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## Franscini's innovative spirit endures at the Federal Statistical Office

Stefano Franscini (1796–1857), appropriately referred to as the «father of statistics» in Switzerland, died 150 years ago. This statesman was convinced that accurate knowledge of your country is a condition for progress and he did not spare his efforts to institutionalize statistics in Switzerland. In 1850, Franscini organized single-handedly the very first population census in Switzerland. As financial resources were limited, he had to analyze the data himself while his private secretary was adding up the results. For Franscini, official statistics were an essential tool for planning and decision-making purposes. He sadly died too soon to witness the foundation of the Federal Statistical Office in 1860.

Franscini invested a lot of energy in institutionalizing statistics in Switzerland, and the FSO carries on his pioneering spirit with many new and innovative projects. The latest population census having resulted in a number of parliamentary questions and mixed reactions outside of parliament, the Federal Council has been given the responsibility of proposing constitutional and legal basis which starting in 2010 will enable the implementation of the national census to take place on the basis of harmonized official population registers. The new system will produce more current data, differentiated from a thematic perspective, at a much lower cost and within a much shorter timeframe than before.

The pioneering work that was begun by federal councillor Franscini continues today using 21st century methods. Political, economic and social authorities, as well as the general public at large, will thus be able to permanently enjoy current data on the state and evolution of modern Switzerland.

Adelheid Bürgi-Schmelz, Director of the Federal Statistical Office

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Stefano Franscini's memory will be honoured with many special events in the course of 2007. Information about this (in Italian) can be found at: <http://www.ti.ch/decs/dc/temi/franscini/>

# Geography

## Climate data 2006

| Weather station     | Average temperature |                   | Annual rainfall |                    | Sunshine |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
|                     | °C                  | Dev. <sup>1</sup> | mm              | Index <sup>2</sup> | hrs.     | Index <sup>2</sup> |
| Lugano (alt. 273 m) | 13.1                | 1.5               | 1298            | 84                 | 2230     | 110                |
| Basel (316)         | 10.9                | 1.3               | 1029            | 132                | 1701     | 106                |
| Geneva (420)        | 11.2                | 1.4               | 969             | 100                | 1989     | 117                |
| Neuchâtel (485)     | 10.7                | 1.4               | 1237            | 133                | 1714     | 111                |
| Sion (482)          | 10.6                | 1.4               | 604             | 101                | 2167     | 109                |
| Zurich (556)        | 9.8                 | 1.3               | 1135            | 104                | 1695     | 114                |
| Berne (553)         | 9.4                 | 1.2               | 1216            | 118                | 1775     | 108                |
| St Gall (779)       | 8.8                 | 1.4               | 1274            | 102                | 1704     | 123                |
| Davos (1590)        | 4.2                 | 1.4               | 789             | 73                 | 1878     | 112                |

| Largest lakes  | Surface <sup>3</sup> | %-age |
|----------------|----------------------|-------|
|                | km                   | CH    |
| Lake Geneva    | 581                  | 59.7  |
| Lake Constance | 541                  | 32.0  |
| Lake Neuchâtel | 217                  | 100.0 |
| Lago Maggiore  | 212                  | 19.9  |

| Longest rivers     | Length          | Flow rate <sup>5</sup> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|                    | km <sup>2</sup> | m <sup>3</sup> /s      |
| Rhine <sup>4</sup> | 375             | 1,051                  |
| Aare               | 295             | 559                    |
| Rhone <sup>4</sup> | 264             | 341                    |
| Reuss              | 159             | 140                    |

| Land use <sup>6</sup> | km <sup>2</sup> | %            |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                       | Forest, woods   | 12,716       |
| Cultivated land       | 9,873           | 23.9         |
| Mountain farming      | 5,378           | 13.0         |
| Settlements           | 2,791           | 6.8          |
| Rivers/lakes          | 1,740           | 4.2          |
| other unprod. areas   | 8,787           | 21.3         |
| <b>Total area</b>     | <b>41,285</b>   | <b>100.0</b> |

| Highest mountains        | Canton                    | Alt. m. |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
|                          | Dufourspitze (Monte Rosa) | VS      |
| Dom (Mischabel)          | VS                        | 4,545   |
| Weisshorn                | VS                        | 4,506   |
| Matterhorn (Mont Cervin) | VS                        | 4,478   |

| Borders with neighbouring states <sup>7</sup> | km    |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|
|                                               | Italy |
| France                                        | 571.8 |
| Germany                                       | 345.7 |
| Austria                                       | 165.1 |
| Liechtenstein                                 | 41.1  |

## Coordinates

|           |          |                       |
|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Latitude  | N 47°48' | at Oberbargen SH      |
| Longitude | E 10°30' | at Piz Chavalatsch GR |
| Latitude  | S 45°49' | at Chiasso TI         |
| Longitude | W 5°57'  | at Chancy GE          |

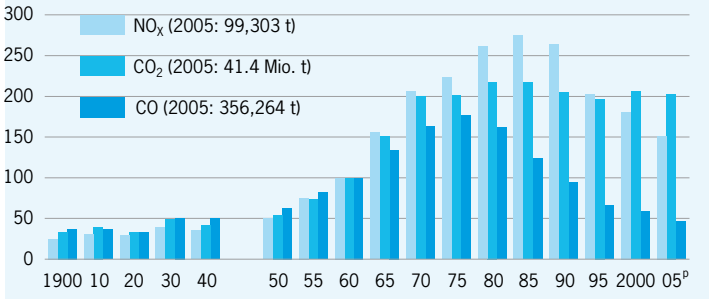
## Expansion of settled area

According to SFSO land use statistics, the settlements and urban areas have expanded by roughly 13% since the early 1980s, mainly at the expense of agricultural land. This means that, every second, just under one square metre of farming land was developed. Built-up land accounts for half the settled area, and transport infrastructure for one third (the rest consists of industrial sites, parks and recreational areas, landfills, etc.). Woods/forests have also expanded, mainly in fringe areas (brushwood encroaching on isolated alpine pastures).

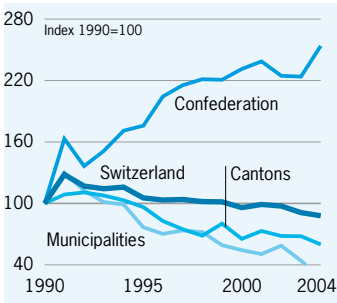
<sup>1</sup> Deviation from long-term median in °C  
<sup>2</sup> 100 = average of long-term set of measurements  
<sup>3</sup> Surface area of lakes, without islands  
<sup>4</sup> Length as far as Swiss border

<sup>5</sup> Long-term median, status 2005  
<sup>6</sup> Land use statistics 1992–97  
<sup>7</sup> Not including enclaves  
 Sources: Meteo Swiss, FOEN, SFSO, swisstopo

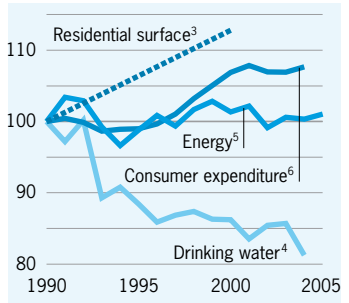
## Pollutant emissions<sup>1</sup> (Index 1960=100)



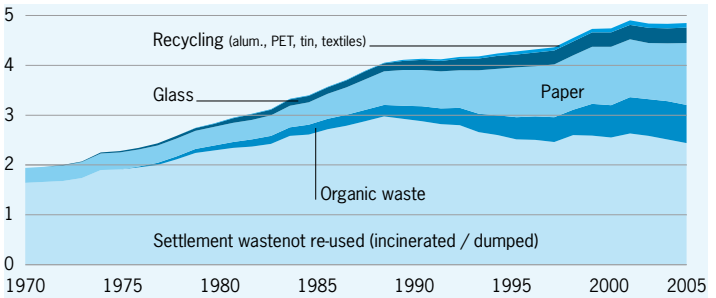
## Environmental expenditure<sup>2</sup>



## Consumption (index 1990=100)



## Settlement waste (in mio. t)



<sup>1</sup> Corrected emission factors for transport from 1990  
<sup>2</sup> Net expenditures by the public sector, at current prices  
<sup>3</sup> Square metres per person  
<sup>4</sup> Litres per person per day

<sup>5</sup> Kilowatt hours per person  
<sup>6</sup> Private households at constant prices, per person  
<sup>P</sup> Provisional figures  
 Source: FOEN, SFSO, FOE

# Population

## Population in cantons and cities (at year-end: in '000)

| Cantons              | 1980           | 1990           | 2000           | 2005           | Foreigners<br>in % 2005 |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Zurich (ZH)          | 1,120.8        | 1,150.5        | 1,211.6        | 1,272.6        | 22.4                    |
| Bern (BE)            | 911.0          | 945.6          | 943.7          | 957.1          | 12.4                    |
| Lucerne (LU)         | 294.4          | 319.5          | 347.2          | 356.4          | 15.4                    |
| Uri (UR)             | 33.5           | 33.7           | 35.2           | 35.1           | 8.5                     |
| Schwyz (SZ)          | 96.6           | 110.5          | 130.2          | 137.5          | 16.5                    |
| Obwalden (OW)        | 25.7           | 28.8           | 32.4           | 33.3           | 11.3                    |
| Nidwalden (NW)       | 28.3           | 32.6           | 38.0           | 39.8           | 9.5                     |
| Glarus (GL)          | 36.1           | 37.6           | 38.5           | 38.2           | 19.9                    |
| Zug (ZG)             | 75.7           | 84.9           | 99.4           | 106.5          | 20.6                    |
| Fribourg (FR)        | 184.5          | 207.8          | 236.3          | 254.0          | 15.6                    |
| Solothurn (SO)       | 216.6          | 226.7          | 244.0          | 247.9          | 18.0                    |
| Basel-City (BS)      | 203.6          | 191.8          | 187.7          | 185.6          | 29.5                    |
| Basel-Country (BL)   | 219.0          | 230.1          | 260.0          | 266.1          | 17.8                    |
| Schaffhausen (SH)    | 69.0           | 71.7           | 73.3           | 73.8           | 21.0                    |
| Appenzell A.Rh. (AR) | 47.2           | 51.5           | 53.5           | 52.6           | 12.7                    |
| Appenzell I.Rh. (AI) | 12.8           | 13.6           | 15.0           | 15.2           | 9.5                     |
| St.Gallen (SG)       | 389.0          | 420.3          | 449.4          | 460.0          | 20.4                    |
| Graubünden (GR)      | 161.3          | 170.4          | 186.7          | 187.8          | 14.2                    |
| Aargau (AG)          | 450.8          | 496.3          | 544.3          | 569.3          | 20.1                    |
| Thurgau (TG)         | 182.7          | 205.9          | 227.3          | 234.3          | 19.5                    |
| Ticino (TI)          | 265.6          | 286.7          | 310.2          | 322.3          | 25.1                    |
| Vaud (VD)            | 522.3          | 583.6          | 620.3          | 654.1          | 28.5                    |
| Valais (VS)          | 217.8          | 248.3          | 276.2          | 291.6          | 18.1                    |
| Neuchâtel (NE)       | 157.1          | 160.6          | 165.7          | 168.4          | 23.0                    |
| Geneva (GE)          | 349.6          | 376.0          | 408.8          | 430.6          | 37.8                    |
| Jura (JU)            | 64.3           | 65.7           | 68.8           | 69.1           | 11.7                    |
| <b>Switzerland</b>   | <b>6,335.2</b> | <b>6,750.7</b> | <b>7,204.1</b> | <b>7,459.1</b> | <b>20.7</b>             |

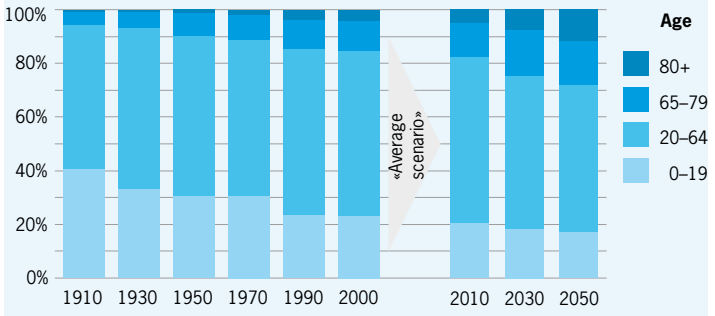
## Biggest cities

|          |       |       |       |       |      |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Zurich   | 370.1 | 341.3 | 337.9 | 347.5 | 29.6 |
| Geneva   | 156.6 | 167.2 | 175.0 | 178.7 | 43.4 |
| Basel    | 181.9 | 171.0 | 166.0 | 163.9 | 31.3 |
| Berne    | 146.8 | 134.6 | 122.5 | 122.2 | 22.6 |
| Lausanne | 126.3 | 123.2 | 114.9 | 117.4 | 37.8 |

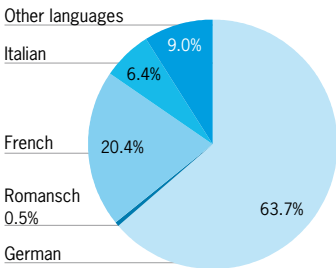
## An aging society

There are now many more elderly people than 50 years ago. The number of over 64-year-olds has more than doubled since 1950, while the number of 80+ year-olds has even quadrupled. In contrast, the number of under twenties has increased much less and has actually declined since the early Seventies. This aging process is the result of longer life expectancy (p. 26) and fewer births (p. 6). According to SFSO population scenarios, this trend will continue over the next few decades and is likely to cause serious problems, e.g. as for social security.

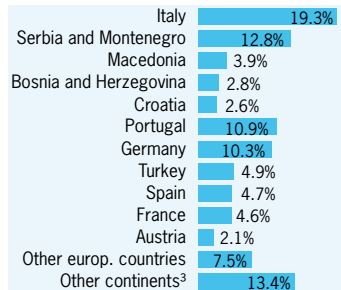
## Age structure



## Languages 2000<sup>1</sup>



## Nationality of foreigners 2005<sup>2</sup>



### Foreigners: many born in Switzerland but not naturalized

Foreigners account for 20.7%<sup>2</sup> of the population. More than half of residents without a Swiss passport have either been living in Switzerland for more than 15 years or were born here. Measured against the 2.5% naturalization rate (2005: 38,400), there is still a large integration deficit.

The foreign population is young: For every 100 foreigners of working age, there are only 10 of retirement age (compared with 30.4 among Swiss). This also has to do with the fact that 26.3% of children born in Switzerland in 2005 were foreign nationals. In 2005 99,100 foreign nationals immigrated to Switzerland (and 54,400 emigrated). 57% of all newcomers were of EU and EFTA origin (EU-15). Emigration figures were higher than immigration figures for Italians and Spaniards.

