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Basel: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	172,258.00
Population density in km ²	2019	7,222.56
Youth dependency ratio	2019	26.28
Old age dependency ratio	2019	29.81
Median age, in years	2019	41.62
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	37.72
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	23.15
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	14.57

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	76.67
Employment rate 20-64	2019	73.86

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	99,769.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	6.74
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	1.02
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	40.13

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	2,214.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	12.85
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	591.00
per 1000 residents	2019	3.43
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	5.69

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	185,432.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.01
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	18.85
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	81.14
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	5,043.00
in % of total employment	2019	2.72

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	328.39
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	35.80
Commuters, total	2018	150,827.00
by public transport, in %	2018	55.57
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	22.90
by soft mobility, in %	2018	21.53
Stops of public transport	2019	169.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.98

Culture and leisure



Basel: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	4,237.00
per 1000 residents	2019	24.60
Museums and Theaters	2019	39.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.21
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	1,410,355.00
per inhabitant	2019	8.19

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	23.89
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	12.60
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	74.26
Other land use, in %	2013/18	13.14



Bern: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	133,883.00
Population density in km ²	2019	2,593.63
Youth dependency ratio	2019	25.28
Old age dependency ratio	2019	26.13
Median age, in years	2019	39.54
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	24.87
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	13.82
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	11.06

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	84.03
Employment rate 20-64	2019	83.27

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	78,916.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	5.32
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	0.55
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	38.89

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	1,266.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	9.46
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	395.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.95
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	4.11

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	188,252.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.17
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	8.10
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	91.74
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	9,036.00
in % of total employment	2019	4.80

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	386.83
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	38.90
Commuters, total	2018	185,162.00
by public transport, in %	2018	60.20
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	26.52
by soft mobility, in %	2018	13.28
Stops of public transport	2019	191.00
per 1000 residents	2019	1.43

Culture and leisure



Bern: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	4,564.00
per 1000 residents	2019	34.09
Museums and Theaters	2019	31.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.23
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	829,306.00
per inhabitant	2019	6.19

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	51.61
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	39.82
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	38.36
Other land use, in %	2013/18	21.82



Geneva: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	201,818.00
Population density in km ²	2019	12,669.05
Youth dependency ratio	2019	27.12
Old age dependency ratio	2019	23.97
Median age, in years	2019	39.98
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	47.87
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	30.77
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	17.10

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	75.53
Employment rate 20-64	2019	69.58

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	109,053.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	0.66
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	0.63
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	35.33

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	2,074.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	10.28
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	967.00
per 1000 residents	2019	4.79
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	8.23

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	186,620.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.02
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	5.38
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	94.60
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	6,999.00
in % of total employment	2019	3.75

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	352.09
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	37.20
Commuters, total	2018	141,355.00
by public transport, in %	2018	55.83
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	26.41
by soft mobility, in %	2018	17.76
Stops of public transport	2019	148.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.73

Culture and leisure



Geneva: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	1,619.00
per 1000 residents	2019	8.02
Museums and Theaters	2019	27.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.13
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	2,182,411.00
per inhabitant	2019	10.81

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	15.90
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	18.62
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	74.59
Other land use, in %	2013/18	6.79



Lausanne: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	139,111.00
Population density in km ²	2019	3,361.79
Youth dependency ratio	2019	29.77
Old age dependency ratio	2019	22.35
Median age, in years	2019	37.29
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	42.78
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	27.37
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	15.41

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	76.61
Employment rate 20-64	2019	72.79

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	78,257.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	2.88
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	0.35
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	36.80

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	1,728.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	12.42
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	553.00
per 1000 residents	2019	3.98
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	2.95

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	124,073.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.10
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	5.08
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	94.82
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	7,218.00
in % of total employment	2019	5.82

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	353.34
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	37.90
Commuters, total	2018	125,147.00
by public transport, in %	2018	52.76
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	37.46
by soft mobility, in %	2018	9.78
Stops of public transport	2019	197.00
per 1000 residents	2019	1.42

Culture and leisure



Lausanne: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	4,537.00
per 1000 residents	2019	32.61
Museums and Theaters	2019	30.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.22
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	989,353.00
per inhabitant	2019	7.11

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	41.37
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	46.27
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	36.89
Other land use, in %	2013/18	16.85



Lucerne: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	81,691.00
Population density in km ²	2019	2,807.25
Youth dependency ratio	2019	25.04
Old age dependency ratio	2019	30.20
Median age, in years	2019	40.90
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	24.19
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	14.15
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	10.04

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	83.55
Employment rate 20-64	2019	82.70

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	46,246.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	4.02
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	1.29
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	45.50

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	540.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	6.61
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	236.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.89
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	2.69

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	82,060.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.21
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	8.97
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	90.82
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	2,838.00
in % of total employment	2019	3.46

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	418.38
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	36.20
Commuters, total	2018	83,692.00
by public transport, in %	2018	48.59
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	36.09
by soft mobility, in %	2018	15.32
Stops of public transport	2019	135.00
per 1000 residents	2019	1.65

Culture and leisure



Lucerne: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	2,245.00
per 1000 residents	2019	27.48
Museums and Theaters	2019	13.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.16
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	1,382,980.00
per inhabitant	2019	16.93

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	29.07
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	28.72
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	40.18
Other land use, in %	2013/18	31.10



Lugano: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	63,185.00
Population density in km ²	2019	832.92
Youth dependency ratio	2019	28.89
Old age dependency ratio	2019	36.68
Median age, in years	2019	46.20
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	38.66
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	30.76
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	7.90

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	71.25
Employment rate 20-64	2019	68.92

