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# Population

Figures from 2019 unless another year is specified

## 2019



8 606 033

Permanent resident population



4 337 170



4 268 863



86 172

Live births



67 780

Deaths



3.8 m

Private households



38 974

Marriages

674

Registered partnerships



16 885

Divorces

200

Dissolved partnerships



85.6 years

Life expectancy at birth



81.9 years

Life expectancy at birth



169 573

Immigration



126 221

Emigration

Sources: FSO – BEVNAT, STATPOP



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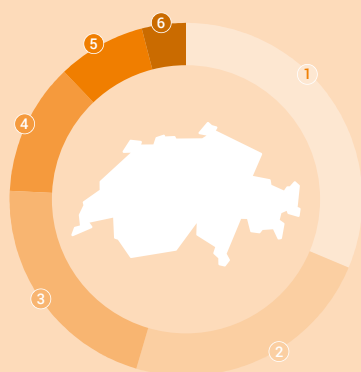
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# Territory and environment

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018



Land use, 2004/09

- 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%**



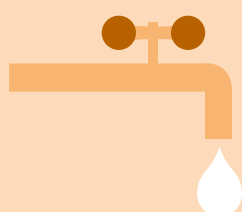
**17 t**

material footprint  
per person



**35%**

lost or endangered  
animal and plant species



**306 l**

daily consumption  
of drinking water  
per person



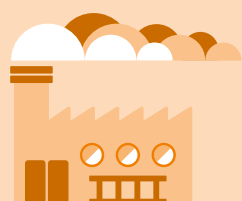
**6.3%**

environmentally-related  
tax revenue



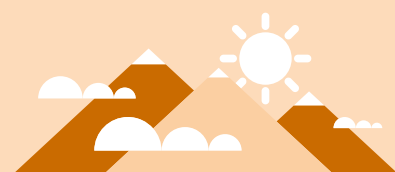
**705 kg**

municipal waste per person



**13 t**

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



**84%**

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



**150 000**

jobs in the environment sector

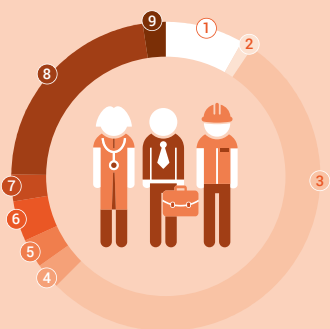
Sources: FSO – Land use statistics, Environmental accounting, Omnibus survey 2019; FOEN – Waste statistics, Red Lists; SGWA – Drinking water statistics

# Work and income

Figures from 2019 unless another year is specified

## 2019

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



- ① Self-employed **8.2%**
- ② Family members working in family business **1.2%**
- ③ Employees **53.1%**
- ④ Apprentices **2.7%**
- ⑤ Unemployed based on ILO definition **3.0%**
- ⑥ In education or training **4.2%**
- ⑦ Housewives/househusbands **2.8%**
- ⑧ Pensioners **22.4%**
- ⑨ Other economically inactive persons **2.4%**



### 5.092 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



### 1.615 m

Employed foreign nationals of whom 19.9% cross-border commuters



### 216 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 4.4% of the economically active population

### CHF +0.5%

Increase in real wages (compared to 2018)



### 7.929 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

### 9.245 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours, 2016

### 41.4

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)

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

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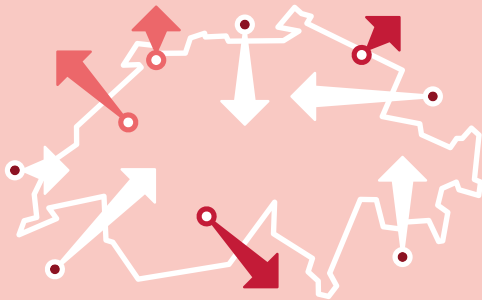
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# National economy

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

2018



Gross domestic product (GDP)

