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Emigration today – mobile Swiss

The most popular countries to emigrate to are in Europe – France and Germany – with the USA in third position. Apart from these traditional emigration destinations, places such as Thailand are becoming increasingly popular. Advice on emigration and stays abroad can be found on the FDFA website: Living abroad.

At the end of August 2017, the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) published the figures on Swiss emigration in 2016. These are part of the statistics on population movement, which cover immigration to and emigration from Switzerland.

In contrast, the FDFA's statistics on the Swiss Abroad provide information on the number of Swiss citizens registered with Swiss representations abroad at the end of the year. Changes compared to the previous year in these population statistics are due to new registrations, de-registrations as well as births, deaths and naturalisations.

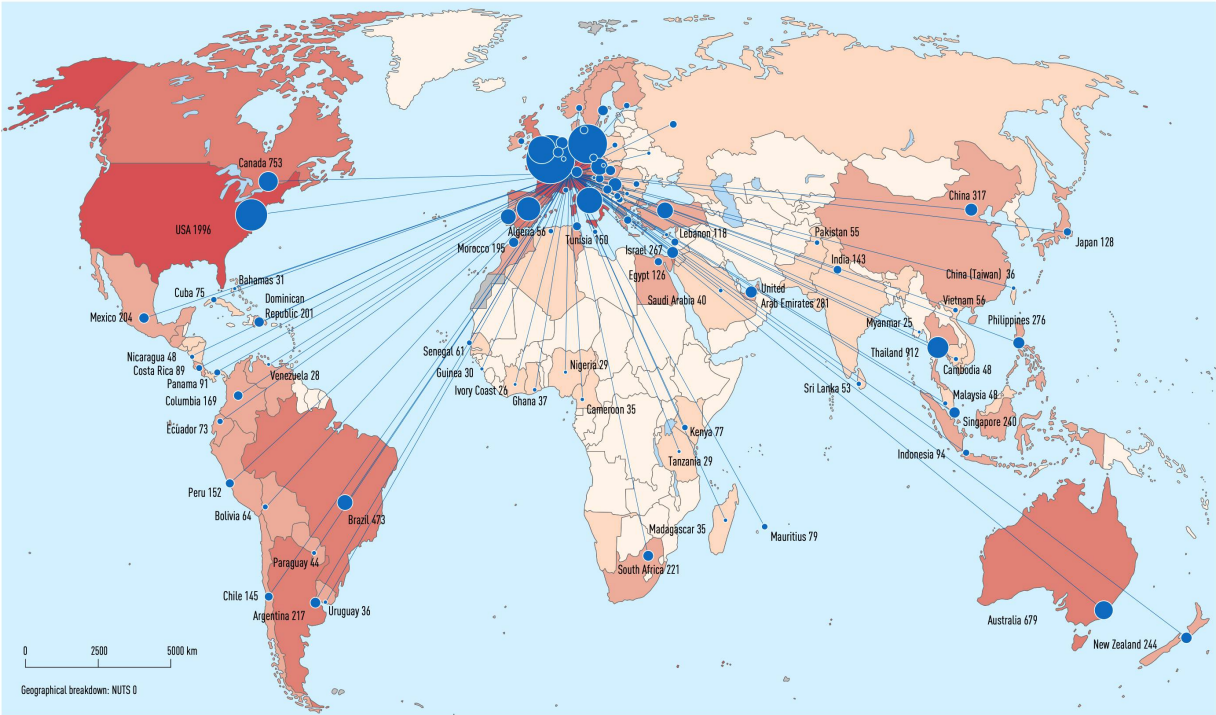
In cooperation with the FSO, both sets of statistics – emigration of Swiss citizens (see legend on right) and statistics on the Swiss Abroad (see colours of the countries on the map)

– have been visualised in the form of a graphic. A detailed map of Europe is shown on the FDFA's website under Living abroad – Publications and statistics.

Swiss people choose to emigrate for a wide variety of personal reasons. Some set off to study, for a job or for love, while others decide to spend their latter years in a warmer climate. Neither the statistics nor this graphic can provide information on these key life decisions.

Swiss emigrants worldwide in 2016

Graphic based on FSO STATPOP 2016 statistics for destinations with more than 25 emigrants per year




FDFA: Statistics on Swiss Abroad 2016: Number of Swiss Abroad per country

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Total number of Swiss citizens living abroad in 2016: 761,930. Total number of Swiss citizens living in Europe in 2016: 482 194.

FSO Statistics on the population and households

Number of Swiss emigrants per destination



4500
2500
500
25

Destinations in Europe		number	Destinations worldwide		number	number	
France		4 606	USA		1 996	Vietnam	56
Germany		3 012	Thailand		912	Pakistan	55
United Kingdom		1 486	Canada		753	Sri Lanka	53
Italy		1 331	Australia		679	Nicaragua	48
Spain		1 126	Brazil		473	Cambodia	48
Austria		558	China		317	Malaysia	48
Turkey		535	United Arab Emirates		281	Paraguay	44
Portugal		474	Philippines		276	Saudi Arabia	40
Serbia		357	Israel		267	Ghana	37
Netherlands		270	New Zealand		244	Uruguay	36
Sweden		215	Singapore		240	China (Taiwan)	36
Liechtenstein		208	South Africa		221	Cameroon	35
Belgium		194	Argentina		217	Madagascar	35
Hungary		193	Mexico		204	Bahamas	31
Bosnia and Herzegovina		158	Dominican Republic		201	Guinea	30
Croatia		142	Morocco		195	Nigeria	29
Greece		131	Columbia		169	Tanzania	29
Denmark		117	Peru		152	Venezuela	28
Czech Republic		110	Tunisia		150	Ivory Coast	26
Russia		110	Chile		145	Myanmar	25
Norway		91	India		143		
Macedonia		91	Japan		128		
Kosovo		89	Egypt		126		
Ireland		84	Lebanon		118		
Romania		81	Indonesia		94		
Finland		79	Panama		91		
Monaco		65	Costa Rica		89		
Poland		62	Mauritius		79		
Malta		51	Kenya		77		
Luxembourg		42	Cuba		75		
Bulgaria		39	Ecuador		73		
Ukraine		32	Bolivia		64		
Cyprus		31	Senegal		61		
Slovakia		28	Algeria		56		

Survey period: 1 January to 31 December 2016.

Total number of emigrants in 2016: 30,565 of whom 3443 could not be classified.

Please note: The depiction of borders and the use of names and titles on this map does not mean that Switzerland officially endorses or recognizes them.

Federal referendums

Voting proposals are determined by the Federal Council at least four months before the voting date.

- Voting dates in 2018:
- 4 March
 - 10 June
 - 23 September
 - 25 November

All information on the proposals (voting pamphlets, committees, recommendations of Parliament and the Federal Council, electronic voting, etc.) can be found at www.admin.ch/gv/en/start/documentation/votes.html.

Popular initiatives

The following new federal popular initiatives had been launched at the time of going to press (signature collection deadline in brackets):

- “Yes to a ban on animal and human experiments – Yes to research that brings safety and progress” (03.04.2019)
- “Health insurance. Organisational freedom for the cantons” (03.04.2019)
- “Reduce tax on salaries, tax capital fairly” (03.04.2019)
- “For a parliament independent of the health insurance companies” (03.04.2019)

The list of pending popular initiatives can be found at www.bk.admin.ch > Aktuell > Wahlen und Abstimmungen > Hängige Volksinitiativen.

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