Canton of Zurich
Statistics

Migration in the Greater Zurich Region 1970-2010

Federal Population Census Data 1970-2000 harmonized with the Structural Survey 2010

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Between 1970 and 2010, the type of immigration in Switzerland and the Greater Zurich Region has changed.

Especially the last decade, due to the economic structural change and the agreement on the free movement of persons between Switzerland and the EU, mostly high-qualified persons from the EU/EFTA-States migrated in.

This phenomenon is often described as new migration.

Statistics Canton of Zurich’s experience with the Federal Population Census Data 1970-2000 harmonized with the Structural Survey 2010 carried out by the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO) using the example of an analysis in order to identify new migration in Switzerland and the Greater Zurich Region.
The new census in Switzerland
A modern statistical system

- From 1850 to 2000, every 10 years the census provided important information on the structure of the population in Switzerland.

- In 2010, a fundamental change took place: the census is conducted and evaluated on an annual basis in a new form by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

- Based on a register survey that evaluates existing administrative data.
  - Only necessary information that is not contained in a register still has to be collected with additional sample surveys:
    - an annual structural survey of 200,000 people; cantons and cities can enlarge the sample for their area;
    - thematic surveys of 10,000 or 40,000 persons (five themes, a different one each year);
    - an Omnibus survey of 3,000 persons on current issues.
The Structural Survey of the Federal Population Census

Complements the information from the registers and provides additional statistics on the structure of the population

- Characteristics of the structural survey:
  - provides information on the themes of population, households, families, housing, employment, mobility, education, language and religion;
  - written sample survey of 200,000 persons;
  - participation by internet or by completing written questionnaire;
  - conducted annually (reference day: 31 December);
  - geographic aggregation levels: Switzerland, major regions, cantons and communes with more than 15,000 inhabitants;
  - the results can be aggregated from 3 to 5 years. This facilitates geographically smaller-scale evaluations (after 5 years for communes with more than 3000 inhabitants);
  - cantons and cities can enlarge the sample.
Proportion of foreign population 1970 to 2010

Switzerland, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over, in %

Population by citizenship 1970 to 2010

Switzerland, 2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over

Proportion of foreign population 2010
Switzerland, MS-Regions, 2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over

Foreign population by state of citizenship 2010

Greater Zurich Region, 2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over

Proportion of foreign population by nationality 1970 to 2010

Switzerland, Major Regions, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over, in %

Proportion of foreign population by nationality 1970 to 2010

Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over, in %

Proportion of Swiss-born foreign population by nationality 1970 to 2010

Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 15 and over, in %

Foreign population by education level
1970 to 2010
Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 25 and over, in %

Structure of education by groups of country of citizenship 1970 to 2010

Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 25 and over, in %

Nationality mix by level of education
1970 to 2010
Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 25 and over, in %

Employed population by occupation group 1970 to 2010
Greater Zurich Region, 1970-2010, permanent resident population aged 25 and over, in %

Thank you for your attention!

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