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Swiss social insurance system

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The **“Swiss social insurance system”** pocket statistics provides an overview of each insurance scheme within the system as well as the total accounts of the social insurances. In addition to information on income, expenditure, capital, benefit rates and recipients, there are informations to contribution rates and general statistics, including demographic indicators.

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Total social insurance accounts

Switzerland's social insurance schemes – AVS, AI, PC, PP, AMal, AA, APG, AC, AFam and Ptra – compensate for income which is lost when social risks materialise or supplement income which is reduced by social risks. The Total Social Insurance Accounts (TSIA), prepared by the Federal Social Insurance Office (FSIO), offer an overview of the finances across all branches of the Swiss social insurance system. In line with the TSIA's harmonised approach, capital income presented in the accounts consists exclusively of interest and dividend income that was actually collected. Gains and losses due to changes in market valuations are presented in the capital account under the separate heading of 'changes in capital value'. Given that social insurance income consists exclusively of realised income, these data can be compared with macroeconomic value added.

The primary source of income are social insurance contributions from the insured and employers. Since 2001, the second largest share of income comes from public subsidies, followed by investment income. The largest item of social insurance expenditure are cash and in-kind benefits, particularly those awarded by the AVS, occupational pension (PP) and health insurance (AMal) schemes.

Total social insurance accounts (TSIA) are calculated in accordance with the FSIO definition of total social insurance accounts. Income is calculated without capital value changes. The data may differ from the operating accounts of the individual social insurance schemes. The accounts are consolidated, i.e. multiple entries are eliminated.

Expenditure rose more sharply than income in 2024; the overall result came to CHF 22.0 billion. Changes in capital value on the financial markets were positive in 2024. Consequently, aggregate financial capital rose to CHF 1364.9 billion.

Income and expenditure of the Swiss social insurance system

Total social insurance accounts (TSIA), in CHF m

	2014	2019	2024
Contributions insured/employers	129 687	144 678	167 227
State contributions	25 167	26 457	32 747
Return on capital	17 803	20 447	20 482
Other income	675	823	879
Income	173 331	192 405	221 336
Social insurance benefits	130 663	147 901	176 339
Administrative and implementation costs	8 572	9 793	11 106
Other expenditure	13 704	8 465	11 843
Expenditure	152 938	166 160	199 288
Balance	20 393	26 245	22 047
Variations in capital value	43 882	91 196	77 309
Other capital-related variations	-273	22 678	277
Capital	881 329	1132 725	1364 926

Total social insurance accounts

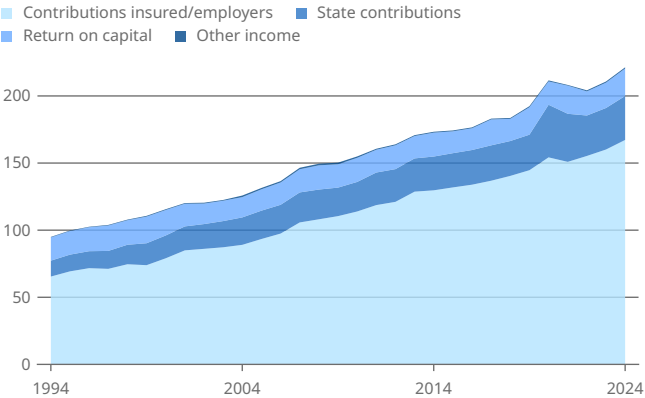
Income and expenditure by insurance scheme

Total social insurance accounts (TSIA) 2024, consolidated, in CHF m

	AVS	AI	PC	PP
Contributions insured/employers	38 669	6 248	–	68 095
State contributions	15 047	4 156	5 944	–
Return on capital	903	68	–	17 376
Other income	2	32	–	188
Income	54 622	10 504	5 944	85 660
Social insurance benefits	50 712	9 427	5 944	52 627
Administrative and implementation costs	229	812	...	6 358
Other expenditure	–	216	–	10 880
Expenditure	50 941	10 455	5 944	69 864
Balance	3 681	49	–	15 796
Variations in capital value	1 872	186	–	72 815
Other capital-related variations	–	–	–	807
Capital	55 444	–5 824	–	1 217 295

Income over time

Total social insurance accounts TSIA, in CHF bn



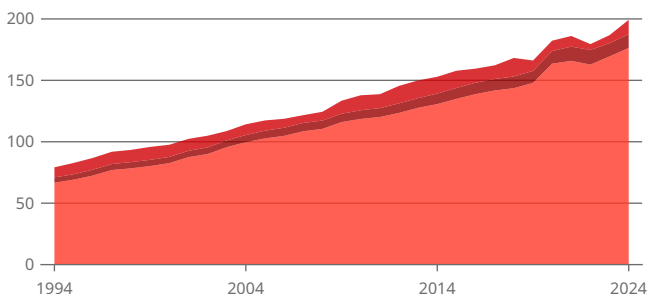
In the total social insurance accounts (TSIA), income doubled between 1994 and 2024. The largest income components are contributions from insured persons and employers, followed by state contributions and capital income.

AMal	AA	APG	AC	AFam	Ptra	CPG	Total TSIA
31 538	6 292	2 230	8 071	6 887	–	–	167 227
6 590	–	–	797	185	28	0	32 747
197	1 713	34	75	116	–	–	20 482
34	244	–	4	375	–	–	879
38 359	8 249	2 264	8 947	7 563	28	0	221 336
36 579	6 426	2 029	6 727	6 643	28	0	176 339
1 738	1 048	6	787	129	–	0	11 106
216	159	–	–1	373	–	–	11 843
38 533	7 634	2 034	7 513	7 145	28	0	199 288
–174	615	229	1 434	418	–	–	22 047
571	1 774	92	–	...	–	–	77 309
–123	–345	–	–	–62	–	–	277
13 334	70 291	2 182	8 214	3 990	–	–	1 364 926

Expenditure over time

Total social insurance accounts TSIA, in CHF bn

■ Social insurance benefits
 ■ Administrative and implementation costs
 ■ Other expenditure

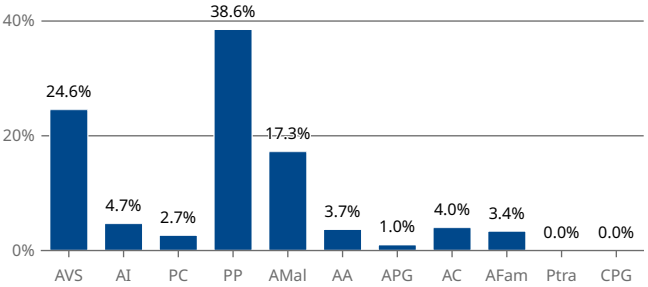


In the total social insurance accounts (TSIA), expenditure tripled between 1994 and 2024. Social insurance benefits account for the lion's share of outgoings, followed by administrative and implementation costs, which account for 5.6% of expenditure.

