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Basel

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	171,513
Population density in km ²	2018	7,191.3
Youth dependency ratio	2018	26.0
Old age dependency ratio	2018	29.9
Median age, in years	2018	41.7
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	37.3
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	22.8
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	14.5

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	79.6
Employment rate 20-64	2018	77.6

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	98,666
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	6.8
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	0.7
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	40.2

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	2,167
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	12.6
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2018	630
per 1000 residents	2018	3.7
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	5.3

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	185,605
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	19.3
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	80.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	4,968

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	333
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	36
Commuters, total	2018	150,827
by public transport, in %	2018	55.6
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	22.9
by soft mobility, in %	2018	21.5
Stops of public transport	2018	168



Basel

per 1000 residents 2018 1.0

Culture and leisure

Cinema seats	2018	4,483
per 1000 residents	2018	26.1
Museums and Theaters	2018	40
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	1,374,739
per inhabitant	2018	8.0

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	23.9
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	12.6
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	74.3
Other land use, in %	2013/18	13.1



Bern

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	133,798
Population density in km ²	2018	2,592.0
Youth dependency ratio	2018	25.0
Old age dependency ratio	2018	26.2
Median age, in years	2018	39.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	25.3
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	14.2
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	11.1

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	85.4
Employment rate 20-64	2018	83.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	78,681
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	5.3
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	0.4
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	38.7

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	1,100
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	8.2
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	370
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	2.8
	2018	5.8

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	189,079
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	8.0
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	91.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	8,571

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	392
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	39
Commuters, total	2018	185,162
by public transport, in %	2018	60.2
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	26.5
by soft mobility, in %	2018	13.3
Stops of public transport	2018	188



Bern

per 1000 residents	2018	1.4
Culture and leisure		
Cinema seats	2018	7,028
per 1000 residents	2018	52.5
Museums and Theaters	2018	29
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	833,025
per inhabitant	2018	6.2
Landuse		
Total land area in km ²	2013/18	51.6
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	39.8
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	38.4
Other land use, in %	2013/18	21.8



Geneva



Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	200,548
Population density in km ²	2018	12,597.2
Youth dependency ratio	2018	27.0
Old age dependency ratio	2018	24.1
Median age, in years	2018	40.0
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	47.9
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	30.9
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	17.0

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	77.4
Employment rate 20-64	2018	72.1

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	108,178
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	0.7
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	0.6
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	36.0

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	2,106
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	10.5
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	1,297 6.5
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	7.8

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	182,521
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	5.4
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	94.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	7,182

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	358
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	37
Commuters, total	2018	141,355
by public transport, in %	2018	55.8
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	26.4
by soft mobility, in %	2018	17.8
Stops of public transport	2018	148



Geneva

per 1000 residents	2018	0.7
Culture and leisure		
Cinema seats	2018	2,509
per 1000 residents	2018	12.5
Museums and Theaters	2018	26
per 1000 residents	2018	0.1
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	2,158,493
per inhabitant	2018	10.8
Landuse		
Total land area in km ²	2013/18	15.9
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	18.6
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	74.6
Other land use, in %	2013/18	6.8



Lausanne

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	138,905
Population density in km ²	2018	3,356.8
Youth dependency ratio	2018	29.8
Old age dependency ratio	2018	22.5
Median age, in years	2018	37.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	43.2
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	27.7
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	15.5

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	79.6
Employment rate 20-64	2018	75.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	77,533
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	2.9
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	0.7
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	36.7

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	1,683
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	12.1
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2018	943
per 1000 residents	2018	6.8
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	3.1

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	122,100
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.1
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	5.2
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	94.7
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	6,122

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	359
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	38
Commuters, total	2018	125,147
by public transport, in %	2018	52.8
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	37.5
by soft mobility, in %	2018	9.8
Stops of public transport	2018	196



Lausanne



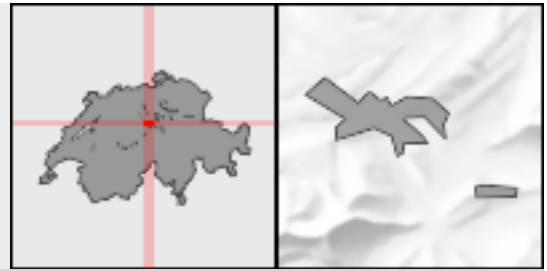
per 1000 residents 2018 1.4

Culture and leisure

Cinema seats	2018	4,672
per 1000 residents	2018	33.6
Museums and Theaters	2018	30
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	957,041
per inhabitant	2018	6.9

