



Moving Statistics

Description

The Moving Statistics provide annual information on the moving behaviour of the permanent resident population. They are produced by linking two register-based statistics: the Buildings and Dwellings Statistics (BDS) and the Population and Household Statistics (STATPOP). The Moving Statistics provide information on the proportion of people who have moved each year. They also provide information on the sociodemographic characteristics of the people who have moved, on the distance moved and on the changed housing conditions associated with the move.

Available from: 10 March 2022
The first reference year of the statistics is 2013.

Characteristics recorded:

Annual number of moves and distance moved by people in the permanent resident population, assessed according to living conditions from the BDS and sociodemographic characteristics from STATPOP.

- From the BDS
 - Buildings: Building category, construction period, and number of dwellings
 - Dwellings: Number of rooms and living space
- From STATPOP
 - Persons: Age, sex, and nationality
- New variables from the Moving Statistics: move (category) and moving distance

Methodology

Annual inventory data from the BDS are linked to the annual population inventory from STATPOP. By assigning people to residential buildings by means of the federal building identifier, it is possible to determine in which building a person lived at the beginning and end of a year and to deduce a possible move.

Degree of regionalisation:
Cantons and communes

Periodicity: Annual

Reference period:
Reference day: Every 31 December.

Quality of statistical information:

Only moves between buildings can be identified, not moves, however, within the same building.

Furthermore, changes of residence wrongly identified as a move cannot be excluded. This can happen, for example, when federal building identifiers are either split or merged for administrative reasons. With the help of other building characteristics this error term - as long as small-scale geographical units are not concerned - can be eliminated in most cases.

Revision policy –

Legal bases

Federal Act of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Population Census (SR 431.112)
Ordinance of 19.12.08 on the Federal Population Census (SR 431.112.1)
Ordinance of 30.06.1993 on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys (SR 431.012.1)
Ordinance of 9 June 2017 on the Federal Register of Buildings and Dwellings (GWR-VO, SR 431.841).

Organisation

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