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# Population

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018



8 544 527

Permanent resident population



4 307 406



4 237 121



87 851

Live births



67 088

Deaths



3.8 m

Private households



40 716

Marriages

700

Registered partnerships



16 542

Divorces

206

Dissolved partnerships



85.4 years

Life expectancy at birth



81.7 years

Life expectancy at birth



170 085

Immigrations



130 225

Emigrations

Sources: FSO – BEVNAT, STATPOP



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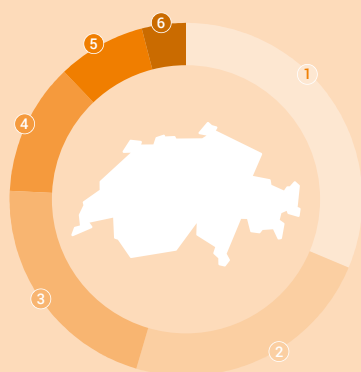
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# Territory and environment

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2018



Land use, 2004/2009

- 1 forest and woods 31%
- 2 farmland 23%
- 3 other natural space 21%
- 4 alpine farmland 12%
- 5 settlement and urban areas 8%
- 6 lakes and watercourses 4%



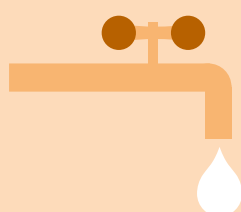
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material footprint  
per person, 2016



35%

lost or endangered  
animal and plant species



301 l

daily consumption  
of drinking water  
per person, 2017



6.3%

share of environmentally-related  
tax revenue



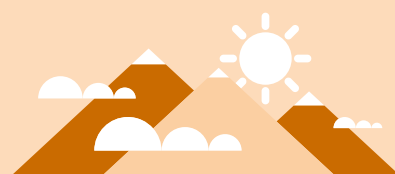
707 kg

municipal waste, per person, 2017



14 t

carbon footprint, 2017  
CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent  
per person



92%

of the population considered  
the environmental quality in Switzerland  
in 2015 to be very good or quite good



155 000

jobs in the environment sector, 2017

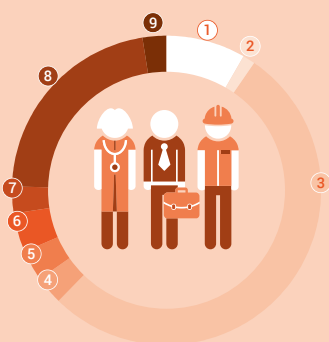
Sources: FSO – Land use statistics, Environmental accounting, Omnibus survey 2015; FOEN – Waste statistics, Red Lists; SGWA – Drinking water statistics

# Work and income

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



- ① Self-employed **8.3%**
- ② Family members working in family business **1.3%**
- ③ Employees **52.7%**
- ④ Apprentices **3.0%**
- ⑤ Unemployed based on ILO definition **3.2%**
- ⑥ In education or training **4.1%**
- ⑦ Housewives/househusbands **2.8%**
- ⑧ Pensioners **22.1%**
- ⑨ Other economically inactive persons **2.5%**



### 5.055 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



### 1.585 m

Employed foreign nationals of whom 19.8% cross-border commuters



### 7.891 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

### 9.245 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours, 2016

### 41.5

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



### CHF 6 502

Gross monthly wage, 2016 (median, economy as a whole)

### 12.0%

Wage gap between women and men, 2016 (economy as a whole)



### 231 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 4.7% of the economically active population



### -0.4%

Decrease in real wages (compared to 2017)

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

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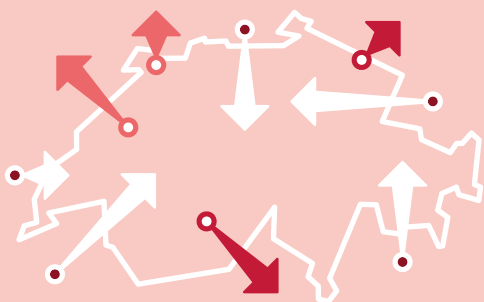
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# National economy

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## 2018



Gross domestic product (GDP)