Total social insurance accounts

Breakdown of total social insurance income by insurance scheme

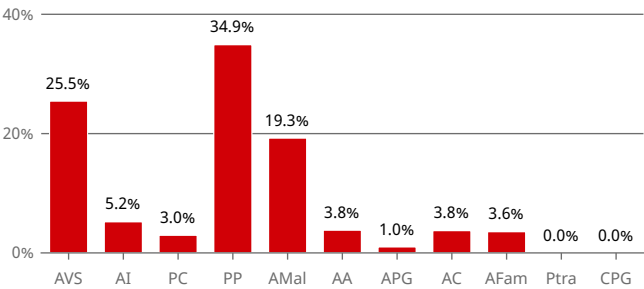
In 2024, as % of income



Occupational benefit plans (PP) account for by far the largest portion of income (2024: CHF 221 billion), followed by AVS and health insurance (AMal). Contributions from insured persons and employers always constitute the largest funding component of these three insurance schemes, followed by capital income for occupational benefit plans (PP) and state contributions to AVS and health insurance (AMal).

Breakdown of total social insurance expenditure by insurance scheme

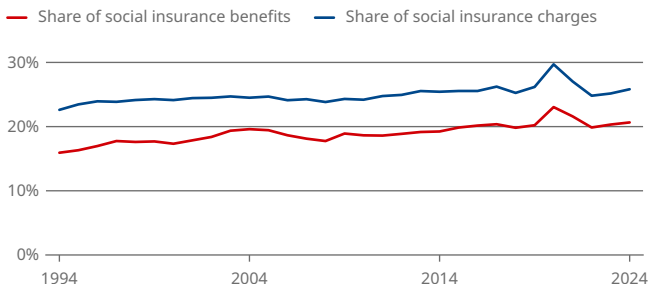
In 2024, as % of expenditure



Occupational benefit plans (PP) account for by far the largest portion of expenditure (2024: CHF 199 billion), followed by AVS and health insurance (AMal). In terms of social insurance benefit payouts, the PP share (CHF 53 billion) exceeded that of the AVS (CHF 51 billion) in 2024.

Changes in the share of social insurance charges and benefits

Share of social insurance charges and benefits



The social insurance contribution ratio is the share of social insurance income in GDP. By contrast, the social insurance benefits ratio indicates the share of social security benefits in GDP. In 2024, ratios rose as the result of a 2.8% increase in GDP, coupled with a 5.0% increase in social insurance income, and a 4.0% increase in social insurance benefits.

Breakdown of social insurance benefits (TSIA)

Social insurance benefits by intended purpose in 2024, in %

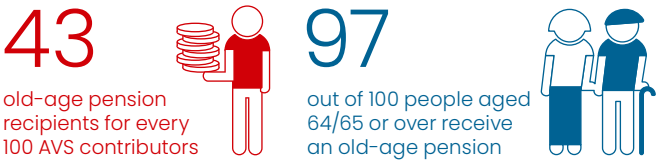
Old-age		Healthcare		
AVS incl. PC	29.0%	AMal	20.6%	
		other, of which AA: 2.6%	3.4%	
PP	23.8%	Disability	Survivors	
		of which AI: 4.4%	of which PP: 3.8%	5.3%
		Family	Unemployment	other
		of which AFam: 3.8%	5.0%	3.4% 1.1%

As a general rule, multiple social insurance schemes are involved in the provision of benefits which cover the same risk. For example, benefits received in the event of old age come from three sources: the AVS, the occupational benefit plan and supplementary benefit schemes. The old age risk accounted for 52.8% of all benefits paid out in 2024.

Old-age and survivors' insurance

Old-age and survivors' insurance (French: AVS; German: AHV) partially compensates for earned income lost as the result of old age or death. It is compulsory for all people in Switzerland and is financed by contributions from wages and from public funds. Together with the invalidity insurance (French: AI; German: IV) and supplementary benefit (French: PC; German: EL) schemes, the AVS constitutes the first pillar in the three-pillar pension system provided for in the Swiss Constitution.

Share of the Swiss population receiving an AVS pension in 2025



Old-age and survivors' pensions paid out in December

	Old-age pensions			Supplementary pensions	Survivors' pensions
	In Switzerland	Abroad	Total	Spouse, children	Widows, widowers, orphans
2015	1 518 578	721 243	2 239 821	57 290	177 733
2020	1 659 270	779 491	2 438 761	50 459	201 060
2025	1 818 158	817 032	2 635 190	46 098	229 578

Old-age and survivors' insurance pension rates, in CHF per month

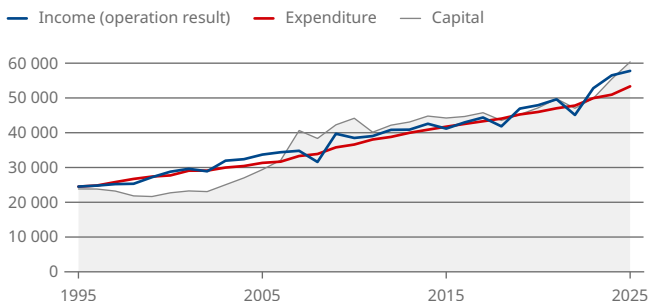
Full basic pension rates for 2026 ¹	Minimum	Maximum
Old-age pension (100%)	1 260	2 520
Widow's/widower's pension (80%)	1 008	2 016
Wife's supplementary pension (30%)	378	756
Orphan's and child's pension (40%)	504	1 008

Average pension 2025 in Switzerland	Women	Men
Old-age pension	1 977	1 960
Widow's/widower's pension	1 668	1 363

¹ All pension rates are calculated from the main pension rate; cf. Art. 35 et seq., Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Act

Old-age and survivors' insurance income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



- 2007: Transfer of Confederation's share from sale of SNB gold reserves to AVS (CHF 7.0 billion).
 2008, 2018, 2022: Capital losses due to stock market crashes.
 2011: Transfer to AI to establish a separate AI fund (CHF 5 billion).
 2020: Increase in AVS contribution rate (8.4% to 8.7%).