**CHF 689 545 m**

At current prices, provisional  
**CHF 80 986** per inhabitant

**+2.8%**

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

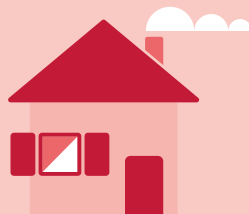
**CHF 691 417 m**

Gross national income (GNI)  
at current prices, provisional

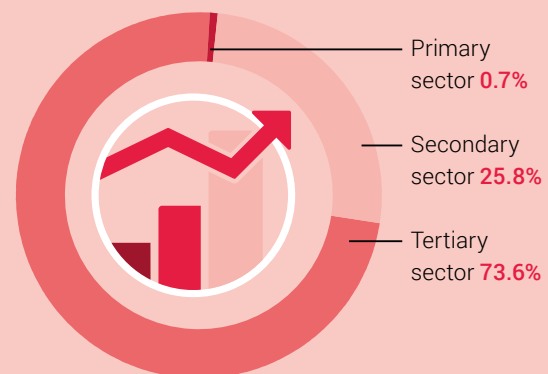
**CHF 367 250 m**

Consumption expenditure  
at current prices,  
provisional

**CHF 43 133** per inhabitant

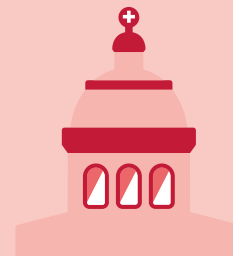


Structure of the Swiss economy  
as a % of the GDP, by economic sectors



**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

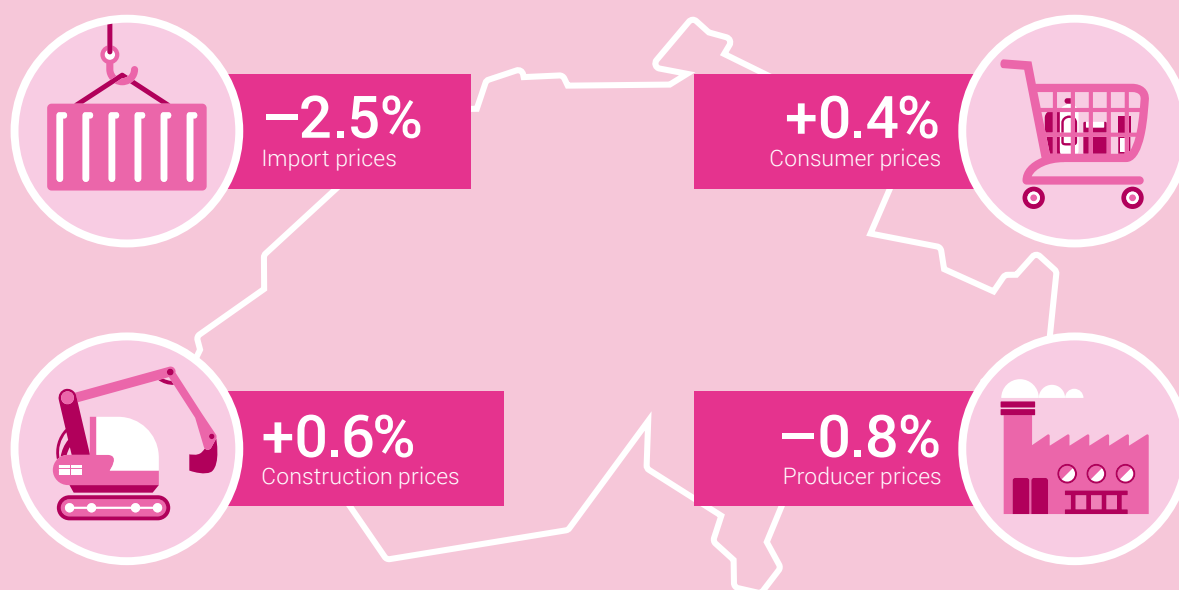
Sources: FSO – National accounts

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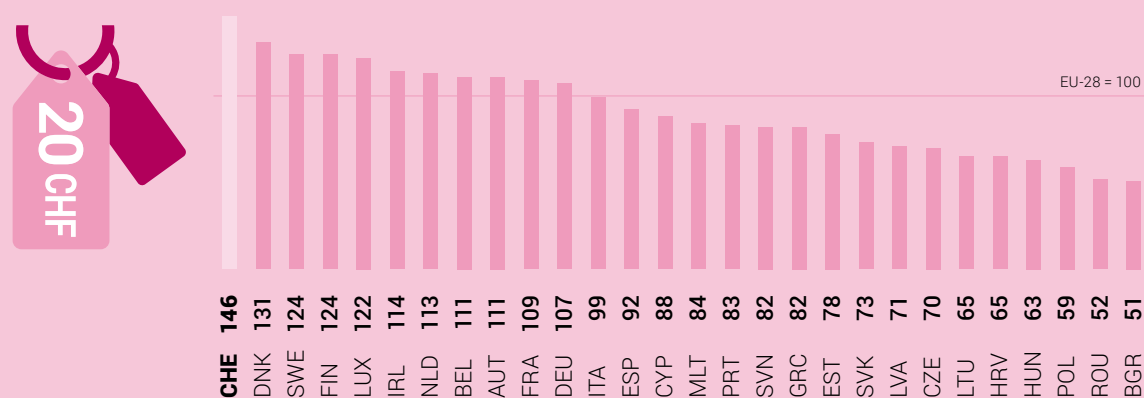
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Change in inflation rates in Switzerland between 2018 and 2019



Price level in international comparison (GDP)  
Provisional values 2018, EU-28 = 100



Sources: FSO - Prices, Eurostat



# Industry and services

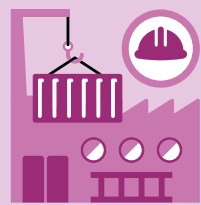
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## 2019



### 39 303

Newly founded enterprises, 2017



### 5.095

#### Jobs

2nd quarter 2020 in millions in full-time equivalents: **3.983**

### 592 722

Market-oriented companies in 2017

Sector 1

### 52 270

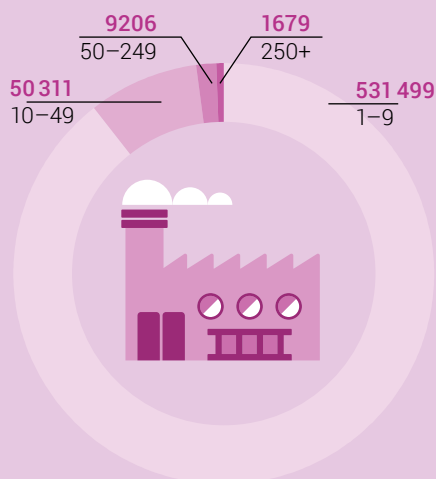
Sector 2

### 90 256

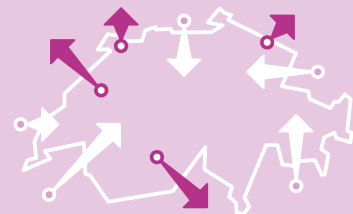