### CHF 689 545 m

At current prices, provisional  
80 986 CHF per inhabitant

### +2.8%

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

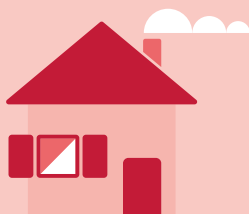
### CHF 691 417 m

Gross national income (GNI)  
at current prices, provisional

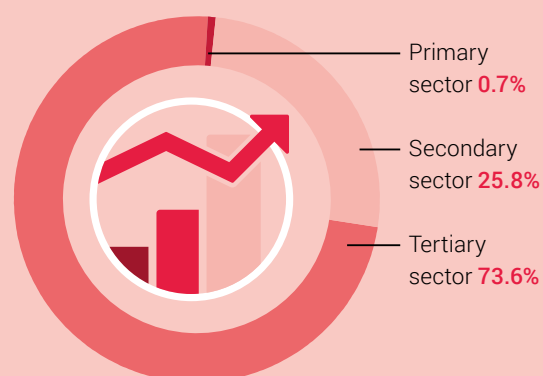
### CHF 367 250 m

Consumption expenditure  
at current prices,  
provisional

43 133 CHF per inhabitant

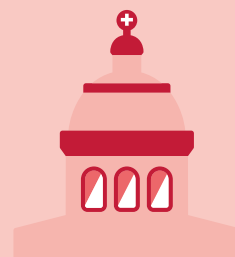


Structure of the Swiss economy  
as a % of the GDP, by economic sectors



### 21.3%

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



### +1.4%

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

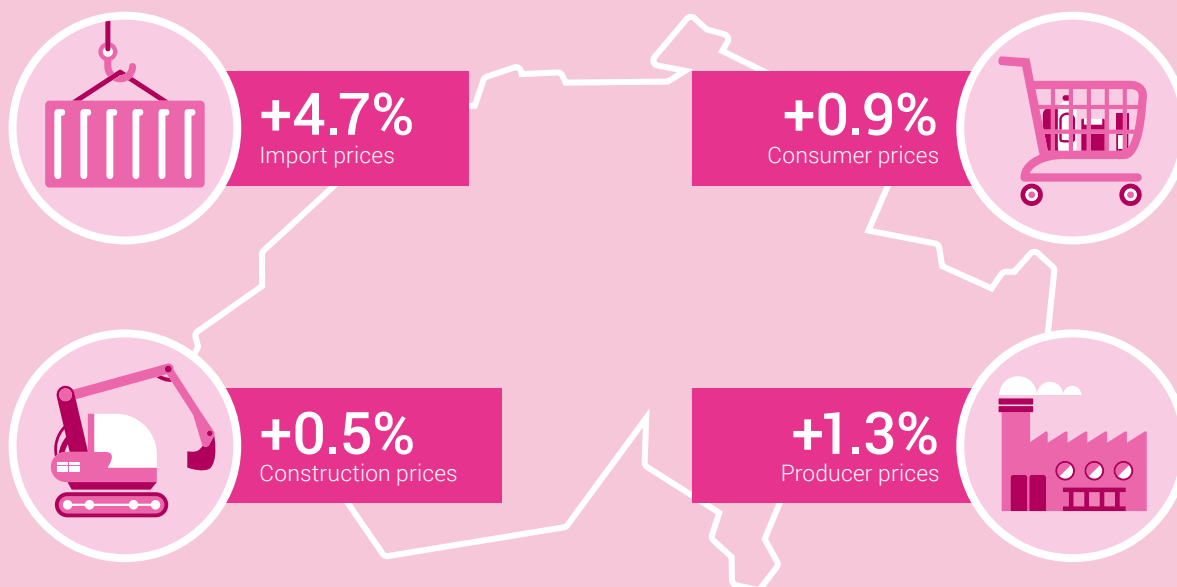
Sources: FSO – National accounts

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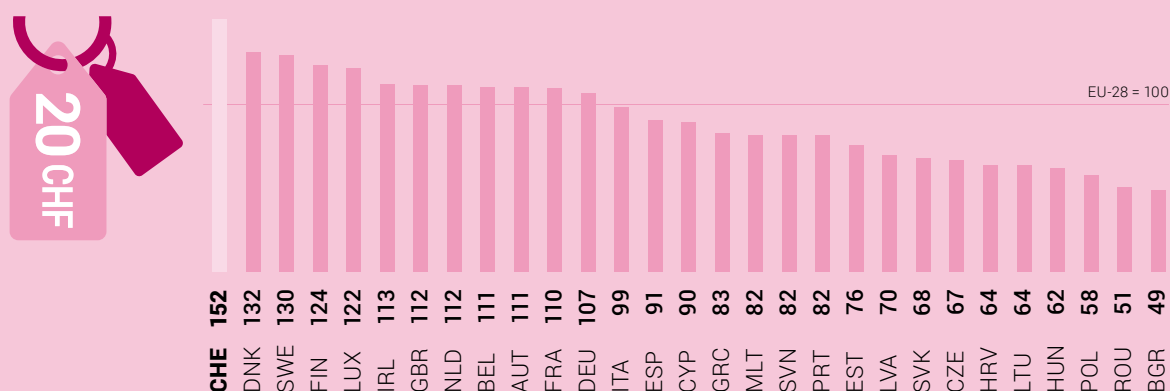
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Change in inflation rates in Switzerland between 2017 and 2018