In CHF m	2015	2020	2025
Contributions insured/employers	30 415	34 139	39 313
State contributions	10 737	12 415	15 862
Confederation	8 159	9 287	10 774
VAT and gambling duties	2 578	3 127	5 088
Recourse claims, misc. income	5	2	3
Income (apportionment result)	41 156	46 556	55 179
Return on capital ¹	742	533	945
Income (TSIA balance)	41 899	47 088	56 124
Variation in capital value	-722	829	1 656
Income (operating result)	41 177	47 918	57 780
Social insurance benefits	41 533	45 758	53 142
Cash benefits	41 372	45 543	52 883
Benefits in-kind	77	107	162
Collective benefits	85	108	96
Administrative and implementation costs ¹	202	219	193
Expenditure	41 735	45 977	53 335
Apportionment result	-579	579	1 844
TSIA balance	164	1 111	2 789
Operating result	-558	1 941	4 445
Capital	44 229	47 158	60 359

¹ 2025: Break in the time series due to adjusted operating accounts.

Invalidity insurance

Invalidity insurance (French: AI; German: IV) guarantees a minimum standard of living in the event of a sustained reduction in earning capacity, either through rehabilitation measures or cash benefits. It is a universal insurance scheme, covering the entire population of Switzerland and is financed by payroll deductions and federal contributions. Together with the old-age and survivors' insurance (French: AVS; German: AHV) and supplementary benefit (French: PC; German: EL) schemes, the AI constitutes the first pillar in the three-pillar pension system provided for in the Swiss Constitution.

Share of the Swiss population receiving an AI pension or benefits 2025

6

out of 100 people between 0 years and AVS reference age receive one or more IV/AI benefits



4

out of 100 people between 18 years and AVS reference age receive an IV/AI pension



Invalidity pensions paid out in December

	Invalidity pension			Child pension		
	In Switzerland	Abroad	Total	In Switzerland	Abroad	Total
2015	223 161	32 186	255 347	63 587	12 032	75 619
2020	218 123	28 861	246 984	56 997	9 696	66 693
2025	233 843	26 738	260 581	60 920	8 669	69 589

Invalidity insurance pension rates in CHF per month

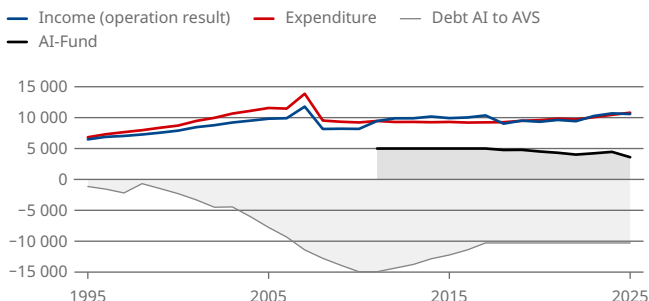
Full basic pension for 2026 ¹	Minimum	Maximum
Invalidity pension (100%)	1 260	2 520
Child's pension (40%)	504	1 008
Average pension 2025 in Switzerland	Women	Men
Invalidity pension	1 533	1 589
Child's pension ²	558	594

¹ All pension rates are calculated from the main pension rate; cf. Art. 35 et seq., Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Act

² From the mother or the father

Invalidity insurance income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



1995: Increase in AI contribution rate (1.2% to 1.4%).

1998, 2003: Capital transfers from loss-of-earning compensation (APG) fund (CHF 2.2 and 1.5 billion).

2011: Establishment of a separate AI fund (CHF 5 billion).

2011–2017: Additional financing through the Confederation and VAT.

In CHF m	2015	2020	2025
Contributions insured/employers	5 096	5 516	6 362
State contributions	4 804	3 617	4 196
Confederation	3 533	3 617	4 196
Confederation, AI dept interest	160	–	–
VAT	1 111	–	–
Recourse claims, misc. income	49	30	32
Income (apportionment result)	9 949	9 163	10 590
Return on capital ¹	65	60	–151
Income (TSIA balance)	10 014	9 224	10 439
Variation in capital value	–96	104	148
Income (operating result)	9 918	9 327	10 587
Social insurance benefits	8 358	8 820	9 978
Cash benefits	6 467	6 638	7 432
Benefits in-kind	1 725	2 034	2 390
of which medical measures	820	959	985
of which professional reintegration measures	663	794	967
Collective benefits	166	148	156
Administrative and implementation costs ¹	689	723	822
Interest on debt ¹	257	51	–
Expenditure	9 304	9 594	10 800
Apportionment result	645	–431	–209
TSIA balance	710	–371	–360
Operating result	614	–267	–213
AI Fund	5 000	4 520	3 595
Debt AI to AVS	–12 229	–10 284	–10 284

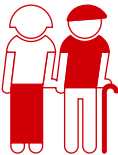
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AVS and AI supplementary benefits

Supplementary benefits (French: PC; German: EL) may be claimed by people whose income does not cover their living costs provided that they are drawing an AVS or AI pension and reside in Switzerland. Additional criteria apply to non-Swiss nationals. Supplementary benefits are needs-based benefits to which recipients have a legal entitlement.

Percentage of pension recipients also claiming supplementary benefits 2025

12.3%
of old-age pension recipients also claim PC



49.8%
of AI pension recipients also claim PC



Recipients of AVS and AI supplementary benefits in December

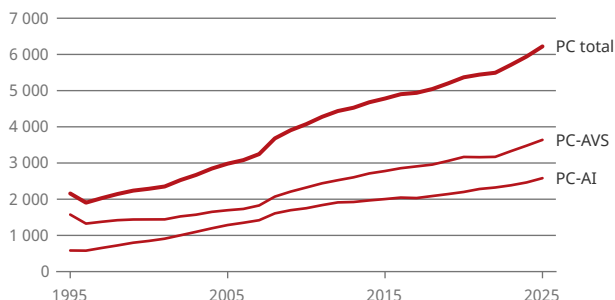
	People with PC to				Supplementary benefits rate		
	Old-age pension	Survivors' pension	Invalidity pension	Total	Old-age pension	Survivors' pension	Invalidity pension
2015	197 417	3 765	113 858	315 040	12.5%	8.6%	45.2%
2020	218 903	3 717	119 090	341 710	12.7%	9.4%	49.3%
2025	231 853	3 249	126 107	361 209	12.3%	8.7%	49.8%

Calculation of AVS and AI supplementary benefits in CHF

PC eligibility calculation for 2026 per year	Single	Married
Coverage of essential needs (flat rate)	20 670	31 005
Maximum gross rent	18 900	22 320
Exempt amount for income from paid employment	1 300	1 950
Property tax allowance	30 000	50 000
Tax allowance for owner-occupied property	112 500	112 500
Average benefits 2025 per month	At home	In a care home
Single with PC to old-age pension, no children	1 309	3 769
Single with PC to invalidity pension, no children	1 480	4 143

AVS and AI supplementary benefits income and expenditure

Operating accounts, in CHF m



Financing via general tax revenue.
Income is on a par with expenditure.

