

Surface Area

Total Surface area = 41 285 km²



forest area 31%



unproductive area 25%



agricultural area 37%



residential area 7%

Politics

Swiss Confederation

foundet in 1291, Federal Republic since 1848

Cantons

26 cantons (6 of them being half-cantons)

Government

Collegial board (Federal Council of 7 members)

Parliament

2 chambers: Council of States (Cantonal representation 46 members) and National Chamber (representation of the people) 200 members



Households

Total households	3.005 m
Ø No. of persons per household	2.4
One-person-household	32.5%
Ø No. of children per household	1.5

Population

in 1'000

%

Total population 2001	7'261	100.0
Female	3'712	51.1
Male	3'549	48.9
Foreigner	1'459	20.1
Urban (incl. Agglomerations)	4'800	66.1
Non-urban	2'461	33.9
Languages		
German	4'640	63.9
French	1'416	19.5
Italian	479	6.6
Romansh	36	0.5
Other languages	690	9.5

(ES POP 2001, Population census 2000, prov. figures)

Agglomerations (2001)

Population

1 Zurich	967'582
2 Geneva	470'399
3 Basle	402'017
4 Berne	320'741
5 Lausanne	292'303
6 Lucerne	184'584
7 St. Gallen	133'169
8 Winterthur	122'522
9 Lugano	117'299
10 Thun	89'398



Civilian status / religion

%

Civilian status (2001)	
unmarried	42.3
married	46.1
widowed	5.7
Divorced	5.9
Religion (Population census 2000, prov. figures)	
Roman catholics	44.1
Protestants	36.6
Others	7.6
Without religion / without indications	11.7

Employment (2001 basis)

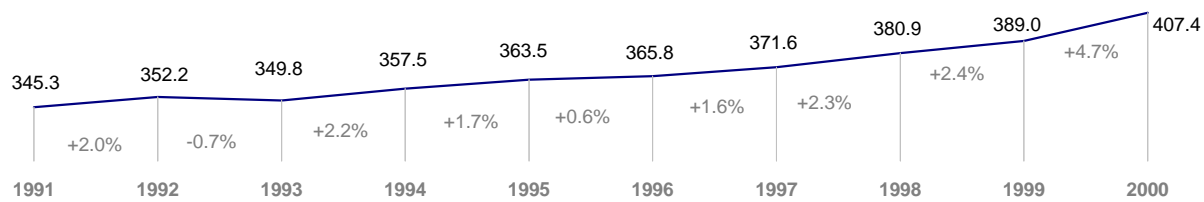
in 1'000

%

Full-time (more than 90%)		
Men	1'947	71.3
Women	784	28.7
Total	2'731	100.0
Part-time (up to 90%)		
Men	243	20.1
Women	965	79.9
Total	1'208	100.0
Total		
Men	2'190	55.6
Women	1'749	44.4
Total	3'939	100.0

(Source:BFS/SLFS 2001 (aged 15++))

Gross domestic product at market prices (current prices) in billions CHF



Swiss consumer price index

September basis, (May 2000 = 100)	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	97.4	97.9	97.9	99.7	102.3
Alcoholic beverages and Tobacco	95.6	97.1	99.8	101.8	103.1
Clothing and shoes	97.8	98.7	99.2	98.8	87.9
Housing and energy	96.9	96.1	98.1	102.2	103.6
Furnishing	98.5	98.6	99.7	99.9	100.7
Health care	98.7	99.4	99.6	100.0	100.7
Transportation	96.9	95.4	98.3	101.8	101.6
Communication	136.4	133.2	121.1	99.9	98.3
Relaxation, culture	100.1	101.5	101.9	99.9	100.9
Education	96.7	98.2	99.8	100.8	101.8
Restaurants and hotels	96.5	96.9	99.4	100.0	102.5
Other good and services	97.4	98.0	99.4	99.9	102.2
Total	98.0	98.1	99.3	100.7	101.4

Household expenditures

Food, beverages, tobacco 9.7%



Transportation and communication 8.6%



Clothing and shoes 3.6%



Entertainment, wellness, education, culture 7.5%



Rent and energy 17.9%



Other goods and services 9.0%



Furnishing 3.6%



Total consumer spending 63.0%

Health care 3.1%



Other household spendings 37.0%



- Social security 9.6%
- General insurance 6.4%
- Other insurance 4.9%
- Taxes 13.3%
- Contributions 2.7%

Total household spending 1998 100.0%