



Cross-border Commuters Statistics

Description

The Cross-Border Commuter Statistics provide quarterly information on the number of foreign cross-border commuters working in Switzerland and their main characteristics. Collection of these statistics began in 2004 and retrospective overall figures have been calculated from 1996.

Available since:

Since 1996

Features registered:

All foreigner commuters, i.e. all workers of foreign nationality in possession of a special permit for cross-border commuters (G permit) and who carry out a gainful activity in Switzerland. The numbers supplied by the cross-border statistics are lower than those for current border permits from the SYMIC. This is because the authorities are not always informed when a person stops work.

Foreign cross-border commuters by:

Sex x commune of employment

Sex x canton of employment x country of residence

Sex x canton of employment x Landkreis of residence (Germany)

Sex x canton of employment x Department of residence (France)

Sex x canton of employment x economic branches (NOGA) x country of residence

Employment status x economic branches (NOGA)

Sex x canton of employment x employment status x length of permit

Sex x canton of employment x age groups

(x = combined with)

Methodology

Summary statistics. The cross-border statistics' sources are the Central Migration Information System (SYMIC), Old-age and survivor's insurance (OASI) data, the vocational education database, and for time series prior to the 4th quarter 2010, the job statistics (JOBSTAT).

Degree of regionalisation:

Swiss major regions, cantons, communes

Periodicity:

Quarterly statistic

Reference period:

Last working day of each quarter

Statistical quality of data:

From 2010, the main sources for the cross-border statistics are exhaustive registers. Hypotheses are made for the groups of cross-border commuters who are not or only partially included in OASI data (these groups represent only 2-3% of all cross-border commuters).

Revision:

2007/2010/2015/2020

Policy on revisions

Routine revisions

Routine revisions can be divided into two categories:

1. Annual revision in 3rd quarter; once every year (in 3rd quarter) the new OASI data are incorporated and the series is recalculated from the new OASI data. No previous years incorporating OASI data will be readjusted.
2. Quarterly revision; permits entered belatedly are corrected every quarter. After several quarters, information on belatedly entered permits is almost complete, meaning that the

whole series does not have to be corrected every quarter. Only quarters for which OASI data has not yet been incorporated are revised.

Methodology revisions:

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

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992, art. 10.

Organisation

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