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# City Statistics portraits 2021: agglomerations

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## Basel: national agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	552,863
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	794.4
Youth dependency ratio	2020	30.7
Old age dependency ratio	2020	34.9
Median age, in years	2020	44.8
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	27.8
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	17.5
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	10.3

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	77.5
Employment rate	2020	77.2

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	286,264
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	31.3
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	1.2
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	46

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	3,461
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	6.3
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	1,462
per 1000 residents	2020	2.6
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	3.7

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	373,515
in the primary sector, in %	2020	1.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	22.3
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	76.7
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	9,574
in % of total employment	2020	2.6

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	457.5
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	30.9
Commuters, total	2020	222,218
by public transport, in %	2020	40.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	37.2
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	22.6
Stops of public transport	2020	914
per 1000 residents	2020	1.7

### Culture and leisure



## Basel: national agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	4,545
per 1000 residents	2020	8.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	713,776
per inhabitant	2020	1.3

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	696
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	41.9
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	9.3
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	5.4
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.6
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	37.8
Other land use, in %	2013/18	1.9



## Bern: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	422,055
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	538.7
Youth dependency ratio	2020	30.6
Old age dependency ratio	2020	33.6
Median age, in years	2020	43.4
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	18.4
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	9.9
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	8.5

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	83.3
Employment rate	2020	83.7

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	222,200
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	19.2
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	1.2
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	45

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	2,158
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	5.1
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	824
per 1000 residents	2020	2.0
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	4.2

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	326,286
in the primary sector, in %	2020	2.3
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	12.9
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	84.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	18,474
in % of total employment	2020	5.7

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	472.5
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	35.2
Commuters, total	2020	236,031
by public transport, in %	2020	46.5
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	37.9
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	15.6
Stops of public transport	2020	816
per 1000 residents	2020	1.9

### Culture and leisure



## Bern: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	6,740
per 1000 residents	2020	16.0
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	451,453
per inhabitant	2020	1.1

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	783
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	28.9
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	7.1
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	4.6
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	2.4
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	54.8
Other land use, in %	2013/18	2.2



## Geneva: national agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	603,204
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	1,124.3
Youth dependency ratio	2020	34.7
Old age dependency ratio	2020	26.0
Median age, in years	2020	40.7
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	39.0
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	25.9
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	13.2

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	74.3
Employment rate	2020	71.9

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	282,620
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	15.8
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	0.6
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	38

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	4,460
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	7.4
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	2,834
per 1000 residents	2020	4.7
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	6.1

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	413,462
in the primary sector, in %	2020	0.8
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	13.6
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	85.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	16,693
in % of total employment	2020	4.0

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	461.6
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	34.7
Commuters, total	2020	213,623
by public transport, in %	2020	44.4
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	36.4
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	19.2
Stops of public transport	2020	954
per 1000 residents	2020	1.6

### Culture and leisure



## Geneva: national agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	7,223
per 1000 residents	2020	12.0
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	1,137,103
per inhabitant	2020	1.9

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	537
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	33.7
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	12.4
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	6.5
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.7
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	41.3
Other land use, in %	2013/18	2.4





## Lausanne: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	427,850
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	553.0
Youth dependency ratio	2020	33.8
Old age dependency ratio	2020	25.4
Median age, in years	2020	39.4
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	33.9
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	23.9
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	10.1

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	77.1
Employment rate	2020	75.7

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	216,055
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	15.2
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	1.0
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	41

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	3,331
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	7.8
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	980
per 1000 residents	2020	2.3
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	3.8

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	277,124
in the primary sector, in %	2020	1.8
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	13.8
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	84.3
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	14,266
in % of total employment	2020	5.1

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	493.5
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	33.0
Commuters, total	2020	190,444
by public transport, in %	2020	37.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	51.3
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	11.1
Stops of public transport	2020	923
per 1000 residents	2020	2.2

### Culture and leisure



## Lausanne: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	6,638
per 1000 residents	2020	15.5
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	646,692
per inhabitant	2020	1.5

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	774
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	26.7
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	7.4
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	4.9
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	2.3
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	57.3
Other land use, in %	2013/18	1.2



## Lucerne: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	233,491
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	803.8
Youth dependency ratio	2020	30.1
Old age dependency ratio	2020	30.9
Median age, in years	2020	42.3
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	21.8
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	12.6
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	9.1

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	82.6
Employment rate	2020	82.6

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	118,533
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	12.5
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	1.4
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	46

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	941
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	4.0
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	618
per 1000 residents	2020	2.6
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	5.1

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	154,434
in the primary sector, in %	2020	1.5
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	16.7
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	81.7
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	5,492
in % of total employment	2020	3.6

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	478.6
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	30.7
Commuters, total	2020	109,143
by public transport, in %	2020	33.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	47.9
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	19.0
Stops of public transport	2020	416
per 1000 residents	2020	1.8

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## Lucerne: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	5,719
per 1000 residents	2020	24.5
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	654,470
per inhabitant	2020	2.8

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	290
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	31.6
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	9.2
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	5.4
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.5
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	46.6
Other land use, in %	2013/18	3.7



## Lugano: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	150,175
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	494.4
Youth dependency ratio	2020	30.5
Old age dependency ratio	2020	36.4
Median age, in years	2020	46.7
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	31.4
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	25.6
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	5.8