In CHF m	2015	2020	2025
State contributions to PC-AVS	2 778	3 168	3 640
Confederation	710	859	1 112
Cantons	2 069	2 309	2 528
State contributions to PC-AI	2 004	2 200	2 582
Confederation	713	805	989
Cantons	1 290	1 395	1 593
Income (apportionment result)	4 782	5 368	6 221
Return on capital	–	–	–
Income (TSIA balance)	4 782	5 368	6 221
Variation in capital value	–	–	–
Income (operating result)	4 782	5 368	6 221
AVS supplementary benefits	2 778	3 168	3 640
Min. subsistence cover	1 135	1 374	1 779
Extra costs from residential care	1 377	1 482	1 515
Health/disability costs	266	312	346
AI supplementary benefits	2 004	2 200	2 582
Min. subsistence cover	1 141	1 288	1 582
Extra costs from residential care	673	701	753
Health/disability costs	189	211	246
Expenditure	4 782	5 368	6 221
Apportionment result	–	–	–
TSIA balance	–	–	–
Operating result	–	–	–
Capital	–	–	–

Occupational benefit plans

Occupational benefit plans (French: PP; German: BV) partially compensate for earned income lost as a result of old age, invalidity or death. These benefits, together with first-pillar benefits, should enable recipients to maintain their previous standard of living. This obligatory insurance scheme was introduced in 1985 and covers all employees whose earned income meets or exceeds the required minimum amount (entry threshold). Its main sources of funding are payroll deductions and returns on capital. This section also covers the non-compulsory PP scheme. Occupational benefit plans are the second pillar in the three-pillar social insurance system provided for in the Swiss Constitution.

Average benefits paid out in 2024

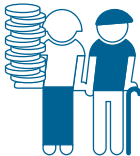
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CHF is the average
old-age pension
per year



280 210

CHF is the average
lump-sum retire-
ment withdrawal



Recipients of occupational benefit plans pensions

	Old-age pension	Widow's/ widower's pension	Orphan's and child pension	Invalidity pension
2014	696 176	185 096	64 944	128 265
2019	819 887	190 604	58 692	113 029
2024	938 884	198 364	58 754	110 448

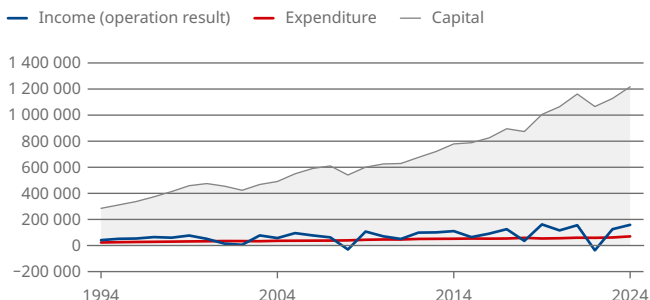
Average pensions of occupational benefit plans

Average pension, in CHF

	Old-age pension		Widow's/widower's pension		Invalidity pension	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
2014	18 578	36 217	19 982	11 764	13 814	17 576
2019	18 605	35 560	20 887	12 661	14 733	19 131
2024	18 474	34 524	21 511	13 623	16 255	20 671

Occupational benefit plans income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts of pension funds, in CHF m



2001/2002, 2008, 2018, 2022: Capital losses due to stock market crashes.

In CHF m	2014	2019	2024
Contributions insured/employers	45 767	50 648	59 321
Initial payments (excl. vested benefits)	8 149	8 805	8 774
Income from services, misc. income	136	274	188
Income (apportionment result)	54 051	59 727	68 283
Return on capital	15 292	16 238	17 376
Income (TSIA balance)	69 344	75 965	85 660
Variation in capital value	41 142	85 858	72 815
Income (operating result)	110 486	161 823	158 474
Social insurance benefits	34 215	40 716	52 627
Pensions	27 222	30 801	34 163
Lump-sum benefits	6 993	9 915	18 463
Administrative and implementation costs	4 632	5 520	6 358
Withdrawal payments, payments to insurance funds and deposit rates	13 090	7 601	10 880
Expenditure	51 937	53 837	69 864
Apportionment result	2 114	5 890	-1 581
TSIA balance	17 406	22 127	15 796
Operating result	58 549	107 986	88 610
Other capital-related variations	-422	23 335	807
Capital	779 181	1 005 321	1 217 295

Sickness (health) insurance

Sickness (health) insurance (French: AMal; German: KV) covers the costs of outpatient and inpatient treatment in the event of illness. The scheme is compulsory and is funded by per capita premiums. Reduced premiums are available to individuals on low incomes and are financed by the cantons and the Swiss Confederation.

Percentage of the insured population benefiting from a premium reduction in 2024

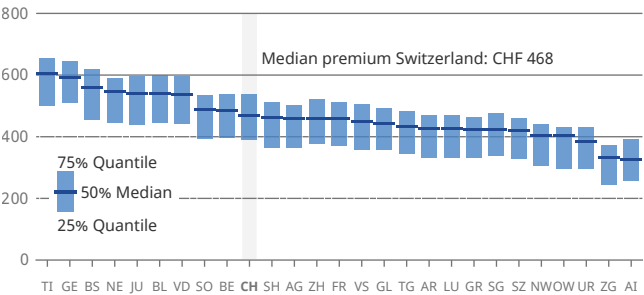
29.5%

of people in Switzerland benefit from a premium reduction



Sickness insurance premiums by canton

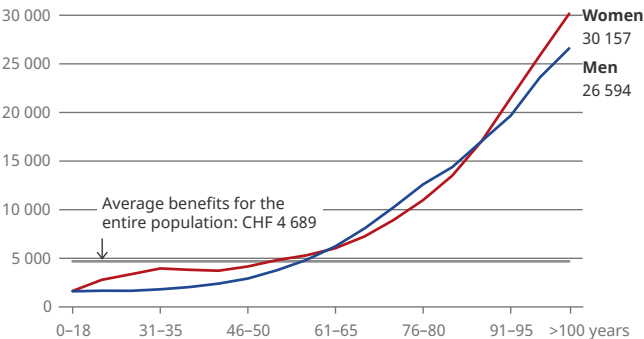
Average premium (adults) for 2026, in CHF per month



