



National cancer statistic

Description

The national cancer statistic provides information on the situation and development of mortality and cancer incidence in Switzerland. This is a synthesis statistic based on data from existing sources. Different indicators are presented by cancer site to describe the importance of the cancer.

Available since:

1983 at the [NICER](#) Institute, 1998 at the FSO

Features registered:

Death by type of cancer (ICD-10) / new cases by type of cancer (ICD-O-3) by:

- age
- sex

canton of residence (civil domicile)

Methodology

Synthesis statistic, based on:

- The cantonal and inter-cantonal cancer registries (CCR) covering the following cantons: AG (2013), AR/AI (1980), BE (2014), BS/BL (1981), FR (2006), GE (1970), GL (1992), GR (1989), JU (2005), LU (2010), NE (1974), OW/NW (2011), SG (1980), TG (2012), TI (1996), UR (2011), VD (1974), VS (1989), ZG (2011), ZH (1980)); see [map of cancer registries in Switzerland](#)
- The [Swiss Childhood Cancer Registry](#) (SCCR)
- The [Cause of Death Statistics](#) (CoD) (FSO)
- [Population and Household Statistics](#) (STATPOP) (FSO), Annual Population Statistics (ESPOP) (FSO) up to and including 2010

Degree of regionalisation:

Language regions

Periodicity:

Annual

Reference period:

Calendar year

Statistical quality of data:

For the incidence data, the coverage has been completed for French and Italian-speaking Switzerland since 2006, but there are gaps for German-speaking Switzerland. The published trends may have been affected by the gradual introduction of the registries and because the legal bases governing cancer registration vary considerably from one canton to another. For more details see "[Quality of incidence data](#)". For the Cause of Death Statistics, the causes of death of persons who died abroad are often unknown. For these 2 statistics, modifications in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) and the International Classification of Oncology (ICD-O) are made approximately every 10 to 20 years, causing breaks in the time series. For example, a revision with a transition from ICD-8 to ICD-10 and an adjustment of the coding rules to the international standard took place in 1995. Thanks to standardisation by the World Health Organisation, the data are comparable.

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992 (RS 431.01)

Organization

FSO, in collaboration with the NICER institute, the RCT and the SCCR

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