



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Statistics on the Swiss Abroad (SE-Stat)

Description

The Statistics on the Swiss abroad surveys all Swiss citizens living abroad without a place of residence in Switzerland and who are registered with a Swiss diplomatic or consular representation abroad. They provide information on the number and structure of Swiss citizens living abroad at the end of the year during the calendar year.

Available since:
2017

Statistical population by:
Persons with Swiss nationality who are resident and registered abroad

Key variables:

Population stock:

- birth date
- sex
- marital status
- other nationalities (in addition to Swiss citizenship)
- country of residence
- place of birth
- place of origin

Methodology

Register survey based on the E-VERA information system (register of the Swiss abroad) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA).

Degree of regionalisation:
Consular district resp. country of residence

Periodicity:
Annual

Reference period:
31st December or January-December

Statistical quality of data:
Only persons who have registered with the Swiss diplomatic or consular representation abroad that is responsible for their place of residence and who are entered in the register of the Swiss Abroad are surveyed. Although registration is mandatory pursuant to Art. 11 of the Swiss Abroad Act (SAA), it is assumed that not all persons concerned will fulfil this obligation.

Policy on revisions

No revision

Legal bases

Ordinance on the E-VERA Information System of 17 August 2016 (SR 235.22)
Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO) with the support of the FDFA's Consular Directorate

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