

Swiss Federal Statistical Office

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Portrait

The Federal Statistical Office (FSO) is Switzerland's national competence centre for official statistics and constitutes the hub of the Swiss statistical system. It produces and publishes statistical information on the status and development of the population, economy, society, education, research, territory, and the environment. This information is used for opinion building among the population and for the planning and management of key policy areas. It provides insight into society's development and its complexity and helps make it transparent for democratic debate.

Through innovative approaches, the FSO analyses, interprets and publishes statistical information. It edits around 150 publications annually for print and digital media, publishes more than 400 statistical data releases and has a widely used website portal with about 15 million page views every year.

As the largest national provider of regional statistics for more than 150 years, the FSO also has a long tradition in the field of data visualisation, especially in the use of thematic maps.

Since 1989, the FSO has had its own cartographic service – ThemaKart – that offers a competent and fast cartographic information service for institutional customers and is the centralised production unit for all FSO's map and atlas products.



The FSO is situated in Neuchâtel and attached to the Federal Department of Home Affairs.

Services and products

Maps are a key element of the FSO's publications and are widely used to disseminate data in a visual form. The cartographic production covers the whole range of topics of socio-economic data that are collected in the Swiss statistical system. Whether in static form or in interactive form, our maps are always multilingual (up to five languages) and made accessible for all devices.

The main platform to publish new maps is the online statistical atlas interface that provides a full dissemination tool and is very popular with our customers. Users can explore atlas content, find thematic maps, download ready-to-print exports of these, extract the underlying data and find some additional information (various metadata). All our interactive atlases are freely available and are published in German and French.

Statistical Atlas of Switzerland

The standard reference work contains maps from almost every topic covered by the FSO's activity and in which regional data are available. Continuously updated during the year with new data, this atlas provides more than 5000 interactive maps at various geographical levels.

Political Atlas of Switzerland

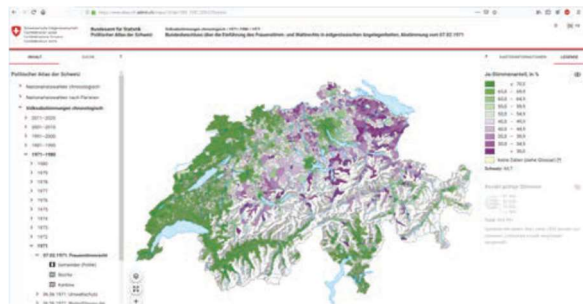
The specialised atlas contains all current and historical Swiss election and vote results. On the days of national elections and popular votes, the FSO offers live maps with continuously updated results.

Statistical Atlas of Swiss Cities

The specialised atlas covers statistical data that presents various aspects of the living conditions in eight Swiss cities.

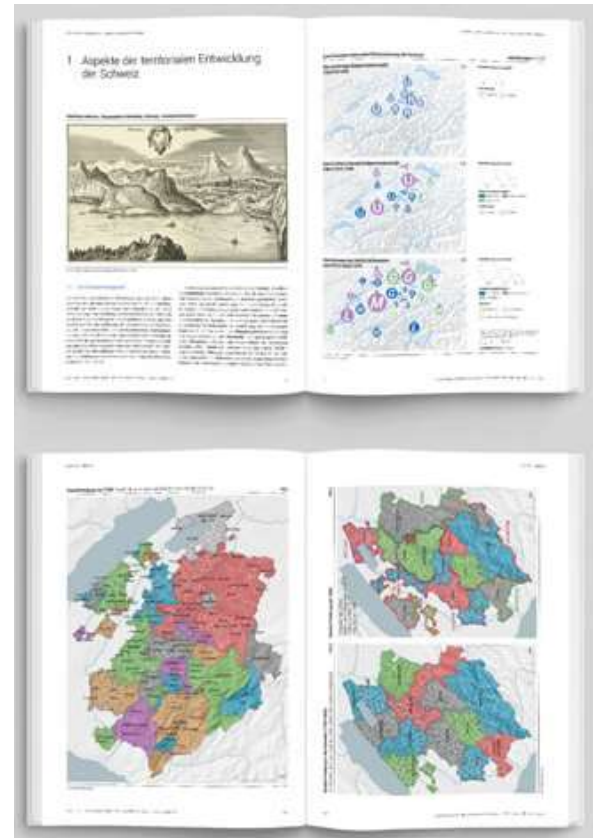
Historical Atlas of the Federal Population Census

The specialised atlas covers a selection of statistical maps produced from federal population census data taken from the federal censuses carried out from 1850 until 2000.



The web interface of the Political Atlas of Switzerland: map of the accepted historic popular vote for “Women’s suffrage” (1971).

half of the 19th century. The author of the work, Martin Schuler, researched in all of Switzerland’s cantonal and episcopal archives as well as in some neighbouring territories.



Population censuses in Switzerland before 1850: population numbers at local level

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This publication from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) provides an overview of all population censuses in Switzerland from the period before the first federal census of 1850. It includes the Helvetic Republic population census of 1798/99 at commune level and also all spatially complete surveys during the Ancien Régime and the first