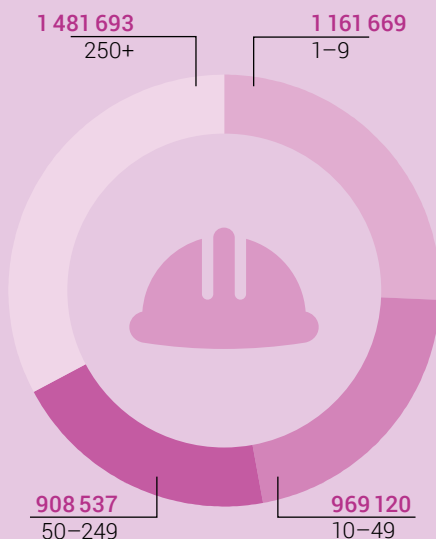
Sector 3

### 450 169

Number of market-oriented companies by size category, 2018



Number of employees by size category of companies, 2018



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

#### Imports

Total CHF 276.1 bn

Germany **57.2**

Italy **22.2**

France **18.9**

United States **18.9**

Great Britain **16.4**

#### Exports

Total CHF 312.0 bn

Germany **47.7**

United States **44.2**

Great Britain **28.1**

China **21.4**

France **19.2**

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

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# Agriculture and forestry

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## 2019



### 36%

Agricultural areas, 2009



### 31%

Forest and woods, 2009

Primary sector  
output value,  
2018



### CHF 10.8 bn

Agriculture

### CHF 0.9 bn

Forestry

### CHF 0.05 bn

Fishing and fish farming



### 50 038

Farms  
of which organic **7 284**



### 4.6 m m<sup>3</sup>

Timber harvest

### 48%

Sawlogs

### 41%

Fuel wood

### 11%

Industrial  
wood

Utilised agricultural area



Total area **1 044 000 ha**

- 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%**



### 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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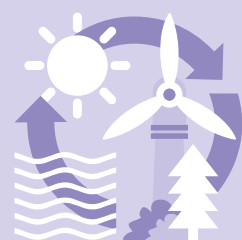
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Energy dependency

