



# Statistics on Cultural and Leisure Practices

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## Description

Following a first independent survey in 2008, the Statistics on Cultural and Leisure Practices have been collected as part of the Language, Religion and Culture Survey (LRCS) since 2014. Since then, every five years it provides data on the cultural and leisure practices of the Swiss population aged 15 and over. The survey also includes questions about the context in which cultural and leisure practices take place and elicits more in-depth responses with regard to certain aspects of these practices.

The statistics enable analyses of cultural and leisure practices against the backdrop of socio-demographic variables. The results appear in the form of webpages, tables, graphs and in detailed publications.

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## Methodology

The LRCS consists of two sample surveys (one on language and religion and one on culture and leisure) covering 10 000 people (plus any cantonal supplements). Respondents are randomly selected from the FSO's sample register. Since 2024, the LRCS has been conducted as a multimodal survey (online or by telephone). Until 2019, the survey was conducted via telephone interview followed by online and paper questionnaires. For more information on LRCS, please refer to the fact sheet ([link](#)).

Variables collected on cultural and leisure practices:

- Visits to cultural sites, institutions and events (e.g. concerts, theatre, cinema, festivals, museums, libraries, historic sites)
- Personal amateur artistic or creative activities (e.g. singing, playing an instrument, painting, creative digital activities)
- Consumption of selected media (reading books or e-books, listening to music, watching films or series)
- Leisure activities (e.g. hiking, seeing friends, playing board or video games, going to sports events, attending traditional festivals)
- Desires and obstacles to engaging in cultural practices
- Individual or recurring in-depth questions (2008: music; since 2008: volunteering as a leisure activity; 2014: types of films watched, obstacles linked to health or disability that hinder access to culture; since 2014: genres of music listened to, media used to listen to music; 2019: types of museums and galleries visited in Switzerland and abroad, types of books read; since 2019: video on demand (VoD), library activities, cultural outings for children; in 2024: types of festivals or cultural events attended)
- Socio-demographic characteristics such as age, gender, level of education, occupation, household financial situation, migration background, etc.

Statistical population and survey units:

Permanent resident population aged 15 and over

Available since:

2014 (2008)

Periodicity:

Every 5 years

Reference period:

Twelve months prior to the survey

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|                            | <p>Degree of regionalisation:<br/>Switzerland, linguistic regions and cantons that have increased the density of their cantonal sample</p> <p>Quality of statistical data:<br/>In 2014, the response rates were 47% (16 487 people) for the computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI), 84% of whom (13 853 people) completed the online/personal interview (CAWI/PAPI). In 2019 these figures were 42% and 13 417 people (CATI) and 86% or 11 255 people (CAWI/PAPI). In 2024, 14 361 people responded (of which 13 080 by CAWI and 1281 by CATI), with a response rate of 55.2%.<br/>The coefficient of variation, which measures the relative imprecision of the percentages, arises from the use of a sample rather than the entire population. The online tables include the coefficient of variation for each figure.</p> |
| <b>Policy on revisions</b> | <p>Questionnaire adjusted before each survey<br/>Methodological revisions (e.g. revision of sources) are undertaken as needed.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Legal basis</b>         | <p>Federal Act of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Census (Census Act; SR 431.112)<br/>Ordinance of 19 December 2008 on the Federal Census (Census Ordinance; SR 431.112.1)<br/>Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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