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8 738 791

Permanent resident population

♀ 4 400 588 ♂ 4 338 203



89 644

Live births



71 192

Deaths



3.9 m

Private households



36 410

Marriages

582

Registered partnerships



17 159

Divorces

211

Dissolved partnerships



85.7 years

Life expectancy at birth



81.6 years

Life expectancy at birth



165 640

Immigration



116 769

Emigration

Sources: FSO – BEVNAT, STATPOP

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Territory and environment

2020

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Land use, 2018

- 1 forest and woods 32%
- 2 farmland 23%
- 3 other natural space 21%
- 4 alpine farmland 12%
- 5 settlement and urban areas 8%
- 6 lakes and watercourses 4%



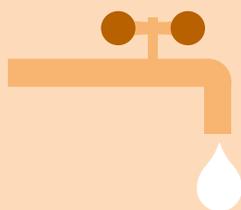
16 t

material footprint
per person



35%

lost or endangered
animal and plant species



297 l

daily consumption
of drinking water per person



5%

environmentally-related
tax revenue



704 kg

municipal waste per person



11.9 t

carbon footprint,
CO₂ equivalent per person



84%

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



164 000

jobs in the environment sector

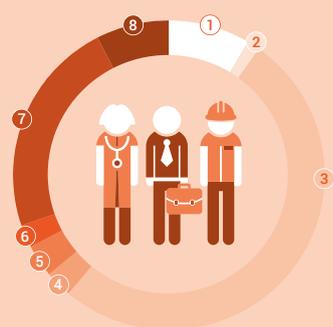
Sources: FSO – Land use statistics, Environmental accounting, Omnibus survey 2019; FOEN – Waste statistics, Red Lists; SGWA – Drinking water statistics

Work and income

Figures from 2021 unless another year is specified

2021

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



- 1 Self-employed **8.5%**
- 2 Family members working in family business **1.3%**
- 3 Employees **51.4%**
- 4 Apprentices **2.8%**
- 5 Unemployed based on ILO definition **3.4%**
- 6 Housewives/househusbands **2.4%**
- 7 Pensioners **22.7%**
- 8 Other economically inactive persons (incl. people in education/training) **7.6%**



5.086 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



1.637 m

Employed foreign nationals of whom 21.4% cross-border commuters



7.798 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

9.245 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours, 2016

39.4 hours

Average weekly working time of persons in full-time employment



CHF 6665

Gross monthly wage, 2020 (median, economy as a whole)

10.8%

Wage gap between women and men, 2020 (economy as a whole)



252 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 5.1% of the economically active population

CHF -0.8%

Decrease in real wages (compared to 2020)

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

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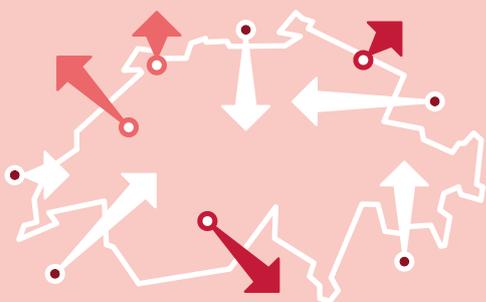
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National economy

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2021



Gross domestic product (GDP)

CHF 731 662 m

At current prices, provisional
CHF 84 055 per inhabitant

4.2%

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

CHF 715 194 m

Gross national income (GNI)
at current prices, provisional

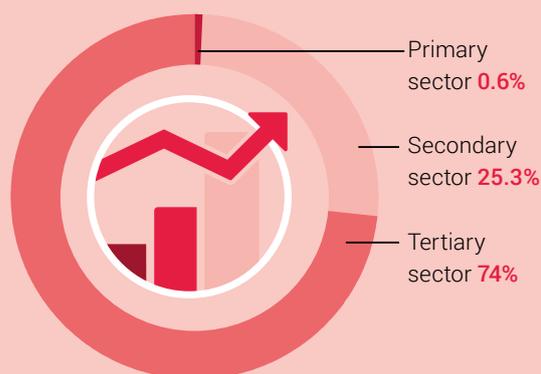
CHF 349 530 m

Consumption expenditure
at current prices,
provisional

CHF 40 155 per inhabitant



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



26.5%

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



-0.5

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

Sources: FSO – National accounts

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Prices

2021

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Average price development in Switzerland, 2020 – 2021

