Information Guide
Switzerland

A guide to information sources on the Swiss Confederation.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- Switzerland – External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Switzerland: Federal Authorities of the Swiss Confederation
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- Wikipedia: Switzerland
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Country Profile: Switzerland
- United States: CIA: World Factbook: Switzerland
- United States: Department of State: Switzerland
- BBC News: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: Switzerland
- The Guardian: World news: Switzerland
- Google: Search for websites on Switzerland
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: Switzerland
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: Switzerland

Agricultural information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Agriculture
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles and Information Systems [choose database]
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: Switzerland
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in European countries: Switzerland

Competition policy information

- Switzerland: Competition Commission
- OECD: Competition: Switzerland

Culture and language information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for Culture [in German]
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
- Switzerland: Official Information Portal
- Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe: Switzerland
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: Switzerland
- SIL International: Ethnologue: Languages of Switzerland
- University of the Highlands and Islands: European Minority Languages

Defence and security information

- Switzerland: Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports
- Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police
- Switzerland: Swiss mission to NATO
Economic information

- ESO: Switzerland: [Economic situation](#)
- Switzerland: [Federal Department of Finance](#)
- Switzerland: [Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research](#)
- Switzerland: [Swiss National Bank](#)
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: The EBRD in [Switzerland](#)
- International Monetary Fund: [Switzerland](#) and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: [Switzerland](#)
- UNIDO: Country information: [Switzerland](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Switzerland](#)
- WTO: [Switzerland](#) and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: Doing Business in [Switzerland](#)

Education information

- Switzerland: [Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research](#)
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: Higher Education in [Switzerland](#)
- European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in [Switzerland](#)
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Switzerland](#)
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Gateway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: [Switzerland](#)
- OECD: Education: [Switzerland](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Switzerland](#) [select country]
- World Bank: EdStats: [Switzerland](#) [select country]
- EuroEducation: European Education Directory: Education in [Europe](#)
- NationMaster: [Switzerland](#)
- Wikipedia: Education in [Switzerland](#)

Employment information

- Switzerland: [Federal Department of Home Affairs](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations in [Switzerland](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe: [Switzerland](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Switzerland](#)
- International Labour Organization: NATLEX: [Switzerland](#)

Energy information

- Switzerland: [Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications](#)
- International Energy Agency:
  - Countries: [Switzerland](#)
  - Statistics and Balances: [Switzerland](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Switzerland](#)
Environmental information

- Switzerland: Federal Office for the Environment
- Switzerland: Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Switzerland
  - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: Switzerland
- European Environmental Bureau: Switzerland
- FAO: Country Profiles: Catalogue of data sources [select theme then country]
- OECD: Environment: Switzerland
- Friends of the Earth International: Switzerland
- Greenpeace International: Switzerland

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs: Policies: Switzerland and the European Union
- Swiss National Bank: SNB
- Switzerland: Mission of Switzerland to the European Union
- European Union: European External Action Service: Switzerland [in German]
- Council of Europe: Member States: Switzerland
- Swiss Delegation to the OSCE
- OECD: Countries: Switzerland
  - Switzerland: Permanent delegation to the OECD

Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Forestry Country Information: Maps: Switzerland
- Lonely Planet: Map of Switzerland
- Maps of the World: Switzerland
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Switzerland

Health information

- Switzerland: Federal Office of Public Health
- OECD: Health: Switzerland
- World Health Organization: Switzerland
  - Countries: Switzerland
  - Regional Office for Europe: Switzerland
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Switzerland

Human rights information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police
- European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on Switzerland
• Council of Europe:
  o European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: Switzerland
• European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission):
  Documents on Switzerland
• European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: States: Switzerland
• European Court of Human Rights:
  ▪ Country Profiles: Switzerland
  ▪ Country Fact Sheets 1959-2010 [select country]
  ▪ Violation by Article and by Statute 1959-2012
  ▪ Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010
• United Nations:
  o Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in Switzerland
  o UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: Country
• United States: Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey: Switzerland (2009)
• United States: Department of State:
• Amnesty International: Annual Report: Switzerland (2015/16)
• Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Switzerland

Intellectual property information

• Switzerland: Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property
• European Patent Office: Directory of Patent Information Centres: Switzerland
• World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Switzerland

Investment information

• Switzerland: Switzerland Global Enterprise: Invest in Switzerland
• Switzerland: International Service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation
• OECD: Investment: Switzerland
• OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: Switzerland
• World Bank: Countries and Regions: Switzerland
• United Kingdom: Trade & Investment: Countries: Switzerland