<sup>1</sup> Population by main languages (Population Census)

<sup>2</sup> Permanent foreign population: 1,541,912. Excluding short-term residents (65,159) and asylum seekers (48,193, including those temporarily accepted).

# Population

## Live births 2005

|                                                |        |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Total                                          | 72,903 |
| Boys per 100 girls                             | 106.3  |
| Percentage of live births outside marriage (%) | 13.7   |
| Multiple births                                | 1,179  |
| Twins                                          | 1,154  |
| Children per 100 women <sup>1</sup>            | 142    |

## Deaths 2005

|       |        |
|-------|--------|
| Total | 61,124 |
| Age:  |        |
| 0–19  | 589    |
| 20–39 | 1,194  |
| 40–64 | 8,354  |
| 65–79 | 15,947 |
| ≥80   | 35,040 |

## International migrations 2005

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Immigrants      | 118,270 |
| Foreigners      | 99,091  |
| Emigrants       | 82,090  |
| Foreigners      | 54,435  |
| Net immigration | 36,180  |
| Swiss           | –8,476  |
| Foreigners      | 44,656  |

## Internal migration 2005<sup>2</sup>

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Total movements | 410,367 |
|-----------------|---------|

## Marriages 2005

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Total                            | 40,139 |
| Swiss husband/Swiss wife         | 20,406 |
| Swiss husband/foreign wife       | 8,358  |
| Foreign husband/Swiss wife       | 6,552  |
| Foreign husband/foreign wife     | 4,823  |
| Average age on marriage (years): |        |
| single men                       | 31.0   |
| single women                     | 28.7   |

## Divorces 2005

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Total                           | 21,332 |
| with minor children (%)         | 46.7   |
| Years married:                  |        |
| 0–4                             | 2,174  |
| 5–9                             | 6,171  |
| 10–14                           | 4,302  |
| ≥15                             | 8,685  |
| Total divorce rate <sup>3</sup> | 52.6   |

## Private households 2000<sup>4</sup>

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total                              | 3,115,399 |
| Single-person households           | 1,120,878 |
| Family households                  | 1,931,860 |
| of which:                          |           |
| (Married) couples without children | 850,189   |
| (Married) couples with children    | 898,294   |
| Single parent with children        | 161,323   |
| Non-family households              | 62,661    |

## Most people still live as a family<sup>5</sup>

The family household is still the predominant style of life. Almost three quarters of the population live in a couple household – 48% with children, 24% without (2000). 6% live in a single-parent household. The traditional family – a married couple with children – clearly predominates among 35- to 49-year olds (58%; compared with 2% unmarried couples with children).

Even among childless persons, only a minority live alone, 28% of 21- to 34-year olds and 37% of 35- to 49-year olds.

There is a general trend for marriage and family to be postponed more and more. Only one woman in five (21%) of the 1965–69 cohort had a child before the age of 25; in the 1945–1949 cohort, the figure was 44%. Young people also leave the parental home later (23% of the men in the 1970–74 cohort, before they were 20; in the 1945–1949 cohort, the figure was 45%).

<sup>1</sup> Number of children that 100 women had over the course of their lives, based on age-specific birth figures observed in 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Movements between local government areas in Switzerland, not including movements within a local area.

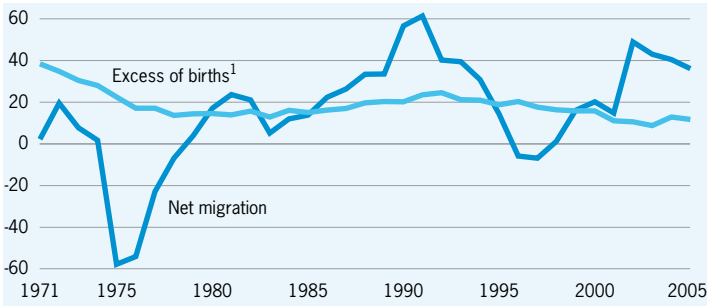
<sup>3</sup> Percentage of marriages which will end in divorce sooner or later, based on divorce patterns during the year under observation.

<sup>4</sup> Population census 2000

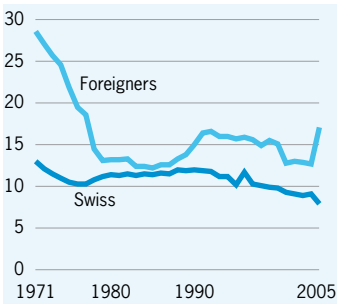
<sup>5</sup> Source: 2000 population census and 1994/95 family microcensus



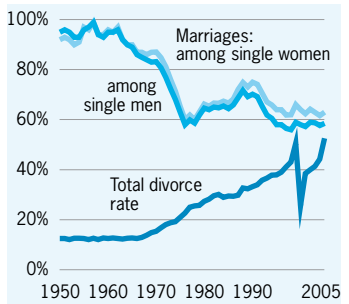
## Net migration and excess of births over deaths (in '000s)



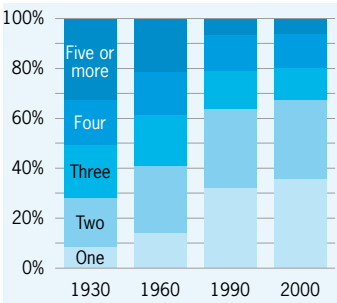
## Births (per '000 inhabitants)



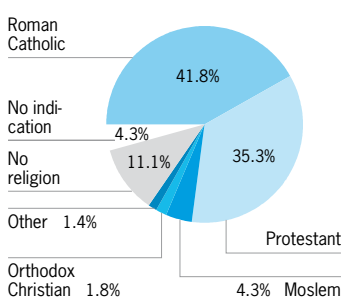
## Marriages and divorces<sup>2</sup>



## Size of households<sup>3</sup>



## Religion 2000<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Live births minus deaths

<sup>2</sup> Total first marriage rate: Percentage (%) of single men and women under the age of 50 who will eventually marry, based on marriage patterns during the year under

observation. Total divorce rate: See note 3, page 6.

<sup>3</sup> Number of persons per household. 100% = all private households (Population Census, 2000).

<sup>4</sup> Population Census, 2000

| Employment rates <sup>1</sup> | 1971 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total                         | 48.3 | 48.2 | 56.8 | 55.6 | 56.1 | 56.6 |
| Women                         | 32.9 | 34.2 | 47.6 | 48.1 | 50.2 | 50.7 |
| Men                           | 64.4 | 62.9 | 66.4 | 63.5 | 62.3 | 62.7 |
| Foreigners                    | 60.4 | 55.9 | 66.2 | 58.9 | 59.8 | 60.2 |
| Swiss                         | 45.9 | 46.9 | 54.9 | 54.8 | 55.1 | 55.6 |

| Persons employed by sector <sup>2</sup><br>(in %) | 1970 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 <sup>p</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Agriculture and forestry                          | 8.5  | 6.9  | 4.3  | 4.5  | 3.8  | 3.7               |
| Industry and business                             | 46.2 | 38.1 | 30.2 | 25.7 | 23.7 | 23.8              |
| Services                                          | 45.3 | 55.0 | 65.6 | 69.8 | 72.5 | 72.5              |

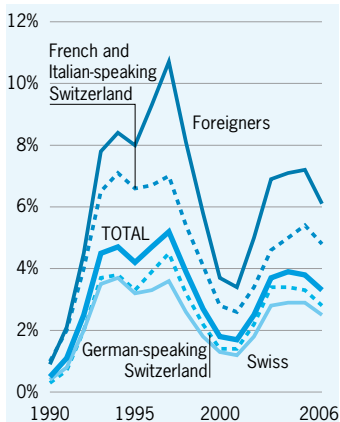
| Part-time employees <sup>3</sup> (in %) | 1970 | 1980 | 1991 | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Men                                     | ...  | ...  | 7.2  | 10.1 | 10.7 | 11.8 |
| Women                                   | ...  | ...  | 48.2 | 53.3 | 56.3 | 56.2 |
| Total                                   | ...  | ...  | 24.1 | 28.8 | 31.0 | 31.6 |

| Unemployment <sup>4</sup>                 | 1970 | 1980  | 1990   | 2000   | 2005    | 2006    |
|-------------------------------------------|------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Unemployed                                | 104  | 6,255 | 18,133 | 71,987 | 148,537 | 131,532 |
| %age of long-term unemployed <sup>5</sup> | ...  | ...   | 6.6    | 20.1   | 19.9    | 20.1    |
| Unemployment rate in %                    | 0.0  | 0.2   | 0.5    | 1.8    | 3.8     | 3.3     |
| Men                                       | ...  | 0.2   | 0.4    | 1.7    | 3.6     | 3.1     |
| Women                                     | ...  | 0.3   | 0.6    | 2.0    | 4.0     | 3.6     |

## Unemployment

Unemployment is closely related to economic trends. The unemployment rate reached a historic high (5.2%) in 1997. After falling to 1.7% (2001), it then rose once more in the following years (2004: 3.9%) and has since fallen again (2006: 3.3%). Different population groups are affected to a differing extent. The unemployment rate amongst low-skilled people, young people (aged 15–24), foreigners (who, on average, have relatively low skill levels) and in non-German-speaking areas of Switzerland remains relatively high. The differences between men and women are less marked.

## Unemployment rate (annual median)



<sup>1</sup> Employed and unemployed persons as a percentage of the population (gross employment rate). Up to 1990, the working population includes both persons working at least 6 hours per week and registered unemployed. Starting in 1991, the working population includes persons working at least 1 hour per week (based on ILO definition) and unemployed (calculated according to international norms). Up to 1979: yearly average; From 1980 onwards: 2nd quarter.

<sup>2</sup> Yearly mean

<sup>3</sup> Degree of employment <90%. Basis = all employed persons within the annual average

<sup>4</sup> Unemployment as per the Swiss Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SSEA)

<sup>5</sup> Unemployed longer than 12 months

<sup>p</sup> Provisional figures

Sources: SFSS, SSEA

## Income from employment 2006<sup>1</sup>

| Distribution in % | Income classes in CHF '000; gross annual fig. |       |       |        |      | Not specified |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|------|---------------|
|                   | ≤26 <sup>2</sup>                              | 26–52 | 52–78 | 78–104 | >104 |               |
| Total             | 2.7                                           | 13.1  | 33.0  | 19.5   | 18.8 | 12.9          |
| Men               | 1.6                                           | 9.0   | 32.8  | 21.5   | 22.8 | 12.4          |
| Women             | 5.7                                           | 23.9  | 33.4  | 14.4   | 8.4  | 14.0          |

## Index of real wages

| 1993 = 100 | 1980 | 1990 | 1995  | 2000  | 2004  | 2005  |
|------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total      | 91.2 | 97.8 | 100.1 | 100.3 | 103.9 | 103.7 |
| Men        | 91.3 | 97.3 | 99.9  | 99.9  | 103.1 | 102.8 |
| Women      | 91.1 | 98.7 | 100.4 | 101.6 | 106.2 | 106.1 |

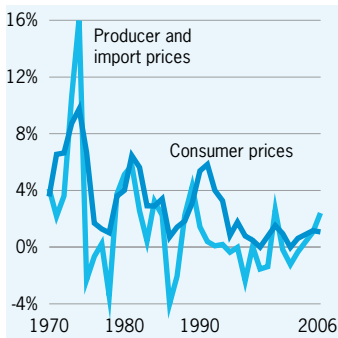
## Index of producer and import prices

| May 2003 = 100, annual average | 1980 | 1990  | 1995  | 2000  | 2005  | 2006  |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Overall index                  | 88.5 | 103.8 | 104.3 | 101.6 | 102.2 | 104.6 |

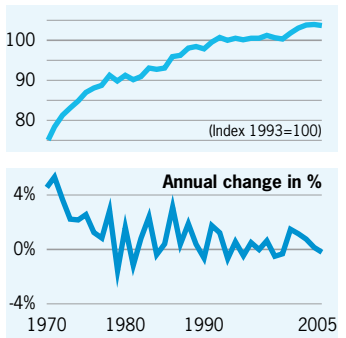
## Consumer price index

| December 2005 = 100, annual average  | 1983  | 1990  | 1995  | 2000  | 2005  | 2006  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Overall index                        | 63.5  | 78.7  | 91.9  | 95.3  | 99.4  | 100.5 |
| by consumption category (selection): |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Food and alcohol-free beverages      | 75.3  | 88.8  | 93.6  | 96.0  | 101.3 | 101.2 |
| Rent                                 | 54.2  | 71.0  | 89.2  | 92.9  | 99.3  | 101.3 |
| Energy                               | 80.8  | 68.5  | 70.9  | 87.1  | 95.7  | 102.3 |
| Health care                          | 62.2  | 77.0  | 93.0  | 96.8  | 100.1 | 100.1 |
| Transport                            | 63.9  | 75.2  | 89.2  | 94.2  | 98.8  | 101.6 |
| Communications                       | 141.0 | 147.9 | 179.3 | 118.4 | 105.6 | 98.4  |
| Origin of goods:                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| Domestic goods                       | 60.6  | 75.9  | 91.7  | 94.7  | 100.0 | 100.8 |
| Imported goods                       | 80.4  | 87.4  | 92.5  | 97.4  | 97.8  | 99.7  |

## Annual increase in prices



## Movement of real wages



<sup>1</sup> Full-time workers, not incl. apprentices

<sup>2</sup> Including persons working voluntarily

# GDP, Balance of Payments

## Gross domestic product (GDP)

at current prices

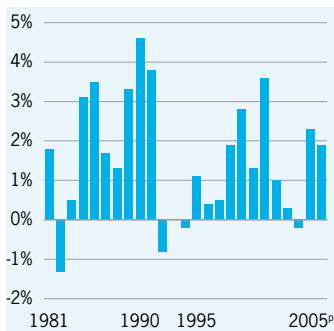
### By components

|                                          | In CHF million    |                   | % change   |            |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
|                                          | 2004 <sup>p</sup> | 2005 <sup>p</sup> | nominal    | real       |
| Final consumption expenditure            | 321,076           | 326,723           | 1.8        | 0.9        |
| Private households and NPIs <sup>1</sup> | 268,920           | 274,764           | 2.2        | 1.3        |
| General government                       | 52,156            | 51,959            | -0.4       | -1.6       |
| Equipment                                | 50,745            | 51,911            | 2.3        | 2.9        |
| Construction                             | 43,287            | 45,805            | 5.8        | 3.5        |
| Changes in stocks                        | -1,147            | -2,061            | ...        | ...        |
| Acquisitions less disposals of valuables | 702               | 2,392             | ...        | ...        |
| Export of goods and services             | 205,524           | 218,096           | 6.1        | 6.4        |
| Imports of goods and services            | 172,877           | 187,271           | 8.3        | 5.3        |
| <b>Gross domestic product</b>            | <b>447,309</b>    | <b>455,594</b>    | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1.9</b> |