Production

+2.7%

Evolution of total supply prices



Construction

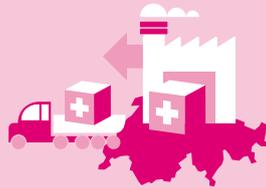
+2.6%

Evolution of construction prices



+1.6%

Evolution of producer prices



Consumption

+0.6%

Evolution of consumer prices



+5.1%

Evolution of import prices



Housing

+5.7%

Evolution of residential property prices

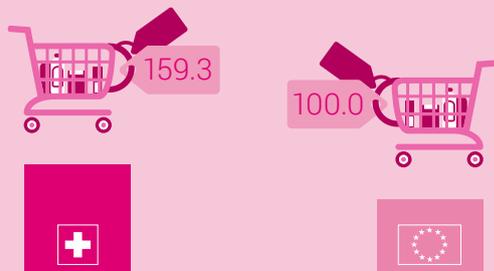


+0.9%

Evolution of housing rental prices

In international comparison

Price level in Switzerland compared to the average price level in the European Union (2020)



Evolution of consumer prices in Switzerland compared to their evolution in the European Union



Source: FSO – Prices

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Industry and services

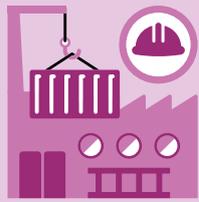
2020

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42 606

Newly founded enterprises, 2019



5.316

Jobs
2th quarter 2022 in millions in full-time equivalents: 4.142

600 421

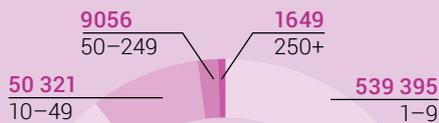
Market-oriented companies

Sector 1
50 818

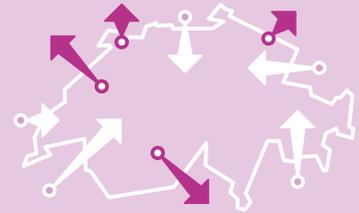
Sector 2
90 760

Sector 3
458 843

Number of market-oriented companies by size category



Number of employees by size category of companies



Switzerland's foreign trade: the most important partners, 2021 (trading volume)

Imports

Total CHF 296.5 bn

Germany 57,1

United Kingdom 33,4

USA 22,2

Italy 22,0

China 18,1

Exports

Total CHF 347.7 bn

USA 57,7

Germany 50,6

China 30,2

India 28,7

Italy 18,5

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

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Agriculture and forestry

2021

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35%

Agricultural areas, 2018



32%

Forest and woods, 2018

Primary sector
output value



CHF 11.3 bn

Agriculture

CHF 1.1 bn

Forestry

CHF 0.06 bn

Fishing and fish farming



48 864

Farms
of which organic 7670

12 676

Farms with direct sales,
2020

Utilised agricultural area



- 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%

Total area 1 042 053 ha



5.0 m m³

Timber harvest

49% Sawlogs

40% Fuel wood

11% Industrial wood



56% Self-sufficiency rate, 2020

kg per person, 2020, provisional

301 Milk and dairy products

105 Vegetables

91 Cereals

47 Meat

Source: FSO, Agristat

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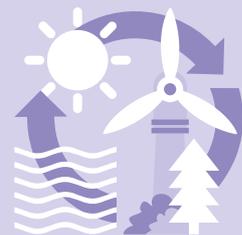
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Energy dependency

