



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Statistics on Old-Age Pension Provision

Description

The Statistics on Old-Age Pension Provision provide information on the population's access to the old-age pension provision system. The statistics focus on various analyses of the receipt of retirement benefits from the Swiss old-age provision system, consisting of the Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance (OASI), occupational pension plans and the 3a pillar ('three-pillar system').

Variables recorded:

Based on the Statistics on Old-Age Provision, evaluations and analyses relating to individuals are published. Particular emphasis is placed on describing the number and amount of retirement benefits from the three pillars of the old-age provision system, broken down by age, sex, civil status, nationality and canton of residence.

Methodology

The main source of data for the Statistics on Old-Age Pension Provision is the New Pensions Statistics, whose methodology is described in detail in the document: [New Pensions Statistics \(NRS\)](#). Further data sources for the analyses are the [Swiss Labour Force Survey \(SLFS with its "social security module"\)](#) and its linkage to the [Social Security and Labour Market Synthesis Survey \(SESAM\)](#), the [Survey on Income and Living Conditions \(SILC\)](#) and the [Household Budget Survey \(HBS\)](#).

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland, depending on the indicator also at cantonal level

Periodicity:

depending on the indicator every 1 to 4 years

Reference period:

calendar year

Survey period:

varies depending on indicator and data source. Most of the indicators are based on the New Pension Statistics and are available starting from 2015

Policy on revisions

Routine revision:

none

Methodology revisions:

depend on methodological revisions of the data sources used, which are described in detail in the relevant audit report:

- [New Pensions Statistics \(NRS\) - Analysis of the revision](#)
- Audit report: Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS) (in [French](#) and in [German](#))
- Synthesis Survey of Social Protection and the Labour Market (SESAM) - Analysis of the revision (in [French](#) and in [German](#))
- [Statistics on Income and Living Conditions \(SILC\) - Analysis of the revision](#)

2025: Revision of indicators relating to the proportion of contributors to the 2nd pillar and pillar 3a. The indicators will now be calculated using the pooled samples from the HBS. The results are presented separately for self-employed persons and employees, as well as by gender, age group, nationality and household income class.

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

Enquiries:
Income, Consumption and Living Conditions Section
+41 58 463 64 21
info.ekl@bfs.admin.ch
