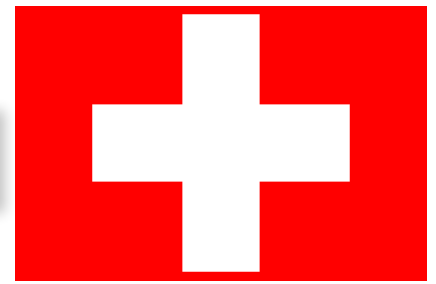


SWITZERLAND



Update: 3rd July 2024



Geography

Area: 41,277 km²

Borders: 1,852 km (Austria 164 km, France 573 km, Italy 740 km, Liechtenstein 41 km, Germany 334 km)

Capital: Bern

Official language: German, Italian, French, Romansh

Source: The CIA World Factbook



Population

Population: 8,815,385 (2023)

Crude natural change rate: 0.9‰ (2022)

Crude net migration rate: 4.5‰ (2023 est.)

Asylum applicants: 30,110 (2023)

Population distribution: 15.1% under 15 years old, 19.2% over 65 years old (2023)

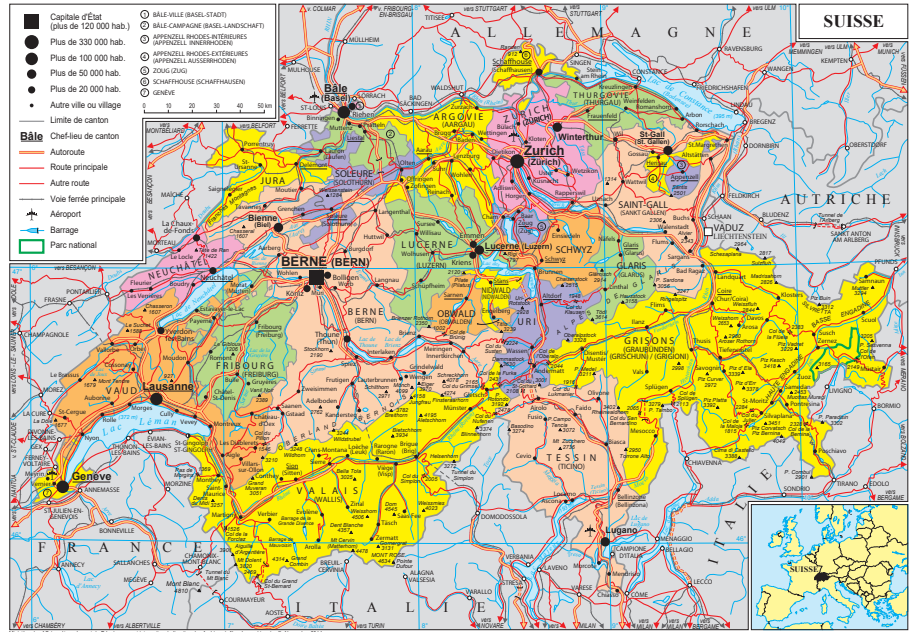
Foreign residents: EU nationals 16% , non EU nationals 9% (2021)

Life expectancy: men 82.3 years, women 85.9 years (2023)

Ethnic composition: Swiss 69.3%, German 4.2%, Italians 3.2%, French 2.1%, others 16.6% (est. 2019)

Religions: Catholics 34.4%, Protestants 22.5%, other Christians 5.7%, Muslims 5.5%, others 1.6%, none 29.5%, unspecified 0.8% (2020)

Sources: Eurostat, The CIA World Factbook



Economy

Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF) (exchange rate in July 2024 € 1 = 0.97 CHF)

GDP: € 818,182.9 million (2023)

GDP per capita (SPA): € 63,490 million (2023)

GDP growth: 0.7% (2023)

Unemployment rate: 4.1% (March 2024)

Inflation: 1.5% (May 2024)

Budget balance: 0.5% (Q4 2023)

Government debt: 39.2% (Q4 2023)

High performance sectors: finance, insurance, tourism, mechanics, electronics, clock-making, medical technology, fine chemistry, drugs, machinery, chemicals, watches, textiles, precision instruments

Stock of Direct Foreign Investment from the entire world: 147% of the GDP (2021)

Source : Eurostat, FMI, OCDE, Trading Economics



Political System

Confederation (Federal Constitution of 18th April 1999)

President: Viola Amherd (Centre) was elected President of the Confederation on 13th December 2023 and took office on 1st January 2024.

Vice-President: Karin Keller-Sutter (Liberal Radical Party)

Executive power is held by the Federal Council, which comprises seven members elected for four years by the Federal Assembly. The principle of collegiality prevails in the Federal Council. The most recent elections were held on 13th December 2023.

The Federal Assembly comprises two houses: the National Council (200 members), representing the people and the Council of States (45 members), representing the 26 cantons.



Political Representation

Composition of the Federal Assembly
(on 1st December 2023)

Council of States:

- 15 seats The Centre
- 11 seats Liberal Radical Party (PLR)
- 9 seats Socialist Party (PS)
- 6 seats Democratic Union of the Centre (UDC)
- 3 seats The Green (PES)
- 1 seat Vert'libéraux (PVL)
- 1 seat Geneva Citizens' Movement (MCG)

National Council:

- 62 seats Democratic Union of the Centre (UDC)
- 41 seats Socialist Party (PS)
- 29 seats The Centre
- 28 seats Liberal Radical Party (PLR)
- 23 seats The Green Party (PES)
- 10 seats Vert'libéraux (PVL)
- 2 seats Federal Democratic Union of Switzerland (UDF)
- 2 seats Evangelical People's Party of Switzerland (PEV)
- 2 seats Geneva Citizens' Movement

Female representation:

- In the Federal Council: 3/7
- In the Council of States: 16/46
- In the National Council: 77/200

Next elections: Federal in October 2027