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Basel: core-city

Demographic context

Permanent resident population	2022	173,064
Population density in km ²	2022	7,256.4
Youth dependency ratio	2022	26.6
Old age dependency ratio	2022	29.8
Median age, in years	2022	41.6
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	38.1
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	22.5
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	15.6

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	77.4
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	75.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	102,501
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	6.5
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	1.2
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	41

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	2,553
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	14.8
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	852
per 1000 residents	2022	4.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	5.1

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	187,788
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	17.6
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	82.4
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	5,995
in % of total employment	2022	3.2

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	315
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	32
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	98,679
by public transport, in %	2022	45.8
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	22.4
by soft mobility, in %	2022	31.9
Stops of public transport	2022	170
per 1000 residents	2022	1.0

Culture and leisure



Basel: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	5,376
per 1000 residents	2022	31.1
Museums and Theaters	2021	40
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	1,289,536
per inhabitant	2022	7.5

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	2022	134,290
Population density in km ²	2022	2,601.5
Youth dependency ratio	2022	25.6
Old age dependency ratio	2022	26.1
Median age, in years	2022	39.7
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	24.4
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	13.2
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	11.2

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	83.3
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	83.0

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	80,845
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	5.2
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.6
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	41

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	990
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	7.4
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	298
per 1000 residents	2022	2.2
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	5.4

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	193,347
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	7.5
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	92.3
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	9,928
in % of total employment	2022	5.1

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	374
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	37
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	124,119
by public transport, in %	2022	51.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	29.7
by soft mobility, in %	2022	18.6
Stops of public transport	2022	191
per 1000 residents	2022	1.4

Culture and leisure



Bern: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	4,219
per 1000 residents	2022	31.4
Museums and Theaters	2021	30
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	820,916
per inhabitant	2022	6.1

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	2022	203,401
Population density in km ²	2022	12,768.4
Youth dependency ratio	2022	27.0
Old age dependency ratio	2022	24.1
Median age, in years	2022	40.4
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	48.6
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	29.2
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	19.4

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	75.4
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	69.7

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	111,131
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	0.6
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.5
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	36

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	1,916
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	9.4
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	1,205
per 1000 residents	2022	5.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	7.9

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	187,783
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	5.5
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	94.5
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	6,591
in % of total employment	2022	3.5

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	341
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	34
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	93,623
by public transport, in %	2022	48.2
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	23.8
by soft mobility, in %	2022	28.0
Stops of public transport	2022	153
per 1000 residents	2022	0.8

Culture and leisure



Geneva: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	1,619
per 1000 residents	2022	8.0
Museums and Theaters	2021	24
per 1000 residents	2021	0.1
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	2,006,611
per inhabitant	2022	9.9

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	2022	140,619
Population density in km ²	2022	3,398.2
Youth dependency ratio	2022	29.4
Old age dependency ratio	2022	21.9
Median age, in years	2022	37.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	42.0
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	26.2
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	15.8

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	76.7
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	74.5

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	80,125
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	2.8
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.5
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	37

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	1,720
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	12.2
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	554
per 1000 residents	2022	3.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	6.6

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	127,489
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.1
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	5.2
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	94.7
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	7,082
in % of total employment	2022	5.6

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	335
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	37
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	85,789
by public transport, in %	2022	51.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	34.7
by soft mobility, in %	2022	14.2
Stops of public transport	2022	197
per 1000 residents	2022	1.4

Culture and leisure



Lausanne: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	3,705
per 1000 residents	2022	26.3
Museums and Theaters	2021	28
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	857,058
per inhabitant	2022	6.1

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	2022	82,922
Population density in km ²	2022	2,849.6
Youth dependency ratio	2022	25.3
Old age dependency ratio	2022	30.4
Median age, in years	2022	40.9
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	24.7
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	13.8
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	10.9

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	83.4
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	83.2

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	47,270
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	3.8
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.9
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	46

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	577
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	7.0
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	251
per 1000 residents	2022	3.0
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	4.2

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	81,803
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	8.9
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	90.9
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	2,753
in % of total employment	2022	3.4

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	399
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	33
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	53,102
by public transport, in %	2022	40.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	36.6
by soft mobility, in %	2022	22.8
Stops of public transport	2022	133
per 1000 residents	2022	1.6

Culture and leisure



Lucerne: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	2,296
per 1000 residents	2022	27.7
Museums and Theaters	2021	16
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	1,099,435
per inhabitant	2022	13.3

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	2022	62,123
Population density in km ²	2022	819.0
Youth dependency ratio	2022	28.4
Old age dependency ratio	2022	37.8
Median age, in years	2022	47.1
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	38.4
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	30.2
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	8.2

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	71.8
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	69.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	41,127
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	16.0
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	3.2
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	48

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	423
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	6.8
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	79
per 1000 residents	2022	1.3
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	4.7

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	57,531
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	9.3
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	90.5
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	2,515
in % of total employment	2022	4.4

