

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook**  
**Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: CH

Population census date: 2021  
Housing census date:

**DEM**

**A. General population census information**

**1. Census - taking methodological approaches**

<p>(1) Traditional census - full field enumeration</p> <p>If yes, please circle the mode of data collection among options (a) to (f) listed below:</p> <p>(a) paper questionnaire only</p> <p>(b) paper questionnaire and tablet computers</p> <p>(c) tablet computers only</p> <p>(d) tablet computers and internet</p> <p>(e) internet and paper questionnaires</p> <p>(f) other (please describe)</p> <p><b>There is no longer a traditional census. The new census is based on population registers.</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(2) Combined census</p> <p>If yes, please circle the method of census taking among the options (a) to (c) listed below:</p> <p>(a) register(s)* and ad-hoc surveys</p> <p><b>(b) register(s)* and existing surveys</b></p> <p>(c) other (please describe)</p> <p>*Please list the register or registers that are used.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<p>Since 2010, the census has been conducted annually by the FSO. In order to ease the burden on the population, the information is primarily drawn from communal and cantonal population registers, federal registers of persons and the Federal Register of Buildings and Dwellings and supplemented by sample surveys. Only a small proportion of the population is surveyed in writing or by telephone.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/basics/census.html">https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/basics/census.html</a></p>	
(3) Fully register based census	X
(4) Rolling census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Other, please specify	

## 2. Type of population count and coverage

<b>Type of population count</b>	
(a) Present / de facto population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Usual resident population	X
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3. Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census:

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
<b>(Permanent resident population)</b>			
(a) Nomads and persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
(b) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a border daily and are in the country temporarily	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons (<12 months)	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country		X	<input type="checkbox"/>

(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who cross a border daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian residents who cross a border daily to work in another country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Merchant seafarers and fishers resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Homeless or roofless persons, vagrants and persons with no concept of usual residence	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons living in buildings with restricted access	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Stateless persons	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. In case the enumeration was performed according to the 'usual resident population' concept, please complete the following additional table.**

For each of the population groups listed in the following table, please indicate whether they were included, excluded, or not applicable in the usual resident population count.

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons found at the moment of enumeration that cannot identify their place of usual residence, such as those who move often;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) National military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located outside the country;	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Foreign persons working for international organizations (not including foreign diplomats or military forces), provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Merchant seafarers and fishers usually resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census (including those who have no place of residence other than	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

their quarters aboard ship);			
<b>(e)</b> Persons who may be illegal, irregular or undocumented migrants, as well as asylum seekers and persons who have applied for or been granted refugee status or similar types of international protections, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	X	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(f)</b> Persons who cross a frontier daily or weekly to work or study in another country, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(g)</b> Children born in the 12 months before the census reference time and whose families are usually resident in the country at the census reference time;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(h)</b> Persons of minor age studying abroad for one year or more to attain the primary or secondary level of education, regardless of the frequency of return to the family home located within the country. If the person is also working abroad, the same rules for cross-border workers apply;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(i)</b> Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(j)</b> Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located in the country, regardless of their place of usual residence;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(k)</b> Persons of minor age attending the primary or secondary level of education whose	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

family home is located abroad, regardless of the duration of their stay. However, if these persons are also working in the country, then the identification of the place of usual residence follows the same rules as for cross-border workers;			
(l) Third-level students who are absent from the country for one year or more;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are not present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 5. Estimated census coverage

<b>Estimated coverage:</b>	<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
(a) Census under-enumeration / omissions (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b) Census over-enumeration / erroneous inclusions and duplications (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(c) Net coverage error (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(d) Net coverage error rate			

<b>Base denominator for computing net coverage error rate is:</b>	
(a) Enumerated population	X
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Method(s) used in estimating coverage error:</b>	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: <input type="text"/>	
Size of sample (specify unit: <input type="text"/> ):	
For total area: <input type="text"/>	
For urban areas: <input type="text"/>	
For rural areas: <input type="text"/>	
Population groups excluded: <input type="text"/>	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Further information on the definition and composition can be found under these links

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Further information on the definition and composition can be found under these links

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

## 7. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

Further information on the definition and composition can be found under these links

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

Further information on the definition and composition can be found under these links

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

## 8. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

Further information on the definition and composition can be found under these links

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

## 9. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

### **STATPOP**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/statistics/population/surveys/statpop.html>

### **Structural Survey**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/statistics/population/surveys/se.html>

## **New Census**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/basics/census/four-key-elements.html>



### **10. Educational attainment**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

If yes, which revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCED? Please specify revision number.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED. Please specify revision number.

## **B. Economic characteristics**

### **11. Activity status / labour force status**

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

What reference period do you use to establish the activity status (labour force status) of a person?