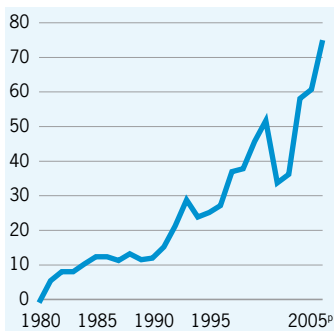
## Production account

|                               |                |                |            |            |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| Output                        | 840,805        | 865,833        | 3.0        | 2.9        |
| Taxes on products             | 29,942         | 30,421         | 1.6        | 2.7        |
| - Subsidies on products       | -3,777         | -3,649         | -3.4       | -5.1       |
| - Intermediate consumption    | 419,660        | 437,011        | 4.1        | 4.0        |
| <b>Gross domestic product</b> | <b>447,309</b> | <b>455,594</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>1.9</b> |

## GDP movement (in real terms)



## Balance of earnings (in CHF billion)



## Balance of payments 2005<sup>p</sup>

|                            | In CHF million |                |               |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                            | Revenue        | Expenditure    | Balance       |
| <b>Balance of earnings</b> |                |                |               |
| Goods                      | 163,467        | 160,447        | 3,020         |
| Services                   | 58,661         | 29,087         | 29,574        |
| Capital and earned income  | 127,570        | 81,194         | 46,375        |
| Unrequited transfers       | 18,658         | 29,961         | -11,303       |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>368,356</b> | <b>300,689</b> | <b>67,666</b> |

<sup>1</sup> in Switzerland: NPIs = private nonprofit institutions serving households

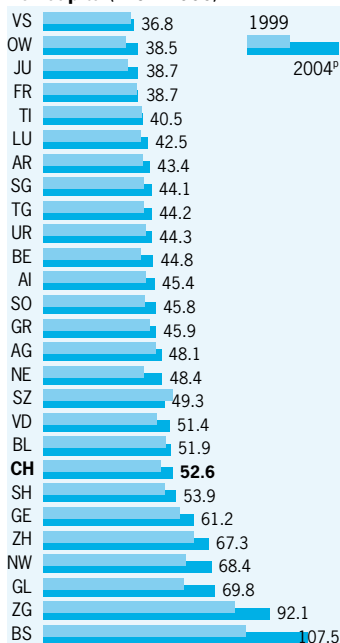
<sup>p</sup> Provisional figures  
Sources: SFSO, SNB

# National Income by Canton

## National income 2004<sup>p</sup>

| Entirety     | in CHF million | %            | Change <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| ZH           | 86,309         | 22.0         | 3.2                 |
| BE           | 43,125         | 11.0         | 3.4                 |
| LU           | 15,073         | 3.8          | 2.5                 |
| UR           | 1,543          | 0.4          | 2.3                 |
| SZ           | 6,669          | 1.7          | 5.7                 |
| OW           | 1,274          | 0.3          | 1.9                 |
| NW           | 2,652          | 0.7          | 8.9                 |
| GL           | 2,674          | 0.7          | 5.7                 |
| ZG           | 9,648          | 2.5          | 5.1                 |
| FR           | 9,765          | 2.5          | 1.9                 |
| SO           | 11,291         | 2.9          | 2.9                 |
| BS           | 20,545         | 5.2          | 8.4                 |
| BL           | 13,707         | 3.5          | 1.2                 |
| SH           | 3,999          | 1.0          | 3.1                 |
| AR           | 2,285          | 0.6          | 2.7                 |
| AI           | 667            | 0.2          | 6.2                 |
| SG           | 20,260         | 5.2          | 2.5                 |
| GR           | 8,804          | 2.2          | 4.2                 |
| AG           | 27,126         | 6.9          | 1.1                 |
| TG           | 10,304         | 2.6          | 2.2                 |
| TI           | 12,960         | 3.3          | 2.4                 |
| VD           | 33,788         | 8.6          | 1.8                 |
| VS           | 10,559         | 2.7          | 2.9                 |
| NE           | 8,164          | 2.1          | 4.0                 |
| GE           | 26,463         | 6.7          | 3.5                 |
| JU           | 2,632          | 0.7          | 8.3                 |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>392,285</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>3.2</b>          |

## Per capita (in CHF '000)



### Large differences between the Cantons

The percentage shares of the individual cantons in the national income vary considerably, largely because of differences in resident population sizes. Zurich, the largest canton, makes about ten times more than the five smallest cantons put together.

The per capita cantonal income provides only very qualified information about a canton's prosperity. More specifically, cantonal income includes all income earned by residents working both inside and outside the canton. Alongside household income, company and public revenues are also included in the calculation.

For years, Cantons Basel-Stadt and Zug have had the highest per capita national income.

<sup>p</sup> Provisional figures

<sup>1</sup> %age change compared with 2003–2004

# Corporate and industry structure

## Companies in the market economy and employees by size, 2005

| Size classes by full-time equivalent ents | Companies in 1000 | %    | Employees in 1000 | %    |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| SMEs (up to 249)                          | 297.7             | 99.7 | 2150.2            | 67.5 |
| Micro (up to 9)                           | 261.6             | 87.6 | 839.4             | 26.3 |
| Small (10–49)                             | 30.6              | 10.3 | 692.3             | 21.7 |
| Medium-sized (50–249)                     | 5.5               | 1.8  | 618.5             | 19.4 |
| Large (250 and more)                      | 1.0               | 0.3  | 1035.4            | 32.5 |

## Companies in the market economy and employees by industry

| in 1000                                           | 1995         |               | 2005         |               |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                                   | Companies    | Employees     | Companies    | Employees     |
| <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>286.1</b> | <b>3118.5</b> | <b>298.7</b> | <b>3185.5</b> |
| <b>Sektor 2</b>                                   | <b>74.4</b>  | <b>1098.3</b> | <b>72.5</b>  | <b>1000.6</b> |
| Mining                                            | 0.4          | 5.7           | 0.3          | 4.3           |
| Manufacturing                                     | 41.4         | 744.5         | 37.4         | 677.5         |
| of which:                                         | 0.0          | 0.0           | 0.0          | 0.0           |
| Food and luxury food industry                     | 2.9          | 68.7          | 2.3          | 66.2          |
| Paper, printing and publishing                    | 4.8          | 77.2          | 4.1          | 60.3          |
| Oil and chemical industries                       | 0.8          | 69.6          | 0.9          | 68.5          |
| Metalworking industry                             | 7.7          | 107.3         | 7.7          | 98.2          |
| Mechanical engineering                            | 3.7          | 113.8         | 3.4          | 99.2          |
| Electrical and precision engineering industry     | 5.2          | 137.3         | 5.0          | 141.7         |
| Power and water supply                            | 0.3          | 18.2          | 0.5          | 24.8          |
| Construction                                      | 32.4         | 329.8         | 34.4         | 294.0         |
| <b>Sektor 3</b>                                   | <b>211.7</b> | <b>2020.1</b> | <b>226.2</b> | <b>2185.0</b> |
| Retail sector; repair of consumer goods           | 74.0         | 625.1         | 68.8         | 614.1         |
| Hotels and catering                               | 23.9         | 223.8         | 25.1         | 211.6         |
| Transport, telecommunications                     | 10.3         | 254.5         | 10.7         | 245.0         |
| Banking and insurance industry                    | 3.6          | 187.7         | 5.9          | 196.6         |
| Property, rental of machinery and equipment       | 4.1          | 20.1          | 5.4          | 29.8          |
| IT activities, research and development           | 5.8          | 36.9          | 11.2         | 72.8          |
| Business support services                         | 46.5         | 251.5         | 55.7         | 318.3         |
| Public administration; Social security; Education | 4.3          | 52.6          | 4.3          | 64.9          |
| Health and social services                        | 19.4         | 280.4         | 19.5         | 334.1         |
| Other services to third parties                   | 19.9         | 87.7          | 19.6         | 97.8          |

### Continuing change in structure, lasting dominance of SMEs

The structure of industry in Switzerland has continued to change since 1995. Some areas of the production sector in particular, such as construction, the textile and leather industries, paper, printing and publishing and mechanical engineering, have been subject to major falls in employment levels, while service industries, such as business support services, IT activities, research and development and health and social services, have seen significant growth. The percentage of total employment represented by the service sector has grown from 65% to 69% between 1995 and 2005 (companies in the market economy only).

The dominance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) – that is, companies with fewer than 250 employees – has continued uninterrupted. They represent 99.7% of private sector companies and employ two-thirds of the working population (2005).

# Industry and Foreign Trade

## Industrial production

Annual average 1995 = 100

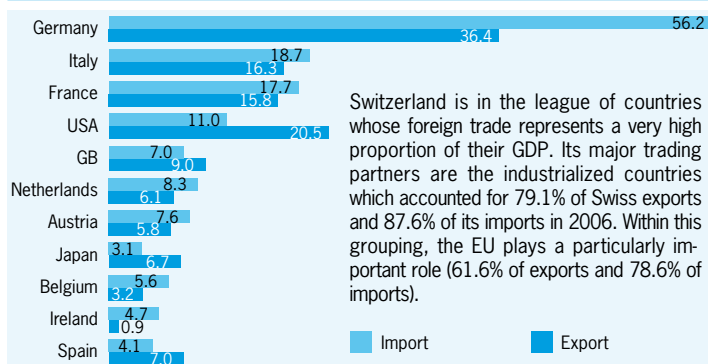
|                                                                 | 1990      | 1995       | 2000         | 2003         | 2004         | 2005         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total processing trades/industry</b>                         | <b>97</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>123.2</b> | <b>115.7</b> | <b>120.8</b> | <b>124.7</b> |
| Food and beverages; tobacco processing                          | 98        | 100        | 93.9         | 89.8         | 91.0         | 92.3         |
| Textiles and garments                                           | 109       | 100        | 85.3         | 65.9         | 70.7         | 72.1         |
| Leather and shoes                                               | 199       | 100        | 65.7         | 55.1         | 58.4         | 57.8         |
| Timber working and processing (excl. furniture)                 | 110       | 100        | 112.0        | 107.9        | 115.0        | 115.3        |
| Paper, cardboard, publishing, printing                          | 95        | 100        | 128.7        | 103.2        | 102.0        | 100.7        |
| Chemical industry                                               | 70        | 100        | 163.0        | 197.3        | 206.3        | 224.0        |
| Rubber and plastic goods                                        | 107       | 100        | 115.4        | 115.8        | 122.7        | 122.3        |
| Other products (non-metallic minerals)                          | 124       | 100        | 128.0        | 148.8        | 181.7        | 197.9        |
| Metal working and processing                                    | 117       | 100        | 124.1        | 115.1        | 116.3        | 116.1        |
| Machinery                                                       | ...       | 100        | 123.2        | 101.6        | 108.9        | 107.3        |
| Electronics, precision mechanics,<br>optical equipment, watches | ...       | 100        | 124.7        | 104.3        | 106.9        | 114.1        |
| Vehicle manufacture                                             | ...       | 100        | 96.9         | 85.1         | 89.4         | 80.3         |

## Foreign trade

in CHF million

|                                    | Import        |                |                   | Export        |                |                   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                                    | 1990          | 2005           | 2006 <sup>p</sup> | 1990          | 2005           | 2006 <sup>p</sup> |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>96,611</b> | <b>157,544</b> | <b>177,244</b>    | <b>88,257</b> | <b>162,991</b> | <b>185,167</b>    |
| of which:                          |               |                |                   |               |                |                   |
| Agricultural and forestry products | 8,095         | 10,997         | 11,936            | 2,998         | 5,192          | 6,180             |
| Textiles, clothing, shoes          | 8,806         | 8,846          | 9,392             | 4,984         | 4,200          | 4,406             |
| Chemicals                          | 10,624        | 32,796         | 35,784            | 18,425        | 54,838         | 62,976            |
| Metals                             | 9,025         | 12,367         | 15,527            | 7,537         | 11,664         | 13,427            |
| Machinery, electronics             | 19,794        | 29,972         | 32,068            | 25,527        | 35,172         | 38,632            |
| Vehicles                           | 10,230        | 14,333         | 15,503            | 1,485         | 4,425          | 4,942             |
| Instruments, watches               | 5,786         | 10,786         | 12,180            | 13,330        | 27,638         | 31,307            |

## Key trading partners 2006 (in CHF billion)



# Agriculture

| <b>Agricultural area (in ha)</b>           | 1990             | 2000             | 2005             | Change in %<br>1990–2005 |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Open arable land                           | 312,606          | 292,548          | 286,311          | -8.4                     |
| Cultivated grassland                       | 90,319           | 115,490          | 119,101          | 31.9                     |
| Natural grassland and pasture <sup>1</sup> | 634,719          | 629,416          | 625,132          | -1.5                     |
| Vineyards                                  | 12,403           | 13,223           | 12,932           | 4.3                      |
| Orchards                                   | 7,336            | 7,857            | 7,355            | 0.3                      |
| Other                                      | 11,107           | 13,958           | 14,287           | 28.6                     |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>1,068,490</b> | <b>1,072,492</b> | <b>1,065,118</b> | <b>-0.3</b>              |

| <b>Farms</b>             | 1990          | 2000          | 2005          | 1990–2004      |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 0–3 ha agricultural land | 19,819        | 8,371         | 6,622         | -66.6          |
| 3–10 ha                  | 27,092        | 18,542        | 15,133        | -44.1          |
| 10–20 ha                 | 31,630        | 24,984        | 21,994        | -30.5          |
| 20–50 ha                 | 13,590        | 17,433        | 18,300        | 34.7           |
| >50 ha                   | 684           | 1,207         | 1,578         | 130.7          |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>92,815</b> | <b>70,537</b> | <b>63,627</b> | <b>-31.4</b>   |
| of which organic<br>in % | 896<br>1.0    | 4,902<br>6.9  | 6,420<br>10.1 | 616.5<br>945.2 |

| <b>Staff</b> | 1990    | 2000    | 2005    | 1990–2005 |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Men          | 161,484 | 129,161 | 114,549 | -29.1     |
| Women        | 92,077  | 74,161  | 66,543  | -27.7     |

