



New Pensions Statistics

Description

The New Pensions Statistics describe the number of recipients of *new* old-age pensions or lump-sum withdrawals from the Swiss pension system. Data are available since 2015 for the first, second and third pillars. A pension is defined as "new" if it was drawn for the first time in the given year. As pensions can be drawn from all three pillars, it is possible for a person to receive a "new pension" several times. The statistics show the average and median amount of new pensions and lump-sum withdrawals, as well as the average and median amount received per person. For lump-sum withdrawals (pillars 2 and 3a), additional information is available as to whether these withdrawals are made for retirement or other reasons (e.g. purchasing residential property).

Results published:

- Number of new recipients of benefits from the old-age pension provision system in Switzerland and the amounts received.
- Number of new benefits paid from the three pillars of the old age pension provision system and the amounts received.
- Number of people who have withdrawn capital from the 2nd pillar or 3a pillar to buy their own home or who have become self-employed, and amounts received.

Results are published in table and graph form and as web content.

Methodology

Methodology used:

Comprehensive survey. Data come from two administrative sources: the Central Compensation Office's (CCO) pensions register and notifications from pension fund and insurance companies to the Federal Tax Administration (FTA).

Statistical population and survey units:

The statistical population is the permanent resident population in Switzerland receiving a new benefit in the old age pension provision system by 31 December in a given calendar year.

Variables used (selection):

Permanent resident population receiving at least one new old age benefit

- 1st pillar pension (amounts)
- 2nd pillar pension (amounts)
- 2nd pillar lump sum (amounts)
- 3a lump sum (amounts)

Permanent resident population receiving special benefits

- 2nd pillar lump sum to buy own home or to become self-employed.
- 3a pillar lump sum to buy own home or to become self-employed.
- Lump sum from 3b pillar life insurance.

Survey date:

annual (calendar year)

Survey period:

available since 2015

Periodicity of result publication:

published yearly

	Degree of regionalisation: national and cantonal Matching used: Population and Household Statistics (STATPOP)
Policy on revisions	Revisions are carried out as required and described in detail in the document: Analysis of revisions. <i>Routine revisions:</i> none <i>Methodological revisions</i> 2022 data: to improve the quality of certain variables, NRS data are matched with STATPOP data. For this reason, the statistical population is the permanent resident population on 31 December of the survey year. The data from 2015 to 2021 have been revised accordingly. <i>Unplanned revisions</i> 2015-2018: data on pillar 3b lump-sum benefits have been recalculated after the identification of errors in the data source.
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