



# Financial statistics of means-tested social benefits for poverty reduction

## Description

The financial statistics of means-tested social benefits for poverty reduction provide information on net expenditure on means-tested social benefits in Switzerland. They are based on the Confederation's existing data collections and various other sources such as cantonal or financial compensation calculations. Expenditure is presented by benefit type and by canton. In addition, the share of costs borne by the Confederation, cantons and communes is shown. Detailed data can be found at : [www.sozialhilfeiws.bfs.admin.ch](http://www.sozialhilfeiws.bfs.admin.ch)

### Available since:

The first complete findings have been available since 2003. Initial findings for 1997 were published as part of a pilot study.

### Variables recorded:

The definition of the benefits recorded is based on the FSO inventory of means-tested social benefits for poverty reduction. Net expenditure is recorder per benefit, canton and funder.

Annual net expenditure is recorder per benefit, canton and funder.

**Revisions:** annual routine revisions

## Methodology

Synthesis statistic/secondary data

**Degree of regionalisation:** cantons

**Periodicity:** annual

## Policy on revisions

### Routine revisions:

Any revisions carried out in the cantons are incorporated into the statistics annually. The time series is adjusted if necessary.

### Methodology revisions:

none

## Legal bases

Ordinance on the Conduct of Statistical Surveys by the Confederation of 30 June 1993 (RS 431.012.1)

## Organization

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