



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Swiss Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices

Description

The Swiss Harmonized Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) measures the change in prices of goods and services which are representative of the private and institutional households' consumption in Switzerland, whatever their place of residence is. It indicates how much consumers have to increase or to decrease their expenditure to maintain the same volume of consumption, despite the variations in prices.

Recorded characteristics: Transaction prices of goods and services consumed in Switzerland by private and collective households irrespective of their residence.

Available since: January 2006

Methodology

Activity: Survey based on sampling

Survey: in the outlets, by phone, by post, on the Internet (i.e. webscraping) and transfer of centralized sales data (i.e. scanner data)

Type of the sample and sample size: about 100'000 prices per month, collected in about 8'000 outlets, including 5'200 lessors surveyed as part of the rental index survey

Degree of regionalization: Switzerland

Periodicity: Monthly

Reference period: First two weeks of the month, fuel and gasoline prices are collected twice a month (at the beginning and at mid-month)

Revision: new basis in 2025 (2025=100)

Policy on revisions

No revision of results

Legal bases

Bilateral agreement on statistics between the European Union and Switzerland
Regulations of the European Commission concerning HICP, including (EU) 2024/3159 of 2 September 2024

Swiss federal law on Statistics of October 9th, 1992

Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics

Participation: compulsory

Organization

Swiss Federal Statistical Office (SFSO) and market research institute

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