## Consumption and production 2004

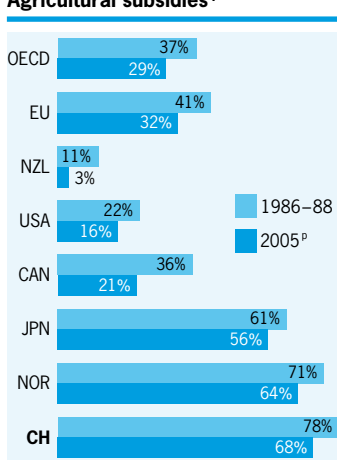
|                      | Cons. (kg) <sup>2</sup> | Prod. (%) <sup>3</sup> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Milk                 | 96.5                    | 99.1                   |
| Vegetables           | 85.0                    | 55.0                   |
| Fruits               | 88.5                    | 46.7                   |
| Cereals              | 75.3                    | 58.4                   |
| Meat (net)           | 51.7                    | 79.2                   |
| Potatoes             | 40.6                    | 94.4                   |
| Sugar                | 59.7                    | 48.2                   |
| Vegetable fats, oils | 15.8                    | 22.4                   |
| Full fat cheese      | 15.6                    | 113.9                  |
| Eggs                 | 10.1                    | 45.6                   |
| Fish, shellfish      | 7.9                     | 3.6                    |
| Butter               | 5.7                     | 96.9                   |

## Output

(at current basic prices, in mill. CHF)

| <b>Output of the agricultural industry (EAA)</b> | 2004          | 2006*         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>10,951</b> | <b>10,009</b> |
| of which animal<br>produce in %                  | 46.8          | 48.7          |

## Agricultural subsidies<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Excl. summer pastures

<sup>2</sup> Per capita

<sup>3</sup> Produced in Switzerland, as %age of consumption

<sup>4</sup> Subsidies as a percentage of value of agricultural production

<sup>p</sup> Provisional figures

\* Estimate

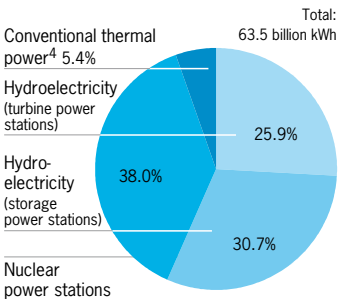
Sources: SFSO, SFA, Economic Agricultural Account (EAA)



## Final consumption by sources of energy

| in terajoules <sup>1</sup>                         | 1980           | 1990           | 2000           | 2003           | 2004           | 2005           |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Petroleum products</b>                          | <b>488,300</b> | <b>501,050</b> | <b>510,360</b> | <b>504,100</b> | <b>500,360</b> | <b>502,890</b> |
| Heating fuels                                      | 309,480        | 247,830        | 217,110        | 227,770        | 225,300        | 225,830        |
| Motor fuels                                        | 178,820        | 253,220        | 293,250        | 276,330        | 275,060        | 277,060        |
| <b>Electricity</b>                                 | <b>126,910</b> | <b>167,670</b> | <b>188,540</b> | <b>198,440</b> | <b>202,220</b> | <b>206,390</b> |
| <b>Gas</b>                                         | <b>30,370</b>  | <b>63,430</b>  | <b>95,220</b>  | <b>102,610</b> | <b>105,960</b> | <b>108,820</b> |
| <b>Coal and coke</b>                               | <b>13,630</b>  | <b>14,360</b>  | <b>5,850</b>   | <b>5,920</b>   | <b>5,650</b>   | <b>5,580</b>   |
| <b>Wood, charcoal<sup>2</sup></b>                  | <b>26,280</b>  | <b>28,460</b>  | <b>27,290</b>  | <b>29,810</b>  | <b>29,590</b>  | <b>30,450</b>  |
| <b>District heating</b>                            | <b>7,920</b>   | <b>10,420</b>  | <b>13,280</b>  | <b>14,790</b>  | <b>15,320</b>  | <b>16,010</b>  |
| <b>Household and industrial waste</b>              | <b>3,700</b>   | <b>8,680</b>   | <b>11,350</b>  | <b>11,950</b>  | <b>11,930</b>  | <b>12,050</b>  |
| <b>Other types of renewable energy<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>...</b>     | <b>4,310</b>   | <b>6,470</b>   | <b>7,370</b>   | <b>7,660</b>   | <b>8,250</b>   |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>697,110</b> | <b>798,380</b> | <b>858,360</b> | <b>874,990</b> | <b>878,690</b> | <b>890,440</b> |

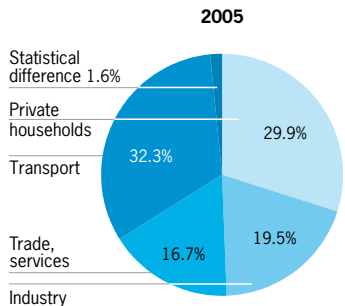
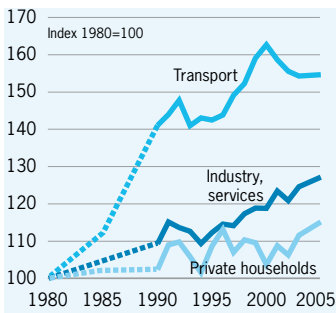
## Electricity production 2005



## Factors influencing energy consumption

Key factors: population growth, economic growth, technological progress, energy prices, global warming, condition of buildings and vehicles, mobility. Although they may have only a short-term impact, other important factors include the weather, economic cycle and energy price fluctuations.

## Final consumption by consumer groups



<sup>1</sup> 1 terajoule (TJ) is the equivalent of approx. 24 t of oil-based fuel or propellant (i.e. approx. 0.28 mill. kWh)

<sup>2</sup> From 1990, new survey method

<sup>3</sup> Solar, biogas, ambient heat and other power stations

Source: FOE

# Switzerland and Europe











|                                                                                  | Year <sup>1</sup> | Switzerland | Germany | Greece |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Inhabitants (as of 1 January) in '000                                            | 2005              | 7,415       | 82,501  | 11,076 |
| People under 15 (in %)                                                           | 2005              | 13.6        | 14.5    | 14.6   |
| People over 64 (in %)                                                            | 2005              | 15.8        | 18.6    | 17.3   |
| Births (per '000 inhabitants)                                                    | 2003              | 9.9         | 8.6     | 9.4    |
| Births outside of marriage (in %)                                                | 2005              | 13          | 28      | 5      |
| Life expectancy, men (in yrs.)                                                   | 2005              | 78.7        | 75.7    | 76.6   |
| Life expectancy, women (in yrs.)                                                 | 2005              | 83.9        | 81.4    | 81.4   |
| Marriages (per '000 inhabitants)                                                 | 2005              | 5.3         | 4.8     | 4.2    |
| Divorces (per '000 inhabitants)                                                  | 2005              | 2.4         | 2.6     | 1.1    |
| Infant mortality (per '000 inhabitants)                                          | 2004              | 4.2         | 4.1     | 3.9    |
| Migration balance (per '000 inhabitants)                                         | 2005              | 5.2         | 1       | 3.2    |
| Foreign residents (in % of total population)                                     | 2004              | 21.8        | 8.1     | 6.9    |
| Persons per household                                                            | 2003              | 2.2         | 2.1     | 2.6    |
| Persons aged 25–34 with a university degree (in %)                               | 2004              | 30          | 23      | 25     |
| Agricultural land (as % of total land)                                           | 2001              | 36.9        | 48.8    | 66     |
| Forest land (as % of total land)                                                 | 2001              | 30.8        | 30.2    | 22.8   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from the burning of fossil fuels (in t per inhabitant) | 2003              | 6.0         | 10.4    | 8.6    |
| Cars (per '000 inhabitants)                                                      | 2002              | 508         | 541     | 331    |
| Road accidents <sup>2</sup> : fatalities per 1 million inhabitants               | 2004              | 69          | 71      | 147    |
| Employees in agriculture (in %) <sup>3</sup>                                     | 2005              | 4.0         | 2.3     | 12.4   |
| Employees in industry (in %) <sup>3</sup>                                        | 2005              | 23          | 29.9    | 22.4   |
| Employees in services (in %) <sup>3</sup>                                        | 2005              | 73          | 67.8    | 65.1   |
| Employment rate Women (Aged 15+)                                                 | 2005              | 59.3        | 50.8    | 42.3   |
| Employment rate Men (Aged 15+)                                                   | 2005              | 75.1        | 66.2    | 64.9   |
| Unemployment rate <sup>4</sup>                                                   | 2005              | 4.4         | 11.3    | 9.6    |
| Women                                                                            | 2005              | 5.1         | 10.9    | 15.2   |
| Men                                                                              | 2005              | 3.9         | 11.6    | 5.8    |
| Youth unemployment                                                               | 2005              | 8.8         | 15.5    | 25.3   |
| Long-term unemployment in %                                                      | 2005              | 37.7        | 54      | 53.7   |
| Part-time employees Women (in %) <sup>5</sup>                                    | 2005              | 58          | 44      | 9      |
| Part-time employees Men (in %) <sup>5</sup>                                      | 2005              | 12          | 5       | 2      |
| Working week (hours)                                                             | 2005              | 41.6        | 40.1    | 41     |
| Exports per inhabitant (in USD)                                                  | 2004              | 15,691      | 11,024  | 1,356  |
| per capita GDP, expressed in ppp terms (in USD)                                  | 2004              | 33,678      | 28,605  | 21,689 |
| Average real growth in GDP per year, in % 1990–2004                              |                   | 1.0         | 1.6     | 2.9    |
| Inflation rate                                                                   | 2005              | 1.2         | 1.9     | 3.5    |
| Public surplus/deficit as % of GDP                                               | 2005              | –1.0        | –3.2    | –5.2   |
| Public debt as % of GDP                                                          | 2005              | 55.6        | 67.9    | 107.5  |

<sup>1</sup> Or most recent year available

<sup>2</sup> Accidents with persons injured

<sup>3</sup> %age of all employed persons

<sup>4</sup> Unemployment (ILO definition)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spain                                                                            | France                                                                            | Italy                                                                             | Netherlands                                                                       | Austria                                                                           | Sweden                                                                            | U.K.                                                                              | EU-15                                                                             |
| 43,038                                                                           | 62,371                                                                            | 58,462                                                                            | 16,306                                                                            | 8,207                                                                             | 9,011                                                                             | 60,035                                                                            | 389,433                                                                           |
| 14.5                                                                             | 18.5                                                                              | 14.2                                                                              | 18.5                                                                              | 16.1                                                                              | 17.6                                                                              | 18.9                                                                              | 16.5                                                                              |
| 16.8                                                                             | 16.4                                                                              | 18.2                                                                              | 14                                                                                | 16                                                                                | 17.2                                                                              | 15.6                                                                              | 16.8                                                                              |
| 10.4                                                                             | 12.7                                                                              | 9.4                                                                               | 12.3                                                                              | 9.5                                                                               | 11.1                                                                              | 11.7                                                                              | 10.5                                                                              |
| 27                                                                               | 47                                                                                | 15                                                                                | 32                                                                                | 36                                                                                | 55                                                                                | 42                                                                                | 30.2                                                                              |
| 77.2                                                                             | 76.7                                                                              | 76.8                                                                              | 76.4                                                                              | 76.4                                                                              | 78.4                                                                              | 76.2                                                                              | 75.8                                                                              |
| 83.8                                                                             | 83.8                                                                              | 82.5                                                                              | 81.1                                                                              | 82.1                                                                              | 82.7                                                                              | 80.7                                                                              | 81.6                                                                              |
| 5                                                                                | 4.4                                                                               | 4.3                                                                               | 4.7                                                                               | 4.7                                                                               | 4.8                                                                               | 5.2                                                                               | 4.8                                                                               |
| 1.2                                                                              | 2.2                                                                               | 0.8                                                                               | 1.9                                                                               | 2.3                                                                               | 2.2                                                                               | 2.6                                                                               | 2                                                                                 |
| 3.5                                                                              | 3.9                                                                               | 4.1                                                                               | 4.1                                                                               | 4.5                                                                               | 3.1                                                                               | 5.1                                                                               | 4.3                                                                               |
| 14.3                                                                             | 1.7                                                                               | 9.6                                                                               | -0.6                                                                              | 7.6                                                                               | 2.8                                                                               | 3.4                                                                               | 3.3                                                                               |
| 7.8                                                                              | 5.5                                                                               | 4.1                                                                               | 4.3                                                                               | 9.6                                                                               | 5.3                                                                               | 4.2                                                                               | 5.1                                                                               |
| 2.9                                                                              | 2.4                                                                               | 2.6                                                                               | 2.3                                                                               | 2.4                                                                               | ...                                                                               | 2.3                                                                               | 2.4                                                                               |
| 38                                                                               | 38                                                                                | 15                                                                                | 34                                                                                | 20                                                                                | 42                                                                                | 31                                                                                | ...                                                                               |
| 58.8                                                                             | 56.2                                                                              | 44.4                                                                              | 57.3                                                                              | 41.2                                                                              | 7.7                                                                               | 69.4                                                                              | 44.1                                                                              |
| 33.3                                                                             | 31.6                                                                              | 23.3                                                                              | 9.5                                                                               | 41.6                                                                              | 73.5                                                                              | 11.6                                                                              | 38.2                                                                              |
| 7.7                                                                              | 6.3                                                                               | 7.8                                                                               | 11.4                                                                              | 9.2                                                                               | 6                                                                                 | 9.1                                                                               | ...                                                                               |
| 460                                                                              | 490                                                                               | 590                                                                               | 424                                                                               | 495                                                                               | 453                                                                               | 447                                                                               | 495                                                                               |
| 112                                                                              | 92                                                                                | 97                                                                                | 49                                                                                | 108                                                                               | 53                                                                                | 56                                                                                | ...                                                                               |
| 5.2                                                                              | 3.8                                                                               | 4.1                                                                               | 3.3                                                                               | 5.4                                                                               | 2.3                                                                               | 1.4                                                                               | 3.7                                                                               |
| 29.6                                                                             | 24.2                                                                              | 30.7                                                                              | 20.6                                                                              | 27.8                                                                              | 21.9                                                                              | 22.1                                                                              | 26.6                                                                              |
| 65.1                                                                             | 71.9                                                                              | 65.3                                                                              | 76.1                                                                              | 66.8                                                                              | 75.8                                                                              | 76.5                                                                              | 69.7                                                                              |
| 46.0                                                                             | 50.2                                                                              | 37.9                                                                              | 57.5                                                                              | 51.5                                                                              | 59.8                                                                              | 55.2                                                                              | 49.2                                                                              |
| 67.8                                                                             | 62.4                                                                              | 61.4                                                                              | 72.8                                                                              | 67.5                                                                              | 68.4                                                                              | 68.8                                                                              | 65.8                                                                              |
| 9.3                                                                              | 8.6                                                                               | 7.5                                                                               | 4.8                                                                               | 5.2                                                                               | 8.7                                                                               | 4.5                                                                               | 8.2                                                                               |
| 12.2                                                                             | 9.5                                                                               | 9.6                                                                               | 5.1                                                                               | 5.4                                                                               | 8.6                                                                               | 4                                                                                 | 8.9                                                                               |
| 7.3                                                                              | 7.8                                                                               | 6.1                                                                               | 4.6                                                                               | 5.1                                                                               | 8.7                                                                               | 4.9                                                                               | 7.6                                                                               |
| 20.4                                                                             | 19.6                                                                              | 22.9                                                                              | 8.6                                                                               | 10.9                                                                              | 28                                                                                | 11.7                                                                              | 16.7                                                                              |
| 24.7                                                                             | 43.4                                                                              | 52.2                                                                              | 40.1                                                                              | 23.7                                                                              | 14.1                                                                              | 22.4                                                                              | 41.9                                                                              |
| 25                                                                               | 31.0                                                                              | 26                                                                                | 75                                                                                | 39                                                                                | 40                                                                                | 43                                                                                | 37                                                                                |
| 5                                                                                | 6                                                                                 | 5                                                                                 | 23                                                                                | 6                                                                                 | 12                                                                                | 11                                                                                | 8                                                                                 |
| 41.1                                                                             | 39                                                                                | 39.2                                                                              | 38.8                                                                              | 42.4                                                                              | 39.9                                                                              | 42.6                                                                              | 40.3                                                                              |
| 4,267                                                                            | 7,027                                                                             | 6,081                                                                             | 19,527                                                                            | 13,337                                                                            | 13,701                                                                            | 5,706                                                                             | 8,769                                                                             |
| 25,582                                                                           | 29,554                                                                            | 27,699                                                                            | 31,191                                                                            | 31,944                                                                            | 30,361                                                                            | 31,436                                                                            | 28,741                                                                            |
| 2.9                                                                              | 1.9                                                                               | 1.4                                                                               | 2.5                                                                               | 2.2                                                                               | 2.0                                                                               | 2.4                                                                               | 2                                                                                 |
| 3.4                                                                              | 1.9                                                                               | 2.2                                                                               | 1.5                                                                               | 2.1                                                                               | 0.8                                                                               | 2.1                                                                               | 2.1                                                                               |
| 1.1                                                                              | -2.9                                                                              | -4.1                                                                              | -0.3                                                                              | -1.5                                                                              | 3.0                                                                               | -3.3                                                                              | -2.3                                                                              |
| 43.1                                                                             | 66.6                                                                              | 106.6                                                                             | 52.7                                                                              | 63.4                                                                              | 50.4                                                                              | 42.4                                                                              | 64.5                                                                              |

