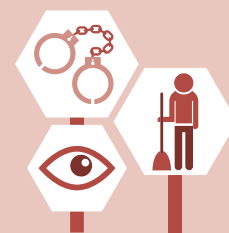
90

Burglaries and thefts by secretly entering an unsecured place



53%

of domestic violence offences occur within an existing partnership



20 611

Juvenile convictions

95 330

Adult convictions

21%

Due to consumption of narcotic substances

52%

Due to road traffic offences

25%

Sentenced to unconditional community service

69%

Unconditional financial penalty (in total CHF 214 m)

Sources: FSO – Section Crime and criminal justice

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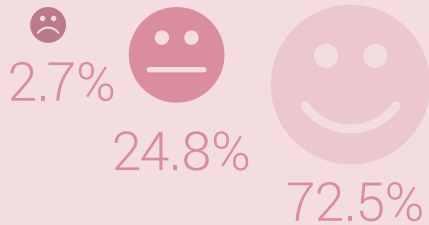
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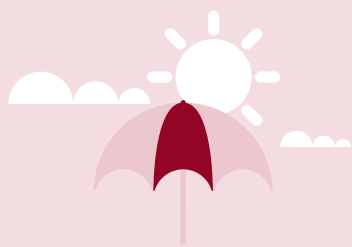
Economic and social situation of the population

2020

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Satisfaction with current life



8.1%

of the population cannot afford a week's holiday every year



8.5% = 722 000

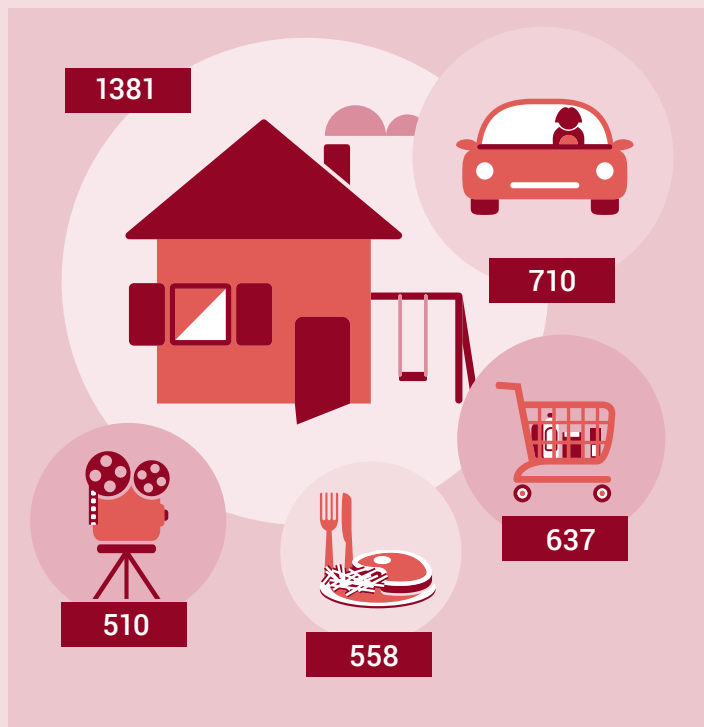
Persons affected by income poverty



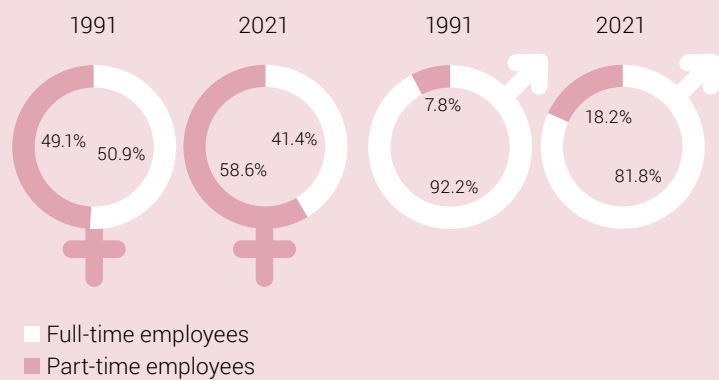
4.2% = 158 000

Employed persons affected by income poverty

Selected household budget items, 2019
in CHF per month per household



Gender equality: paid employment



Sources: FSO – HBS, SILC, SLFS

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Sustainable development

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2030 Agenda goals monitoring in Switzerland

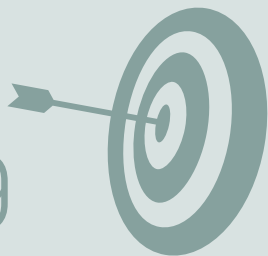
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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) established by the United Nations