Price level in international comparison (GDP)  
Provisional values 2017, EU-28 = 100



Sources: FSO – Prices, Eurostat



# Industry and services

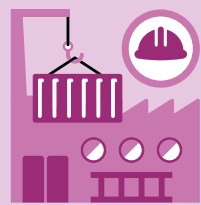
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## 2018



### 39 125

Newly founded enterprises, 2016



### 5.109

#### Jobs

2nd quarter 2019 in millions in full-time equivalents: **3.972**

### 590 253

Market-oriented companies in 2017

Sector 1

### 53 010

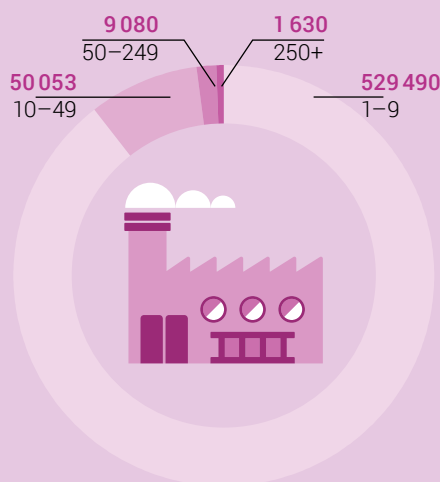
Sector 2

### 90 483

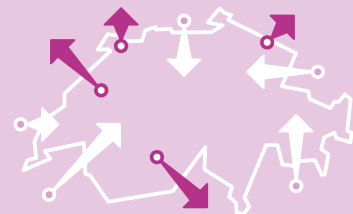
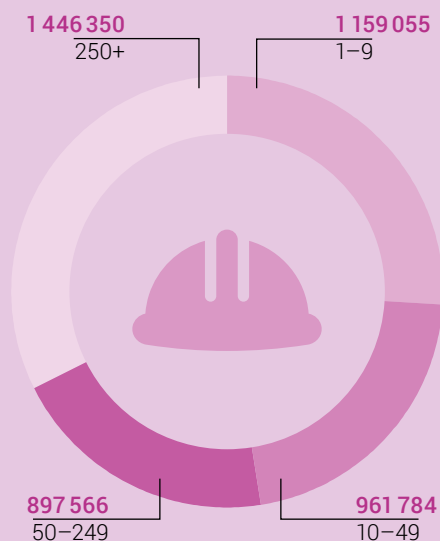
Sector 3

### 446 760

Number of market-oriented companies by size category, 2017



Number of employees by size category of companies, 2017



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

#### Imports

Total CHF 273.4 bn

Germany **56.6**

Great Britain **26.0**

United States **20.9**

Italy **20.8**

France **19.7**

#### Exports

Total CHF 303.9 bn

Germany **47.3**

United States **40.1**

China **29.6**

France **19.7**

India **17.4**

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

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# Agriculture and forestry

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## 2018



### 36%

Agricultural areas, 2009



### 31%

Forest and woods, 2009

Primary sector  
output value



### CHF 10.8 bn

Agriculture

### CHF 0.9 bn

Forestry

### CHF 0.05 bn

Fishing and fish farming



### 50 852

Farms  
of which organic 7032



### 5.2 m m<sup>3</sup>

Timber harvest

### 52%

Sawlogs

### 37%

Fuel wood

### 11%

Industrial wood

Utilised agricultural area



Total area 1045000 ha

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



### 59%

Self-sufficiency rate, 2017

kg per person, 2017

### 239

Milk and dairy products

### 103

Vegetables

### 90

Cereals

### 49

Meat

Source: FSO, Agristat

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# Energy

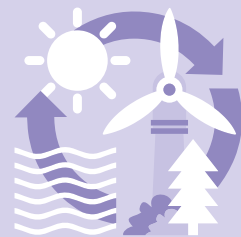
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2018



Energy dependency

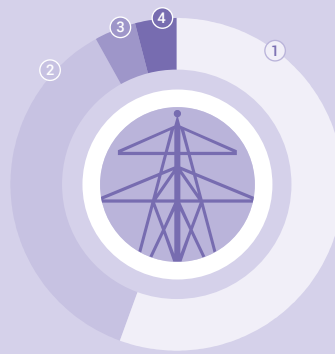
25% domestic production  
75% imports



23.3%  
share of renewable energies



63%  
share of fossil fuels



Domestic electricity production

- ① hydropower plants 55%
- ② nuclear power plants 36%
- ③ thermal power plants 4%
- ④ various renewable sources 4%