**12. Please specify whether the groups of persons listed in the following table are included or excluded in the 'in employment' category in your census, by marking the appropriate box below.**



	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons with a job for pay or profit who, during the reference period, were on training or skills enhancement activities required by their job or for another job in the same economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Apprentices, interns or trainees who work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Persons who work for pay or profit through employment promotion programs;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Persons who work in their own economic units to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> for sale or barter, even if part of the output is consumed by the household or family;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they continue to perform some tasks and duties of the job, excluding, however, fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations (for example pay taxes);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Regular members of the armed forces and persons on military or alternative civilian service who perform this work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Apprentices, interns and trainees who work <i>without</i> pay in cash or in kind (that is, unpaid trainee work);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Participants in skills training or retraining schemes within employment promotion programs, when <i>not</i> engaged in the production process of an economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Persons who are required to perform work as a condition of continued receipt of a government social benefit such as unemployment insurance;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they <i>cease</i> to perform the tasks and duties of the job;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(k) Persons who retain a right to return to the same economic unit but who were absent (for reasons such as parental leave, educational leave, care for others, other personal reasons, temporary lay-off, suspension of work), when the total duration of the absence exceeds the specified threshold or if the test of receipt of remuneration is not fulfilled;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Persons on indefinite lay-off who do not have an assurance of return to employment with the same economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who work to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> or <i>exclusively</i> for consumption or use by the household or family, even if a surplus or part of the output is sold or bartered (that is, own-use production of goods);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) Household members who provide <i>unpaid</i> services for consumption or use by their household (that is, own-use provision of services);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o) Persons who work voluntarily and <i>without</i> pay to produce goods or services through or for other economic units, including market, non-market units and households (that is, volunteer work).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 13. Status in Employment

Based on the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), the status in employment may be classified as follows:

- (a) Employees;
- (b) Self-employed:
  - i. Employers;
  - ii. Own-account workers;
  - iii. Members of producers' cooperatives;
  - iv. Contributing family workers;

(c) Persons not classifiable by status.

Do you follow the above structure, for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to the above structure?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

#### **14. Occupation**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

If yes, which revision?

If any other or national classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCO? Please specify revision number.

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO. Please specify revision number.

#### **15. Industry**

Do you follow the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

If yes, which revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISIC? Please specify revision number.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC. Please specify revision number.

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### C. Household characteristics

#### 16. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

**STATPOP:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/statistics/population/surveys/statpop.html>

**Household typology:**

<https://www.experimental.bfs.admin.ch/expstat/en/home/projects/hhtyp.html>

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

**Definition**

*A nuclear family consists of at least a) a couple (married or in a registered partnership (same-sex or heterosexual) or not, with or without child(ren), or b) a single parent with at least one child.*

Further information on this definition can be found under this link  
(see also Methodology and Definitions)

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung/familien.html>

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/population/familles.html>

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### 17. Head of household / reference person of household

Which one among the following options was used to determine the relationships between household members?

Please select one.

- a) Head of household
- b) Reference person
- c) Other; please describe

Regarding your answer to the previous question, please provide the definition of head of household or reference person that was used in the Census.

## **D. Housing census characteristics**

### **18. Housing information**

The general definition applied in this census for housing unit is:

The general definition applied in this census for conventional dwelling is:

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

The general definition applied in this census for room is:

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### **19. Definition of cities**

(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census is:

**DE:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

**FR:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

**DE:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

**FR:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

City 2 – Territory refers to:

**DE:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

**FR:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

City 3 – Territory refers to:

**DE:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

**FR:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

City 4 – Territory refers to:

**DE:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/querschnittsthemen/raeumliche-analysen/raeumliche-gliederungen/raeumliche-typologien.html>

**FR:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/themes-transversaux/analyses-spatiales/niveaux-geographiques/typologies-territoriales.html>

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### **E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics**

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

#### **Population**

##### **Switzerland's population in 2021**

**EN:**

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung.assetdetail.23526334.html>

##### **Demografisches Porträt der Schweiz, 2020**

**DE:** <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/asset/de/479-2000>

## **Portrait démographique de la Suisse, 2021**

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/kataloge-datenbanken.assetdetail.21764559.html>

## **Familien in der Schweiz. Statistischer Bericht 2021**

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung.assetdetail.17084546.html>

## **Les familles en Suisse. Rapport statistique 2021**

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung.assetdetail.17084547.html>

## **Migrationsbewegungen und Bevölkerung mit Migrationshintergrund, 2022**

DE:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung.assetdetail.23828703.html>

## **Flux migratoires et population issue de la migration, 2022**

FR:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/de/home/statistiken/bevoelkerung.assetdetail.23828704.html>