30% domestic production

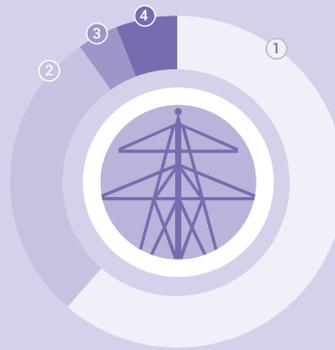
70% imports



28.0% renewable energies



59% fossil fuels



Domestic electricity production

- ① hydropower plants 62%
- ② nuclear power plants 29%
- ③ thermal power plants 4%
- ④ various renewable sources 6%



CHF 241

monthly household expenditure on energy, 2019

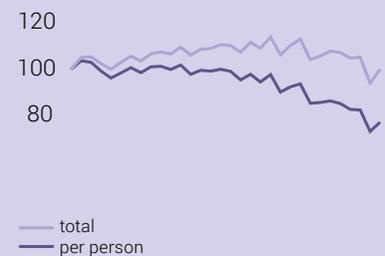
CHF 432 m

public expenditure on energy research, 2020



75% energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, 2020

Final energy consumption 1990–2021



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

Construction and housing

2021

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CHF 66 785 million

Construction expenditure, 2020

10 635

New buildings with dwellings, 2020

49 314

Newly built dwellings, 2020



1 774 161

Residential buildings

1 007 082

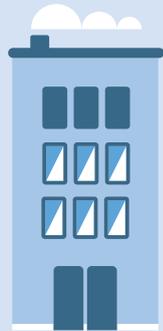
of which single-family houses

1 storey 123 706

2 storeys 824 386

3–5 storeys 773 388

6+ storeys 52 681



4 688 288

Total number of dwellings

3 938 475

Occupied dwellings

1 435 517

of which single-person households



1020

CHF 1373

Average rent, 2020

1.7

Number of rooms per person

46.6 m²

Living space per person



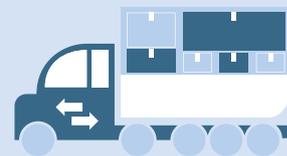
1.31%

Empty dwellings rate, 2022



36.2%

Home ownership rate, 2020



10.3%

of the permanent population moved, 2020

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

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45,9 m



Overnight stays in tourist accommodation

- ① Switzerland **34.3 m**
- ② Europe **9.7 m**
- ③ Asia **0.9 m**
- ④ America **0.9 m**
- ⑤ Africa and Oceania **0.1 m**



650 650

Total beds surveyed in tourist accommodation

Distribution of beds by sector

280 471

Hotel sector

143 196

Holiday homes

113 155

Collective accommodation

113 828

Campsites
(pitches for passing guests x 4)

Trips by the Swiss resident population, 2020

Number of trips per person and year



Daily expenditure per person on private trips with overnight stays



7.1

Without overnight stay



CHF 121
Domestic trips



1.9

With overnight stays



CHF 135
Trips abroad



45%

Share of trips abroad in total trips with overnight stays, 2020



CHF 14.8 bn

Tourism-related gross value added, 2020

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

Mobility and transport

2021

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983 km²

Land used for transportation, 2013/2018



4.7 m

Passenger car stocks



17%

Share of public transport in passenger transport, 2020



14 km

Average commute for work purpose, 2020



200 Road deaths

20 534 Persons injured

Daily travel time per person, in Switzerland (2015)



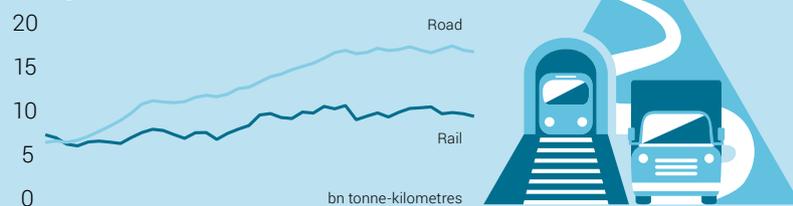
90 minutes

- 1 Work 17 min.
- 2 Education 5 min.
- 3 Shopping 13 min.
- 4 Leisure 45 min.
- 5 Other 9 min.