CHF 262

monthly household expenditure  
on energy, 2016

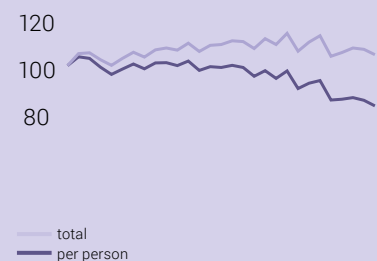
CHF 410 m

public expenditure  
on energy research, 2017



77%  
energy-related  
greenhouse gas emissions, 2017

Final energy consumption  
1990–2018

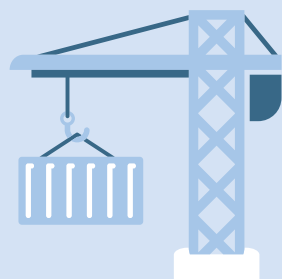


Sources: FSO – HBS; SFOE – Overall energy statistics, Renewable energy statistics, Electricity statistics, Energy research statistics; FOEN – Greenhouse gas inventory

# Construction and housing

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2018



12 315

New buildings  
with dwellings, 2017

50 209

Newly built dwellings, 2017



1 748 477

Residential buildings

997 999

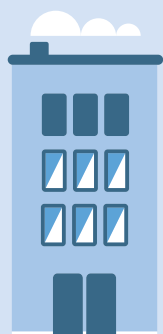
of which single-family houses

1 storey 123 212

2 storeys 814 264

3–5 storeys 759 659

6 + storeys 51 342



4 528 902

Total number of dwellings

3 784 230

Occupied dwellings

1 333 507

of which single-person households



CHF 1329

Average rent, 2017



1.7

Number of rooms per person

46 m<sup>2</sup>

Living space per person



1.66%

Empty dwellings rate, 2019



38.0%

Home ownership rate, 2017

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

# 55.4 m



Overnight stays in tourist accommodation

- ① Switzerland **28.6 m**
- ② Europe **16.8 m**
- ③ Asia **5.9 m**
- ④ America **3.3 m**
- ⑤ Africa and Oceania **0.8 m**



# 664 663

Total beds surveyed in tourist accommodation

Distribution of beds by sector

## 274 792

Hotel sector

## 154 149

Holiday homes

## 115 680

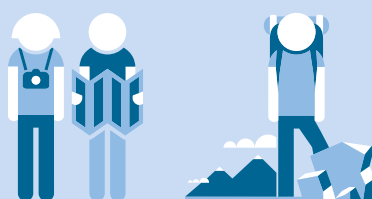
Collective accommodation

## 120 042

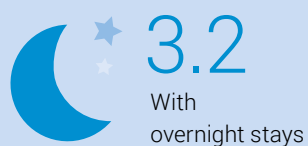
Campsites  
(pitches for passing guests x 4)

### Trips by the Swiss resident population

Number of trips per person and year



Daily expenditure per person on private trips with overnight stays



# 67%

Share of trips abroad in total trips with overnight stays



## CHF 18.7 bn

Tourism-related gross value added, 2017

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

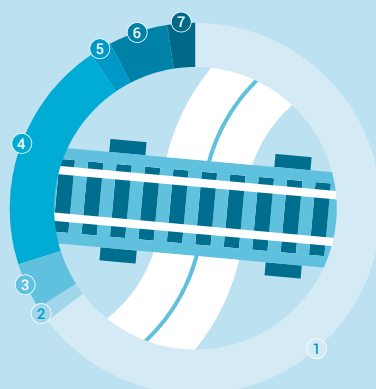
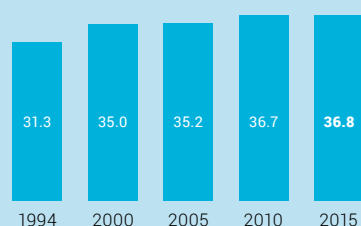
# Mobility and transport

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## 2018

### 36.8 km

Daily distance per person  
in Switzerland, 2015



- ① Passenger car **23.8 km**
- ② Motorised two wheelers **0.5 km**
- ③ Public road transport **1.5 km**
- ④ Railway **7.5 km**
- ⑤ Bicycle (incl. e-bike) **0.9 km**
- ⑥ On foot **1.9 km**
- ⑦ Other **0.7 km**



