**Capital**: Bern
**Area (km²)**: 41,285
**Total population (thousands, 2017)**: 8,452
**Population density (per km²)**: 205
**National currency**: Swiss franc (CHF)
**National statistical office**: Swiss Federal Statistical Office

![Population by age, 2017](image)

- **Life expectancy at birth, 2018**
  - Females, years: 85.7
  - Males, years: 81.9
- **Life expectancy at 65, 2018**
  - Females, years: 23.0
  - Males, years: 20.2
- **Total fertility rate, 2018**
  - Average number of children per woman: 1.5
- **Adolescent fertility rate, 2017**
  - Number of live births per 1000 women aged 15-19: 2.4
- **Mean age of women at birth of first child, 2017**
  - Age in years: 30.7

![Internet use by age and sex, 2017](image)

- **Women in the labour force, 2019**
  - Percentage of total for both sexes: 47%
- **Gender pay gap**
  - Monthly earnings, 2016: 15%
  - Hourly wage, 2017: 17%
- **Women in part-time employment, 2019**
  - Percentage of employed women: 63%
- **Female tertiary students, 2017**
  - Percentage of total for both sexes: 50%
- **Female victims of homicide, 2017**
  - Percentage of total for both sexes: 39%
- **Women researchers, 2015**
  - Percentage of total for both sexes: 34%

![Women and men in selected occupation groups, 2019](image)

- **Women and men in public life**
  - Judges, 2019: 33% Men, 68% Women
  - Members of parliament, 2018: 29% Men, 71% Women

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**Real GDP growth rate**

- 2013: 1.9%
- 2014: 2.4%
- 2015: 1.3%
- 2016: 1.7%
- 2017: 1.8%
- 2018: 2.8%

**Economic activity rate, 2019, %**

- Men
- Women

**Forest resources**

- Area of forest (percentage of land area, 2015): 31%
- Wood volume (m³ per inhabitant, 2015): 57 m³

**GDP in agriculture, industry, services (2010 = 100)**

- Agriculture
- Industry (including construction)
- Services

**Transport infrastructure, road accidents and traffic**

- Railways
total length in kilometres, 2015: 5 196 km

- Motorways
total length in kilometres, 2018: 1 462 km

- Persons injured in road accidents
  per million inhabitants, 2017: 2 534

- Persons killed in road accidents
  per million inhabitants, 2017: 27

- Traffic, railways
  million passenger-kilometres, 2012: 94 910
  million tonne-kilometres, 2018: 12 498

**GDP**

- current prices, millions of US dollars, PPP, 2018: 586 859
- per capita
  current prices, US dollars, PPP, 2018: 68 926

**Exports of goods and services**

- % of GDP, 2018: 66.1%

**Imports of goods and services**

- % of GDP, 2018: 53.9%

**Final consumption expenditure, per capita**

- current prices, US dollars, PPP, 2018: 44 852

**Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)**

- CHF per USD, US=1, 2018: 1.175

**Consumer price index**

% change over previous year

- 2013: -0.2%
- 2014: 0.0%
- 2015: -1.1%
- 2016: -0.4%
- 2017: 0.5%
- 2018: 0.9%
- 2019: 0.4%

**Employment in major sectors, 2019**

- Agriculture: 3%
- Industry (including construction): 21%
- Services: 76%

**Traffic, roads**

- million passenger-kilometres, 2012: 94 910
- million tonne-kilometres, 2018: 12 498

**Persons killed in road accidents, per million inhabitants**

- 2012: 42
- 2013: 33
- 2014: 30
- 2015: 31
- 2016: 26
- 2017: 27