Switzerland’s population in 2020
Population

In terms of population growth, Switzerland is a dynamic country

In 2020, Switzerland had almost 8.7 million inhabitants compared with 6.8 million in 1990

Swiss population 74.5%
Foreign population 25.5%

Average age
- Male: 41.6
- Female: 43.6

Households by household size
- 1-person households: 35.7%
- 2-person households: 32.7%
- 3+ person households: 31.6%

Sources: FSO – FPC, ESPOP, STATPOP © FSO 2021
Births and fertility

Each successive generation is smaller than that of its parents

In 2020, more than one birth in four took place outside marriage

Live births
85,914
- Female: 41,615
- Male: 44,299

Most popular first names of newborns
- Mia
- Emma
- Mila
- Noah
- Liam
- Matteo

Fertility indicators by sex
- Average number of children: Female: 1.46, Male: 1.36
- Average age at maternity or paternity: Female: 32.2, Male: 35.1

Evolution of births outside marriage
- 2000: 8,389
- 2010: 14,947
- 2020: 23,757

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Deaths and mortality

The fight against infectious diseases, the general improvement in living conditions and the development of medical techniques reduced mortality over the course of the 20th century.

Owing to the number of deaths recorded in 2020, life expectancy at birth is decreasing.

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The institution of marriage is declining in favour of other forms of living together.

On average, persons who enter a registered same-sex partnership are older than those who get married.

**Marriages and registered partnerships**

Marriages

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**Average age at first-time marriage**

Average age at time of registration of partnership

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**Divorces and dissolved partnerships**

A record number of divorces was recorded in 2010 with 22 100 legal dissolutions of marriage.

The average length of marriage at time of divorce is increasing due to the fact that many divorces take place after 20 years or more of marriage.

**Average length of marriage at the time of divorce**

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International and internal migration

One in seven persons arriving in Switzerland and one in four leaving the country are Swiss nationals

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**Immigration**

- Switzerland: 67.7%
- Europe: 15.6%
- Africa: 4.7%
- America: 2.8%
- Asia, Oceania, stateless persons: 9.1%

**Emigration**

- Switzerland: 59.0%
- Europe: 23.6%
- Africa: 4.5%
- America: 2.7%
- Asia, Oceania, stateless persons: 10.2%

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**Net internal migration, 2020**

Difference between arrivals and departures from/to other regions of Switzerland per 1 000 population

- ≥ 5.0
- 2.5 – 4.9
- 0.0 – 2.4
- −2.5 – −0.1
- −5.0 – −2.6
- < −5.0

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Ageing

There are ever fewer young people and ever more older people dependent on the working-age population

31 December 1900
31 December 1950
31 December 2020

Source: FSO – FPC, STATPOP

The percentage of older people grows each year

Source: FSO – STATPOP

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Population projections

To a greater or lesser extent, the population will continue to increase until 2050

In 2050, there will be roughly two working-age persons for each retirement-age person

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