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	615
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	29
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	29,514
by public transport, in %	2022	25.7
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	57.5
by soft mobility, in %	2022	16.8
Stops of public transport	2022	228
per 1000 residents	2022	3.7

Culture and leisure



Lugano: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	1,236
per 1000 residents	2022	19.9
Museums and Theaters	2021	15
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	563,584
per inhabitant	2022	9.1

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	2022	76,328
Population density in km ²	2022	1,938.2
Youth dependency ratio	2022	28.5
Old age dependency ratio	2022	27.7
Median age, in years	2022	39.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	31.8
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	17.7
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	14.2

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	80.0
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	78.1

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	44,800
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	7.4
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	2.6
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	45

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	581
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	7.6
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	193
per 1000 residents	2022	2.5
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	5.1

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	86,366
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	13.7
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	86.2
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	4,100
in % of total employment	2022	4.7

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	448
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	30
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	55,393
by public transport, in %	2022	40.4
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	43.4
by soft mobility, in %	2022	16.2
Stops of public transport	2022	178
per 1000 residents	2022	2.3

Culture and leisure



St. Gallen: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	1,089
per 1000 residents	2022	14.3
Museums and Theaters	2021	15
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	265,651
per inhabitant	2022	3.5

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	2022	115,129
Population density in km ²	2022	1,691.3
Youth dependency ratio	2022	31.9
Old age dependency ratio	2022	25.9
Median age, in years	2022	39.2
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	24.9
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	13.3
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	11.6

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	79.0
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	77.8

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	57,242
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	16.7
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.4
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	43

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	887
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	7.7
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	272
per 1000 residents	2022	2.4
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	2.3

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	75,220
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.2
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	15.6
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	84.2
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	2,932
in % of total employment	2022	3.9

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	395
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	32
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	52,849
by public transport, in %	2022	36.1
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	40.3
by soft mobility, in %	2022	23.7
Stops of public transport	2022	148
per 1000 residents	2022	1.3

Culture and leisure



Winterthur: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	2,765
per 1000 residents	2022	24.0
Museums and Theaters	2021	22
per 1000 residents	2021	0.2
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	165,803
per inhabitant	2022	1.4

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	2022	423,193
Population density in km ²	2022	4,812.8
Youth dependency ratio	2022	26.3
Old age dependency ratio	2022	21.5
Median age, in years	2022	38.5
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	32.4
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	21.6
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	10.8

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	83.2
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	82.9

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	230,525
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	4.3
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	0.1
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	40

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	4,583
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	10.8
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts)	2022	1,658
per 1000 residents	2022	3.9
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	4.0

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	514,995
in the primary sector, in %	2022	0.0
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	5.2
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	94.8
Employment in the ICT sector and media	2022	50,233
in % of total employment	2022	9.8

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	328
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	40
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	303,945
by public transport, in %	2022	64.2
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	21.6
by soft mobility, in %	2022	14.1
Stops of public transport	2022	453
per 1000 residents	2022	1.1

Culture and leisure



Zurich: core-city

Cinema seats	2022	9,704
per 1000 residents	2022	22.9
Museums and Theaters	2021	62
per 1000 residents	2021	0.1
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	3,284,911
per inhabitant	2022	7.8

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	2022	1,411,069
Population density in km ²	2022	–
Youth dependency ratio	2022	–
Old age dependency ratio	2022	–
Median age, in years	2022	–
Permanent foreign resident population, in %	2022	–
Permanent foreign resident population - EU, in %	2022	–
Permanent foreign resident population - not EU, in %	2022	–

Income and jobs

Economic activity rate 15-64, in %	2022	–
Employment rate 20-64, in %	2022	–

Housing conditions

Dwellings, total	2022	795,566
Houses per 100 apartments	2022	–
Rate of vacant housing units, in %	2022	–
Average living space per person, in m ²	2022	–

Personal security

Violent crimes	2022	14,230
Violent crimes per 1000 residents	2022	–
Burglaries with intrusions in dwellings (incl. attempts) per 1000 residents	2022	5,362
Seriously injured or killed persons in road accidents per 10'000 residents	2022	–

Economic context

Employment, total	2022	1,512,322
in the primary sector, in %	2022	–
in the secondary sector, in %	2022	–
in the tertiary sector, in %	2022	–
Employment in the ICT sector and media in % of total employment	2022	92,129
	2022	–

Mobility

Level of motorization (passenger cars per 1000 residents)	2022	–
Average time of journey to work, in minutes	2022	–
Commuters (incoming and internal), total	2022	897,012
by public transport, in %	2022	–
by individual motorized transport, in %	2022	–
by soft mobility, in %	2022	–
Stops of public transport per 1000 residents	2022	1,851
	2022	–

Culture and leisure



Switzerland

Cinema seats	2022	32,009
per 1000 residents	2022	–
Museums and Theaters	2021	252
per 1000 residents	2021	–
Annual hotels overnight stays per resident	2022	10,353,505
per inhabitant	2022	–

Landuse

Total land area in km ²	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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