### 4.6 m

Passenger car stocks



### 57%

Share of the population  
with public transport  
season ticket(s), 2015

Road accidents

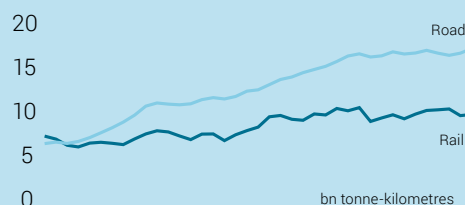


**233** Persons killed  
**21 831** Persons injured

Transport performance of goods transport

**63%** Road **37%** Rail

Change 1980–2018



### CHF 90 bn

Total costs  
of transport, 2016



Road **CHF 72 bn**

Rail **CHF 11 bn**

Air **CHF 6 bn**

Inland waterways **CHF 0.3 bn**

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

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

Sources: FSO – GTS, CFT, TP; FSO, ARE – MTMC; FSO, FEDRO – MFZ, SVU

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# Money, banks and insurance

2017

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## Banks



CHF 3249.4 bn

Total assets of banks

CHF 511.4 bn

Liquid assets of banks



CHF 1788.1 bn

Customer deposits  
of which in Switzerland: 1193,4 bn

CHF 974.7 bn

Mortgage claims  
of which major banks: 260.5 bn  
of which cantonal banks: 356.1 bn



253

Number of banking  
institutes in Switzerland

of which: 229 registered  
a profit 24 registered a loss



CHF 86.8 bn

Currency in circulation



110 413

Employees  
(full-time equivalents)

## Insurance



CHF 127.3 bn

Total premium revenue

- ① Life insurance 31.4 bn
- ② Accident and indemnity insurance 47.9 bn
- ③ Reinsurance 48.0 bn



192

Number of private  
insurance institutes

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

# Social security

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018



### 278 345

Number of social assistance recipients, in 2017

### 3.3%

Social assistance rate, in 2017

### 47.8%

Share of foreign nationals among social assistance recipients, in 2017



### 26.1%

Expenditure on the system of social security benefits, as % of the GDP, in 2017

### CHF 175 bn

Expenditure on social benefits, in 2017



- ① Sickness/health care **31.7%**
- ② Disability **8.1%**
- ③ Old age **42.4%**
- ④ Survivors **4.8%**
- ⑤ Family/children **6.0%**
- ⑥ Unemployment **3.6%**
- ⑦ Housing **1.1%**
- ⑧ Social exclusion **2.4%**



### CHF 2.8 bn

Net expenditure on social assistance in the narrow sense, in 2017

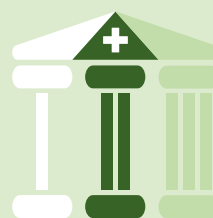


### CHF 44.1 bn

OASI, expenditure

### CHF 41.8 bn

OASI, revenue



### CHF 36.7 bn

2nd pillar, benefits (pensions + lump-sum), in 2017

### 1.2 m

Recipients of benefits, in 2017

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

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# Health

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2017



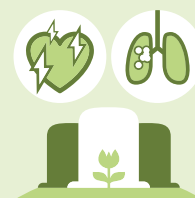
85%

Share of the population  
in good health



11%

Share of the population  
that is obese



64 964

Deaths in 2016, of which:

Cardiovascular diseases 20 712

Cancer 17 201

Dementia 5 764

Accidents 2 552

Suicide 1 016



259 421

Full-time equivalents, jobs in hospitals  
and nursing homes



4.3

Doctors per 1000 inhabitants

CHF 80.5 bn

(12.2% of the GDP)

Health expenditure 2016, of which:

Outpatient curative treatment CHF 21.4 bn

Inpatient curative treatment CHF 15.8 bn

Long-term care CHF 15.6 bn

Medical goods CHF 13.1 bn



12%

Share of the hospitalised  
population

16%

Share of the population aged 80  
and over in nursing homes  
(72% 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

2018

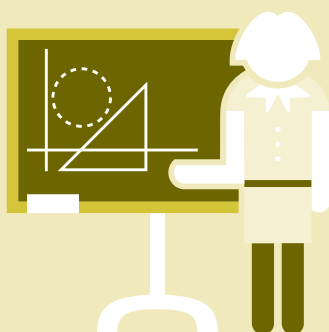
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People in education,  
in 2017/18, in thousands

- ① Compulsory education **944.7**
- ② Upper secondary level **365.3**
- ③ Advanced professional education and training **59.0**
- ④ Higher education institutions **247.9**

Teaching staff in 2017/18 and higher education staff, in thousands



Compulsory education **98.1**

Higher education institutions **93.1**

Upper secondary level **34.6**

Colleges of higher vocational education and training **6.4**

Diplomas, in thousands



**Upper secondary level**

- ① Vocational education and training **69.1**
- ② General education **42.0**

**Tertiary level**

- ③ Advanced professional education and training **26.8**
- Higher education institutions
- ④ Bachelor **31.7**
- ⑤ Master **18.8**
- ⑥ Doctorate **4.2**