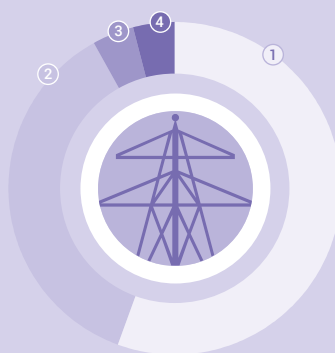
25% domestic production  
75% imports



24.1%  
renewable energies



63%  
fossil fuels



Domestic electricity production

- ① hydropower plants 56%
- ② nuclear power plants 35%
- ③ thermal power plants 4%
- ④ various renewable sources 4%



CHF 266

monthly household expenditure  
on energy, 2017

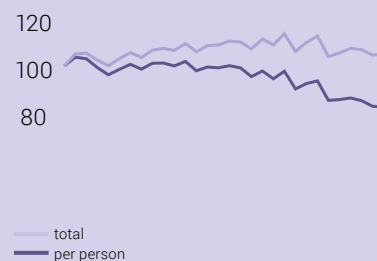
CHF 404 m

public expenditure  
on energy research, 2018



76%  
energy-related  
greenhouse gas emissions, 2018

Final energy consumption  
1990–2019

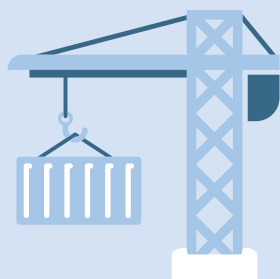


Sources: FSO – HBS; SFOE – Overall energy statistics, Renewable energy statistics, Electricity statistics, Energy research statistics; FOEN – Greenhouse gas inventory

# Construction and housing

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## 2019



### 12 190

New buildings  
with dwellings, 2018

### 53 199

Newly built dwellings, 2018



### 1 748 477

Residential buildings, 2018

### 997 999

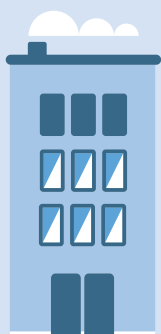
of which single-family houses, 2018

1 storey **123 212**

2 storeys **814 264**

3–5 storeys **759 659**

6 + storeys **51 342**



### 4 528 902

Total number of dwellings, 2018

### 3 784 230

Occupied dwellings, 2018

### 1 333 507

of which single-person households, 2018



### CHF 1329

Average rent, 2017



### 1.66%

Empty dwellings rate



### 38.0%

Home ownership rate, 2017

### 1.7

Number of rooms per person, 2018

### 46 m<sup>2</sup>

Living space per person, 2018

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

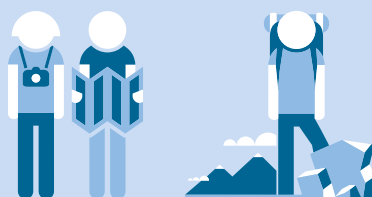
Collective accommodation

## 120 042

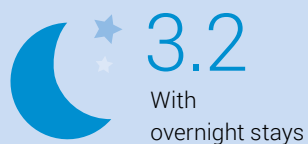
Campsites  
(pitches for passing guests x 4)

### 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 19.3 bn

Tourism-related gross value added

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

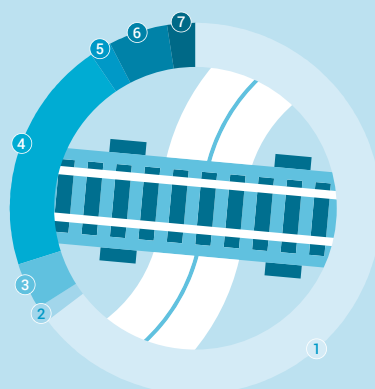
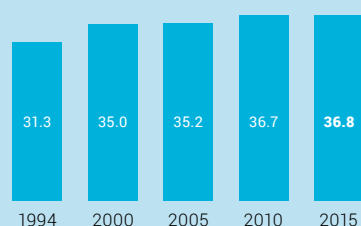
# Mobility and transport