Transport performance of goods transport, 2020

63% Road 37% Rail

Change 1980 – 2020



CHF 95 bn



Total costs of transport, 2018

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

Road CHF 76 bn

Rail CHF 12 bn

Air CHF 7 bn

Inland waterways CHF 0.3 bn

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

Sources: FSO – AREA, GTS, CFT, TP, PEND, PV-L; FSO, ARE – MTMC; FSO, FEDRO – MFZ, SVU

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Money, banks and insurance

2021

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Banks



CHF 1754.1 bn

Customer deposits
of which in Switzerland: 1356.8 bn



CHF 3487.8 bn

Banks' total assets

CHF 1110.3 bn

Mortgage loans (Switzerland)
at major banks: 298.9 bn
at cantonal banks: 419.8 bn

239

Number of banking
institutes in Switzerland



CHF 91.8 bn

Currency in circulation (2022)



107 464

Employees
(full-time equivalents)

Insurance



CHF 119.0 bn

Total premium revenue (2020)

- 1 Life insurance **26.8 bn**
- 2 Accident and indemnity insurance **46.7 bn**
- 3 Reinsurance **45.6 bn**



195

Number of private
insurance institutes (2020)

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

Social security

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2020



272 100

Number of social assistance recipients

3.2%

Social assistance rate

29.3%

Share of 0–17 year old social assistance recipients



29.1%

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

CHF 206 bn

Expenditure on social benefits



- ① Sickness/health care **29.5%**
- ② Disability **8.0%**
- ③ Old age **39.6%**
- ④ Survivors **4.4%**
- ⑤ Family/children **5.6%**
- ⑥ Unemployment **9.7%**
- ⑦ Housing **1.2%**
- ⑧ Social exclusion **2.1%**



CHF 2.8 bn

Net expenditure on financial social assistance



CHF 46.6 bn

OASI, revenue

CHF 46.0 bn

OASI, expenditure



CHF 41.2 bn

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

1.3 m

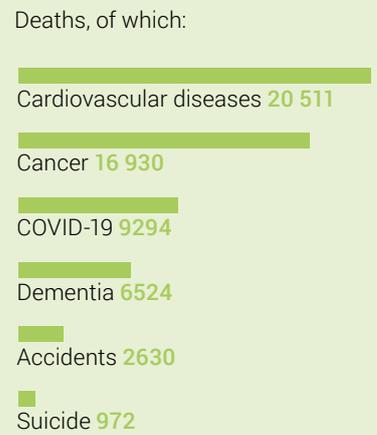
Recipients of benefits

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

Health

2020

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Sources: FSO – SHS, CoD, KS, MS, SOMED, STATPOP, COU; FMH – Doctors' statistics

Education and science

2021

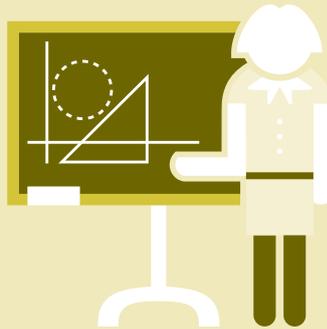
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People in education 2020/21, in thousands

- ① Compulsory education **976.1**
- ② Upper secondary level **364.0**
- ③ Professional education **62.0**
- ④ Higher education institutions 2021/22 **276.6**

Teaching staff 2010/21 and higher education staff, in thousands



- Compulsory education **102.6**
- Higher education institutions **101.1**
- Upper secondary level **35.1**
- Colleges of higher education **7.6**

Diplomas 2021, in thousands



Upper secondary level

- ① Vocational education and training **66,1**
- ② General education **42,4**

Tertiary level

- ③ Professional education **29,1**
- Higher education institutions
- ④ Bachelor **34,1**
- ⑤ Master **21,2**
- ⑥ Doctorate **4,5**