**CHF 38.1 bn**

Educational public expenditure,  
in 2017

**5.7%**

of the gross domestic product



**CHF 22.6 bn**

Expenditure on research and development,  
in 2017, in Switzerland  
/Of which business enterprises **69%**

R&D personnel in the business enterprises **49 353**  
(full-time equivalents)

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

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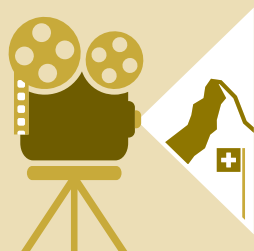
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# Culture, media, information society

2018

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1.4

Cinema admissions  
per inhabitant

2073

Films in the regular  
cinema programme



x103

Data on mobile network:  
between 2010 and 2018

92%

Share of households with  
internet access



13.5 m

Number of museums  
in Switzerland, 2017

1111

Number of museums  
in Switzerland, 2017



75 000

Share of population  
that went to watch  
sporting events



55.3 m

Number of physical  
documents held by Switzerland's  
10 largest libraries

70%

Share of the population that visited  
museums, exhibitions and galleries, 2014

>124 min.

Average time spent  
watching TV per day,  
CH-D: 118 min., CH-F: 132 min., CH-I: 170 min.



CHF 3.04 bn

Total public expenditure  
on culture, 2016

CHF 363

Total public expenditure  
on culture per inhabitant,  
2016

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

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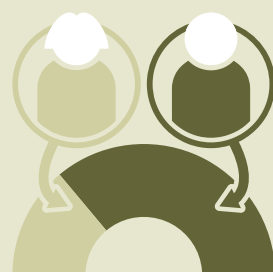


45.2%

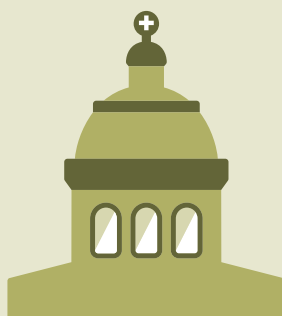
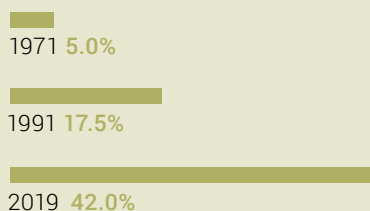
Voter participation,  
average value for last 5 years

45.1%

Voter participation,  
National Council Elections



Women in the National Council  
Progress from 1971 to 2019



## Federal popular votes

628 proposals in 309 polls  
since 1848

50% proposals in the last  
36 years

9% of proposals in  
the 19th century



## Votations populaires fédérales

Mandatory referendums:

75% Accepted  
(total 224)

Optional referendums:

57% Accepted  
(total 188)

Popular initiatives:

10% Accepted  
(total 216)




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)

Sources: FSO – Election and vote statistics

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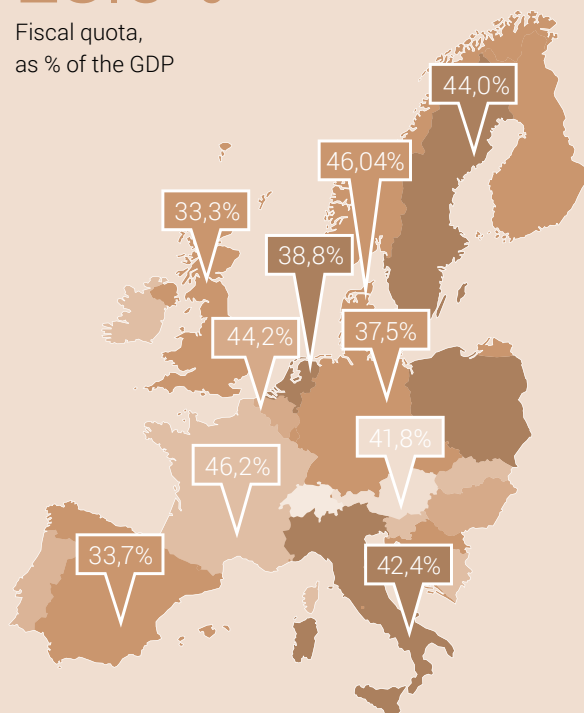
# Public finances

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018

### 28.5%

Fiscal quota,  
as % of the GDP



CHF

### CHF 4571 m

Ordinary fiscal balance  
Confederation (FS model)

