



Factsheet - Survey/Statistic

Imprisonment statistics

Description

The survey on imprisonment provides information on the number of prisoners by type of imprisonment, gender and nationality (from 2004) and information on places and occupancy rates in penal institutions. Deaths, suicides (from 2004) and escapes (from 2010) are recorded for the previous year. The statistics enable deductions to be made concerning imprisonment orders across Switzerland by type of custody and trends in the prison population and places.

Characteristics recorded:

The following are recorded in penal institutions:

On the reference day

- Population by type of imprisonment, gender and nationality
- Inmates in pre-trial detention by gender, age, nationality and permit status
- Capacity of institutions

Previous year

- Deaths and suicides
 - Escapes on transfer
 - Number of entries and stay days in prisons
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Methodology

Exhaustive survey

Periodicity:

Annually

Reference period:

Reference day

1988 – 2001: March/April

2001 – 2018: 1st Wednesday of September

2019 –: 31st January

Available since:

Time series since 1988

Degree of regionalisation:

- Switzerland
 - Penal agreement of Northwest and Central Switzerland
 - Penal agreement of Eastern Switzerland
 - Penal agreement of French- and Italian-speaking regions
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Legal bases

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

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

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