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	40,134.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	16.54
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	2.66
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	46.92

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	385.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	6.09
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	147.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.33
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	5.22

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	57,112.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.21
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	9.68
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	90.11
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	2,626.00
in % of total employment	2019	4.60

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	614.21
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	32.40
Commuters, total	2018	43,418.00
by public transport, in %	2018	28.79
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	58.73
by soft mobility, in %	2018	12.48
Stops of public transport	2019	225.00
per 1000 residents	2019	3.56

Culture and leisure



Lugano: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	1,266.00
per 1000 residents	2019	20.04
Museums and Theaters	2019	15.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.24
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	509,355.00
per inhabitant	2019	8.06

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	76.03
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	67.45
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	17.09
Other land use, in %	2013/18	15.47



St. Gallen: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	75,833.00
Population density in km ²	2019	1,925.67
Youth dependency ratio	2019	28.11
Old age dependency ratio	2019	27.40
Median age, in years	2019	39.26
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	31.14
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	17.32
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	13.82

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	77.60
Employment rate 20-64	2019	77.94

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	43,309.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	7.62
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	2.46
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	44.49

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	514.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	6.78
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	183.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.41
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	3.30

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	83,411.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.22
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	14.22
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	85.56
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	3,931.00
in % of total employment	2019	4.71

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	451.77
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	33.30
Commuters, total	2018	78,800.00
by public transport, in %	2018	44.35
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	44.28
by soft mobility, in %	2018	11.37
Stops of public transport	2019	178.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.35

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St. Gallen: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	1,089.00
per 1000 residents	2019	14.36
Museums and Theaters	2019	15.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.20
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	244,035.00
per inhabitant	2019	3.22

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	39.33
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	32.14
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	37.17
Other land use, in %	2013/18	30.69



Winterthur: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	111,851.00
Population density in km ²	2019	1,643.18
Youth dependency ratio	2019	31.09
Old age dependency ratio	2019	25.43
Median age, in years	2019	38.93
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	24.29
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	13.45
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	10.84

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	79.52
Employment rate 20-64	2019	78.22

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	55,213.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	17.52
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	0.75
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	42.85

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	832.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	7.44
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	310.00
per 1000 residents	2019	2.77
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	2.41

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	73,339.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.25
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	16.55
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	83.20
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	2,605.00
in % of total employment	2019	3.55

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	401.84
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	37.70
Commuters, total	2018	88,132.00
by public transport, in %	2018	50.45
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	37.59
by soft mobility, in %	2018	11.97
Stops of public transport	2019	148.00
per 1000 residents	2019	1.32

Culture and leisure



Winterthur: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	2,704.00
per 1000 residents	2019	24.18
Museums and Theaters	2019	23.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.21
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	216,757.00
per inhabitant	2019	1.94

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	68.12
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	44.86
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	29.18
Other land use, in %	2013/18	25.95



Zurich: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	415,367.00
Population density in km ²	2019	4,723.84
Youth dependency ratio	2019	25.69
Old age dependency ratio	2019	22.05
Median age, in years	2019	38.41
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	32.45
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	22.45
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	10.00

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	83.01
Employment rate 20-64	2019	81.13

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	225,943.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	4.39
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	0.14
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	38.99

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	4,478.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	10.78
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	2,215.00
per 1000 residents	2019	5.33
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	4.74

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	491,193.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	0.04
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	5.82
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	94.14
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	45,533.00
in % of total employment	2019	9.27

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	333.93
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	40.70
Commuters, total	2018	449,706.00
by public transport, in %	2018	67.09
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	23.76
by soft mobility, in %	2018	9.15
Stops of public transport	2019	456.00
per 1000 residents	2019	1.10

Culture and leisure



Zurich: core-city

Cinema seats	2019	10,137.00
per 1000 residents	2019	24.40
Museums and Theaters	2019	65.00
per 1000 residents	2019	0.16
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	3,626,086.00
per inhabitant	2019	8.73

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	87.92
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	35.46
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	51.09
Other land use, in %	2013/18	13.44



Switzerland

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2019	1,394,997.00
Population density in km ²	2019	–
Youth dependency ratio	2019	–
Old age dependency ratio	2019	–
Median age, in years	2019	–
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2019	–
Permanent foreign resident population (EU-28), in %	2019	–
Permanent foreign resident population (not EU-28), in %	2019	–

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate	2019	–
Employment rate 20-64	2019	–

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2019	776,840.00
Houses per 100 apartments	2019	–
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2019	–
Average living space per person, in m ²	2019	–

Personal security

Violent crimes	2019	14,031.00
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2019	–
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2019	5,597.00
per 1000 residents	2019	–
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2019	–

Economic context

Employment, total	2019	1,471,492.00
in the primary sector, in %	2019	–
in the secondary sector, in %	2019	–
in the tertiary sector, in %	2019	–
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2019	85,829.00
in % of total employment	2019	–

Mobility

Level of motorization per 1000 residents	2019	–
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2018	–
Commuters, total	2018	1,346,239.00
by public transport, in %	2018	–
by individual motorized transport, in %	2018	–
by soft mobility, in %	2018	–
Stops of public transport	2019	1,847.00
per 1000 residents	2019	–

Culture and leisure



Switzerland

Cinema seats	2019	32,398.00
per 1000 residents	2019	–
Museums and Theaters	2019	258.00
per 1000 residents	2019	–
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2019	11,390,638.00
per inhabitant	2019	–

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	433.24
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	325.93
Building and transportation areas, in %	2013/18	398.81
Other land use, in %	2013/18	175.25



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