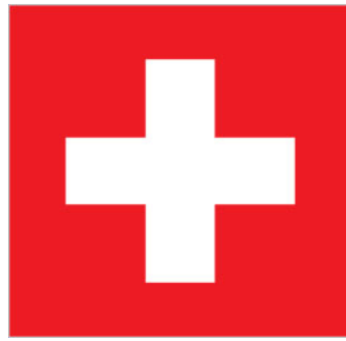




# SWITZERLAND



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President of the Swiss Confederation Simonetta SOMMARUGA

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

federal republic (formerly a confederation)

### Capital

Bern

### Legislature

bicameral Federal Assembly or Bundesversammlung (in German), Assemblée Federale (in French), Assemblea Federale (in Italian) consists of the Council of States or Staenderat (in German), Conseil des Etats (in French), Consiglio degli Stati (in Italian) (46 seats) and the National Council or Nationalrat (in German), Conseil National (in French), Consiglio Nazionale (in Italian) (200 seats)

### Judiciary

Federal Supreme Court (consists of 38 justices and 19 deputy justices organized into 7 divisions)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Jacques PITTELOUD

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Edward "Ed" MCMULLEN

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 41,277 sq km  
Land: 39,997 sq km  
Water: 1,280 sq km

### Climate

temperate, but varies with altitude; cold, cloudy, rainy/snowy winters; cool to warm, cloudy, humid summers with occasional showers

### Natural Resources

hydropower potential, timber, salt

as of August 2020

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

this prosperous economy has low unemployment, a highly skilled labor force, a world class banking and finance sector, and high-tech manufacturing; has brought its economic practices largely into conformity with the EU's

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$580 billion (2018)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$67,885 (2018)

### Exports

\$310.8 billion (2018)

partners: Germany 20.7%, UK 9.5%, Italy 7.6%, US 7.6%, France 7.1% (2018)

### Imports

\$279.4 billion (2018)

partners: Germany 15.3%, US 13.2%, China 9.8%, France 6.3%, India 5.7%, Italy 5.3% (2018)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

8.4 million (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

0.66% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

Swiss 69.5%, German 4.2%, Italian 3.2%, Portuguese 2.6%, French 2%, Kosovo 1.1%, other 17.4% (2018 est.)

### Language

German (or Swiss German) (official) 62.6%, French (official) 22.9%, Italian (official) 8.2%, English 5.4%, Portuguese 3.7%, Albanian 3.2%, Serbo-Croatian 2.5%, Spanish 2.4%, Romansh (official) 0.5%, other 7.7% (2017 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 35.9%, Protestant 23.8%, other Christian 5.9%, Muslim 5.4%, other 1.4%, Jewish 0.3%, none 26%, unspecified 1.4% (2017 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 73.9% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.88% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