CHF 40.0 bn

Educational public expenditure 2019

5.5%

of the gross domestic product



CHF 23 bn

Expenditure on research and development 2019, in Switzerland/Of which business enterprises **68%**

R&D personnel in the business enterprises **51 623** (full-time equivalents)

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

Culture, media, information society

2021

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0.6

Cinema admissions per inhabitant

2255

Films in the regular cinema programme



×241

Volume of data on mobile network since 2010

96%

Share of households with internet access



8.1 m

Number of museum visits in Switzerland, 2020

1053

Number of museums in Switzerland, 2020



75 000

Number of protected monuments in Switzerland, 2016



67.4 m

Number of printed materials (books, newspapers...) in publicly accessible libraries in Switzerland, 2020

74%

Share of the population that visited museums, exhibitions and galleries, 2019

>120 min.

Average time spent watching TV per day

CH-D: 114 min., CH-F: 132 min., CH-I: 152 min.



CHF 3.02 bn

Total public expenditure on culture, 2019

CHF 352

Total public expenditure on culture per inhabitant, 2019

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

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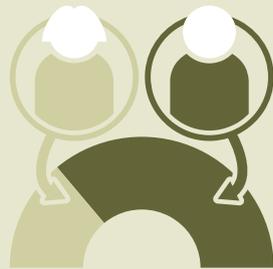


48%

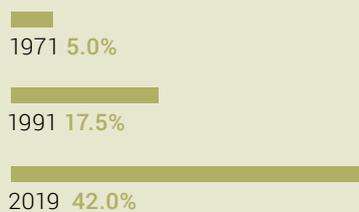
Voter participation,
average value for last 5 years

45.1%

Voter participation,
National Council Elections 2019



Women in the National Council
Progress from 1971 to 2019



Federal popular votes

661 proposals in 321 polls
since 1848

50% proposals in the last
37 years

8% of proposals in
the 19th century



Federal popular votes

Mandatory referendums:

75% Accepted
(total 225)

Optional referendums:

58% Accepted
(total 207)

Popular initiatives:

11% Accepted
(total 229)

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

Crime and criminal law

2021

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415 008

Criminal offences against the Swiss Criminal Code (SCC)

Criminal offences registered by the police by title of the SCC

Property **65.3%**

Liberty **13.0%**

Other titles of the SCC **13.5%**

Life and Limb **6.1%**

Sexual Integrity **2.1%**



30 351

offences with a «digital» component



437

Juveniles in placement

6316

Detained adults



85

Burglaries and thefts by secretly entering an unsecured place



48%

of domestic violence offences occur within an existing partnership



20 902

Juvenile convictions

97 386

Adult convictions

16%

Due to consumption of narcotic substances

52%

Due to road traffic offences

23%

Sentenced to unconditional community service

69%

Unconditional financial penalty (in total CHF 195 m)

Sources: FSO – Section Crime and criminal justice

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Economic and social situation of the population

2020

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Satisfaction with current life