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	71.8
Employment rate	2020	69.7

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	94,659
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	33.2
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	2.7
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	48

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	598
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	4.0
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	282
per 1000 residents	2020	1.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	4.8

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	111,685
in the primary sector, in %	2020	0.7
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	18.3
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	81.0
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	5,630
in % of total employment	2020	5.0

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	639.1
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	28.7
Commuters, total	2020	53,407
by public transport, in %	2020	21.6
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	64.0
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	14.4
Stops of public transport	2020	589
per 1000 residents	2020	3.9

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## Lugano: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	1,530
per 1000 residents	2020	10.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	733,435
per inhabitant	2020	4.9

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	304
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	66.8
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	8.5
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	4.2
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	2.7
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	11.9
Other land use, in %	2013/18	5.9



## St. Gallen: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	167,643
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	526.2
Youth dependency ratio	2020	32.1
Old age dependency ratio	2020	30.6
Median age, in years	2020	41.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	23.2
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	13.2
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	10.1

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	79.9
Employment rate	2020	79.4

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	88,241
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	21.0
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	2.5
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	48

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	785
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	4.7
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	263
per 1000 residents	2020	1.6
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	3.5

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	129,867
in the primary sector, in %	2020	2.1
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	19.3
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	78.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	5,438
in % of total employment	2020	4.2

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	511.9
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	28.4
Commuters, total	2020	88,115
by public transport, in %	2020	33.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	51.5
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	14.8
Stops of public transport	2020	449
per 1000 residents	2020	2.7

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## St. Gallen: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	3,237
per 1000 residents	2020	19.3
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	244,016
per inhabitant	2020	1.5

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	319
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	27.3
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	7.8
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	4.4
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.1
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	55.2
Other land use, in %	2013/18	2.1





## Winterthur: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	145,052
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	922.0
Youth dependency ratio	2020	32.2
Old age dependency ratio	2020	27.1
Median age, in years	2020	40.0
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	22.0
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	12.5
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	9.6

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	82.1
Employment rate	2020	80.8

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	69,875
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	24.2
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	0.6
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	45

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	948
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	6.5
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	276
per 1000 residents	2020	1.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	3.4

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	83,821
in the primary sector, in %	2020	1.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	17.4
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	81.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	3,062
in % of total employment	2020	3.7

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	437.1
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	31.1
Commuters, total	2020	59,500
by public transport, in %	2020	37.0
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	42.5
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	20.4
Stops of public transport	2020	209
per 1000 residents	2020	1.4

### Culture and leisure



## Winterthur: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	2,704
per 1000 residents	2020	18.6
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	101,690
per inhabitant	2020	0.7

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	157
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	38.4
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	9.9
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	7.0
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.7
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	39.5
Other land use, in %	2013/18	1.5



## Zurich: agglomeration

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	1,401,783
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	1,074.1
Youth dependency ratio	2020	31.0
Old age dependency ratio	2020	26.9
Median age, in years	2020	41.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	28.1
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	18.9
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	9.2

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	82.2
Employment rate	2020	81.6

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	689,811
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	17.5
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	0.9
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	45

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	9,690
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	6.9
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	3,781
per 1000 residents	2020	2.7
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	4.0

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	1,000,147
in the primary sector, in %	2020	0.9
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	12.8
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	86.3
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	75,620
in % of total employment	2020	7.6

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	494.3
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	35.6
Commuters, total	2020	696,751
by public transport, in %	2020	48.3
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	39.7
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	12.0
Stops of public transport	2020	2,263
per 1000 residents	2020	1.6

### Culture and leisure



## Zurich: agglomeration

Cinema seats	2020	16,049
per 1000 residents	2020	11.4
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	1,960,292
per inhabitant	2020	1.4

### Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	1,305
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	31.7
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	11.6
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	7.4
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	4.2
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	41.3
Other land use, in %	2013/18	3.8



## Switzerland

### Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2020	4,104,116
Population density in km <sup>2</sup>	2020	–
Youth dependency ratio	2020	–
Old age dependency ratio	2020	–
Median age, in years	2020	–
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2020	–
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2020	–
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2020	–

### Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2020	–
Employment rate	2020	–

### Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2020	2,068,258
Houses per 100 apartments	2020	–
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2020	–
Average living space per person, in m <sup>2</sup>	2020	–

### Personal security

Violence offences	2020	26,372
per 1000 inhabitants	2020	–
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2020	11,320
per 1000 residents	2020	–
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2020	–

### Economic context

Employment, total	2020	2,870,341
in the primary sector, in %	2020	–
in the secondary sector, in %	2020	–
in the tertiary sector, in %	2020	–
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2020	154,249
in % of total employment	2020	–

### Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2020	–
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2020	–
Commuters, total	2020	1,869,231
by public transport, in %	2020	–
by individual motorized transport, in %	2020	–
by non-motorized traffic, in %	2020	–
Stops of public transport	2020	7,533
per 1000 residents	2020	–

### Culture and leisure



## Switzerland

Cinema seats	2020	54,385
per 1000 residents	2020	–
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2020	6,642,927
per inhabitant	2020	–

## Landuse

Total land area in km <sup>2</sup>	2013/18	5,165
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	327.0
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	83.3
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	49.9
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	29.2
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	385.8
Other land use, in %	2013/18	24.7



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