Cantons **2759**

Communes **-171**

Public authorities **8267**



### 27.6%

Confederation  
debt rate,  
as % of the GDP



### CHF 69 591 m

Confederation expenditure (FS model)

Social security **22 470**

Finance and taxation **10 643**

Transport and communications **9 378**

Education **7 080**

General administration **6 256**

Public order and security, defence **6 126**

National economy **5 772**

Environmental protection and regional planning **1 044**

Culture, sport and recreation, church **535**

Health **286**



### CHF 3 232 780 m

Value added tax  
(2016, all economic sectors)

Sources: FSO – Federal Finance Administration

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# Crime and criminal law

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## 2018

### 432 754

Criminal offences against the Swiss Criminal Code (SCC)

Criminal offences registered by the police by title of the SCC

Property **67%**

Liberty **14%**

Other titles of the SCC **12%**

Life and limb **6%**

Sexual integrity **2%**



### 468

Juveniles in placement

### 6 972

Detained adults



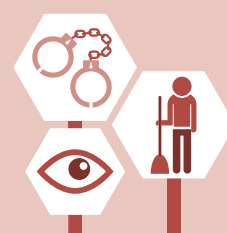
### 106

Burglaries registered by the police per day



### 51%

of domestic violence offences occur within an existing partnership



### 13 787

Juvenile convictions

### 36%

Due to consumption of narcotic substances

### 38%

Sentenced to unconditional community service

### 107 085

Adult convictions

### 53%

Due to road traffic offences

### 70%

Unconditional financial penalty (in total CHF 222 m)

Sources: FSO – Section Crime and criminal justice

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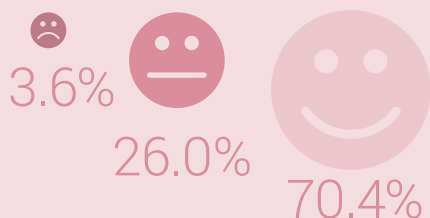
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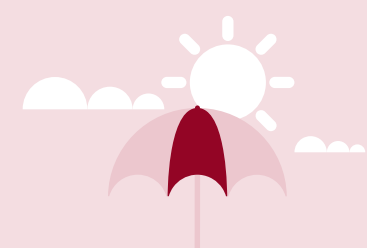
# Economic and social situation of the population

2016

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Life satisfaction



9.1%

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



7.5% = 615 000

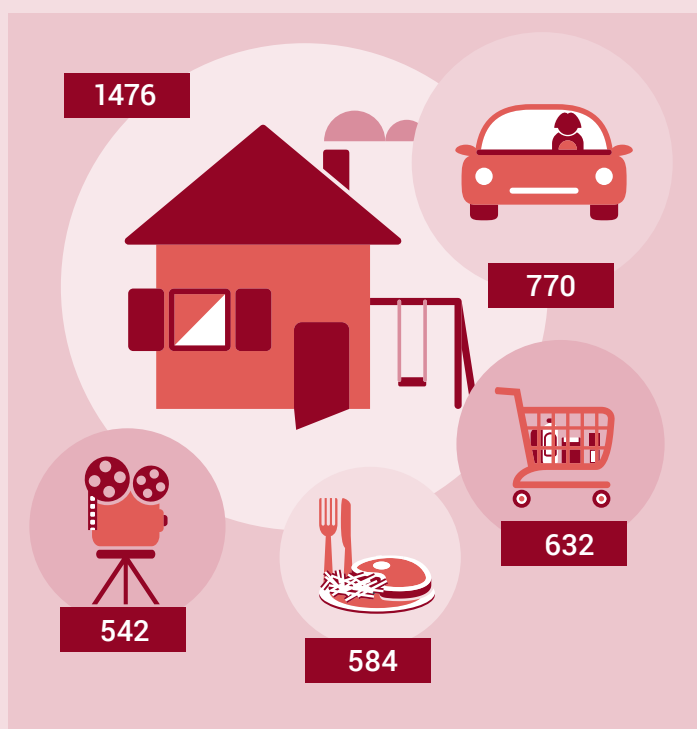
Persons affected by income poverty



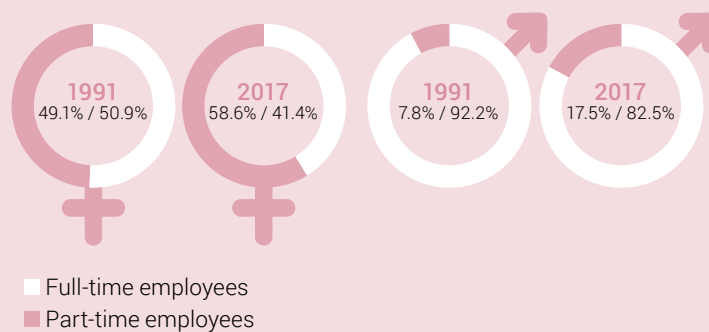
3.8% = 140 000

Employed persons affected by income poverty

Selected household budget items  
in CHF per month per household



Gender equality



Sources: FSO – HBS, SILC, SLFS

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# Sustainable development

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2017

## 2030 Agenda goals monitoring in Switzerland

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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) established by the United Nations