Justice and home affairs information

• Switzerland: Federal Department of Justice and Police
• Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs
• Council of Europe:
  o European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission):
    Documents on Switzerland
  o Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports [select country]
• OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Switzerland
• United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: Switzerland
• University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: Switzerland
• EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Switzerland
Living and working information

- Switzerland: [Federal Office for Migration](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [select topic]
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Country Profiles: [Switzerland](#)
- United States: Department of State: Countries: [Switzerland](#)
- JustLanded: Living, Working or Studying in [Switzerland](#)

Media information

- Switzerland: [Federal Office for Communications](#)
- European Broadcasting Union: Active Members: [Switzerland](#)
- European Journalism Centre: Media Landscape: [Switzerland](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [Switzerland](#) [select country]
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and News Media: [Switzerland](#)
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: World News Guide: [Switzerland](#)
- Newslink: European Newspapers: [Switzerland](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Switzerland](#)
- Radiomap: Radio Stations in [Switzerland](#)

Political information (including elections)

- ESO: Switzerland: [Political situation](#)
- ESO: Switzerland: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Switzerland: [Government Portal](#)
- Switzerland: [Constitution](#)
- Switzerland: [Cabinet and Ministries](#)
  - [Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sports (DDPS)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Finance (FDF)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Justice and Police (FDJP)](#)
  - [Federal Department of Transport, Communications and Energy (DETEC)](#)
- Switzerland: [International Service of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation](#)
- Switzerland: [The Federal Assembly](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Switzerland](#)
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: [Switzerland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Switzerland](#)
- NCCR Democracy:
  - [Democracy Barometer](#) [click on map to select country]
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: [Switzerland](#)
- United States: Library of Congress: Law Online: Nations: [Switzerland](#)
- Wikipedia: Politics of [Switzerland](#)
- Wikipedia: Elections in [Switzerland](#)

Public management information

- Switzerland: [Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Switzerland](#)
Research & development information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER)
- OECD: Innovation: Switzerland
- OECD: Science and technology: Switzerland

Regional and local information

- Zurich: Zürich
- Bern: Bern
- Lucerne: Luzern
- Uri: Uri
- Schwyz: Schwyz
- Obwalden: Obwalden
- Nidwalden: Nidwalden
- Glarus: Glarus
- Zug: Zug
- Fribourg: Fribourg
- Solothurn: Solothurn
- Basel-Stadt: Basel-Stadt
- Basel-Landschaft: Basel-Landschaft
- Schaffhausen: Schaffhausen
- Appenzell Ausserrhoden: Appenzell Ausserrhoden
- Appenzell Innerrhoden: Appenzell Innerrhoden
- St. Gallen: St. Gallen
- Graubünden: Graubünden
- Aargau: Aargau
- Thurgau: Thurgau
- Ticino: Ticino
- Vaud: Vaud
- Valais: Valais
- Neuchâtel: Neuchâtel
- Geneva: Genève
- Jura: Jura
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: Switzerland
- OECD: Regional, Rural and Urban Development: Switzerland

Social information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of Home Affairs (FDHA)
- Switzerland: Federal Social Insurance Office
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Your Social Security Rights in Switzerland
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Organisation of Social Protection
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat: Social Protection of the Self-Employed
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: Switzerland
- OECD: Insurance and Pensions: Switzerland
- OECD: Social and Welfare Issues: Switzerland
- UNICEF: Information by Country: Switzerland
- United States: Social Security Administration:
  o Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: Switzerland
  o Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Switzerland (2014)
Statistical information

- Switzerland: Swiss National Bank
- Switzerland: Swiss Federal Statistical Office
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Switzerland [select from list]
- OECD: Country Statistical Profiles: Switzerland
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: Country and Regional Profiles: Switzerland
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: Switzerland
- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: Switzerland
- NationMaster: Nations of the World: Statistics on Switzerland

Tourism information

- Switzerland: Switzerland Tourism
- Guardian News & Media Ltd: Travel: Switzerland
- The Telegraph: Destinations: Switzerland
- Lonely Planet: Switzerland Travel information
- Rough Guides: Switzerland
- Trip advisor: Visiting Switzerland

Transport information

- Switzerland: Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- Switzerland: SWISS Airline
- Switzerland: Swiss National Railway
- Wikipedia: Transport in Switzerland

Weather information

- Switzerland: Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss
- BBC: Weather: Country Guides: Switzerland
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: Switzerland

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