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	41.4
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	46.3
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	36.9
Other land use, in %	2013/18	16.8



Lucerne

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	81,401
Population density in km ²	2018	2,797.3
Youth dependency ratio	2018	24.5
Old age dependency ratio	2018	30.1
Median age, in years	2018	40.9
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	24.3
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	14.3
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	10.0

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	84.1
Employment rate 20-64	2018	83.0

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	45,804
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	4.1
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	1.0
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	45.4

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	574
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	7.1
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	365
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	4.5
	2018	2.6

Economic context

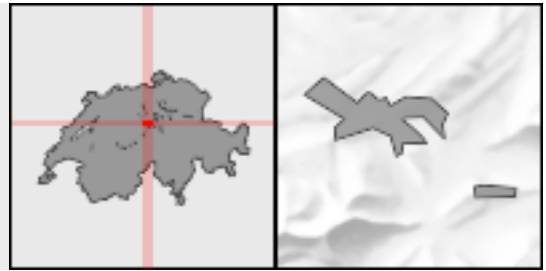
Employment, total	2018	81,515
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	8.9
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	90.9
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	2,832

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	425
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	36
Commuters, total	2018	83,692
by public transport, in %	2018	48.6
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	36.1
by soft mobility, in %	2018	15.3
Stops of public transport	2018	135



Lucerne



per 1000 residents 2018 1.7

Culture and leisure

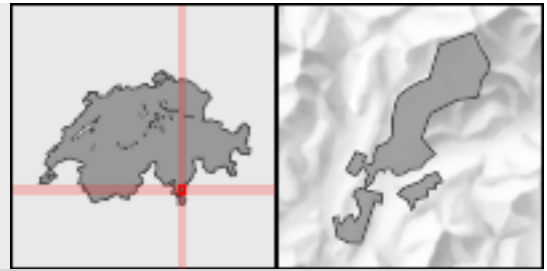
Cinema seats	2018	1,903
per 1000 residents	2018	23.4
Museums and Theaters	2018	13
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	1,399,288
per inhabitant	2018	17.2

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	29.1
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	28.7
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	40.2
Other land use, in %	2013/18	31.1



Lugano



Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	63,494
Population density in km ²	2018	836.2
Youth dependency ratio	2018	29.1
Old age dependency ratio	2018	36.4
Median age, in years	2018	45.9
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	38.5
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	30.7
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	7.8

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	73.4
Employment rate 20-64	2018	70.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	39,780
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	16.7
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	2.2
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	46.8

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	312
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	4.9
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2018	144
per 1000 residents	2018	2.3
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	5.0

Economic context

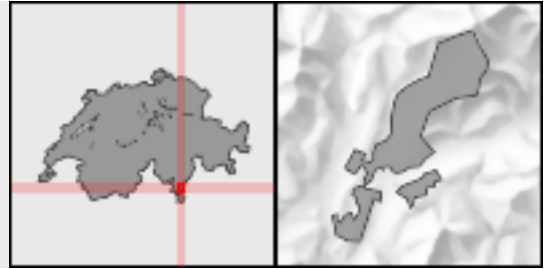
Employment, total	2018	56,789
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	10.0
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	89.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	2,676

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	618
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	32
Commuters, total	2018	43,418
by public transport, in %	2018	28.8
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	58.7
by soft mobility, in %	2018	12.5
Stops of public transport	2018	220



Lugano



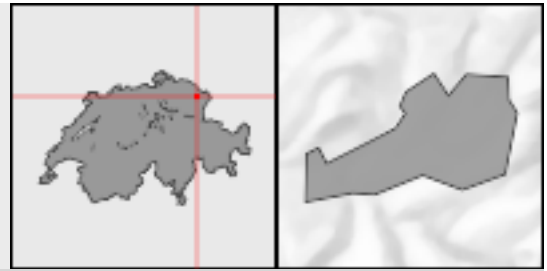
per 1000 residents 2018 3.5

Culture and leisure

Cinema seats	2018	1,318
per 1000 residents	2018	20.8
Museums and Theaters	2018	15
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	500,448
per inhabitant	2018	7.9

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	76.0
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	67.4
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	17.1
Other land use, in %	2013/18	15.5