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Indicators



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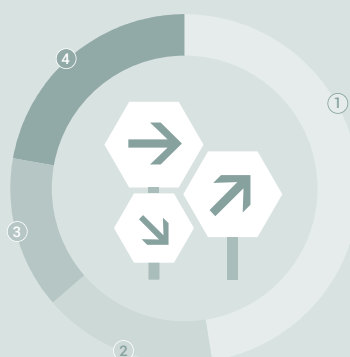
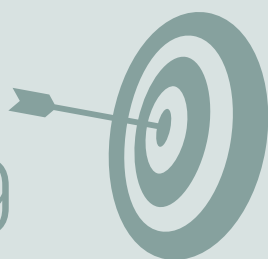
Indicators for the global dimension of sustainable development

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Indicators present gender equality

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Targets of the 2030 Agenda in the Swiss context



Assessment of the trend of the 85 indicators (2018)

- ① Positive 47%
- ② Negative 15%
- ③ Unchanged 15%
- ④ No assessment 22%

Source: FSO - Monitoring Sustainable Development (MONET)



# Regional Disparities

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2018



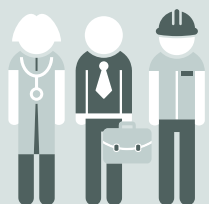
45%

of jobs in the 5 largest agglomerations  
(Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne,  
Zurich), 2017



4.2%

Social assistance rate in the urban area  
twice as high as in rural area, 2017



49%

of active population with  
a tertiary-level degree in an urban,  
39% in a rural area

Unemployment rate  
in the agglomerations



Geneva 4.3%

Lausanne 4.0%

Zurich 2.7%

Basel 2.7%

Other agglomerations or cores 2.6%

**Switzerland** 2.6%

Bern 2.1%

No agglomerations or cores 1.9%

Average distance to nearest service, 2015

Transport stops (2017)



Compulsory schools



Grocery shops



Doctors' practices




Urban

Intermediate

Rural

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

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# International comparisons and development cooperation

2017

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2.9 Planets

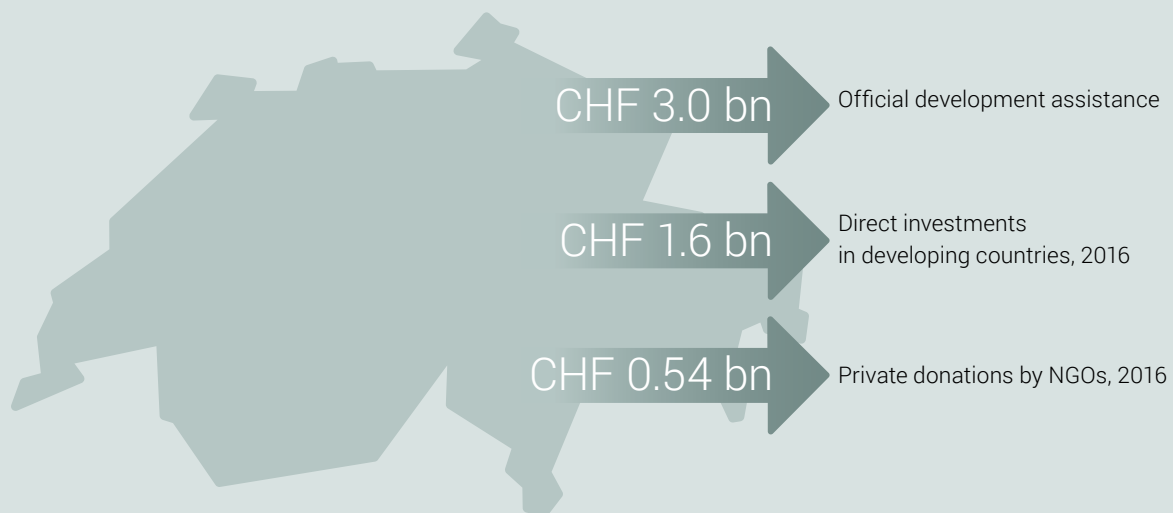
Ecological footprint, 2014



Human Development Index (HDI)



Official development assistance in relation to GNI



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

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