Sickness insurance benefit rates

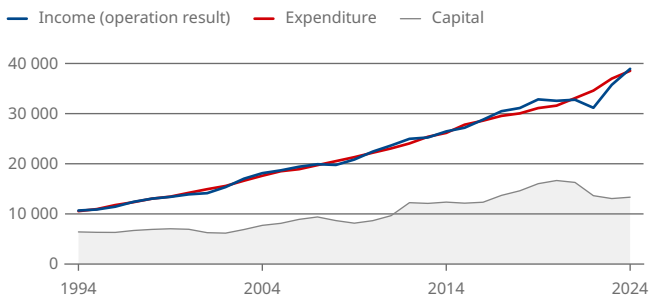
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Average gross benefits for 2024, in CHF



Sickness insurance income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



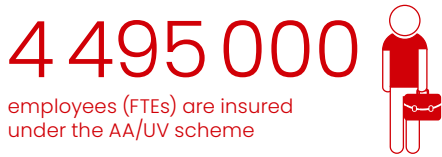
'Pay-as-you-go' system of financing.

In CHF m	2014	2019	2024
Contributions insured excl. premium reduction etc.	21 445	26 715	31 538
Premium reduction etc.	4 204	5 157	6 590
Non-operating income and expenditure, other income	68	-27	34
Income (apportionment result)	25 717	31 845	38 162
Return on capital	232	1 819	197
Income (TSIA balance)	25 949	33 664	38 359
Variation in capital value	502	-827	571
Income (operating result)	26 451	32 837	38 930
Benefits paid	24 650	29 482	36 563
Re-insurer share	-108	-101	-166
Flat rates for treatment etc.	108	126	93
Changes in outstanding claim provisions	117	-180	89
Operating costs	1 287	1 471	1 738
Risk compensation, changes in provisions, premium corrections	101	306	216
Expenditure	26 155	31 105	38 533
Apportionment result	-438	740	-370
TSIA balance	-206	2 559	-174
Operating result	296	1 732	397
Change in provisions	-39	-316	-123
Capital	12 353	16 027	13 334
of which reserves (incl. capital stock)	6 668	9 994	6 352

Accident insurance

Accident insurance (French: AA; German: UV) provides cover for the economic consequences of occupational accidents/illnesses (French: AAP; German: BUV) and non-occupational accidents (French: AANP; German: NBUV). The scheme is compulsory for all employees and is funded by premiums which are deducted as a fixed proportion (per thousand) from their insured earnings. Employers pay AAP premiums, while employees generally have to pay AANP premiums.

Employees insured against accidents at work in 2024



Recipients of accident insurance benefits

	Number of reported accidents			Invalidity and survivors' pensions		
	AAP	AANP	Total incl. AAC, AA AI	AAP	AANP	Total incl. AAC, AA AI
2015	266 349	526 228	808 975	46 998	52 922	101 786
2020	264 311	522 006	802 601	43 089	48 667	93 735
2025	281 162	636 323	936 965	...	...	...

Accident insurance benefits and rates

Care services and reimbursement of expenses (mostly medical treatment)

Cash benefits 2026

Daily allowance	total earning incapacity	80% ¹
Invalidity pension	total invalidity	80% ¹
Helplessness allowance	monthly	CHF 812 to CHF 2 436
Survivors' pension	for widows and widowers	40% ¹
	for children with one surviving parent	15% ¹
	for children with no surviving parents	25% ¹

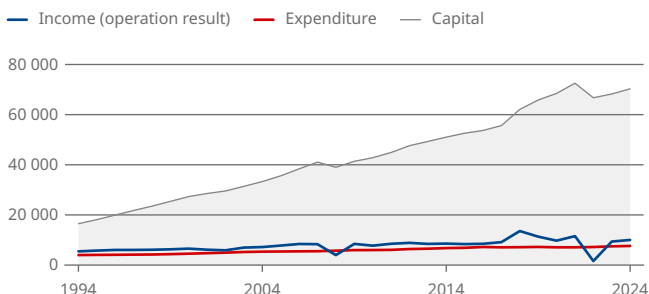
Average benefits of the SUVA for 2025 in CHF

	AAP	AANP	AAC
Daily allowance	7 011	6 006	9 564
Invalidity pension	16 092	18 096	16 776
Survivors' pension	28 956	26 868	27 528

¹ Percentage of insured salary (annual maximum insured salary: CHF 148 200).

Accident insurance income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



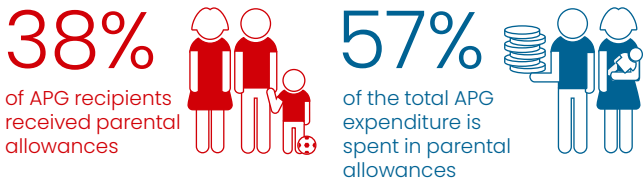
Pensions financed through capitalisation (capital cover funding system).
2008, 2022: Capital losses due to stock market crashes.

In CHF m	2014	2019	2024
Contributions insured/employers	6 089	6 017	6 292
Income from recourse claims	278	283	244
Income (apportionment result)	6 367	6 300	6 536
Return on capital	1 406	1 521	1 713
Income (TSIA balance)	7 773	7 821	8 249
Variation in capital value	792	3 520	1 774
Income (operating result)	8 565	11 341	10 023
Short-term benefits (daily allowances, medical expenses)	3 768	4 171	4 534
Long-term benefits (pensions, lump-sum benefits)	1 931	1 931	1 892
Administrative and implementation costs, accident prevention, other expenditure	1 078	1 138	1 208
Expenditure	6 777	7 240	7 634
Apportionment result	-410	-940	-1 098
TSIA balance	997	581	615
Operating result	1 788	4 101	2 389
Insurance providers' profits (-) / losses (+)	-68	-348	-345
Provisions and reserves	1 721	3 754	2 044
Capital	51 025	65 839	70 291

Income compensation allowances

The income compensation regulations (French: APG; German: EO) partially compensate for loss of earnings incurred during the performance of military service, alternative civilian service or civil protection service. The APG also provides partial compensation for loss of earnings incurred during maternity leave (maternity benefits, 14 weeks), other parent's leave (compensation for the other parent, 2 weeks), leave to care for a child whose health is seriously impaired, and adoption leave (adoption allowance, 2 weeks).

