

Education Statistics 2017



Pupils and students, 2016/17

Primary level, lower and upper secondary levels

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Education level	Total	Male	Female	National	origin	Un- speci- fied 52702 1397 66 985 320 99 905 715	
				Swiss	Foreign	speci-	
Compulsory education	936550	482 013	454537	682451	252702	1397	
Primary level 1–2 ¹	170 758	87 680	83 078	123 453	46 985	320	
Primary level 3–8	486 813	247 945	238 868	356 193	129 905	715	
Lower secon- dary level	247 539	125 878	121 661	186 315	60 893	331	
Basic requirements	71 332	40 435	30 897	45 258	25 985	89	
Extended requirements	155 917	74 798	81 119	129 238	26 512	167	
Regardless of level	20 290	10 645	9 645	11 819	8 3 9 6	75	
Special educa- tion programme	31 440	20 510	10 930	16 490	14 919	31	
Upper secon- dary level	365 559	191 844	173715	287114	77916	529	
Transitional education lower – upper sec.	18 692	10 173	8 519	8 9 5 6	9 714	22	
Vocational education and training (VET) ²	226 351	131 922	94 429	180 865	45 316	170	
Vocational baccalaureate ³	9 307	4710	4 597	8 431	875	1	
General education	98 328	39 984	58344	78 427	19 761	140	
Complement. education in up- per secondary	12 881	5 0 5 5	7 826	10 435	2 250	196	

¹ Pre-school, first learning cycle

Including preparation for federal vocational baccalaurate integrated in vocational education and training (FVB1)

³ Federal vocational baccalaureate after vocational education and training (FVB2)

Tertiary level T2

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Education level	Total	Male	Female	National	origin	
				Swiss	Foreign	Un- speci- fied
Advanced profes- sional education and training (PET)	56658	31 699	24959	49082	6409	1 167
Professional edu- cation and training colleges	31 242	16 643	14 599	26 964	3716	562
Preparation for the federal PET diploma examination ¹	17 795	11 170	6 625	15 522	1 791	482
Preparation for the advanced federal PET diploma exam- ination ¹	3 384	2 431	953	3 011	319	54
Unregulated advanced professional education and training	4 237	1 455	2 782	3 585	583	69
Higher education institutions		119462		182924	61 180	
Universities of applied sciences including Univer- sities of Teacher Education	95 570 20 472	45 746 5 511	49 824 14 961	79 412 18 461	16 158 2 011	
Universities	148 534	73 716	74 818	103 512	45 022	
Humanities and social sciences	44 587	14 561	30 026	33 458	11 129	
Economics	22 143	14 439	7704	14 190	7 953	
Law Exact and natural sciences	16 299 26 796	6 9 0 8	9 391	13 242 15 972	3 057	
Medicine and pharmacy	16 319	6319	10 000	13 082	3 237	
Engineering, architecture	18 141	12 748	5 393	10 278	7 863	
Interdisciplinary and others	4 249	2 301	1948	3 290	959	
Tertiary level	300762		149601	232006	67589	1167
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Students are not completely surveyed because the preparation courses for federal exams are not formally regulated. They often take place in modular trainings, which are only surveyed if the single module corresponds to at least half a school-year (full time equivalent).

Compulsory education, cantons

Canton	Compulsor	y education¹		
	Total	Primary level 1–2 ²	Primary level 3–8	Lower secondary
Switzerland	905 110	170 758	486 813	247 539
ZH	157 320	31 727	85 344	40 249
BE	104908	19 919	57 279	27 710
LU	42 366	6 857	23 707	11 802
UR	3 898	694	2 120	1 084
SZ	16 122	2 831	8 673	4 6 1 8
OW	4004	603	2 253	1 148
NW	4 119	721	2 261	1 137
GL	4 099	735	2 197	1 167
ZG	13 551	2 500	7 334	3717
FR	38 886	7 008	21 095	10 783
SO	27 021	5 056	14 733	7 232
BS	17 707	3 690	9 538	4 479
BL	29 928	5 453	16 141	8 3 3 4
SH	7 937	1 545	4 2 7 8	2 114
AR	5 685	1 108	3 084	1 493
Al	1 791	345	892	554
SG	54 143	10 288	28 915	14 940
GR	18 871	3 443	9 976	5 452
AG	72 930	14 0 6 9	39306	19 555
TG	28 991	5 509	15 590	7 892
TI	37 443	8 551	15 864	13 028
VD	92 580	16 483	50 548	25 549
VS	36 670	6 418	20 235	10 017
NE	19 980	3 660	10 950	5 370
GE	55 624	10 118	29814	15 692
JU	8 536	1 427	4 686	2 423

¹ The 31 440 pupils in special education programmes are excluded.

