



Language, religion and culture survey

Description

The survey on language, religion and culture has the aim of providing statistical information on the current situation and the evolution of practices in these areas. The data collected are used as the basis for monitoring developments and as input for more detailed analysis. They therefore contribute to the targeted focusing of multilingualism, integration and cultural politics in Switzerland.

Available since:

2014 (Publication of the initial results: april 2016)

Features registered:

Permanent resident population from 15 years old, living in private households

Household composition

Sociodemographic features of the respondents and other household's members (migration status, education, labour-market status)

Languages of the target person (main and known language(s), language(s) used during childhood, language(s) spoken with the partner), main language(s) of the partner, transmission to children of a non local language, learning of and desire to learn languages / reasons, contexts and frequency of use of languages, barriers due to language difficulties

Religion and spirituality of the target person, past and present religious affiliation, religious practice (services, prayer, meditation, and other religious or spiritual experiences), partner's, parents' and children's religious affiliation, religious practice and affiliation in childhood, personal beliefs, importance of religion or spirituality in everyday life

Practical cultural activities (type and frequency), use of certain media (type and frequency), consumption of music (style), movies (genres), reading during leisure / work and education/training, amateur cultural activities (type and frequency)

Social participation, sense of belonging, barriers to social participation

Health, income and political orientation

Methodology

A sample survey of 10,000 people (plus any possible supplementation by cantons). The people are selected at random from FSO's sample register. The survey consists of a telephone interview supplemented by an online or paper questionnaire.

Degree of regionalisation:

Switzerland, major regions and certain cantons that have enlarged their cantonal sample

Periodicity:

– Every 5 years

Reference period: March - December

Statistical quality of data:

Revision:

Legal bases

Federal Act of 22 June 2007 on the Federal Population Census (CC 431.112)

Ordinance of 19 December 2008 on the Federal Population Census (CC 431.112.1)

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

Organization

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