Share of parental allowances in income compensation in 2024/2025



Recipients of income compensation allowances

	Allowances for serving personnel				Parental allowances		
	Army	Civilian service	Civil protection	Others ¹	Maternity ²	Other parent ²	Others ³
2014	129 766	18 405	57 520	49 266	64 651	–	–
2019	101 521	18 513	56 072	42 989	68 551	–	–
2024	102 116	22 328	43 274	46 138	65 054	62 560	962

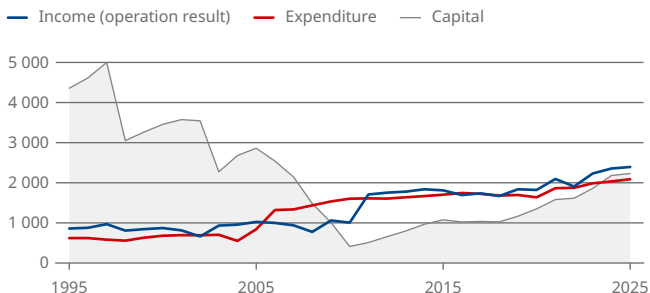
Income compensation allowances rates

				In % ⁴	Min. CHF/day	Max. CHF/day
Basic allowance⁵ for serving personnel 2026						
Army recruits / Not gainfully employed				–	69	69
Gainfully employed				80%	69	220
Parental allowances 2026						
				80%	1	220
Average benefits 2024		Army	Civilian service	Maternity	Other parent	Care
in CHF per day						
		135	112	143	182	152

¹ Recruitment, youth and sport leadership courses, as well as junior marksman leadership courses.
² By year of birth of child (maternity/paternity) or by year of first day of leave (care).
³ Care, adoption.
⁴ As a percentage of the average income earned prior to service/parenthood.
⁵ Excluding child allowance, operating allowance and child care allowance.

Income compensation allowances income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



1998, 2003: Capital transfers to AI (CHF 2.2 and 1.5 billion).

Mid-2005: Revision of APG Act to include maternity allowance and increased benefits for personnel performing military service.

2011, 2021: Increase in APG contribution rate (0.3% to 0.5%; 0.45% to 0.5%).

1995, 2016: Reduction of APG contribution rate (0.5% to 0.3%; 0.5% to 0.45%).

2021: Introduction of compensation for the other parent and carer's allowance.

2023: Introduction of adoption allowance.

In CHF m	2015	2020	2025
Contributions insured/employers	1 818	1 772	2 267
Income (apportionment result)	1 818	1 772	2 267
Return on capital ¹	15	18	39
Income (TSIA balance)	1 833	1 790	2 306
Variation in capital value	-23	31	88
Income (operating result)	1 811	1 821	2 393
Active service allowances	821	691	865
Parenting allowances	802	880	1 147
Other cash benefits ²	77	63	73
Administrative and implementation costs ¹	3	3	4
Expenditure	1 703	1 637	2 089
Apportionment result	115	134	179
TSIA balance	131	152	217
Operating result	108	184	305
Capital	1 076	1 351	2 231

¹ 2025: Break in the time series due to adjustments in operating accounts.

² Share of contributions borne by the APG, reimbursement claims, legal costs and court fees.

Unemployment insurance

Unemployment insurance (French: AC; German: ALV) provides benefits in the event of loss of employment, shortened working hours or lack of employment due to weather conditions. Insolvency compensation makes up for employees' loss of earnings should the company become insolvent. Everyone in gainful employment, with the exception of the self-employed, is covered by the unemployment insurance scheme, which is funded primarily from payroll deductions.

Unemployment rate in 2025

2.7%

is the unemployment rate for women



3.0%

is the unemployment rate for men



Recipients of unemployment insurance daily allowances

	Women	Men	Women and men
2015	140 217	176 679	316 896
2020	154 405	185 304	339 709
2025	145 626	176 581	322 207

Unemployment insurance benefit rates

AC benefits are based on the average AVS salary earned in the preceding six months.

Maximum insured salary per month: CHF 12 350.

The daily allowance rate varies according to maintenance obligations and salary:

80% of the insured salary is granted to individuals:

- who have child-rearing obligations;
- whose insured monthly salary did not exceed CHF 3 797;
- who are disabled;

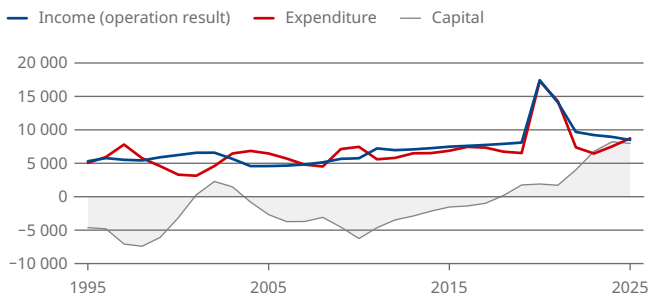
70% of the insured salary is granted to all other eligible individuals.

Maximum insurable earnings, in CHF per month	2025	2026
	12 350	12 350

Average benefits 2025, in CHF per day	Women	Men
	153.20	190.90

Unemployment insurance income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



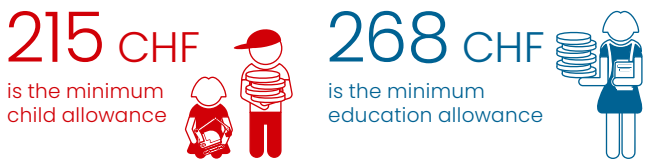
- 1995, 2011: Increase in AC contribution rate (2.0% to 3.0%; 2.0% to 2.2%).
 2003, 2004: Reduction of AC contribution rate (3.0% to 2.5%; 2.5% to 2.0%).
 2020/2021/2022: Expansion and extension of the period of entitlement to short-time working compensation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This expenditure was covered by federal funds.
 1996-2003; 2011-2022: Deduction of a 'solidarity contribution' from the share of earnings that exceeds the maximum insured salary.