² Pre-school, first learning cycle

Teachers in 2016/17 and staff employed in higher education institutions in 2016

(public education) T4

Education level	Persons ¹			Full-time
Type of staff	Total	of whom		equiva- lents²
		Female %	Foreign %	Total
Compulsory education	92638	75.3	5.7	59172
Primary level 1-2 ³	18 174	94.6	3.3	9 139
Primary level 3-8	50 672	82.5	4.7	30 449
Lower secondary level	34 076	54.6	8.6	19 583
Special education programme				
Upper secondary level	29095	43.6	8.0	17412
General education	12 076	47.0	8.8	7 281
Vocational education				
and training (VET) ⁴	17 019	41.3	7.4	10 131
Tertiary level:	0.110	41.5	10.4	
Professional colleges	2 118	41.5	13.4	662
Tertiary level: higher education institutions⁵	89387	44.9	37.3	59278
Universities of applied sciences/Universities of teacher education	26 875	46.2	21.6	16 846
Teaching staff with manage- ment responsibility	2 067	29.9	27.0	1 804
Other teaching staff	11 910	41.4	21.6	5860
Assistants and scientific staff	6 080	43.3	27.5	3 997
Managerial. clerical and technical staff	6 818	62.1	14.6	5 184
Universities and institutes of technology	62 512	44.4	44.2	42 432
Professors	4363	22.2	50.2	3 9 6 9
Other teaching staff	9 2 0 4	28.3	35.4	2779
Assistants and scientific staff	30 563	43.9	58.4	21 648
Managerial, clerical and technical staff	18 382	58.4	23.6	14 036

The figures include all teachers working at the level of education considered (double-counting possible).

Full-time equivalents are expressed as the ratio of actual hours employed and the normal hours of a person employed full-time (e.g. a person employed for 50% of a full-time job counts as 0.5 full-time equivalents).

³ Pre-school, first learning cycle

Including transitional education from lower to upper secondary level. vocational matura and complementary education in upper secondary

The number of persons employed in higher education institutions is based on the reference day 31 December. The full-time equivalents relate to the entire calendar year.

Education level	Total	Total Male		Female	emale	
		absolute	%	absolute	%	
Upper secondary level						
Certificate of basic vocational education	134	122	91.0	12	9.0	
Federal certificate	6 280	3 328	53.0	2 952	47.0	
Federal proficiency certificate	63 597	34 734	54.6	28 863	45.4	
Proficiency certificate (other professions)	69	12	17.4	57	82.6	
Trade certificate	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Vocational Matura	14 396	7 650	53.1	6 746	46.9	
Academic Matura	18 626	7 887	42.3	10 739	57.7	
Specialised Matura	2 716	524	19.3	2 192	80.7	
Intermediate school certificate	3 985	932	23.4	3 053	76.6	
Tertiary level						
Professional education and training (PET)						
Diploma from unregulated pro- fessional education and training	396	116	29.3	280	70.7	
Diploma of professional education and training	14 402	8 945	62.1	5 457	37.9	
Advanced federal diploma of professional education and training	3 473	2 186	62.9	1 287	37.1	
College of professional education and training degree	8 470	4392	51.9	4 078	48.1	
Higher education institutions						
Degree from a university of teacher education	1 024	558	54.5	466	45.5	
Bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences and teacher education	16 240	7 186	44.2	9 054	55.8	
Master's degree from a university of applied sciences and teacher education	3 972	1 648	41.5	2 324	58.5	
First university degree or diploma	100	14	14.0	86	86.0	
Bachelor's degree from a university	14319	6771	47.3	7 548	52.7	
Master's degree from a university	13 852	6 682	48.2	7 170	51.8	
Doctorate	3 936	2 192	55.7	1 744	44.3	

Sources: FSO - Statistics on certificates (SBA),

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Vocational education and training statistics (SBG-SFPI),

Students and degrees of higher education institutions (SHIS-studex)

Educational institutions, 2016/17

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Education level	Total	Private sector ³ %
Primary level 1–2 ¹	5 414	6.3
Primary level 3–8 and lower secondary level	6 120	12.2
Upper secondary level: Vocational education and training (VET) ² and general education	842	42.9
Tertiary level: Professional education and training (PET) and higher education institutions	402	60.2

Pre-school, first learning cycle years 1-2

Source: FSO - Educational institutions statistics (SBI)

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Financial flows for education¹, 2015

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	In CHF n	nillions						
	Total		Confeder	ation	ition Cantons		Communes	
	absolute	%	absolute	%	absolute	%	absolute	%
Funding	36728	100.0	6358	17.3	18793	51.2	11 577	31.5
Transfers Confederation to cantons			-2727		2 727		_	
Cantons to Confeder- ation			12		-12		_	
Cantons to communes			_		-977		977	
Communes to cantons			_		2 692		-2692	
Total after transfers	36728	100.0	3643	9.9	23223	63.2	9862	26.9

¹ The public expenditure for research is included in the public expenditure for education.

Including transitional education from lower to upper secondary level, vocational matura and complementary education in upper secondary

Government dependent private and independent private educational institutions

Public education expenditure by administrative and educational level, 2015

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Education level	In CHF mi	llions					
	Total		Administra expenditu	naking			
	absolute	%	Confe- deration	Cantons	Com- munes		
Total	36727.6	100.0	3643.1	23222.6	9861.9		
of which salaries	24 379.4	66.4					
teacher's salaries only	17 698.9	48.2			-		
Compulsory education	16 258.0	44.3	21.2	7 069.5	9 167.3		
Special schools	1 918.0	5.2	_	1 454.0	464.0		
Upper secondary: Vocational education and training (VET)	3 514.7	9.6	89.9	3 245.5	179.4		
Upper secondary: General education	2 340.7	6.4	1.6	2 337.3	1.9		
Tertiary: Professional edu- cation and training (PET)	415.5	1.1	51.8	363.6	0.1		
Tertiary: Higher education institutions	8 030.6	21.9	1 109.1	6 914.3	7.2		
Research	3 674.7	10.0	2 361.9	1 310.8	2.0		
Non-attributable expenditure	575.4	1.6	7.7	527.6	40.1		

Sources: FSO – Public education expenditure (ÖBA); FFA – Financial Statistics

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