<sup>5</sup> As % of female or male employees

Sources: SFSO, European Parliament, Eurostat, WHO, OECD, IEA

# Tourism

## Supply and demand 2006

| in '000s        | Existing beds |       | Overnight stays |          |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
|                 | 2005          | 2006  | 2005            | 2006     |
| Hotels and spas | 274.0         | 271.6 | 32,943.7        | 34,848.4 |
| Youth hostels   | 6.3           | 6.2   | 859.7           | 873.5    |

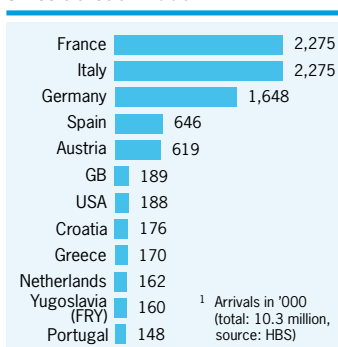
## Duration of stays in hotels and health resorts

| Overnight stays | 1990 | 2000 | 2003 | 2006 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total           | 2.8  | 2.5  | 2.5  | 2.4  |
| Domestic guests | 3.0  | 2.5  | 2.4  | 2.2  |
| Foreign guests  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.6  | 2.5  |

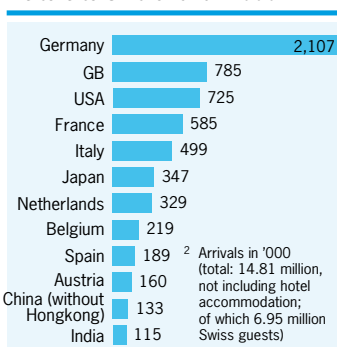
## Balance of tourism (in CHF million)

|                                             | 1990   | 2000   | 2004   | 2005 <sup>p</sup> |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| Earnings from foreign guests in Switzerland | 10,296 | 13,134 | 13,126 | 13,747            |
| Expenditure by Swiss tourists abroad        | 8,159  | 10,718 | 10,939 | 11,584            |
| Balance                                     | 2,136  | 2,416  | 2,187  | 2,163             |

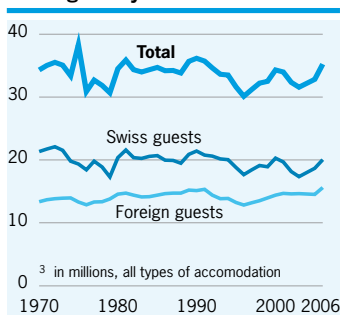
## Swiss abroad<sup>1</sup> 2003



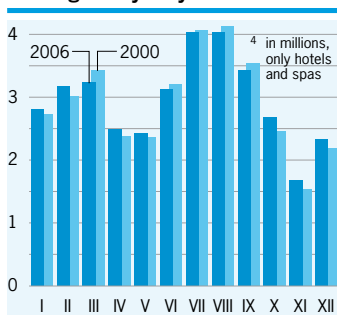
## Visitors to Switzerland<sup>2</sup> 2006



## Overnight stays<sup>3</sup>



## Overnight stays<sup>4</sup> by month



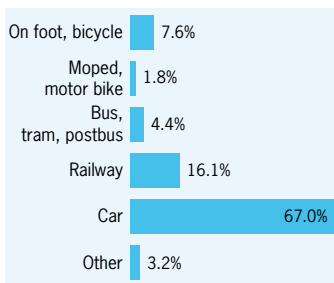
<sup>p</sup> Provisional figures

| <b>Network</b> in km                          | 1970      | 1980      | 1990                | 2000                  | 2005                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Rail                                          | 4,991     | 4,982     | 5,030               | 5,062                 | ...                   |
| Road                                          | 60,139    | 66,545    | 70,970 <sup>1</sup> | 71,132 <sup>1,2</sup> | 71,296 <sup>1,2</sup> |
| of which national highways                    | 651       | 1,170     | 1,495               | 1,638                 | 1,756                 |
| <b>Vehicles</b> (road)                        | 1970      | 1980      | 1990                | 2000                  | 2006                  |
| Cars                                          | 1,383,204 | 2,246,752 | 2,985,397           | 3,545,247             | 3,899,917             |
| Motorbikes                                    | 142,107   | 137,340   | 299,264             | 493,781               | 608,648               |
| Goods vehicles                                | 106,997   | 169,402   | 252,136             | 278,518               | 314,020               |
| of which delivery trucks                      | ...       | ...       | 196,845             | 227,316               | 260,642               |
| <b>Road accidents</b>                         | 1970      | 1980      | 1990                | 2000                  | 2005                  |
| Accidents                                     |           |           |                     |                       |                       |
| of which involving persons                    | 28,651    | 25,649    | 23,834              | 23,737                | 21,706                |
| Killed                                        | 1,694     | 1,246     | 954                 | 592                   | 409                   |
| Injured                                       | 35,981    | 32,327    | 29,243              | 30,058                | 26,754                |
| seriously injured                             | 18,314    | 14,782    | 11,182              | 6,191                 | 5,059                 |
| slightly injured                              | 17,667    | 17,545    | 18,061              | 23,867                | 21,695                |
| <b>Transport services</b> <sup>3</sup>        | 1970      | 1980      | 1990                | 2000                  | 2005                  |
| Rail passengers <sup>4</sup>                  | 9,339     | 9,964     | 12,678              | 12,620                | ...                   |
| Road passengers <sup>5</sup>                  | 45,882    | 67,041    | 77,759              | 85,086                | 93,096 <sup>e</sup>   |
| Goods transport, rail <sup>4</sup>            | 6,983     | 7,799     | 9,045               | 11,080                | ...                   |
| Goods transport, rail <sup>4</sup> net tonnes | ...       | ...       | 8,345               | 9,937                 | ...                   |
| Goods transport, road                         | 4,846     | 6,872     | 11,524              | 13,618 <sup>r</sup>   | 15,753                |

## Transalpine goods traffic 2005<sup>6</sup>

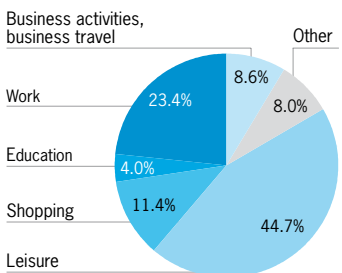
|                   | Rail  |             |                       | Road  |             |                       |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                   | Total | Transit (%) | Increase <sup>7</sup> | Total | Transit (%) | Increase <sup>7</sup> |
| France            | 6.0   | 8.3         | -34.8                 | 20.1  | 25.9        | -21.8                 |
| Switzerland       | 23.7  | 86.9        | 28.8                  | 12.9  | 63.6        | 53.6                  |
| of which Gotthard | 15.6  | 82.1        | 4.7                   | 10.2  | 65.7        | 45.7                  |
| Austria           | 10.0  | 90.0        | 22.0                  | 33.6  | 87.8        | 27.3                  |
| Total             | 39.7  | 75.6        | 10.9                  | 66.6  | 64.4        | 10.1                  |

## Use of transport 2005



In terms of km covered per person (total: 37.3 km/day)

## Purpose of travel 2005



<sup>1</sup> Local roads: position 1984

<sup>2</sup> Reclassification from cantonal to local roads from 1998 taken into account; provisional figures

<sup>3</sup> In millions of passenger kilometres or millions of tonne-kilometres

<sup>4</sup> Railways only

<sup>5</sup> Private transport

<sup>6</sup> Rail: Mt. Cenis-Brenner alpine arc

Road: Fréjus-Brenner alpine arc

<sup>7</sup> Increase (total) over 1999 in %

<sup>e</sup> Extrapolation

<sup>r</sup> Revised

Source: Federal Office of Transport, SFSO, Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE)

# Construction and Housing

## Construction expenditure (in CHF million)

|                       | 1980          | 1990          | 2000          | 2004          | 2005          |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>25,336</b> | <b>49,182</b> | <b>43,708</b> | <b>46,956</b> | <b>49,661</b> |
| Public expenditure    | 8,448         | 14,993        | 15,983        | 16,204        | 16,001        |
| Civil engineering     | 5,037         | 7,999         | 10,060        | 9,782         | 9,780         |
| of which roads        | ...           | ...           | 5,221         | 4,447         | 4,310         |
| Building construction | 3,411         | 6,994         | 5,923         | 6,422         | 6,221         |
| Private expenditure   | 16,918        | 34,189        | 27,725        | 30,751        | 33,660        |
| of which housing      | ...           | ...           | 17,147        | 21,141        | 22,735        |

## Housing construction

|                                  | 1980   | 1990   | 2000   | 2004   | 2005   |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| New residential                  | 20,806 | 16,162 | 16,962 | 17,306 | 16,990 |
| of which single-family dwellings | 16,963 | 11,200 | 13,768 | 12,957 | 12,407 |
| New dwellings                    | 40,876 | 39,984 | 32,214 | 36,935 | 37,958 |
| with 1 room                      | 2,122  | 2,010  | 528    | 466    | 423    |
| 2 rooms                          | 4,598  | 5,248  | 1,779  | 1,665  | 1,941  |
| 3 rooms                          | 7,094  | 8,937  | 4,630  | 5,634  | 5,756  |
| 4 rooms                          | 11,557 | 12,487 | 10,783 | 13,386 | 13,920 |
| 5 rooms or more                  | 15,505 | 11,302 | 14,494 | 15,784 | 15,918 |

## Housing supply

|                     | 1980      | 1990      | 2000      | 2004      | 2005      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Stocks              | 2,702,656 | 3,140,353 | 3,574,988 | 3,709,857 | 3,748,920 |
| of which vacant (%) | 0.74      | 0.44      | 1.49*     | 0.91      | 0.99      |

### Trend towards larger apartments ...

The number of apartments is growing faster than the population. Between 1990 and 2000, apartments increased by 8% and the population by 6%, bringing the average number of persons per inhabited apartment down from 2.4 to 2.3. At the same time, the average per capita living space increased from 39 m<sup>2</sup> to 44 m<sup>2</sup>.

### ... and single-family houses

Single-family houses as a percentage of total building stock rose from 40% to 56% between 1970 and 2000. 73% of newly constructed buildings for housing purposes are now (2005) single-family homes, despite the efforts of town and country planners to counter this trend and the fact that building land is becoming increasingly scarce.

### Continued low rate of home-ownership

The vast majority of dwellings (73.3%) belong to private individuals (2000) – and not, as is often supposed, to corporate bodies. Nevertheless, the home-ownership rate in Switzerland is relatively low: in 2000, only 34.6% of all permanently occupied dwellings were used by the owners themselves. That is by far the lowest percentage of all European countries. However, home-ownership has increased somewhat since 1970, mainly thanks to the rapid increase in condominium-style flat-ownership.

\* The Ticino Statistics Office worked closely with the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO) to revise 2000–2002 figures. This was done to ensure that data

for Ticino were both plausible and compatible with national data.

