

# Switzerland

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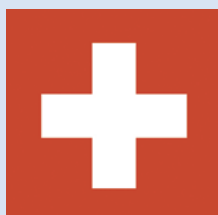
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## Highlights

- GDP per head increased by over \$18,000 in the past decade, to \$51,665, one of the highest in the OECD.
- The total population was over 7.8 million in 2010, of which 17.8% were aged 65 and over. The foreign-born population accounted for almost 28% of the total in 2010.
- Renewable energy accounted for 18.2% of Switzerland's energy supply, compared with 8.2% for the OECD.
- The unemployment rate, at 4.1%, was below the OECD rate of 8%, although 38.8% were long-term unemployed, compared with an OECD figure of 33.6%.
- The employment rate for women was at 73.2%, compared with 85.3% for men. Both were significantly above the OECD figures of 56.7% and 73% respectively.

<b>ECONOMY</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2011<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>GLOBALISATION</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2011<sup>3</sup></b>
Gross domestic product (US\$ bln, PPPs)	240.9	405.4	Imports of goods and services (% of GDP)	40.0	40.4
GDP per capita (US\$)	33 062	51 665	Exports of goods and services (% of GDP)	44.7	51.2
Real GDP growth (annual %)	1.2	2.1	Net official development assistance (% of GNI)	..	0.46
Household disposable income (annual growth %)	2.9	1.8 <sup>2</sup>	Foreign-born population (% of population)	..	27.8 <sup>2</sup>
Budget balance (% of GDP)	-0.3	..	Migration for work (% of total migration)	..	2.1 <sup>2</sup>
Public debt (% of GDP)	48.5	..	Outward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	992
Current account balance (% of GDP)	8.0	14.3	Inward FDI stocks (US\$ bln)	..	583
Inflation rate: all items (annual %)	1.0	0.2			
Unit labour cost (annual growth %)	4.7	..	<b>SOCIETY</b>		
Long-term interest rates (%)	3.38	1.47	Population (thousands)	7 227	7 822 <sup>2</sup>
Public expenditure on health (% of GDP)	6.0	7.4 <sup>2</sup>	Life expectancy at birth (years)	80.3	82.6 <sup>2</sup>
Private expenditure on health (% of GDP)	4.6	3.9 <sup>2</sup>	Population, 65 and over (% of population)	15.5	17.8
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	5.5 <sup>4</sup>	Employment rates: men (%)	87.6	85.3
Private expenditure on education (% of GDP)	..	..	Employment rates: women (%)	70.7	73.2
			Self-employment rates (% of employed)	12.1	10.9
<b>NEW SOURCES OF GROWTH</b>			Unemployment rates (%)	..	4.1
Renewable energy (% of energy supply)	18.4	18.2	Long-term unemployment (% of unemployed)	29.9	38.8
Primary energy supply (Mtoe)	26.6	25.5	Income inequality, rank out of 34 (1: least unequal)	..	17 <sup>1</sup>
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion (mln tonnes)	43	44 <sup>2</sup>	Average hours actually worked (per year)	1 650	..
R&D expenditure (US\$ mln, 2005 prices, PPPs)	..	..	Taxes on average worker (all-in, % of labour cost)	21.6	21.0
Tertiary graduation rates (% of population)	..	35.2 <sup>2</sup>	Road fatalities (per mln inhabitants)	75	43 <sup>2</sup>
Households with internet access (%)	..	..			

1. Late 2000s data, based on Gini coefficient 2. 2010 data 3. Unless otherwise indicated 4. 2009 data