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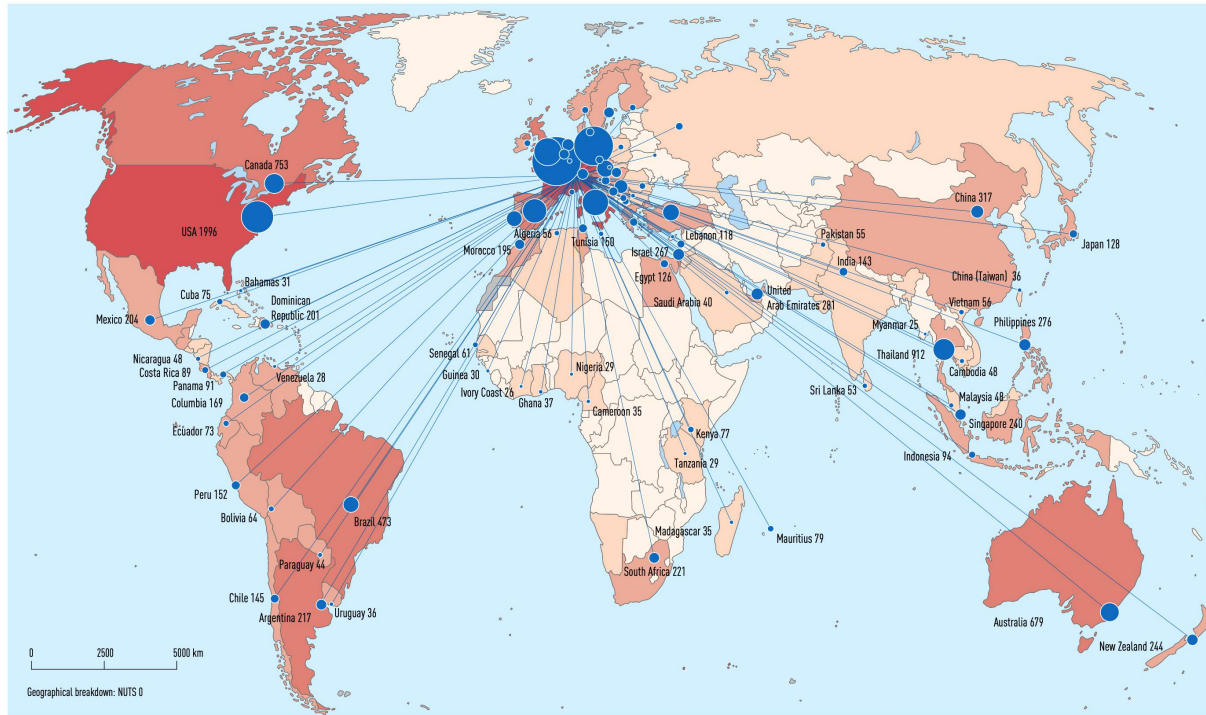
Emigration today – mobile Swiss

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.

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

Legend: < 250, 250 – 999, 1000 – 9999, 10 000 – 49 999, > 50 000, No data available

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

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.

FSO Statistics on the population and households

Number of Swiss emigrants per destination



Destinations in Europe	number	Destinations worldwide	number	number	
France	4 006	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	Colombia	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	116		
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 recognises 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/gov/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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