



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Scenarios on the economically active population

Description

The aim of the scenarios on the economically active population is to estimate possible future development of the economic activity rate and the economically active population in Switzerland.

The economically active population forecast is based on a dual forecast: an economic activity rate forecast and a demographic forecast. The estimated labour force is obtained by combining the activity rate forecast and the population forecast.

Available since:

For the first time in 1995

Reference period of the latest scenarios: 2025-2055

Characteristics recorded:

Economic activity rate and economically active population by:

Sex

Age

Nationality [Swiss / foreign]

Methodology

A series of variables that explain the age and gender-specific economic activity rates were used as determinants for labour market participation. These were the proportion of people in education and training (by education and training type), a breakdown of the population by highest qualification, the average number of children, the proportion of people with a disability, the proportion of people having taken early retirement and the proportion of people who continue to work after legal retirement age. The next step is to make hypotheses on the change in this variable over the whole projection period, starting with the assumption that the economic activity rates will continue to depend on these variables in the future.

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland

Periodicity:

Every 5 years for the complete series of scenarios

Reference period:

Calendar year

Quality of statistical information:

The results of the scenarios are based on a combination of hypotheses specific to each scenario.

Knowledge of these hypotheses is necessary in order to correctly interpret the results. The actual development will only resemble the course outlined in the scenario if demographic behaviour and the socio-economic and political conditions in future years do not differ significantly from the hypotheses used to define the scenario.

Revision:

next series of scenarios planned for 2030

Policy on revisions

No revision

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992

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