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Targets of the 2030 Agenda in the Swiss context



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Indicators



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Indicators present social cohesion



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Key indicators



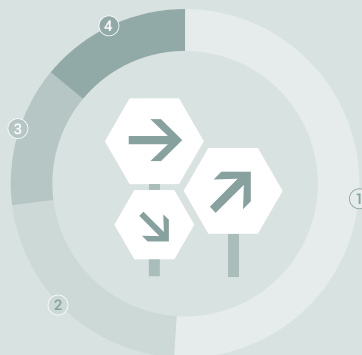
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Indicators describe the impacts and responsibilities of Switzerland abroad



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Indicators present gender equality



Assessment of the trend of the 103 indicators

- ① Positive 51%
- ② Negative 22%
- ③ Unchanged 13%
- ④ No assessment 14%

Source: FSO - Monitoring Sustainable Development (MONET 2030)

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Regional Disparities

2020

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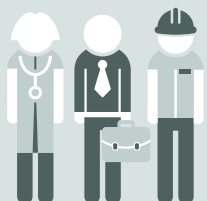
45%

of jobs in the 5 largest agglomerations (Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich), 2019



4%

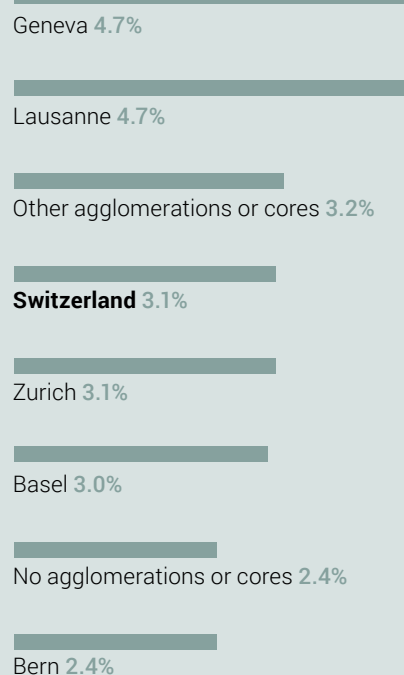
Social assistance rate in the urban area, twice as high as in the other regions



51%

of active population with a tertiary-level degree in an urban, 40% in a rural area

Unemployment rate in the agglomerations



Average distance to nearest service, 2018



Sources: FSO – SE, SHS, Services for the population, STATENT; SECO

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International comparisons and development cooperation

2019

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2.8 Planets

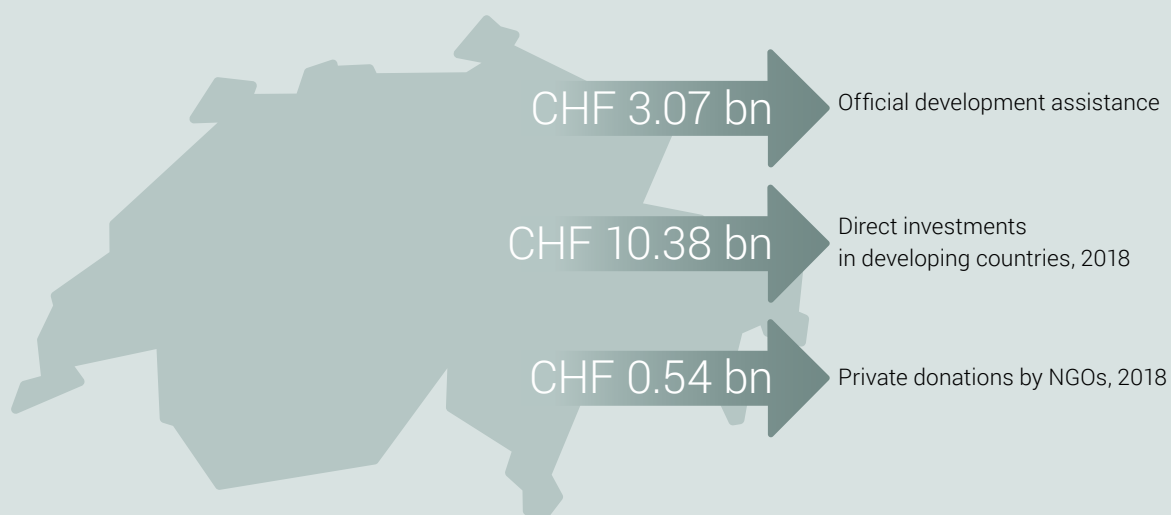
Ecological footprint, 2017



Human Development Index (HDI)



Official development assistance in relation to GNI



Sources: Global Footprint Network; SDC; FSO, SECO – NA; UNDP; Swiss National Bank