8.1%

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



8.5% = 722 000

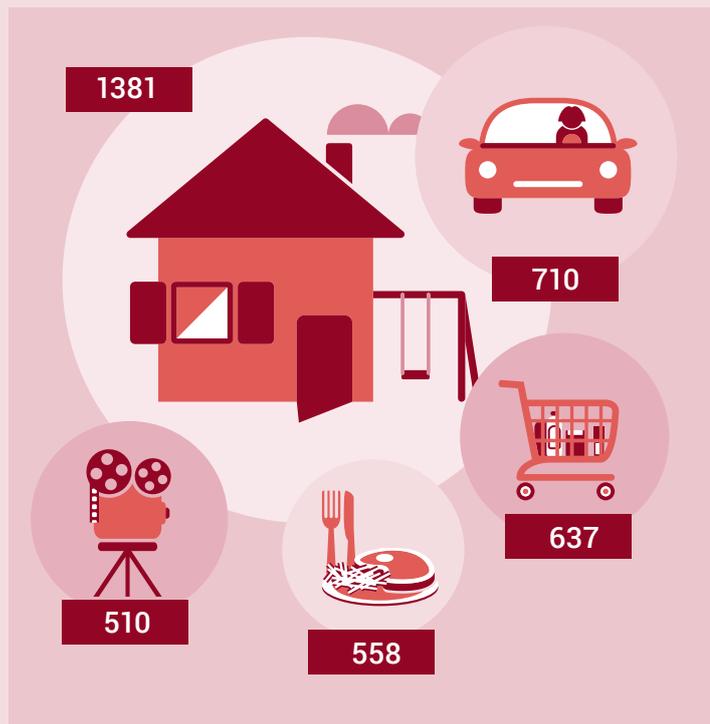
Persons affected by income poverty



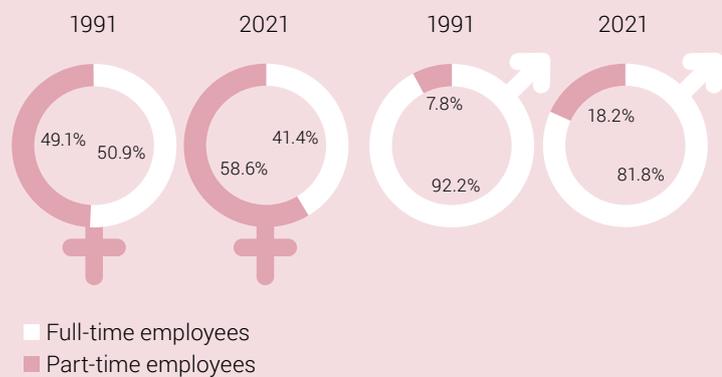
4.2% = 158 000

Employed persons affected by income poverty

Selected household budget items, 2019
in CHF per month per household



Gender equality: paid employment



Sources: FSO – HBS, SILC, SLFS

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Sustainable development

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2030 Agenda goals monitoring in Switzerland

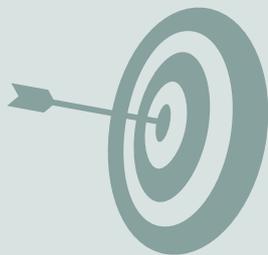
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Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) established by the United Nations



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Targets of the 2030 Agenda in the Swiss context



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Indicators present social cohesion



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Key indicators



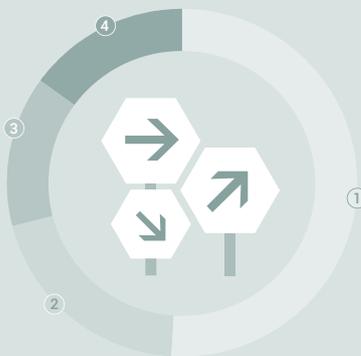
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Indicators describe the impacts and responsibilities of Switzerland abroad



7

Indicators present gender equality



Assessment of the trend of the 103 indicators

Source: FSO - Monitoring Sustainable Development (MONET 2030)

Regional Disparities

2021

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45%

of jobs in the 5 largest agglomerations (Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich), 2020



4%

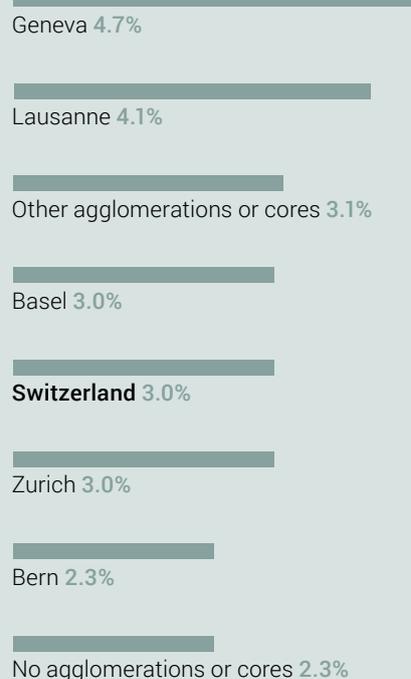
Social assistance rate in the urban area, twice as high as in the other regions, 2020