Figures from 2019 unless another year is specified

## 2019

### 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

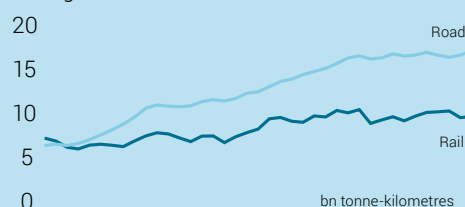


**187** Persons killed  
**21 280** Persons injured

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

2019

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## Banks



CHF 3317.6 bn

Banks' total assets

CHF 542.9 bn

Banks' liquid assets



CHF 1815.3 bn

Customer deposits  
of which in Switzerland: 1247,7 bn

CHF 1041.6 bn

Mortgage loans (Switzerland)  
at major banks: 271.2 bn  
at cantonal banks: 386.4 bn



246

Number of banking  
institutes in Switzerland

216 of which registered a profit  
30 of which registered a loss



CHF 84.4 bn

Currency in circulation



106 084

Employees  
(full-time equivalents)

## Insurance (2018)



CHF 115.0 bn

Total premium revenue

- ① Life insurance 31.5 bn
- ② Accident and indemnity insurance 42.2 bn
- ③ Reinsurance 41.3 bn



187

Number of private  
insurance institutes

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

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# Social security

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2019



274 200

Number of social assistance recipients, in 2018

3.2%

Social assistance rate, in 2018

28.9%

Share of 0–17 year old social assistance recipients, in 2018



25.7%

Expenditure on the system of social security benefits, as % of the GDP, in 2018

CHF 177 bn

Expenditure on social benefits, in 2018



- ① Sickiness/health care **31.5%**
- ② Disability **8.1%**
- ③ Old age **43.0%**
- ④ Survivors **4.8%**
- ⑤ Family/children **5.9%**
- ⑥ Unemployment **3.2%**
- ⑦ Housing **1.1%**
- ⑧ Social exclusion **2.4%**



CHF 2.8 bn

Net expenditure on economic social assistance, in 2018

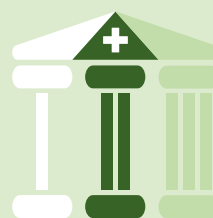


CHF 46.9 bn

OASI, revenue

CHF 45.2 bn

OASI, expenditure



CHF 38.1 bn

2nd pillar, benefits, in 2018  
(pensions + lump-sum)

1.2 m

Recipients of benefits, in 2018

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



# Health

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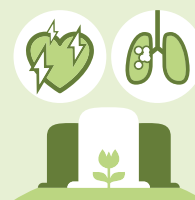
# 2018



Share of the population  
in good health, 2017



Share of the population  
that is obese, 2017



66 971

Deaths in 2017, of which:

Cardiovascular diseases 21 042

Cancer 17 295

Dementia 6588

Accidents 2534

Suicide 1043



264 326

Full-time equivalents, jobs in hospitals  
and nursing homes



4.4

Doctors per 1000 inhabitants

CHF 81.9 bn

(11.9% of the GDP)

Health expenditure, of which:

Outpatient curative treatment CHF 21.7 bn

Long-term care CHF 16.4 bn

Inpatient curative  
treatment CHF 15.5 bn

Medical goods CHF 12.6 bn



12%

Share of the hospitalised  
population

15%

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

2019

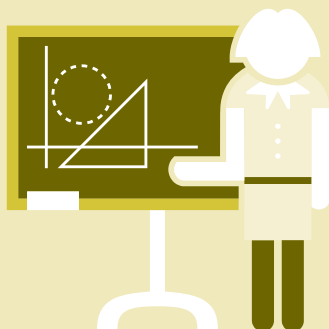
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People in education,  
in 2018/19, in thousands

- ① Compulsory education **954.8**
- ② Upper secondary level **363.0**
- ③ Advanced professional education and training **60.6**
- ④ Higher education institutions **252.5**

Teaching staff in 2018/19 and higher education staff, in thousands



- Compulsory education **99.5**
- Higher education institutions **95.7**
- Upper secondary level **34.7**
- Colleges of higher vocational education and training **7.0**

Diplomas, in thousands



Upper secondary level

- ① Vocational education and training **68.0**
- ② General education **42.6**

Tertiary level

- ③ Advanced professional education and training **27.6**
- Higher education institutions
- ④ Bachelor **32.3**
- ⑤ Master **19.2**
- ⑥ Doctorate **4.3**