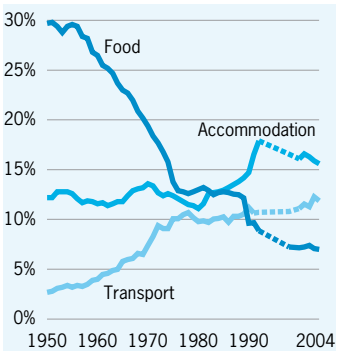
## Expenditure structure<sup>1</sup> of private households 2004

|                                       | %           |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Consumer spending</b>              | <b>61.9</b> |
| Food, non-alcoholic beverages         | 8.0         |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco       | 1.3         |
| Clothing and footwear                 | 2.8         |
| Accommodation and energy              | 17.0        |
| Furnishings                           | 3.1         |
| Health                                | 4.4         |
| Transport                             | 7.4         |
| Communications                        | 2.1         |
| Entertainment, recreation and culture | 6.7         |
| Education                             | 0.5         |
| Restaurants/hotels                    | 6.3         |
| Other goods and services              | 2.3         |

|                                            |             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Transfer expenditure</b>                | <b>38.1</b> |
| Social security contributions <sup>2</sup> | 9.5         |
| Health insurance (basic insurance)         | 5.9         |
| Health insurance (suppl. insurance)        | 1.8         |
| Other insurance contributions              | 5.1         |
| Taxes and fees                             | 13.2        |
| Contributions and other transfers          | 2.7         |

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| <b>Monthly expenditure</b>    |      |
| per household in Swiss francs | 7684 |
| Persons per household         | 2.25 |

## Household expenditure<sup>3</sup>

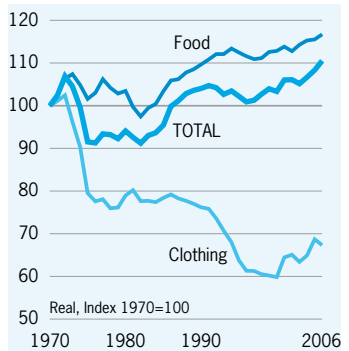


## Change in the structure of expenditure

There was a significant fall in consumer spending as a percentage of total household expenditure between 1990 and 2004 (from 69% to 62%). The percentage of transfer expenditure (taxes and insurance) has risen accordingly, primarily as a result of health insurance premiums, which increased from 4.2% to 7.6% (including supplementary insurance). There was also a change in the structure of consumer spending, with a particularly sharp fall in the proportion spent on food, clothing and furnishings and a corresponding increase in the proportion spent on housing, health, telecommunications, entertainment, recreation and culture.

|                                       |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Retail sales 2006<sup>4</sup></b>  | %    |
| Food, alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 1.0  |
| Clothing and footwear                 | -0.1 |
| Other groups <sup>5</sup>             | 3.4  |
| Total <sup>5</sup>                    | 1.9  |

## Retail sales



<sup>1</sup> As % of total household expenditure

<sup>2</sup> Excl. health insurance

<sup>3</sup> Proportion of major expenditure items of private households (employees), 100% = all expenditure

<sup>4</sup> % change over previous year

<sup>5</sup> Without motorized vehicles, gasoline and heating fuel

# Public Finances

## Completed accounts

| in bill. CHF             | Revenue      |                   | Expenditure  |                   | Balance     |                   |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                          | 2004         | 2007 <sup>3</sup> | 2004         | 2007 <sup>3</sup> | 2004        | 2007 <sup>3</sup> |
| Confederation            | 48.9         | 56.2              | 52.7         | 56.3              | -3.7        | -0.1              |
| Cantons                  | 67.9         | 70.4              | 68.9         | 71.2              | -1.0        | -0.9              |
| Communes <sup>1</sup>    | 44.9         | 47.1              | 44.3         | 46.5              | 0.5         | 0.6               |
| <b>Total<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>134.2</b> | <b>145.3</b>      | <b>138.4</b> | <b>145.7</b>      | <b>-4.2</b> | <b>-0.4</b>       |

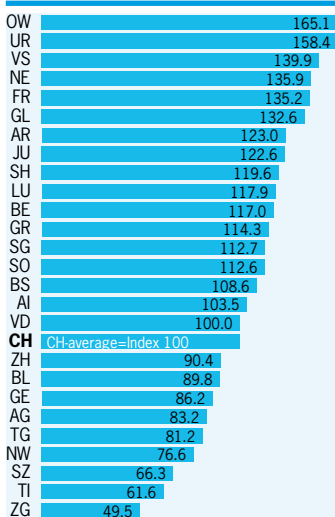
## Debts (in bill. CHF)

|                          | 1980        | 1990        | 2000         | 2005         | 2006 <sup>3</sup> | 2007 <sup>3</sup> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Confederation            | 31.7        | 38.5        | 105.3        | 130.4        | 132.7             | 123.9             |
| Cantons                  | 22.4        | 30.5        | 64.1         | 73.3         | 75.2              | 73.8              |
| Communes <sup>1</sup>    | 23.0        | 29.0        | 38.0         | 38.4         | 37.9              | 37.3              |
| <b>Total<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>77.1</b> | <b>98.0</b> | <b>207.4</b> | <b>242.1</b> | <b>245.8</b>      | <b>235.0</b>      |

## Structure of receipts and expenditure 2004

|                                      | in mill. CHF   | Confederations's share in % |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                      | <b>134,224</b> | <b>36.5</b>                 |
| Tax                                  | 97,643         | 45.8                        |
| on income and assets                 | 68,165         | 25.2                        |
| Property and luxury taxes            | 1,960          | -                           |
| Consumer taxes                       | 27,518         | 100.0                       |
| Other revenue                        | 36,581         | 11.5                        |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                   | <b>138,379</b> | <b>38.1</b>                 |
| General public serv.                 | 8,855          | 21.7                        |
| Justice, police                      | 7,970          | 9.3                         |
| Defence                              | 4,979          | 93.1                        |
| Education                            | 27,684         | 18.9                        |
| Culture, leisure                     | 4,249          | 10.5                        |
| Health                               | 19,326         | 1.0                         |
| Social security                      | 27,742         | 49.8                        |
| Transport                            | 14,411         | 59.3                        |
| Environment, town & country planning | 4,907          | 14.9                        |
| Agriculture                          | 4,363          | 89.6                        |
| Loan charges                         | 9,486          | 99.3                        |
| Other expenditure                    | 4,408          | 69.5                        |

## Burden of taxation<sup>4</sup> 2005



## Rising ratio of tax to GDP

The ratio of tax to GDP (i.e. ratio of total tax revenues including social security contributions to gross domestic product) has risen by almost 50% since 1970. Social security contributions rose even higher than tax revenues. With a 29.2% tax-GDP ratio (2004), Switzerland compares favourably with other nations: higher than the US (25.5%) and Japan (26.4%) but lower than the EU-15 average (39.7%). That said, Switzerland's tax-GDP ratio has risen at a higher rate than in most OECD countries since 1990.

<sup>1</sup> Estimates for some

<sup>2</sup> Without double accounting

<sup>3</sup> Budget

<sup>4</sup> Taxation of private income and fortune

Sources: EFA; FTA



## Total assets and profits of banks, end 2005

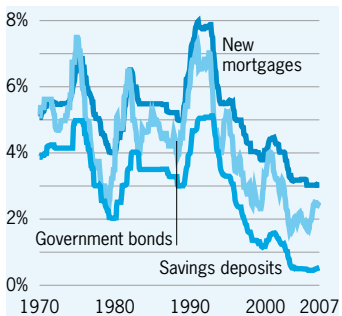
| Bank categories                 | No. institutions |            | Total assets     |                     | Annual profits<br>in CHF million | Annual losses<br>in CHF million |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                 | 1990             | 2005       | in CHF million   | Change <sup>1</sup> |                                  |                                 |
| Cantonal banks                  | 29               | 24         | 326,997          | 4.0%                | 2,018                            | –                               |
| Major banks                     | 4                | 2          | 1,910,445        | 16.2%               | 17,007                           | –                               |
| Regional and savings banks      | 204              | 79         | 83,878           | 2.9%                | 436                              | –                               |
| «Raiffeisen» banks <sup>2</sup> | 2                | 1          | 108,187          | 2.0%                | 608                              | –                               |
| Other banks                     | 218              | 189        | 382,315          | 21.9%               | 4,318                            | 116                             |
| Branches of foreign banks       | 16               | 28         | 17,427           | 16.8%               | 146                              | 26                              |
| Private banking                 | 22               | 14         | 17,207           | 2.4%                | 264                              | –                               |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>495</b>       | <b>337</b> | <b>2,846,455</b> | <b>14.3%</b>        | <b>24,797</b>                    | <b>142</b>                      |

## Balance-sheet structure of the banks 2005

| Assets                | %            |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Liquid assets         | 0.6          |
| Due from money market | 3.4          |
| Due from banks        | 28.7         |
| Total credits         | 39.0         |
| Claims on customers   | 16.3         |
| Mortgage claims       | 22.7         |
| Security holdings     | 14.8         |
| Financial investments | 3.4          |
| Holdings              | 1.7          |
| Tangible assets       | 0.6          |
| Other assets          | 7.7          |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>100.0</b> |
| incl. foreign         | 65.0         |

| Liabilities                                     | %            |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Money-market commitments                        | 4.2          |
| Bank commitments                                | 28.6         |
| Customer funds                                  | 51.9         |
| Liabilities in the form of savings and deposits | 13.1         |
| Other commitments on sight and on term          | 19.3         |
| Bonds                                           | 1.0          |
| Loans and debenture bonds                       | 8.3          |
| Other liabilities                               | 10.6         |
| Own assets                                      | 4.7          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>100.0</b> |
| incl. foreign                                   | 59.0         |

## Cantonal bank interest rates



## Exchange rates<sup>3</sup>

|         | 2002   | 2004   | 2006   |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| US\$ 1  | 1.5556 | 1.2419 | 1.2530 |
| Yen 100 | 1.2423 | 1.1483 | 1.0773 |
| EURO 1  | 1.4670 | 1.5437 | 1.5729 |
| £ 1     | 2.3329 | 2.2746 | 2.3068 |

## Private insurance 2005

| (in mill. CHF)                      | Revenue        | Expendit.     |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Life insurance                      | 36,573         | 35,347        |
| Insurance against accident and loss | 48,342         | 28,241        |
| Re-insurance                        | 25,119         | 14,283        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>110,034</b> | <b>77,871</b> |

<sup>1</sup> % change over previous year

<sup>2</sup> An association with 421 member banks (at year end 2005)

<sup>3</sup> Yearly average, interbank trading (purchasing), in CHF

Sources: Swiss National Bank, FOPI

# Social Security

## Total social security accounts (in CHF million, without double accounting)

| Principal indicators         | 1990   | 1995    | 2000    | 2003    | 2004    |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total expenditure            | 64,551 | 95,565  | 113,722 | 127,456 | 132,008 |
| of which social benefits     | 57,752 | 87,566  | 103,484 | 117,539 | 122,967 |
| Income                       | 87,058 | 117,024 | 135,737 | 147,919 | 147,923 |
| Social benefits <sup>1</sup> | 19.71  | 25.67   | 27.37   | 29.33   | 29.60   |

## Total expenditure and income by system 2004

### Total expenditure (in CHF million, without double accounting)

|                                        |         |                                 |       |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Insurance                              | 111,143 | Continuation of salary payments | 3,275 |
| Old-age and survivors' insurance (AHV) | 30,309  | Benefits depending on need      | 8,585 |
| Company pension schemes (BV)           | 35,208  | Suppl. benefits (AHV, IV)       | 2,848 |
| Disability insurance (IV)              | 10,928  | Welfare payments                | 2,890 |
| Compulsory nursing insurance (OKPV)    | 17,782  | Asylum Policies                 | 934   |
| Compulsory accident insurance (OUV)    | 5,765   | Other                           | 1,913 |
| Unemployment insurance (ALV)           | 6,038   | Subsidies                       | 9,005 |
| Cantonal family allowances (FZ)        | 4,663   | Health system                   | 7,616 |
| State-funded insurance                 | 450     | Other                           | 1,389 |

### Income (in CHF million, without double accounting)

|                 |        |                                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| AHV             | 31,772 | OUV                             | 7,182  |
| IV              | 9,417  | ALV                             | 4,616  |
| BV <sup>3</sup> | 50,787 | Cantonal family allowances (FZ) | 4,696  |
| OKPV (KVG)      | 18,343 | Other systems                   | 21,110 |

## Social benefits by function (in CHF million, without double accounting)

|                      | 2003   | 2004   |                              | 2003  | 2004  |
|----------------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Old age              | 51,182 | 54,489 | Family/Children              | 5,848 | 5,885 |
| Illness/Health care  | 30,818 | 31,943 | Unemployment                 | 5,502 | 5,786 |
| Disability           | 14,895 | 15,496 | Marginals (social exclusion) | 3,138 | 3,465 |
| Surviving dependents | 5,091  | 5,202  | Housing                      | 664   | 700   |

## Income by source (in CHF million, without double accounting)

|                           | 2003   | 2004   |                     | 2003   | 2004   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Social contributions      | 76,796 | 77,277 | State contributions | 33,504 | 34,745 |
| Employer                  | 41,948 | 42,143 | Federal             | 15,460 | 16,102 |
| Employee                  | 32,551 | 32,681 | of which tied       | 4,041  | 4,478  |
| Self-employed, other      | 2,297  | 2,453  | Cantonal            | 13,826 | 13,999 |
| Per capita premiums (KVG) | 13,694 | 14,810 | Communes            | 4,218  | 4,644  |
| Investment income         | 22,742 | 19,843 | Other income        | 1,183  | 1,247  |

## Social insurance: beneficiaries 2005 (in '000)

|                                     |         |                                                    |       |                                       |       |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| AHV: Old-age pensions               | 1,684.7 | BV <sup>3</sup> : Old-age pensions                 | 473.3 | IV: Disability benefits               | 289.8 |
| AHV: Suppl. benefits                | 62.5    | BV <sup>3</sup> : Survivors' benefits <sup>4</sup> | 178.9 | IV: Suppl. benefits                   | 197.5 |
| AHV: Survivors benefits             | 138.1   | BV <sup>3</sup> : Disability benefits              | 131.6 | IV: EL Suppl. benefits                | 92.0  |
| AV: EL Suppl. benefits <sup>2</sup> | 133.9   | BV <sup>3</sup> : Other benefits                   | 63.0  | UV <sup>5</sup> : Surviv. benefits    | 27.1  |
| HV: EL Suppl. benefits <sup>2</sup> | 4.7     | ALV                                                | 322.6 | UV <sup>5</sup> : Disability benefits | 85.0  |

<sup>1</sup> Total expenditure as % of GDP

<sup>2</sup> Suppl. benefits old-age insurance/survivors' insurance

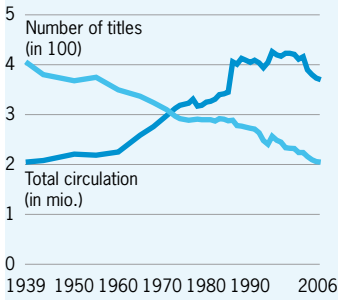
<sup>3</sup> Company pension schemes (figures 2004)

<sup>4</sup> Excluding orphans

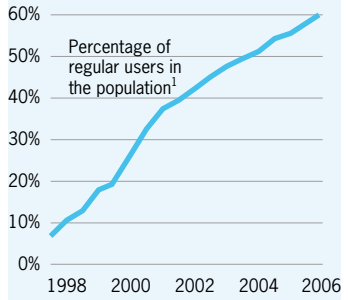
<sup>5</sup> Accident insurance

Sources: SFSO, FSIO

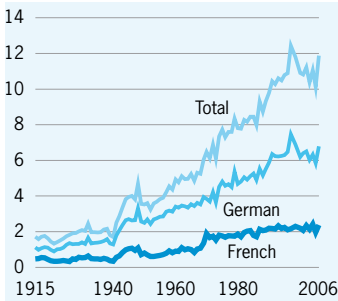
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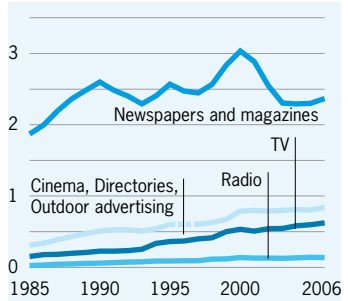
## Use of internet



