



Country Fact Sheet Switzerland

LAND AND POPULATION	Year	Value	Unit
Area			
Country total area	2016	4 129	1 000 ha
Cultivated area (arable land + permanent crops)	2016	423.8	1 000 ha
Population			
Total population	2015	8 299	1 000
Population density	2016	201	inhab/km ²
Rural population	2015	2 210	1 000
Economically active population in agriculture	2014	136	1 000
As % of total economically active population	2014	2.973	%
RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES (RWR)	Year	Value	Unit
Long-term average annual precipitation			
Depth		1 537	mm/year
Volume		63.46	km ³ /year
Long-term average annual RWR			
Internal (IRWR)		40.4	km ³ /year
External (ERWR)		13.1	km ³ /year
Total Actual (TRWR)		53.5	km ³ /year
Dependency ratio		24.49	%
TRWR per capita	2014	6 447	m ³ /year
Total dam capacity	2015	3.343	km ³
WATER WITHDRAWAL	Year	Value	Unit
By sector			
Agricultural	2012	0.1601	km ³
Municipal	2013	0.917	km ³
Industrial	2012	0.6427	km ³
Total	2012	2.005	km ³
Total water withdrawal per capita	2012	249.9	m ³
By source			
Surface water withdrawal	2012	0.9995	km ³
Groundwater withdrawal	2012	1.005	km ³
Total freshwater withdrawal	2012	2.005	km ³
Desalinated water produced		-	km ³
Direct use of treated municipal wastewater		-	km ³
Direct use of agricultural drainage water		-	km ³
Pressure on water resources			
Total freshwater withdrawal as % of TRWR	2012	3.748	%
Agricultural water withdrawal as % of TRWR	2012	0.2993	%
IRRIGATION AREAS	Year	Value	Unit
Area equipped for irrigation			
Full control irrigation	2010	61	1 000 ha
surface irrigation		1 000 ha	
sprinkler irrigation		1 000 ha	
localized irrigation		1 000 ha	
Equipped lowland areas		-	1 000 ha
Spate irrigation		-	1 000 ha
Total area equipped for irrigation	2010	61	1 000 ha
As % of cultivated area	2010	14.25	%
Area actually irrigated	2010	36.18	1 000 ha
As % of area equipped for irrigation	2010	59.31	%

Notes: 1 km³ = 10⁹ m³ = 1 000 million m³; 1 ha = 1 hectare = 10 000 m²