



Fact sheet – Statistical activity and published results

Community Service Statistics

Description

The Community Service Statistics (GA) provide information on the execution of sentences carried out as mandated by cantonal authorities for the execution of sentences and measures in the form of community service. Community service means unpaid work performed in favour of social institutions, in the public interest or to assist people in need. It is a way to enforce a sentence that is used instead of a fine, monetary penalty or detention. The statistics encompass the socio-demographic characteristics of individuals undertaking community service, characteristics regarding enforcement and court judgments.

Methodology

Methodology used:
Exhaustive survey

Characteristics recorded:

- Socio-demographic characteristics (sex, age, nationality, residence status)
- Canton responsible for the execution of sentences and measures
- Start date
- Date of completion or termination of service
- Hours worked
- Principal executed sentence and canton in which the court is based

The statistics are augmented with relevant data from the Criminal Conviction Statistics.

Data retention: The data is stored for a period exceeding 30 years to allow for long-term studies on recidivism.

Survey date / period:
Ongoing since 1996

Periodicity:
Annual

Degree of regionalisation:
Switzerland, cantons

Revision policy

The statistical data are subject to a routine annual revision process. Data already published for previous years are supplemented and revised as appropriate.

Legal basis

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Organisation

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