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-SFPI, SBA, ÖBA, RD Switzerland, RD Priv

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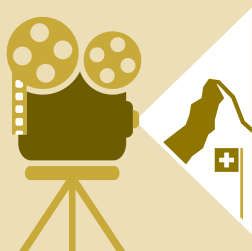
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# Culture, media, information society

2019

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1.5  
Cinema admissions  
per inhabitant

2067  
Films in the regular  
cinema programme



x103  
Data on mobile network:  
between 2010 and 2018

92%  
Share of households with  
internet access



13.3 m  
Number of museums  
in Switzerland, 2018

1118  
Number of museums  
in Switzerland, 2018



75 000  
Share of population  
that went to watch  
sporting events, 2016



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

70%

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

>119 min.

Average time spent  
watching TV per day,  
CH-D: 112 min., CH-F: 131 min., CH-I: 163 min.



CHF 2.94 bn  
Total public expenditure  
on culture, 2017

CHF 354  
Total public expenditure  
on culture per inhabitant,  
2017

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

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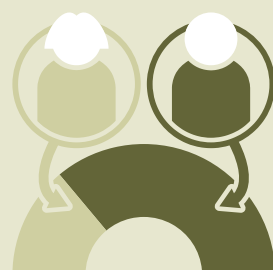


45.2%

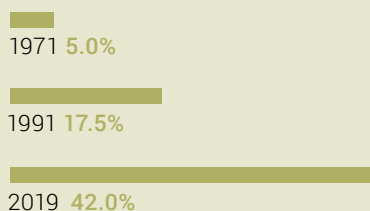
Voter participation,  
average value for last 5 years

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



## Federal popular votes

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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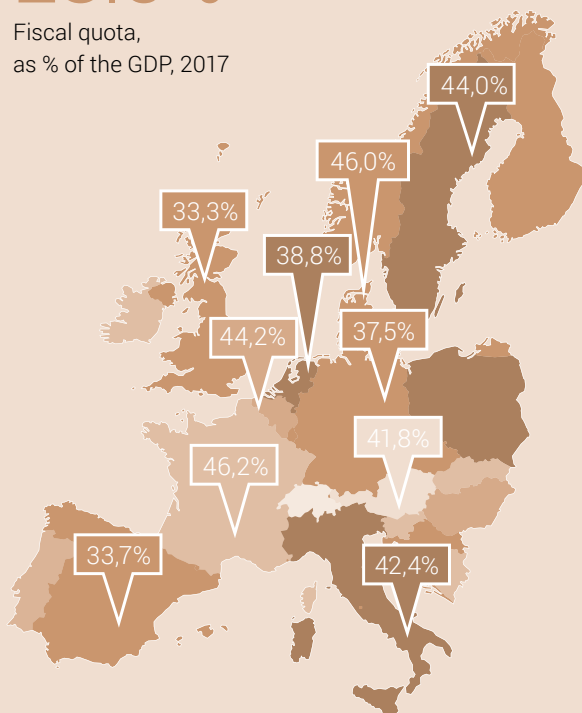
# Public finances

Figures from 2018 unless another year is specified

## 2018

### 28.5%

Fiscal quota,  
as % of the GDP, 2017



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 **9378**

Education **7080**

General administration **6256**

Public order and security, defence **6126**

National economy **5772**

Environmental protection and regional planning **1044**

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

Health **286**



### CHF 3 669 406 m

Value added tax  
(2017, all economic sectors)

Sources: FSO – Federal Finance Administration

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# Crime and criminal law

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## 2019

### 432 000

Criminal offences against the Swiss Criminal Code (SCC)

Criminal offences registered by the police by title of the SCC

Property **66.3%**

Liberty **13.4%**

Other titles of the SCC **12.2%**

Life and limb **6.2%**

Sexual integrity **1.9%**



### 468

Juveniles in placement

### 6943

Detained adults



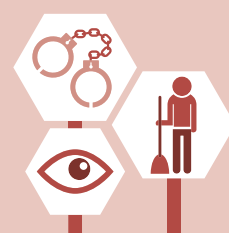
### 100

Burglaries registered by the police per day



### 52%

of domestic violence offences occur within an existing partnership



### 14 773

Juvenile convictions

### 35%

Due to consumption of narcotic substances

### 34%

Sentenced to unconditional community service

### 105 440

Adult convictions

### 53%

Due to road traffic offences

### 69%

Unconditional financial penalty (in total CHF 214 m)

