

By Age	%
Under 19	24
20-39	32
40-65	30
Over 65	14
By Language	%
German	65
French	18
Italian	10
Romansch	1
Other	6
By Religion	%
Roman Catholic	48
Protestant	44
Other	8
Economically Active	% of Total Population
3.572 million	52
Employment (by Sector)	%
Agriculture and Forestry	5.8
Industry and Trade	34.4
Service Industries	59.8

Switzerland has three official languages: German, French and Italian. The country is divided into fairly well defined linguistic regions (e.g., Zurich is predominantly German; Geneva and Lausanne are French; and Lugano is Italian). English is widely understood in the business and financial community.

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