



Pension funds statistics

Description

The pension funds statistics provide statistical information on occupational pension plans in Switzerland - on both mandatory and voluntary plans.

Available since:

The first comprehensive survey of financial security against the consequences of old age, death or disability was conducted by the Federal Social Insurance Office as early as the 1920s. This was followed by four further exhaustive surveys by the former Statistical Office of the Confederation in the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s. In 1987, two years after the Federal Act on Occupational Old Age, Survivors' and Invalidity Pension came into force, the FSO carried out an exhaustive survey of the mandatory and voluntary plans.

Variables recorded
Pension funds

Main variables:

Structural details

detailed annual accounts (balance sheet and profit and loss accounts)

Information on regulations and type of insurance

Insured persons

Pension recipients

Methodology

Partial/exhaustive survey. With eSurvey. Participation mandatory.

Degree of regionalisation:

Data aggregated for whole of Switzerland No regionalisation possible

Periodicity:

Annual participation. Exhaustive survey every 5 years

Reference period:

Reference day or year is 31 December or the relevant accounting year.

Quality of statistical information:

Double or multiple counting is possible: Employees can belong to one or several pension funds - they are insured, for example, with one pension fund for the legal minimum pension and with another for additional pension benefits. For this reason, the number of insured persons or pension recipients is greater than the number of natural persons.

Revision:

Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act (FStatA) of 9 October 1992

Ordinance on the Conduct of Statistical Surveys by the Confederation of 30 June 1993 - as on 18 July 2006 - (RS 431.012.1)

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