



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Statistics on the types of building owners

Description

The statistics on the types of building owners (GebETyp) provide information on the ownership structure of residential buildings in Switzerland. It is conducted by linking residential buildings in the Federal Register of Buildings and Dwellings (RegBL) with the data of one or more owners collected from the land registers via the plots.

Available since: 2020

Statistical population:

Residential buildings according to the Buildings and Dwellings Statistics (BDS)

Characteristics recorded:

- Survey of the RegBL
Geocoded data, building category, construction period, number of floors, number of dwellings, number of inhabitants.
- Land register survey:
Type of owner (individual, legal person, community, mixed).
- Business and Enterprise Register (BER) survey.
Economic activity of legal entities owning buildings.

Methodology

Register survey: Data on residential buildings from RegBL are combined with data on building owners from the land registers. The link between building identifiers and owner identifiers is established via the plots.

For legal entities that own buildings, a NOGA (General Classification of Economic Activities) code search is carried out based on the information available in the land registers.

Degree of regionalisation:

Cantons, communes, hectares

Periodicity:

Annual

Reference period:

Reference day: 31 December

Quality of statistical data:

There are gaps in the data concerning the type of ownership (missing values). These data are not statistically completed and the missing values appear in the statistical results under "unknown". The cantons of Zurich and Valais are temporarily excluded from the statistics because the quality of their current data is not yet sufficient.

Policy on revisions

No revisions planned or carried out to date

Legal bases

Federal Act of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Census (CC 431.112)
Ordinance of 19 December 2008 on the Federal Census (CC 431.112.1)
Federal Statistics Act (CC 431.011)
Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (CC 431.011)

Ordinance of 9 June 2017 on the Federal Buildings and Dwellings Register (CC 431.841)
Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Register of Businesses and Enterprises (CC 431.903)

Organisation

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