



Survey on diversity and coexistence in Switzerland (VeS)

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

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.

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

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:

Adaptation of the questionnaire before each survey.

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

Policy on revisions

Methodology is revised as necessary (e.g. revision of sources).

Organization

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