



# Survey on diversity and coexistence in Switzerland (VeS)

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## Description

In the context of diversity, the Survey on diversity and coexistence in Switzerland aims to present an accurate picture of the issues raised by the coexistence of different groups currently living in Switzerland. It collects information on the acceptance, rejection and integration of certain groups. The survey also allows monitoring of trends in society in several areas such as racism, xenophobia or discrimination. The data collected are used to observe social change and to make detailed analyses. They help to guide policies on integration and anti-discrimination.

Available since:

2016 - publication of first data in October 2017

Statistical basis and survey units:

Permanent resident population living in private households and aged between 15 and 88

Features registered:

- household and dwelling composition
- feeling of discomfort in various contexts
- perception of migration
- perception of integration and anti-racism policies
- perception of foreigners
- feeling of threat in various contexts
- hostility towards and stereotypes of target groups
- contacts with target groups
- experience of discrimination
- experience of physical or mental violence
- migration status
- level of education and professional situation
- religion (denomination, beliefs and practices)
- interest in politics and ideological stance
- standard of living or social situation of the household

Ad-hoc modules "Diversity" are carried out as complements to the main survey.

Topics of such modules vary according to current needs.

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## Methodology

The survey forms part of the FSO Omnibus series of multiple-theme surveys. It is a sample survey of 3,000 people. People are randomly selected from the FSO's SRPH sample register. It is a mixed mode survey which means it can be answered either by completing an online questionnaire (CAWI) or by telephone interview (CATI).

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland and NUTS 2 major regions

Lake Geneva, Espace Mittelland, Northwestern Switzerland, Zurich, Eastern Switzerland, Central Switzerland and Ticino.

Periodicity:

Every two years - without ad-hoc modules

Annual - with ad-hoc modules

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Periodicity:  
2016 : Diversity and coexistence in Switzerland  
2017 : Ad-hoc module "Diversity": discrimination of black people in Switzerland  
2018 : Diversity and coexistence in Switzerland  
2019 : Ad-hoc module "Diversity": different ways of life in Switzerland  
2020 : Diversity and coexistence in Switzerland  
2021 : Ad-hoc module "Diversity": acceptance, tolerance and exclusion  
2022 : Diversity and coexistence in Switzerland  
2023 : Ad-hoc module "Diversity": to be defined  
2024 : Diversity and coexistence in Switzerland

Reference period:  
April – June

Revision policy:  
Regular revision or continuous revision: Regular adjustments made to questionnaire every two years. Next questionnaire revision in 2022.  
Methodology revision or fundamental revision: Data from the period before a revision are not recalculated due to methodological changes.

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## Legal bases

Federal Act of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Census  
Census Act; RS 431.112  
Ordinance of 19 December 2008 on the Federal Census  
Census ordinance; RS 431.112  
Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys  
Ordinance on statistical surveys; RS 431.012.1

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## Organization

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