In CHF m	2015	2020	2025
Contributions insured/employers	6 796	7 461	8 306
State contributions	634	9 956	152
Other income	49	3	2
Revenue from exchange rate movements	–	3	6
Income (apportionment result)	7 479	17 422	8 465
Return on capital	4	7	20
Income (TSIA balance)	7 483	17 429	8 485
Income (operating result)	7 483	17 429	8 485
Cash benefits	5 238	15 367	6 700
Social insurance contributions	736	855	881
Compensation as per bilateral agreements	194	208	291
Administrative and implementation costs	699	853	864
Interest payable	2	1	0
Other expenditure	5	1	–1
Costs owing to exchange rate movements	–	0	0
Expenditure	6 874	17 284	8 735
Apportionment result	605	138	–269
TSIA balance	610	145	–249
Operating result	610	145	–249
Capital	–1 539	1 900	7 965

Family allowances

Family allowances (French: AFam; German: FamZ) are designed to compensate in part for expenses incurred by raising a family. The Family Allowances Act (LAFam) sets a minimum monthly rate for both the child allowance and the education allowance. Those in salaried employment, the self-employed as well as individuals who are not in gainful employment and on a low income are entitled to claim family allowances. Funding is primarily through contributions paid by employers and the self-employed (in the canton of Valais, employees also pay contributions).

Minimum allowances in 2026



Recipients of family allowances (LAFam)

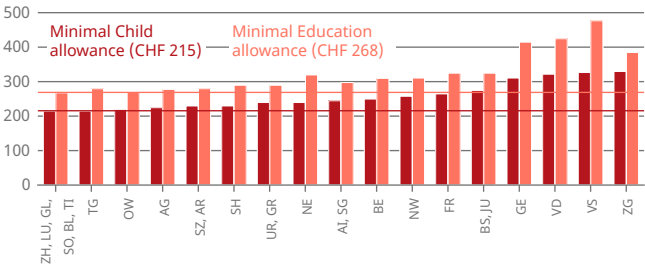
	Child allowance	Education allowance	Birth and adoption allowance ¹	Total
2014	1 318 603	440 192	24 705	1 783 500
2019	1 409 218	443 291	25 963	1 878 472
2024	1 421 393	469 134	23 117	1 913 644

¹ Birth and at most adoption allowance: LU, UR, SZ, FR, VD, VS, NE, GE, JU

Family allowances rates according to canton

Child and education allowances for 2026, in CHF per month

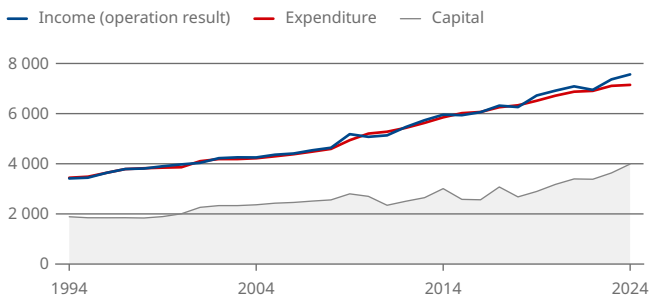
■ Child allowance ■ Education allowance



Rates for 1st and 2nd child. In some cases, higher rate for three or more children. Child allowance up to age 16; education allowance from ages 16 (15 for post-compulsory education) to 25 at the latest. ZH, LU and ZG: special age limitations.

Family allowances income, expenditure and capital

Operating accounts, in CHF m



In CHF m	2014	2019	2024
Contributions insured/employers	5 627	6 108	6 887
of whom self-employed	212	221	218
of whom non-employed	7	11	14
of whom employer in agricultural sector	18	21	24
State contributions	201	214	185
Other income	130	240	375
Income (apportionment result)	5 957	6 562	7 447
Return on capital	...	160	116
Income (TSIA balance)	5 957	6 722	7 563
Variation in capital value	...	...	...
Income (operating result)	5 957	6 722	7 563
Social insurance benefits	5 609	6 060	6 643
of which AFam to self-employed	159	186	191
of which AFam to non-employed	109	152	148
of which AFam to agricultural workers	119	96	81
Administrative and implementation costs	152	105	129
Other expenditure	91	348	373
Expenditure	5 852	6 513	7 145
Apportionment result	105	50	302
TSIA balance	105	210	418
Operating result	105	210	418
Capital	3 008	2 895	3 990

Transition benefits (French: Ptra; German: ÜL) – or bridging benefits – are intended for individuals who lose their job shortly before they reach the normal retirement age and are no longer entitled to unemployment benefits after reaching the age of 60. Transition benefits are means-tested and calculated in the same way as AVS and AI supplementary benefits (French: PC; German: EL). They are financed from the general resources of the Confederation. The cantons are responsible for disbursing these benefits and covering their enforcement costs. The Federal Act on Transition Benefits for Older Unemployed Persons came into effect on 1st July 2021. As transition benefits are still in the introductory phase, the number of beneficiaries and therefore expenditures will increase year on year until 2026–2027 when they are expected to stabilise.

Expenditure on transition benefits totalled CHF 14 million in 2022, CHF 26 million in 2023, CHF 28 million in 2024, and CHF 31 million in 2025.

Transition benefit recipients by population group in 2024



Recipients of transition benefits in December

Transition benefit recipients no longer entitled to unemployment benefits			
	Women	Men	Women and men
2023	281	659	940
2024	253	654	907

Calculation of transition benefits

Transition benefits eligibility calculation for 2026, in CHF per year	Single Married	
Transition benefits – maximum amount	46 508	69 761
Coverage of essential needs (flat rate)	20 670	31 005
Maximum gross rent	18 900	22 320
Exempt amount for income from paid employment	1 300	1 950
Property tax allowance	30 000	50 000
Tax allowance for owner-occupied property	112 500	112 500
Average monthly benefits in 2024, in CHF per month		
	Women	Men
Transition benefit recipients no longer entitled to unemployment benefits	2 397	2 701

Contribution rates and general data

Social insurance contribution rates

Contribution rates in 2026

	Employees and employers as % of income			Self-employed as % of income	Non-employed in CHF/year	
	Employees	Employers	Total		Min.	Max.
AVS ^{1,2}	4.35%	4.35%	8.70%	4.35%–8.1%	435	21 750
AI ^{1,2}	0.70%	0.70%	1.40%	0.752%–1.4%	70	3 500
APG ^{1,2}	0.25%	0.25%	0.50%	0.269%–0.5%	25	1 250
AC ^{1,3}	1.10%	1.10%	2.20%	–	–	–
AAP ^{1,3}	–	0.51%	0.51%	Voluntary	–	–
AANP ^{1,3}	1.15%	–	1.15%	Voluntary	–	–
PP ⁴	8.1%	10.8%	18.8%	Voluntary	–	–
AFam ⁵	Only VS: 0.17%	0.74%– 3.8%	0.74%– 3.8%	0.6%–3.8%	–	–

¹ Basis: salary subject to AVS contributions.

