Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft
Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
Confederaziun svizra

Swiss Confederation

Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA
Swiss Federal Statistical Office FSO

Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Statistics on the Financial Situation of Households

Description

The Statistics on the Financial Situation of Households cover the income, consumption and wealth of private households and provide a comprehensive summary of the distribution and redistribution of income and expenditure as well as the situation of and changes to the middle income group compared with lower and higher income population groups. Where useful, data are analysed in relation to various other topics, such as housing or well-being.

Variables recorded:
Based on the Statistics on the Financial Situation of Households, evaluations and analyses relating to individuals or households are published.
Figures from the Statistics on the Financial Situation of Households are published at national level for the total population and the population in working households. This is the case for income distribution and inequality as well as for changes to the middle income group. Depending on the focus of analysis, information is broken down by additional variables such as major region, age group, sex, nationality, educational attainment, employment status, household type and housing status.

Methodology

The main sources of data are the Household Budget Survey (HBS) and the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) Detailed information on the HBS and SILC methodology can be found at the following links:
- Household Budget Survey (HBS) factsheet:
- Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) factsheet

Available since:
2007

Periodicity:
depending on the indicator every 1 to 3 years

Reference period:
Calendar year Several survey years are combined for specific indicators to increase the number of observations.

Degree of regionalisation:
Switzerland, occasionally also major region

Policy on revisions

Routine revision:
none

Methodology revisions:
depend on methodological revisions of the data sources used, which are described in detail in the relevant audit report:
- HBS audit report
- SILC survey audit report

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO, Income Consumption and Living Conditions Section)

Enquiries:
Income, Consumption and Living Conditions Section
+41 58 463 64 21
info.ekl@bfs.admin.ch