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Basel: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	173,863
Population density in km ²	2021	7,290
Youth dependency ratio	2021	26.3
Old age dependency ratio	2021	29.5
Median age, in years	2021	41.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	38.2
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	22.5
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	15.7

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	77.9
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	74.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	101,372
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	6.6
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	1.1
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	41

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	2,145
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	12.3
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	1,094
per 1000 residents	2021	6.3
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	5.4

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	183,626
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	18.4
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	81.6
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	5,681
in % of total employment	2021	3.1

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	318
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	33.9
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	101,068
by public transport, in %	2021	47.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	21.6
by soft mobility, in %	2021	31.3
Stops of public transport	2021	168
per 1000 residents	2021	1.0

Culture and leisure



Basel: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	5,376
per 1000 residents	2021	30.9
Museums and Theaters	2021	40
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	776,773
per inhabitant	2021	4.5

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	24
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	12.6
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	27.7
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	24.0
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	22.5
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	3.8
Other land use, in %	2013/18	9.4



Bern: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	134,794
Population density in km ²	2021	2,611
Youth dependency ratio	2021	25.3
Old age dependency ratio	2021	26.1
Median age, in years	2021	39.6
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	24.5
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	13.4
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	11.2

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	84.1
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	82.5

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	80,351
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	5.3
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	0.5
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	40

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	1,155
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	8.6
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	297
per 1000 residents	2021	2.2
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	4.7

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	190,305
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	7.7
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	92.1
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	9,644
in % of total employment	2021	5.1

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	379
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	36.7
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	126,810
by public transport, in %	2021	52.6
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	28.5
by soft mobility, in %	2021	18.9
Stops of public transport	2021	192
per 1000 residents	2021	1.4

Culture and leisure



Bern: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	4,119
per 1000 residents	2021	30.6
Museums and Theaters	2021	30
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	511,474
per inhabitant	2021	3.8

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	52
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	39.8
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	14.9
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	12.9
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	10.6
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	18.2
Other land use, in %	2013/18	3.6



Geneva: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	203,856
Population density in km ²	2021	12,797
Youth dependency ratio	2021	27.0
Old age dependency ratio	2021	23.8
Median age, in years	2021	40.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	48.3
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	29.2
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	19.1

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	75.8
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	68.5

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	110,511
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	0.6
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	0.7
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	36

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	1,724
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	8.5
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	1,057
per 1000 residents	2021	5.2
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	9.0

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	183,857
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	5.5
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	94.5
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	6,578
in % of total employment	2021	3.6

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	334
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	35.8
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	94,014
by public transport, in %	2021	48.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	25.0
by soft mobility, in %	2021	26.9
Stops of public transport	2021	150
per 1000 residents	2021	0.7

Culture and leisure



Geneva: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	1,619
per 1000 residents	2021	7.9
Museums and Theaters	2021	24
per 1000 residents	2021	0.1
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	1,102,356
per inhabitant	2021	5.4

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	16
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	18.7
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	28.7
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	24.6
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	21.3
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	1.4
Other land use, in %	2013/18	5.3



Lausanne: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	140,202
Population density in km ²	2021	3,388
Youth dependency ratio	2021	29.4
Old age dependency ratio	2021	21.9
Median age, in years	2021	37.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	42.3
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	26.6
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	15.7

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	77.0
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	72.8

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	79,524
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	2.8
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	0.7
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	37

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	1,610
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	11.5
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	549
per 1000 residents	2021	3.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	4.6

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	123,588
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.1
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	5.1
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	94.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	7,106
in % of total employment	2021	5.7

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	342
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	35.8
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	85,148
by public transport, in %	2021	50.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	36.0
by soft mobility, in %	2021	13.3
Stops of public transport	2021	204
per 1000 residents	2021	1.5

Culture and leisure



Lausanne: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	3,670
per 1000 residents	2021	26.2
Museums and Theaters	2021	28
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	597,123
per inhabitant	2021	4.3

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	41
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	46.3
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	16.2
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	12.4
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	8.2
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	15.0
Other land use, in %	2013/18	1.8



Lucerne: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	82,620
Population density in km ²	2021	2,838
Youth dependency ratio	2021	25.2
Old age dependency ratio	2021	30.2
Median age, in years	2021	40.8
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	24.4
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	13.6
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	10.8

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	83.1
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	80.3

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	46,976
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	3.9
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	1.1
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	46

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	579
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	7.0
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	339
per 1000 residents	2021	4.1
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	4.7

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	80,625
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	9.2
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	90.7
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	2,725
in % of total employment	2021	3.4

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	404
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	32.5
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	51,731
by public transport, in %	2021	39.4
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	37.3
by soft mobility, in %	2021	23.3
Stops of public transport	2021	133
per 1000 residents	2021	1.6

Culture and leisure



Lucerne: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	1,896
per 1000 residents	2021	22.9
Museums and Theaters	2021	16
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	619,486
per inhabitant	2021	7.5

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	29
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	28.7
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	19.0
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	11.7
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	9.5
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	27.0
Other land use, in %	2013/18	4.1



Lugano: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	62,315
Population density in km ²	2021	822
Youth dependency ratio	2021	28.5
Old age dependency ratio	2021	37.2
Median age, in years	2021	46.7
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	38.6
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	30.4
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	8.2

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	71.6
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	69.4

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	40,816
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	16.1
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	3.8
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	48