51%

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

Unemployment rate in the agglomerations



Average distance to nearest service, 2018



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

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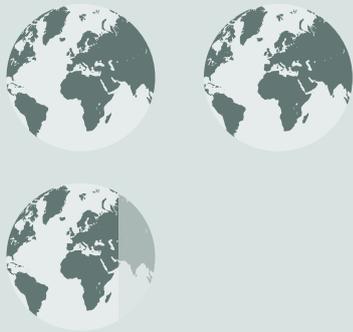
International comparisons and development cooperation

2020

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2.75 Planets

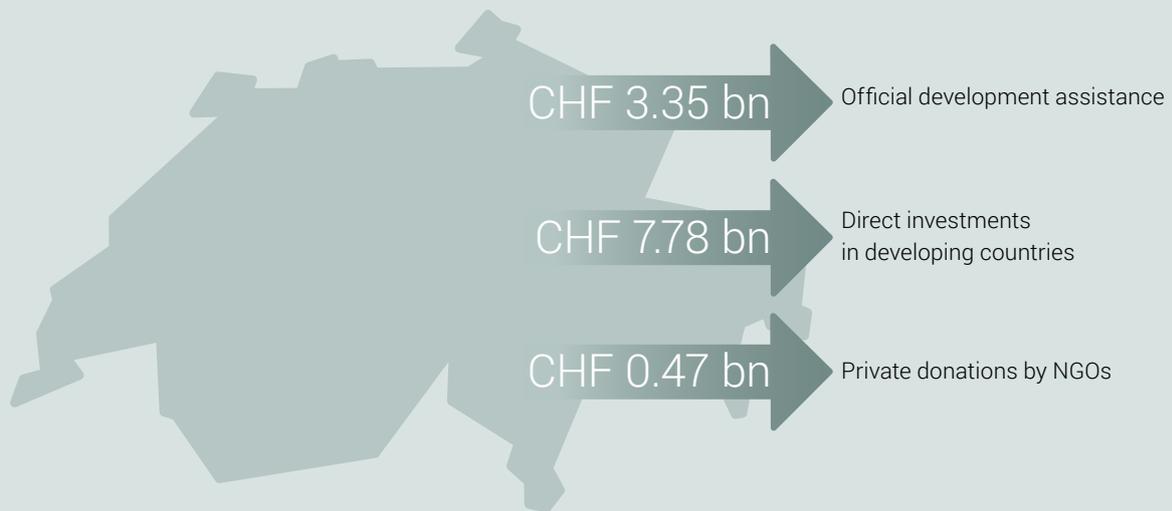
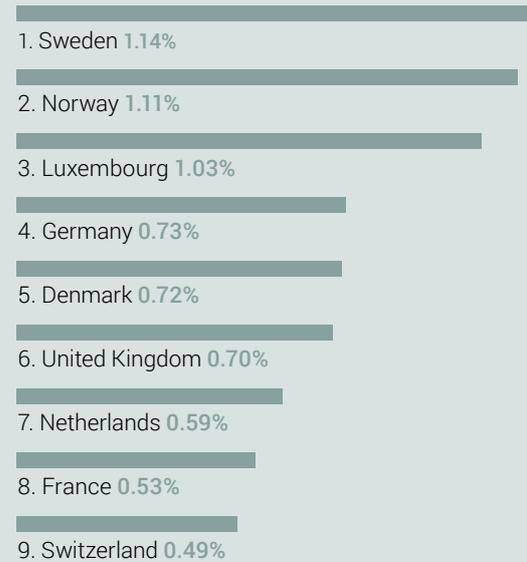
Ecological footprint, 2018



Human Development Index (HDI), 2021



Official development assistance in relation to GNI



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

The FSO's publications

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