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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.

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.

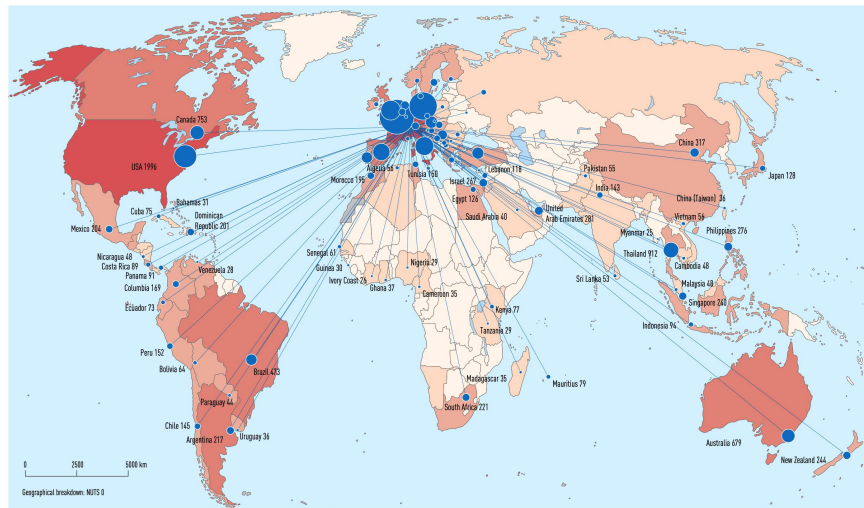
In cooperation with the FSO, both sets of statistics – emigration of Swiss citizens (see legend on right) and statistics on the Swiss Abroad (see colours of the countries on the map)

– 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.

## Swiss emigrants worldwide in 2016

Graphic based on FSO STAIPOP 2016 statistics for destinations with more than 25 emigrants per year



**FDFA: Statistics on Swiss Abroad 2016: Number of Swiss Abroad per country**  
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 Total number of Swiss citizens living abroad in 2016: 761,930. Total number of Swiss citizens living in Europe in 2016: 482,194.

## FSO Statistics on the population and households

Number of Swiss emigrants per destination



Source: FSO – statistics on the population and households (STAIPOP), FDFA, Reconnais with the Swiss Abroad (Pop. FSO, Switzerland)  
 Please note: The depiction of borders and the use of names and titles on this map does not mean that Switzerland officially endorses or recognizes them.  
 Survey period: 1 January to 31 December 2016.  
 Total number of emigrants in 2016: 30,565 of whom 3443 could not be classified.

# 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](http://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](http://www.bk.admin.ch) > Aktuell > Wahlen und Abstimmungen > Hängige Volksinitiativen.

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### itineris

Online registration for Swiss citizens travelling abroad  
[www.tdla.admin.ch/itineris](http://www.tdla.admin.ch/itineris)

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