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	454
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	7.3
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	70
per 1000 residents	2021	1.1
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	5.0

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	56,497
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	9.6
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	90.3
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	2,619
in % of total employment	2021	4.6

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	611
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	29.0
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	28,974
by public transport, in %	2021	26.3
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	56.2
by soft mobility, in %	2021	17.5
Stops of public transport	2021	225
per 1000 residents	2021	3.6

Culture and leisure



Lugano: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	1,266
per 1000 residents	2021	20.3
Museums and Theaters	2021	15
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	587,979
per inhabitant	2021	9.4

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	76
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	67.5
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	9.4
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	4.2
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	3.5
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	10.3
Other land use, in %	2013/18	5.1



St. Gallen: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	76,213
Population density in km ²	2021	1,935
Youth dependency ratio	2021	28.2
Old age dependency ratio	2021	27.5
Median age, in years	2021	39.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	31.8
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	17.7
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	14.1

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	77.2
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	75.6

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	44,313
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	7.5
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	2.7
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	45

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	528
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	6.9
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	149
per 1000 residents	2021	2.0
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	6.0

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	84,629
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	13.9
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	85.9
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	4,033
in % of total employment	2021	4.8

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	449
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	30.4
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	53,598
by public transport, in %	2021	38.0
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	46.1
by soft mobility, in %	2021	15.8
Stops of public transport	2021	177
per 1000 residents	2021	2.3

Culture and leisure



St. Gallen: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	1,089
per 1000 residents	2021	14.3
Museums and Theaters	2021	15
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	187,058
per inhabitant	2021	2.5

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	39
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	32.1
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	16.8
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	10.3
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	10.1
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	27.7
Other land use, in %	2013/18	3.0



Winterthur: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	114,220
Population density in km ²	2021	1,678
Youth dependency ratio	2021	31.4
Old age dependency ratio	2021	25.7
Median age, in years	2021	39.1
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	24.8
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	13.4
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	11.5

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	80.6
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	78.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	56,362
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	17.0
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	0.4
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	43

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	853
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	7.5
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	179
per 1000 residents	2021	1.6
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	2.7

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	74,618
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	16.4
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	83.3
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	2,839
in % of total employment	2021	3.8

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	398
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	31.8
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	52,017
by public transport, in %	2021	36.4
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	40.0
by soft mobility, in %	2021	23.5
Stops of public transport	2021	148
per 1000 residents	2021	1.3

Culture and leisure



Winterthur: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	2,637
per 1000 residents	2021	23.1
Museums and Theaters	2021	22
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	109,726
per inhabitant	2021	1.0

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	68
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	44.9
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	13.8
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	9.1
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	6.3
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	23.7
Other land use, in %	2013/18	2.2



Zurich: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	421,878
Population density in km ²	2021	4,798
Youth dependency ratio	2021	26.0
Old age dependency ratio	2021	21.6
Median age, in years	2021	38.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	32.4
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	21.6
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	10.8

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	83.5
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	81.1

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	229,657
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	4.3
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	0.2
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	39

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	4,532
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	10.7
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	1,562
per 1000 residents	2021	3.7
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	4.3

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	495,223
in the primary sector, in %	2021	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	5.4
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	94.5
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	47,123
in % of total employment	2021	9.5

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	329
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	40.1
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	317,573
by public transport, in %	2021	64.0
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	22.2
by soft mobility, in %	2021	13.9
Stops of public transport	2021	452
per 1000 residents	2021	1.1

Culture and leisure



Zurich: core-city

Cinema seats	2021	9,735
per 1000 residents	2021	23.1
Museums and Theaters	2021	62
per 1000 residents	2021	0.1
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	1,650,531
per inhabitant	2021	3.9

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	2013/18	88
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	35.5
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	23.6
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	14.6
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	12.9
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	9.5
Other land use, in %	2013/18	3.9



Switzerland

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2021	1,409,961
Population density in km ²	2021	–
Youth dependency ratio	2021	–
Old age dependency ratio	2021	–
Median age, in years	2021	–
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2021	–
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2021	–
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2021	–

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2021	–
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2021	–

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2021	789,882
Houses per 100 apartments	2021	–
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2021	–
Average living space per person, in m ²	2021	–

Personal security

Violent crimes	2021	13,580
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2021	–
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2021	5,296
per 1000 residents	2021	–
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2021	–

Economic context

Employment, total	2021	1,472,968
in the primary sector, in %	2021	–
in the secondary sector, in %	2021	–
in the tertiary sector, in %	2021	–
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2021	88,348
in % of total employment	2021	–

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2021	–
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2021	–
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2021	910,933
by public transport, in %	2021	–
by individual motorized transport, in %	2021	–
by soft mobility, in %	2021	–
Stops of public transport	2021	1,849
per 1000 residents	2021	–

Culture and leisure



Switzerland

Cinema seats	2021	31,407
per 1000 residents	2021	–
Museums and Theaters	2021	252
per 1000 residents	2021	–
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2021	6,142,506
per inhabitant	2021	–

Landuse

Total land area in km²	2013/18	433
Wooded and recreational areas, in %	2013/18	326.0
Land used for housing, in %	2013/18	170.0
Land used for transportation, in %	2013/18	123.8
Land used for commercial activities, in %	2013/18	105.0
Land used for agriculture, in %	2013/18	136.7
Other land use, in %	2013/18	38.5



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X = no data because of data protection

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