## Book production<sup>2</sup> (in '000)



## Advertisement<sup>3, 4</sup> (in CHF billion)



## The three most widely read newspapers in Switzerland, 2007 (readership in '000)

| German-speaking Switzerland |       | French-speaking Switzerland |     | Italian-speaking Switzerland |     |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|
| 20 Minuten                  | 1,116 | Le Matin                    | 338 | Corriere del Ticino          | 121 |
| Blick                       | 715   | 24 heures                   | 260 | La Regione Ticino            | 110 |
| Tages-Anzeiger              | 551   | Tribune de Genève           | 175 | Giornale del Popolo          | 55  |

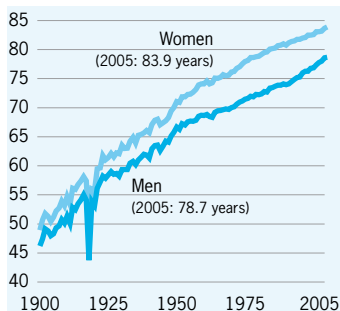
## Radio and TV consumption

| in minutes per day   | 2003 |     |     | 2006 |     |     |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
|                      | G    | F   | I   | G    | F   | I   |
| TV <sup>5</sup>      | 141  | 168 | 175 | 146  | 170 | 180 |
| Radio <sup>6</sup>   | 111  | 105 | 106 | 102  | 97  | 96  |
| Reading <sup>7</sup> | 31   | 29  | 29  | 24   | 26  | 17  |

<sup>1</sup> Persons over 14 years old who use the Internet several times per week  
<sup>2</sup> Books produced in Switzerland and published through the book trade  
<sup>3</sup> Net values; excl. trade fairs and exhibits, promotional materials  
<sup>4</sup> Due to several changes in survey methodology, it is only possible to compare overall trends observed in individual years

<sup>5</sup> Remote monitoring population aged 3+, Average per day (Mon-Sun)  
<sup>6</sup> Radio monitoring, population aged 15+, Average per day (Mon-Sun)  
<sup>7</sup> Survey of population aged 15+ (2003), aged 12+ (2006), Average per day (Mon-Fri)  
 Sources: WEMF/MACH Basic (2007/1), Swiss Press (newspapers), Mediapulse AG (television monitoring, radio monitoring, survey), Stiftung Werbestatistik Schweiz

## Life expectancy



Life expectancy has shot up during the last century, largely as a result of falling infant and child mortality. Life expectancy has also continued to increase in recent years. Since 2000 it has risen for women by 1.3 years and for men by 1.8 years (2005). Life expectancy has risen more among women than among men who tend to die earlier (before the age of 70), mainly due to accidents and violence, lung cancer and alcohol-related cirrhosis of the liver.

### Assessment of health

In 2002, 88% of men and 84% of women described their health as good or very good and only 3% of men and 4% of women qualified it as bad or very bad. However, temporary physical and mental problems often seem to have a negative effect on work and everyday life. Swiss are not fit for work on 11 days a year, those with a higher level of education less frequently (8.7) and those with a lower level more frequently (15.6).

### Infectious diseases<sup>1</sup> 2005

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Acute gastro-intestinal infections | 7,136 |
| Meningitis                         | 74    |
| Hepatitis B                        | 90    |
| Tuberculosis                       | 566   |
| AIDS                               | 148   |

### Accidents 2005

|                                     | Men     | Women   |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Occupational accidents <sup>2</sup> | 203,012 | 54,234  |
| Non-occupat. accidents              | 284,947 | 169,620 |

### Disabled<sup>3</sup> 2006

| Degree of disability | Men     | Women  |
|----------------------|---------|--------|
| 40–49%               | 4,750   | 6,147  |
| 50–59%               | 21,101  | 21,211 |
| 60–69%               | 8,678   | 7,856  |
| 70–100%              | 104,350 | 82,207 |

## Underlying causes of death, 2005

|                                               | Number of deaths |               | death rate <sup>4</sup> |              |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                                               | Men              | Women         | Men                     | Women        |
| <b>All causes</b>                             | <b>29,708</b>    | <b>31,416</b> | <b>654.0</b>            | <b>408.0</b> |
| Infectious diseases                           | 281              | 293           | 6.3                     | 4.1          |
| Cancer-related illness, all types             | 8,612            | 6,807         | 192.0                   | 114.0        |
| Circulatory system                            | 10,320           | 12,541        | 219.0                   | 137.0        |
| Ischemic heart disease                        | 4,821            | 4,541         | 103.0                   | 50.0         |
| Cerebrovascular diseases                      | 1,635            | 2,478         | 34.3                    | 27.7         |
| Diseases of the respiratory system, all types | 2,239            | 2,032         | 46.9                    | 23.9         |
| Accidents and acts of violence                | 2,113            | 1,348         | 51.3                    | 22.6         |
| Accidents, all types                          | 1,122            | 878           | 26.9                    | 12.3         |
| Suicide                                       | 899              | 400           | 22.1                    | 8.7          |

### Infant mortality

| per '000 live births | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2004 | 2005 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                      | 15.0 | 9.1  | 6.8  | 4.9  | 4.2  | 3.9  |

<sup>1</sup> New cases

<sup>2</sup> Incl. occupational and non-occupational accidents, no information about economic branch

<sup>3</sup> Receiving govt. disability pensions

<sup>4</sup> Age-standardised death rate per 100,000 inhabitants

Sources: SFSO, FOPH, SSUV, FOSI

## Consumption of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs 2002

Illegal drugs are mainly used by teenagers and young adults, usually just a few times or occasionally. Approximately 4% of 15–39 year olds consume cannabis at least once a week; in 1992, only 2% did. Much more serious from the public health angle is the consumption of tobacco and alcohol. In all, approximately 31% of the population smoke, 26% of women and 36% of men. These percentages are up on 1992, more obviously so among the younger generation, particularly women (15 to 24 year-old women: from 26% to 35%; men: from 36% to 40%). In contrast, the percentage of people who consume alcohol daily has fallen to 16% from 21% in 1992. Approximately 5% of 20–74 year olds in Switzerland must be classed as heavy drinkers (men: 8%; women: 2%).

## Medical services 2002

| % use last year        | Men  | Women |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| Doctors' consultations | 71.3 | 82.1  |
| Hospitalization        | 10.6 | 13.0  |

## Hospitalisation rate in acute hospitals 2005

| Cases per 1000 inhabitants <sup>2</sup> | Total | Men   | Frauen |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| 15–59 years old                         | 127.0 | 105.3 | 149.0  |
| 60–79 years old                         | 292.3 | 320.7 | 268.1  |
| 80+ years old                           | 453.4 | 527.2 | 416.1  |

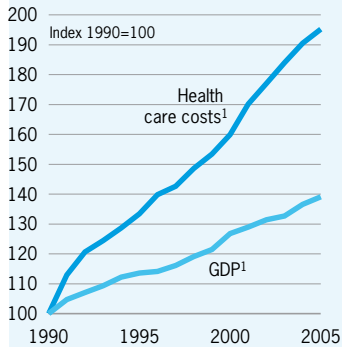
## Doctors and dentists

| per 100,000 inhabitants       | 1980 | 2005 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| Doctors with private practice | 117  | 204  |
| Dentists                      | 35   | 50   |

## Health costs

| in CHF million                    | 1995          | 2005 <sup>P</sup> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>36,161</b> | <b>52,930</b>     |
| Inpatient treatment               | 17,334        | 24,495            |
| Outpatient treatment              | 10,478        | 16,262            |
| of which:                         |               |                   |
| Doctors                           | 5,118         | 7,319             |
| Dentists                          | 2,630         | 3,309             |
| Outpatients                       | 702           | 1,098             |
| Other services <sup>3</sup>       | 1,295         | 1,827             |
| Healthcare resources <sup>4</sup> | 4,304         | 6,680             |
| of which:                         |               |                   |
| Pharmacies                        | 2,707         | 3,795             |
| Doctors                           | 904           | 1,732             |
| Prevention                        | 938           | 1,126             |
| Administration                    | 1,812         | 2,539             |

## Health care costs



In 2005, 11.6% of the GDP went on health (1990: 8.3%). Development of supply is a fundamental factor in this increase: eg expanded facilities, growing specialization and greater use of technology, greater comfort. The impact of the aging population and the escalation of social insurance benefits are not so significant.

<sup>1</sup> At current prices

<sup>2</sup> Permanent resident population in the middle of 2005

<sup>3</sup> Such as laboratory analyses, radiology, transport

<sup>4</sup> Medicines and therapeutic apparatus

<sup>P</sup> Provisional figures

# Education and Science

## Education: a federal approach

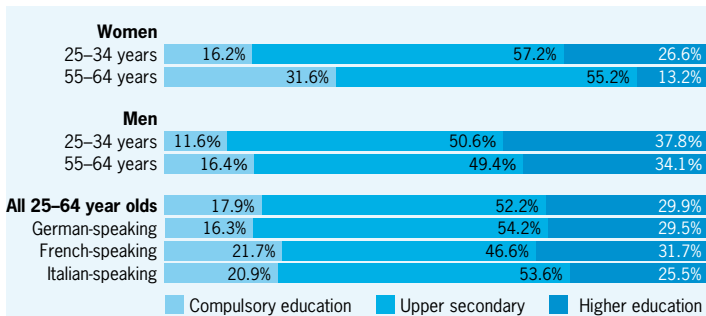
The Swiss education system is characterized by marked federalism, with the 26 cantons having basic responsibility for schools. The variety of different education systems is obvious mainly in compulsory education: depending on the canton, there are two, three or four different types of lower secondary schools to match performance requirements, and teaching hours for the nine compulsory years of schooling vary between 7100 and 8900 per child.

However, the Swiss education system is changing: in recent years, cantons have reformed their systems and national structures are being modified (introduction of a vocational university qualification and technical universities), demand for education has increased and demand for schools providing an all-round education has increased.

## Students

| Educational level                         | in '000        |                |                | % of women |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                           | 1980/81        | 1990/91        | 2005/2006      | 1980/81    | 1990/91   | 2005/2006 |
| Pre-education                             | 120.3          | 139.8          | 156.1          | 49         | 49        | 48        |
| Compulsory education                      | 849.6          | 711.9          | 806.9          | 49         | 49        | 49        |
| Primary                                   | 451.0          | 404.2          | 454.1          | 49         | 49        | 49        |
| Lower secondary                           | 362.3          | 271.6          | 304.1          | 49         | 49        | 50        |
| Special syllabus schools                  | 36.4           | 36.2           | 48.7           | 39         | 38        | 38        |
| Upper secondary                           | 299.0          | 295.8          | 317.4          | 43         | 45        | 47        |
| Schools of general education <sup>1</sup> | 74.8           | 74.5           | 97.5           | 53         | 55        | 59        |
| Vocational training <sup>2</sup>          | 224.2          | 221.3          | 219.9          | 39         | 42        | 42        |
| Higher education                          | 85.3           | 137.5          | 206.4          | 30         | 35        | 47        |
| Universities                              | 61.4           | 85.9           | 112.3          | 32         | 39        | 49        |
| Higher vocat. schools                     | ...            | ...            | 54.1           | ...        | ...       | 44        |
| Advanced vocat. training                  | ...            | 36.2           | 40.0           | ...        | 33        | 44        |
| Unclassified levels                       | –              | 6.7            | 9.6            | –          | 51        | 49        |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>1,234.1</b> | <b>1,291.8</b> | <b>1,496.4</b> | <b>46</b>  | <b>46</b> | <b>48</b> |

## Educational attainment 2006



<sup>1</sup> Including schools for teaching professions and preparation for higher vocational studies after apprenticeships

<sup>2</sup> Incl. induction/preliminary training

## Graduations 2005

| Educational level                   | Total  | Women |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|
|                                     |        | in %  |
| <b>Upper secondary</b>              |        |       |
| Academic baccalaureate              | 16,471 | 56.8  |
| Teacher training cert. <sup>1</sup> | 633    | 79.9  |
| Vocat. training cert.               | 57,617 | 45.3  |
| Professional baccalaureate          | 10,719 | 44.0  |
| Commercial diploma                  | 2,855  | 56.8  |
| Apprenticeship certificate          | 2,526  | 31.9  |
| <b>Higher education</b>             |        |       |
| Universities                        |        |       |
| Higher vocat. diploma               | 7,889  | 39.6  |
| UAS Bachelor's degree               | 684    | 87.4  |
| University degree/diploma           | 9,251  | 51.2  |
| Bachelor's degree                   | 2,927  | 40.4  |
| Master's degree                     | 1,294  | 29.9  |
| Doctorate                           | 3,093  | 37.1  |
| Advanced vocat. training            |        |       |
| Vocational college degree           | 4,055  | 28.8  |
| Swiss Federal Diploma               | 2,556  | 17.6  |
| Federal professional diploma        | 12,251 | 32.8  |
| Uncertified vocational degrees      | 10,613 | 66.7  |

## Teachers and Staff 2004/05<sup>2,3,4</sup> Employed in Universities 2005

|                                         | Full-time posts | Women |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
|                                         |                 | in %  |
| <b>Pre-school</b>                       | 8,300           | 95.0  |
| <b>Compulsory education<sup>5</sup></b> | 52,400          | 65.1  |
| Primary                                 | 29,400          | 78.5  |
| Lower secondary                         | 23,000          | 49.8  |
| <b>Upper secondary<sup>6</sup></b>      | 6,900           | 40.2  |
| <b>Higher education</b>                 |                 |       |
| University <sup>7</sup>                 | 29,848          | 38.2  |
| Professorships                          | 2,729           | 12.3  |
| Other lectures                          | 2,388           | 27.0  |
| Higher vocational schools <sup>7</sup>  | 9,724           | 36.2  |
| Professorships                          | 3,447           | 27.9  |
| Other lectures                          | 1,821           | 33.2  |

## Further education<sup>8</sup> 2006

|                       | Men  | Women |
|-----------------------|------|-------|
| Total                 | 45.1 | 41.6  |
| vocationally oriented | 38.3 | 28.7  |
| other                 | 9.7  | 17.5  |

## Public expenditure on teaching 2004 (in CHF million)

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Pre-school                  | 896.4           |
| Compulsory education        | 11,297.3        |
| Special syllabus schools    | 1,203.5         |
| Basic vocational training   | 3,251.3         |
| General education schools   | 2,065.8         |
| Higher vocational schools   | 197.0           |
| Universities                | 7,265.2         |
| Non-divisible tasks         | 515.4           |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>26,691.9</b> |
| Wage costs                  | 17,684.2        |
| of which for teaching staff | 13,488.2        |

## Widespread reading problems

According to a survey (PISA) carried out in 2003, one-sixth of schoolchildren can only understand and interpret a very simple text at the end of their compulsory education. Around 6% can hardly manage this.

## Emphasis on research

In the state economy, research and development (R&D) is an important location factor. With 2.9% of the gross domestic product being used for this purpose (2004) Switzerland is among the most active R&D-oriented countries in the world.