Sources: FSO – Section Crime and criminal justice

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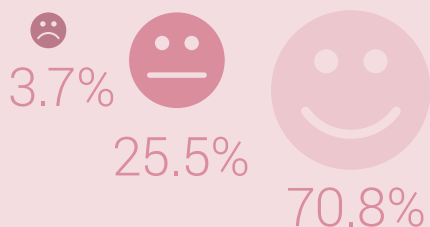
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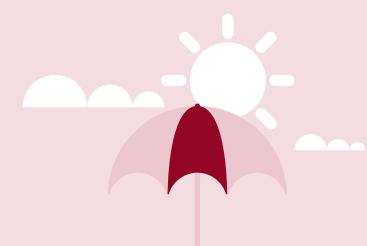
# Economic and social situation of the population

2018

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Satisfaction with current life



9.6%

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



7.9% = 660 000

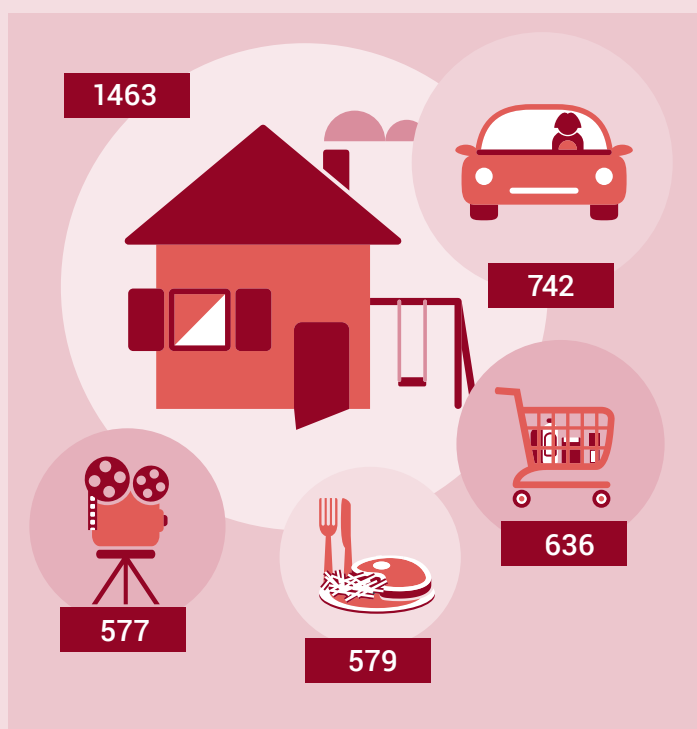
Persons affected by income poverty



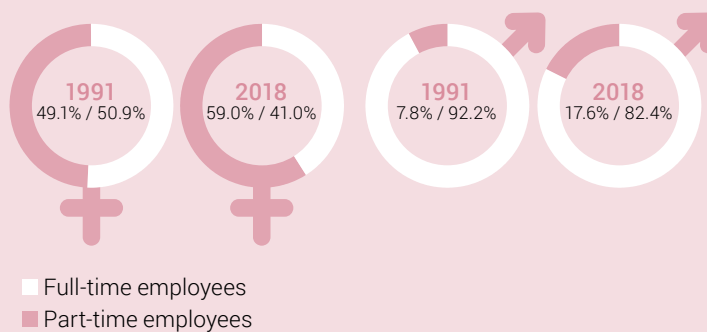
3.7% = 133 000

Employed persons affected by income poverty

Selected household budget items, 2017  
in CHF per month per household



Gender equality



Sources: FSO – HBS, SILC, SLFS

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# Sustainable development

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2019

## 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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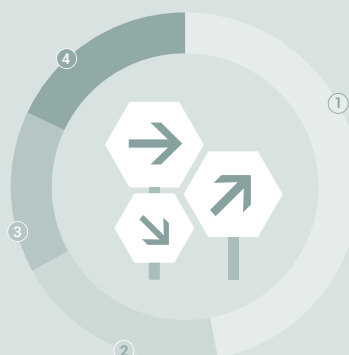
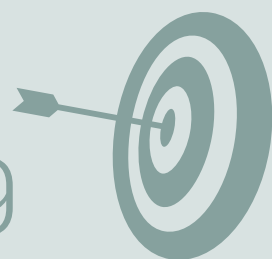


