

Swiss Confederation

Factsheet - Surveys, Sources

Police crime statistics

Description

The police crime statistics (PCS) provide information on the number, structure and growth of recorded criminal offences, as well as on injured and accused persons. The police crime statistics are based on reported crimes. Accused persons are presumed innocent until convicted by a validated judgement.

Available since:

2009

Content:

- Offences under the Swiss Criminal Code (SCC)
- Offences under the Narcotics Act (NarcA)
- Offences under the Foreign National Act (FNA)

Characteristics recorded:

- Offence (place, date of offence, instrument, form)
- Accused person (sex, age, nationality, residence status)
- Injured person (sex and age)

Relationship between victim and defendant (identification of domestic violence)

Methodology

Type of survey:

Comprehensive survey

Source:

Cantonal police

Degree of regionalisation: National and cantonal

Periodicity: Annual

Reference period: Civil year (exit date)

Quality of statistical data:

The quality of data collection and statistics is guaranteed.

Use of data:

Analyses based on the number of offences, of accused and injured persons.

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the Conduct of Federal Statistical Surveys (RS 431.012.1)

Organization

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

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