In 2004, around CHF 13.1 billion was devoted to R&D, of which 74% was accounted for by private industry and 23% by universities, the remaining 3% falling to the Confederation and various non-profit organisations.

Swiss companies abroad have traditionally focused heavily on R&D activities. Expenditure in this area in the private sector abroad was around CHF 9.6 billion in 2004 which is roughly equivalent to domestic private sector spending.

<sup>1</sup> Primary, domestic science, crafts, nursery.

<sup>2</sup> Some cantons provided no data. An estimate was made of the number of full-time posts in this case.

<sup>3</sup> School year 2004/05.

<sup>4</sup> Figures refer to all persons teaching at the corresponding level of education.

<sup>5</sup> Excluding schools with a special curriculum.

<sup>6</sup> Excluding vocational training.

<sup>7</sup> Incl. assistants, academic associates and the administrative and technical staff.

<sup>8</sup> Participation rate of the permanent resident population aged 20 to 74 in non-formal education.

## Vote percentages by party<sup>1</sup> in the 2003 National Council elections

| Canton    | FDP <sup>2</sup> | CVP         | SPS         | SVP         | LPS        | EVP        | PdA <sup>3</sup> | GPS <sup>4</sup> | SD         | EDU        | Other      |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ZH        | 16.2             | 5.4         | 25.7        | 33.4        | –          | 4.1        | –                | 9.9              | 0.9        | 2.1        | 2.3        |
| BE        | 14.8             | 2.3         | 27.9        | 29.6        | –          | 5.2        | –                | 9.3              | 2.7        | 4.1        | 4.1        |
| LU        | 23.1             | 29.5        | 11.1        | 22.9        | –          | 0.8        | –                | 9.8              | 0.4        | –          | 2.5        |
| UR        | 36.6             | –           | –           | 31.3        | –          | –          | –                | 30.6             | –          | –          | 1.5        |
| SZ        | 15.4             | 23.4        | 17.6        | 43.6        | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | –          |
| OW        | –                | 66.4        | –           | 33.6        | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | 0.0        |
| NW        | 88.5             | –           | –           | –           | –          | –          | –                | –                | 10.2       | –          | 1.2        |
| GL        | –                | –           | 67.1        | –           | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | 32.9       |
| ZG        | 22.4             | 22.9        | 13.4        | 27.7        | –          | –          | –                | 13.6             | –          | –          | –          |
| FR        | 12.8             | 25.4        | 21.5        | 21.4        | –          | 0.7        | –                | 4.0              | –          | 0.7        | 13.5       |
| SO        | 24.0             | 21.0        | 25.4        | 22.5        | –          | 1.2        | –                | 6.0              | –          | –          | –          |
| BS        | 9.9              | 6.6         | 40.9        | 18.6        | 8.5        | 2.9        | –                | 9.2              | 1.1        | 0.7        | 1.6        |
| BL        | 19.9             | 10.0        | 24.7        | 26.5        | –          | 2.7        | –                | 12.6             | 2.7        | –          | 1.0        |
| SH        | 29.1             | 2.7         | 39.7        | 28.5        | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | –          |
| AR        | 41.1             | –           | 19.9        | 38.3        | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | 0.8        |
| AI        | –                | 69.2        | –           | –           | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | –          | 30.8       |
| SG        | 14.7             | 22.2        | 18.4        | 33.1        | –          | 1.5        | –                | 7.1              | 0.8        | 1.1        | 1.3        |
| GR        | 15.8             | 23.7        | 24.9        | 33.8        | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | 1.9        | –          |
| AG        | 15.3             | 15.6        | 21.2        | 34.6        | –          | 5.2        | –                | 6.0              | 1.4        | –          | 0.6        |
| TG        | 11.9             | 16.5        | 14.1        | 41.0        | –          | 2.7        | –                | 7.9              | 2.9        | 1.9        | 1.0        |
| TI        | 29.8             | 24.6        | 25.8        | 7.6         | –          | –          | –                | 3.0              | –          | –          | 9.3        |
| VD        | 18.5             | 4.4         | 21.7        | 20.3        | 11.1       | 0.7        | 9.4              | 11.3             | 0.3        | 1.8        | 0.5        |
| VS        | 17.1             | 47.9        | 19.1        | 13.4        | –          | –          | –                | 2.6              | –          | –          | –          |
| NE        | 14.8             | –           | 29.2        | 22.5        | 14.4       | –          | 5.2              | 13.8             | –          | –          | –          |
| GE        | 7.3              | 11.8        | 24.8        | 18.3        | 16.8       | –          | 8.1              | 11.2             | –          | –          | 1.7        |
| JU        | 16.3             | 39.4        | 34.2        | 8.3         | –          | –          | –                | –                | –          | 1.8        | –          |
| <b>CH</b> | <b>17.3</b>      | <b>14.4</b> | <b>23.3</b> | <b>26.7</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>1.2</b>       | <b>8.0</b>       | <b>1.0</b> | <b>1.3</b> | <b>2.5</b> |

## Distribution of seats in the Federal Parliament 2006

|                   | FDP | CVP | SPS | SVP | LPS | EVP | PdA <sup>3</sup> | GPS <sup>4</sup> | SD | EDU | Other | Total |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|----|-----|-------|-------|
| National Council  | 36  | 28  | 52  | 55  | 4   | 3   | 3                | 13               | 1  | 2   | 3     | 200   |
| of which women    | 6   | 9   | 25  | 4   | 1   | 0   | 1                | 6                | 0  | 0   | 0     | 52    |
| Council of States | 14  | 15  | 9   | 8   | –   | –   | –                | –                | –  | –   | –     | 46    |
| of which women    | 5   | 2   | 4   | 0   | –   | –   | –                | –                | –  | –   | –     | 11    |

### The political system

The Swiss Confederation, currently made up of 26 cantons, has been around since 1848. The Government (Federal Council) is a collegial body consisting of 7 members (since 2004, 2 seats each for the FDP, SPS and SVP, as well as 1 seat for the CVP). They are elected by both Houses of Parliament: the National Council (representing the people, 200 seats) and the Council of States (representing the cantons, 46 seats<sup>5</sup>). The Swiss political system is also characterized by far-reaching democratic rights (initiatives and referenda) and national votes.

<sup>1</sup> Votes in %

<sup>2</sup> Cf. p. 31 for abbreviations

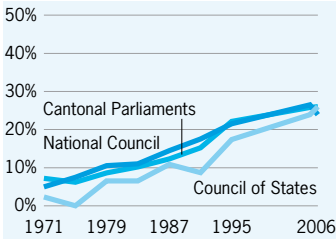
<sup>3</sup> Incl. Solidarités (1 representative/GE)

<sup>4</sup> Incl. FGA (1 representative/ZG)

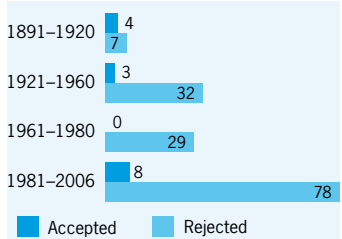
<sup>5</sup> 2 seats per canton (1 seat per half-canton), irrespective of population



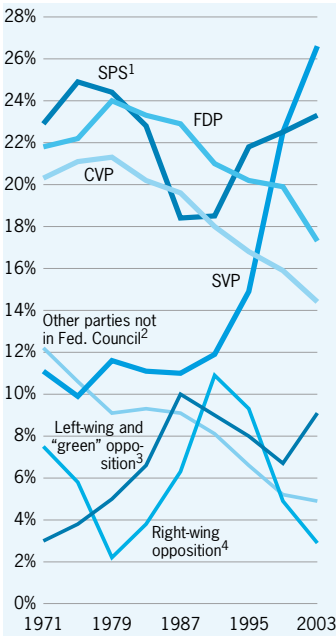
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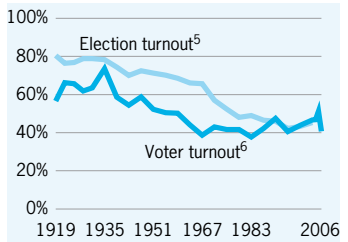
## Federal plebiscites



## Percentage votes (Nat. Council elections)



## Political participation



## The party system

After decades of extreme stability, the Swiss political landscape has changed. The conservative/liberal side began to shift towards the right-wing back in the 1990s. Since 1991, the SVP has more than doubled its share of the vote and is now the strongest party. Initially, its gains were at the expense of the small right-wing parties, but finally the other conservative/liberal parties, FDP and CVP, also caved in to reach a record «low» in the 2003 elections. As the left-wing/Green camp also emerged stronger from the elections, there has been an increased polarization of the party system.

<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations:

FDP Radical Democratic Party  
 CVP Christian Democratic Party  
 SPS Social Democratic Party  
 SVP Swiss People's Party  
 LPS Liberal Party of Switzerland  
 LdU Independents  
 EVP Evangelical People's Party  
 PdA Labour Party (GE incl. Solidarités)  
 FGA Feminist and green-alternative groups

GPS Green Party of Switzerland  
 SD Swiss Democrats  
 EDU Federal democratic union  
 FPS Freedom Party of Switzerland

<sup>2</sup> LPS, LdU, EVP, CSP

<sup>3</sup> PdA, PSU, POCH, FGA, GPS

<sup>4</sup> Republicans, SD, EDU, FPS, Lega dei Ticinesi

<sup>5</sup> National Council elections

<sup>6</sup> Federal votes

## Sentences 2005

Database date: 30.08.2006

### Convictions

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Total                           | 92,917 |
| Proportion of men (%)           | 85.6   |
| Proportion of <25-year olds (%) | 26.6   |
| Proportion of Swiss (%)         | 50.1   |

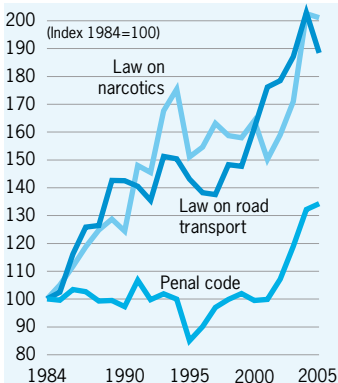
### Type of sentence

|                                    |        |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Suspended prison sentences         | 42,257 |
| Unconditional prison sentences     | 15,124 |
| of which:                          |        |
| 3 months or less                   | 12,703 |
| over 18 months                     | 932    |
| Correctional training <sup>1</sup> | 586    |
| Fines                              | 34,950 |

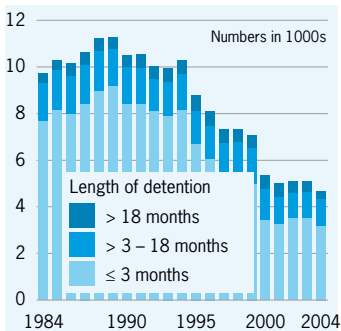
### Type of act

|                                                 |        |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Penal Code violations                           | 29,952 |
| of which:                                       |        |
| theft                                           | 8,487  |
| embezzlement                                    | 886    |
| (grievous) bodily harm                          | 2,342  |
| premeditated homicide                           | 61     |
| murder                                          | 17     |
| Road Traffic Act violations                     | 48,332 |
| of which:                                       |        |
| traffic violations                              | 29,704 |
| drunk driving                                   | 17,624 |
| Drugs Act violations                            | 10,881 |
| of which drug consumption:                      |        |
| (without dealing)                               | 5,253  |
| Aliens' Residence and Settlement Act violations | 10,723 |
| Military Penal Code violations                  | 902    |
| Violations of other federal legislation         | 7,283  |

## Convictions by type of act



## Detention: prisoners released



### Alternative punishment in the case of unconditional prison sentences

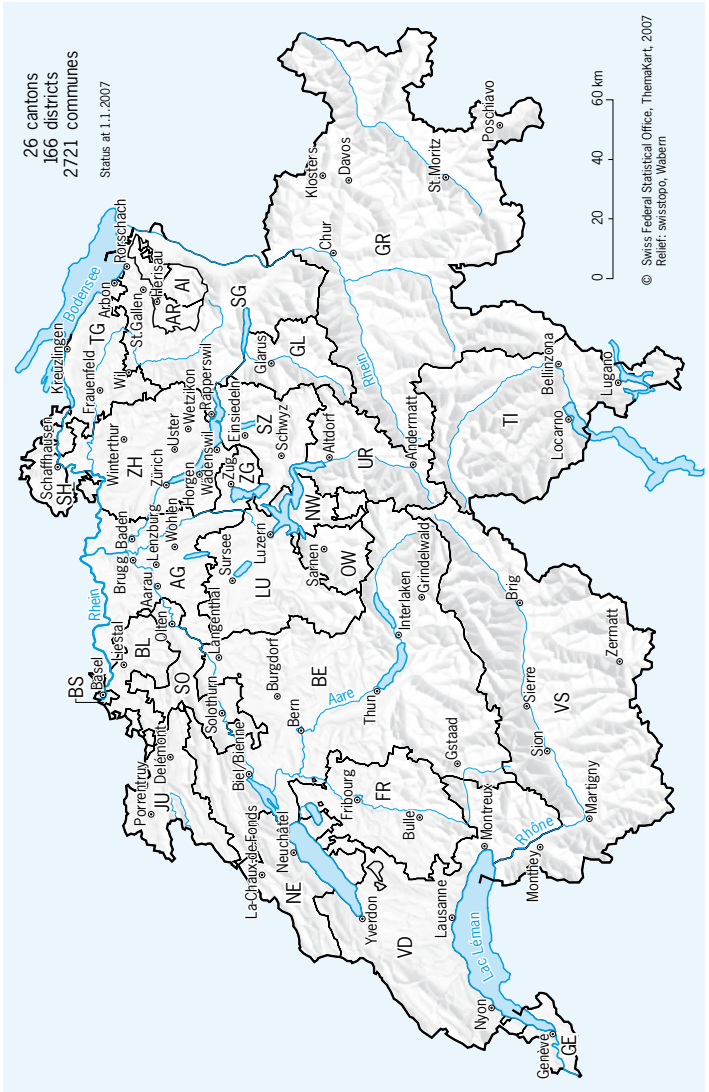
In most cantons, short-term unconditional prison sentences can now be served through community service. Numbers in this respect are rising (1996: 1114; 2004: 4077). A system was introduced on 1.9.99 whereby a sentence can be served in the form of electronically monitored house arrest. By 10.8.2005 a total of 1484 people had completed their sentences in this way.

### Do foreigners commit more crimes than the Swiss?

Many more men than women, and many more young people than older ones commit crimes and are convicted. On the other hand, the differences between foreigners and Swiss are comparatively slight when the different age and gender structures and the resident population only (i.e. excluding asylum seekers, tourists or transients) are taken into consideration.

<sup>1</sup> In the case of correctional training involving a suspended sentence, only the correctional training is counted

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