Education and science

Figures from 2017 unless another year is specified





People in education, in 2016/17, in thousands

- Compulsory education 936.6
- 2 Upper secondary level 365.6
- OPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION and training 56.7
- Higher education institutions 244.1



Diplomas, in thousands



Compulsory education 91.6

Teaching staff in 2016/17 and higher education staff in 2017, in thousands

Higher education institutions 90.9

Upper secondary level 29.1

Colleges of higher vocational education and training 2.1

Upper secondary level

- Basic vocational education 68.9
- 2 General education courses 40.9

Tertiary level

- OPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION and training 26.5
- Higher education institutions 57.9
- Ostgraduate degrees 5.9



CHF 37.2 bn

Educational public expenditure, in 2016

5.6% of the gross domestic product



Outlay research and development in 2015, in Switzerland /Of which business enterprises 71%

R&D jobs in the private sector **50 825** (full-time equivalents)