



Structural Survey

Description

Since 2010, the Structural Survey has been conducted within the framework of the new population census. The main focus of this survey is to observe the socio-economic and socio-cultural structures of the population in Switzerland.

Available since:
2010

Statistical basis:
Persons aged 15 or more in the permanent resident population living in private households

Key variables:
Language, religion, education, work, commuter mobility, types of households and families, dwelling occupation status and rent

Methodology

Sample survey of 200 000 persons with online questionnaire (eCensus) or paper questionnaire

Degree of regionalisation:
Canton

Periodicity:
Annual

Reference period:
Reference day: 31 December

Scanning the paper questionnaires:
The scanning mandate was awarded to the firm Tessi document solutions (Switzerland) GmbH by means of a WTO call for tender. Awarding of the contract was published on 7 May 2018 at www.simap.ch.

Policy on revisions

Regular revision (or continuous revision):
Regular adjustments made to questionnaire every five years (next questionnaire revision: 2025).

Methodology revision: (or fundamental revision):
In 2018, fundamental revision of the survey procedure, the weighting methodology and the method used to detect outliers.
Earlier data are currently not recalculated using the new methodological changes.

Unplanned revision:
No.

Legal bases

Swiss Federal Law of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Population Census (CC 431.112)
Swiss Federal Ordinance of 19 December 2008 on the Federal Population Census (CC 431.112.1)

Organization

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

Structural survey hotline (results as of 2010):

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