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Factsheet – Classification

General Classification of Economic Activities - NOGA

Description	The NOGA 2008 (General Classification of Economic Activities) is an essential tool for structuring, analysing and presenting statistical information. It enables the statistical units "enterprises" and "establishments" to be classified by their economic activity and categorised into coherent groups. It can be used to depict the real situation as accurately and comprehensively as possible.
	NOGA 2008 takes into account both the framework conditions set by the Statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community (NACE, rev. 2) and the needs of various interest groups in Switzerland.
	Version of NOGA 2008 in use from 01.01.2008
	Previous version of NOGA 2008; NOGA 200
Methodology	A five-tiered structure is used in the NOGA 2008 to classify 794 different economic activities. In other words, a 6-digit code is assigned to each activity (referred to as "type"). The first four levels of the NOGA structure are compatible with the NACE. Level five ("type") takes into account details that reflect the Swiss reality.
	Establishments and enterprises are coded using the NOGA. Application fields: - Statistics: classification and comparison of statistics (at national and international levels)
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