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Fewer Swiss in Britain

MORE than a third of a million Swiss citizens are currently resident abroad – and the figure is still rising, reports COLIN FARMER.

Statistics just released by the Swiss government show that the number of this country's citizens living abroad totalled 363,177 at the end of last year. This is almost 9,000 – or three per cent – above the last recorded total at the end of 1980.

Almost 60 per cent of the Swiss abroad live in Europe. Of all Swiss abroad worldwide more than a quarter – 26.2 per cent – live in France. 12.6 per cent live in the United States and 11.5 per cent in West Germany.

Just over four per cent of Swiss citizens abroad are resident in Britain. But contrary to the worldwide trend, the Swiss colony here is on the decline. Since 1980 the number has dropped from 16,339 to 14,947.

TOTAL SWISS CITIZENS

	1980	1983	Plus or minus
WORLD TOTAL	354,232	363,177	8,945
EUROPE	210,585	214,162	3,577
AFRICA	17,698	17,511	-187
AMERICA	102,204	104,875	2,671
ASIA	9,725	11,259	1,534
AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA	14,020	15,370	1,350

Selected countries	1980	1983	Plus or minus	Selected countries	1980	1983	Plus or minus
EUROPE				AMERICA			
Belgium	5,530	5,185	-345	Argentina	11,910	11,603	-307
Denmark	1,581	1,648	67	Bolivia	458	492	34
West Germany	40,720	41,749	1,029	Brazil	10,049	8,741	-1,308
East Germany	2,524	2,380	-144	Chile	1,902	2,007	105
France	92,810	95,114	2,304	Ecuador	689	807	118
Gt. Britain	16,339	14,947	-1,392	Canada	22,326	23,576	1,250
Italy	21,227	21,994	767	Colombia	1,640	1,667	27
Liechtenstein	4,141	4,183	42	Mexico	2,561	2,244	-317
Netherlands	3,997	3,994	-3	Paraguay	679	699	20
Austria	6,651	6,757	106	Peru	1,895	1,867	-28
Sweden	2,829	2,976	147	Uruguay	564	588	24
Spain	6,416	6,776	360	Venezuela	2,166	1,913	-253
				U.S.A.	42,545	45,715	3,170
AFRICA				ASIA			
Egypt	579	631	52	Hong Kong	804	803	-1
Algeria	733	481	-252	India	447	382	-65
Ivory Coast	776	575	-201	Indonesia	447	531	84
Cameroun	468	507	39	Iraq	113	418	305
Canary Islands	544	635	91	Israel	2,370	2,831	461
Kenya	516	453	-63	Japan	878	885	7
Morocco	663	571	-92	Phillipines	515	663	148
Nigeria	821	736	-85	Saudi Arabia	1,026	1,161	135
South Africa	7,618	8,080	462	Singapore	456	618	162
Tanzania	404	420	16	Thailand	642	690	48
Tunisia	286	305	19	AUSTRALIA			
Zaire	461	457	-4	OCEANIA			
Zimbabwe	529	494	-35	Australia	10,577	11,697	1,120
				New Zealand	2,965	3,218	253

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