² Individuals who continue to work after reaching full retirement age remain subject to compulsory AVS contributions if their annual income exceeds CHF 16 800.

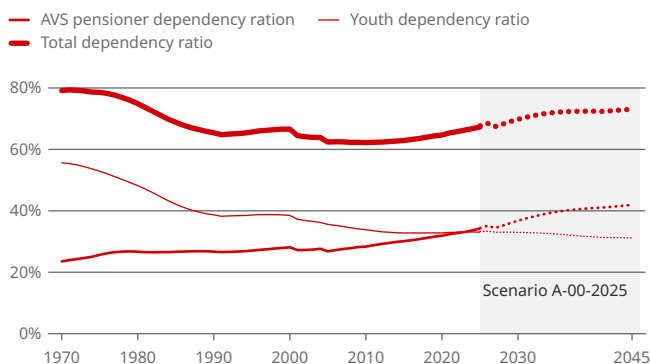
³ Max. annual insured earnings is CHF 148 200. AAP, AANP: Average gross premium (2024). Risk-adjusted premium rates. Special rules apply to part-time workers.

⁴ Pension fund statistics for 2024: average contribution rates as a % of the insured salary (max. CHF 882 000). Contribution rates are set by the pension funds.

⁵ 2024, regulations vary across cantons and CAFs.

Share of young and pensioner citizens in the Swiss population

Demographic indicators



The AVS pension recipient dependency ratio is set to rise sharply in the coming decades. By the end of 2025, there were 34 people of AVS pensionable age for every 100 people of working age. Forecasts put the share at 37 by the end of 2030, and at 42 by the end of 2045.

Contribution rates and general data

Miscellaneous statistics

	2015	2020	2025
Permanent resident population, in 1000	8 327	8 670	9 124
Demographic indicators			
AVS pensioner dependency ratio ¹	30.1%	31.9%	34.3%
Youth dependency ratio ¹	32.8%	32.8%	33.0%
Total dependency ratio ¹	62.9%	64.7%	67.3%
Employed², in 1000	4 890	5 010	5 362
Individuals subject to AVS, in 1000	5 637	5 828	6 165
Income subject to AVS contrib.³, in CHF m	363 296	393 521	454 171
Unemployment rate⁴	3.2%	3.2%	2.8%
Women	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%
Men	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%
Wages and prices, variations on previous year, in %			
Nominal wages	0.4%	0.8%	1.8%
Consumer prices	-1.1%	-0.7%	0.2%
Gross domestic product⁵ (GDP), in CHF m	679 633	709 855	881 572
Limits for tax exemption of pillar 3a			
With occupational benefits insurance	6 768	6 826	7 258
Self-employed persons	33 840	34 128	36 288

¹ AVS pensioner dependency ratio: share of pensioners in relation to working-age population. Youth dependency ratio: the number of young people in relation to the working-age population. Total dependency ratio: number of young people and pensioners in relation to the working-age population.

Working-age population: from 20 to reference age (men 65; women: until 2000: 62, 2001–2004: 63, 2005–2024: 64, 2025: 64 years and 3 months, 2026: 64 years and 6 months, 2027: 64 years and 9 months, from 2028: 65).

Pensioners: individuals who have reached retirement age. Young persons: 0–19 age group.

² Persons aged 15 and over who, during the reference week, worked at least one hour for payment.

³ Qualifying income of employees and the self-employed; contribution-equivalent income for those not in gainful employment. Estimation.

⁴ Share of registered unemployed (annual mean) in relation to the economically active persons.

⁵ The GDP covers the economic value-added generated within Switzerland in the course of one year.

Switzerland, an international comparison

Social protection benefits as a % of GDP in 2023

Countries	Old age	1	2	3	4	5	Housing etc.
Germany	10.4%	9.5%	2.0%	1.6%	3.5%	0.9%	0.8%
France	12.7%	9.5%	2.1%	1.5%	2.2%	1.7%	1.8%
Italy	14.2%	6.2%	1.5%	2.3%	1.6%	1.2%	1.0%
Netherlands	9.7%	9.3%	2.4%	0.8%	1.3%	0.5%	1.9%
Sweden	12.4%	7.9%	2.6%	0.2%	2.8%	0.7%	0.9%
Switzerland	11.5%	8.5%	2.1%	1.3%	1.6%	0.7%	1.0%

1: Sickness / health care

2: Disability

3: Survivors

4: Family / children

5: Unemployment

Compared to other countries with a similar social care system, Switzerland has the second-lowest expenditure on social protection benefits as a percentage of GDP. For example, France spends 31.5% of its GDP on social protection benefits, compared with 26.7% in Switzerland. Across all countries in the comparison, the old-age and sickness/health care schemes account for the highest share of total social insurance expenditure.

Abbreviations

AA/UV	Accident insurance
AA AI/UV IV	Accident insurance during AI measures
AAC/UVAL	Accident insurance for the unemployed
AANP/NBUV	Non-occupational accident insurance
AAP/BUV	Occupational accident insurance
AC/ALV	Unemployment insurance
AFam/FamZ	Family allowances
AI/IV	Invalidity insurance
AMal/KV	Sickness (health) insurance
APG/EO	Income compensation allowances
CPG/CEE	Corona compensation for loss of earnings
AVS/AHV	Old-age and survivors' insurance
CAF	Family Allowances Office
FSIO	Federal Social Insurance Office
FTE	Full time equivalent
GDP	Gross domestic product
LAFam/FamZG	Family Allowances Act
PC/EL	AVS and AI supplementary benefits
PP/BV	Occupational benefit plans
Ptra/ÜL	Transition benefits
SNB	Swiss National Bank
SAS/SVS	Swiss social insurance statistics
TSIA	Total social insurance accounts
VAT	Value added tax

Apportionment result	Income (excl. return on capital and variations in capital value) minus expenditure
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TSIA balance	Income (incl. return on capital but excl. changes in capital value) minus expenditure
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Operating result	Income (incl. return on capital and changes in capital value) minus expenditure
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AC	www.statistics.admin.ch	Statistics and publications on employment and unemployment
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AFam	www.ofas.admin.ch	Statistics and general information
Ptra	www.ofas.admin.ch	General information: conditions, benefit, cost and financing

TSIA	Total social insurance accounts
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