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News from Switzerland

BEER CONSUMPTION

In 1970, Switzerland's 59 breweries produced some 830 million pints of beer. The annual consumption per head of the population increased to about 135 pints, ordinary beer representing over 82% of the total consumption, 78% of it being sold in 6 decilitre (roughly 1 pint) bottles. Recently beer drinkers seem more and more to favour light and special beers. Sales of beer in cafes have fallen to 60% of the total, with a corresponding increase in the proportion of retail sales. (osec)

POPULATION CENSUS

Thirty-five thousand enquirers counted the population of Switzerland during December. The provisional results show that the population of Switzerland is 6,257,000, an increase of 830,000, or 15% on the results on the last census of October 1st 1960.

Here are the results broken up into cantonal figures:

Cantons	1/12/60	1/12/70	Inc. %
Zurich	952,304	1,104,400	16
Berne	889,523	979,600	10
Lucerne	253,446	295,700	17
Uri	32,021	33,900	6
Schwyz	78,043	91,600	17
Unterwald - Upper	23,135	24,700	7
Unterwald - Lower	22,188	25,800	16
Glaus	40,143	38,100	—5
Zug	52,489	67,700	29
Fribourg	159,194	179,800	13
Solothurn	200,816	224,100	12
Bale - Town	225,588	233,000	3
Bale - Land	148,282	204,300	38
Schaffhausen	65,981	72,900	10
Appenzell Rh-Ext.	48,920	49,000	0
Appenzell Rh-Int.	12,943	13,000	1
Saint-Gall	339,489	381,300	12
Graubunden	147,458	161,700	10
Aargau	360,940	432,700	20
Thurgau	166,420	182,800	10
Ticino	195,566	248,100	27
Vaud	429,512	512,400	19
Valais	177,783	207,600	17
Neuchatel	147,633	166,800	13
Geneva	259,234	326,000	26
Switzerland	5,429,061	6,257,000	15.2