

Country Information Guide



Switzerland

A guide to information sources on the Swiss Confederation, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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General information

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- 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](#)
- 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](#)
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition: 2013]
- 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 Environment Agency: EPANET - European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [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](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Switzerland](#)
- 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](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare"](#)
- OECD: Health: [Switzerland](#)
- World Health Organization:
 - 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](#)
- Council of Europe:
 - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Switzerland](#)

- European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): Report on [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 State 1959-2012](#)
 - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations:
 - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [Switzerland](#)
 - 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:
 - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Switzerland](#) (2013)
 - Reports on International Religious Freedom: [Switzerland](#) (2013)
- Amnesty International: Annual Report: [Switzerland](#) (2014/15)
- 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:
 - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Switzerland](#)
 - 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 Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living & Working in [Switzerland](#)
- 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](#)
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- 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 Innerhoden: [Appenzell Innerhoden](#)
- 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:
 - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Switzerland](#)
 - 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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