St. Gallen

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	75,522
Population density in km ²	2018	1,917.8
Youth dependency ratio	2018	27.9
Old age dependency ratio	2018	27.3
Median age, in years	2018	39.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	30.9
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	17.2
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	13.7

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	82.4
Employment rate 20-64	2018	80.3

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	43,124
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	7.7
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	2.3
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	44.5

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	432
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	5.7
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	181
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	2.4
	2018	2.6

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	83,536
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	13.9
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	85.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	3,886

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	456
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	33
Commuters, total	2018	78,800
by public transport, in %	2018	44.3
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	44.3
by soft mobility, in %	2018	11.4
Stops of public transport	2018	177



St. Gallen



per 1000 residents 2018 2.3

Culture and leisure

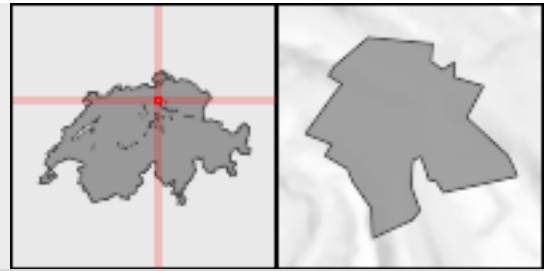
Cinema seats	2018	1,710
per 1000 residents	2018	22.6
Museums and Theaters	2018	14
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	247,478
per inhabitant	2018	3.3

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	39.3
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	32.1
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	37.2
Other land use, in %	2013/18	30.7



Zurich



Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	409,241
Population density in km ²	2018	4,654.2
Youth dependency ratio	2018	25.4
Old age dependency ratio	2018	22.5
Median age, in years	2018	38.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	32.5
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	22.5
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	10.0

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	84.8
Employment rate 20-64	2018	83.0

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	222,953
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	4.5
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	0.2
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	38.9

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	4,198
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	10.3
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	2,255 5.5
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	5.7

Economic context

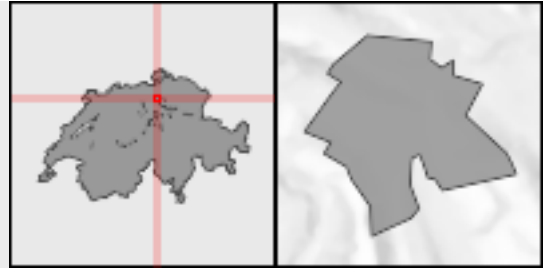
Employment, total	2018	480,106
in the primary sector, in %	2018	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	5.8
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	94.2
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	43,179

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	343
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	41
Commuters, total	2018	449,706
by public transport, in %	2018	67.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	23.8
by soft mobility, in %	2018	9.2
Stops of public transport	2018	446



Zurich



per 1000 residents 2018 1.1

Culture and leisure

Cinema seats	2018	10,356
per 1000 residents	2018	25.3
Museums and Theaters	2018	64
per 1000 residents	2018	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	3,447,702
per inhabitant	2018	8.4

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	87.9
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	35.5
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	51.1
Other land use, in %	2013/18	13.4



Switzerland

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2018	1,274,422
Population density in km ²	2018	–
Youth dependency ratio	2018	–
Old age dependency ratio	2018	–
Median age, in years	2018	–
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2018	–
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2018	–
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2018	–

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2018	–
Employment rate 20-64	2018	–

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2018	714,719
Houses per 100 apartments	2018	–
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2018	–
Average living space per person, in m ²	2018	–

Personal security

Violent crimes	2018	12,572
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2018	–
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2018	6,185
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2018	–

Economic context

Employment, total	2018	1,381,251
in the primary sector, in %	2018	–
in the secondary sector, in %	2018	–
in the tertiary sector, in %	2018	–
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2018	79,416

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2018	–
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	–
Commuters, total	2018	1,258,107
by public transport, in %	2018	–
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	–
by soft mobility, in %	2018	–
Stops of public transport	2018	1,678



Switzerland

per 1000 residents	2018	–
Culture and leisure		
Cinema seats	2018	33,979
per 1000 residents	2018	–
Museums and Theaters	2018	231
per 1000 residents	2018	–
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2018	10,918,214
per inhabitant	2018	–
Landuse		
Total land area in km ²	2013/18	365.1
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	281.1
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	369.6
Other land use, in %	2013/18	149.3



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