



Federal Statistical Office





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Why do we need statistics?

Statistics...

- are landmarks in a complex world
- help to objectify facts
- serve as a management and decision-making basis
- remain in collective memory
- provide objective information to guide policies
- are necessary for the functioning of a democracy



The Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

As the Confederation's central statistical service, the FSO:

- coordinates official statistics at federal, cantonal and municipal level;
- provides statistical information for democratic decision-making;
- produces harmonised bases for national and international comparisons.



The FSO's international activities

- International strategy defines objectives and priorities – also with regard to relationships with international organisations;
- Switzerland is an active member of the European Statistics System and the UN Statistics Commission;
- Capacity Development is extremely important and is developed together with other federal offices and departments;
- There is a long tradition of cooperation with countries from the Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.



History of the partnership

- Switzerland is supporting Albania in the development of a democratic society and a competitive economy with the aim of helping to advance Albania's integration into Europe;
- Switzerland's support is focused on local governance, economic development and healthcare as well as urban infrastructure and energy;
- Intense collaboration between Switzerland and Albania in the field of statistics since early 1990.



SALSTAT – Main objectives of the project

- Support municipalities and regions in the development and use of statistical data related to their legal responsibilities;
- Take into account their roles as users, providers and producers of data;
- Strengthen the governance capacity of INSTAT and capacity building at municipality and regional level;
- Develop a concept for specific steps for increased use of administrative and register data;



Building a sustainable statistical system based on functional statistical registers. The Swiss Census System

- The Swiss census System is primarily based on register and administrative data (population registers, federal registers of persons, National Register of Buildings and Dwellings);
- Additional information needs are met by supplementary sample surveys;
- The whole production of statistical data (from data collection until output) is integrated and coordinated in a comprehensive system for household and person statistics;
- Switzerland used the 2000 census to establish the 2010 system.



A legal framework is of central importance

Legal bases in Switzerland to introduce and regulate the

- use of census data to **prepare** statistical registers;
- use of register data for administrative **and** statistical purposes;
- updating and access of data and consolidate data protection rules.



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