



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

School staff (SSP)

Description

The survey on school staff is based on 26 sets of cantonal statistics. It collects information on persons working in schools in Switzerland and the content of the activities they carry out. The survey covers compulsory education, upper-secondary level and colleges of higher education. The data from the 26 cantons is standardised at national level. Its compatibility with UNESCO's International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED) is ensured, enabling international comparisons of education systems.

Available since:

- Teaching staff: 1993, break between 1999 and 2002
- Management staff: 2011
- Staff responsible for additional special education measures in compulsory education (special needs teachers, teaching staff for foreign language speaking pupils, speech therapists and psychomotor therapists): 2017

Methodology

Methodology used

Exhaustive annual survey based on individual-level data. The cantons are responsible for gathering data on school staff. Participation is compulsory.

Variables used

Data is collected at the level of persons active in schools (teaching staff, management staff and staff responsible for additional special education measures in compulsory education) and at the level of their activities within schools.

- **Person-related variables**
 - Personal identifier
 - Sex
 - Date of birth
 - Nationality
 - Number of years in the school service
- **Activity-related variables**
 - Activity identifier
 - Staff category
 - Type of employment contract
 - Diploma / qualifications
 - Educational institution identifier
 - Volume of activity
 - Full-time reference
 - Type of programme

Survey period

School year

Periodicity of publication

Annual

Data from a school year is published from March of the following year (e.g. March 2025 for the 2023/24 school year).

Degree of regionalisation

Cantons

	Linkages CCO, BER
	Quality of statistical data The personal identifier enables longitudinal analyses.
Policy on revisions	Periodic revisions Corrections received and changes to nomenclatures (e.g. Swiss official commune register) are implemented on an ongoing basis. During this process, data is updated retroactively back to 2010. Methodological / ad hoc revisions Revisions are undertaken as required (e.g. revision of nomenclatures). Last methodological revision 2010/11 school year: introduction of the OASI number as a personal identifier.
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