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Indicators present gender equality

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Targets of the 2030 Agenda in the Swiss context



Assessment of the trend of the 103 indicators

- ① Positive 47%
- ② Negative 20%
- ③ Unchanged 15%
- ④ No assessment 18%

Source: FSO - Monitoring Sustainable Development (MONET 2030)



# Regional Disparities

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2019



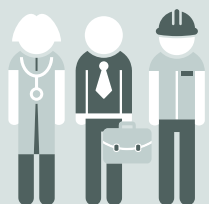
45%

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



4.1%

Social assistance rate in the urban area  
twice as high as in rural area, 2018



51%

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

Unemployment rate  
in the agglomerations



Geneva 3.7%

Lausanne 3.6%

Other agglomerations or cores 2.4%

Basel 2.3%

**Switzerland** 2.3%

Zurich 2.2%

Bern 1.9%

No agglomerations or cores 1.7%

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

2018

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2.8 Planets

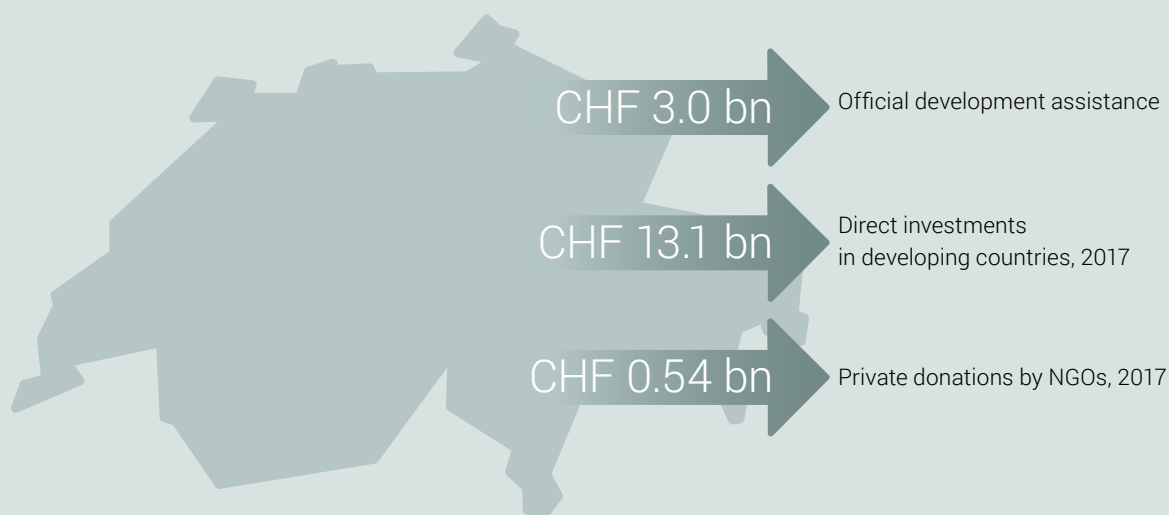
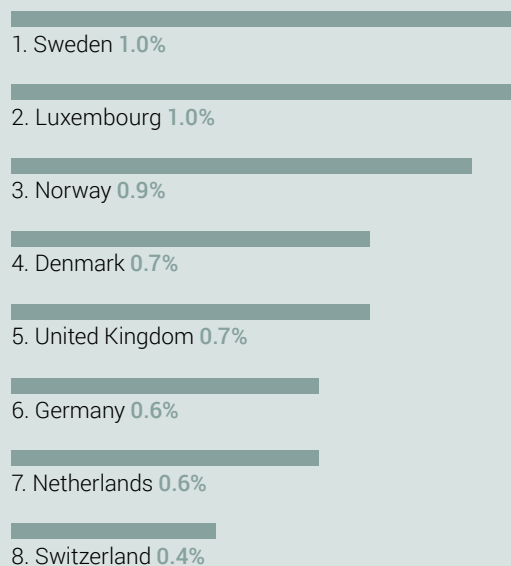
Ecological footprint, 2016



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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