Migration-Mobility Survey

Survey on Living as a Migrant in Switzerland
The nccr – on the move

The nccr – on the move is the National Center of Competence in Research (NCCR) for migration and mobility studies, which has been operational since June 2014. The center aims to enhance the understanding of contemporary migration and mobility patterns. Designed to develop new perspectives on the changing migratory reality, the nccr – on the move brings together research projects from social sciences, economics, and law.

Managed from the University of Neuchatel, the network consists of some 60 researchers who are collaborating on 19 projects that are based at the universities of Neuchatel, Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, and Zurich.
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Immigration to Switzerland over the past few years has shaped Swiss population and society and has made an important contribution to Swiss economic development. Today, almost 2 million inhabitants are foreigners (Figure).

Foreign permanent resident population by selected nationalities and regions of origin, 31.12.2014

![Bar chart showing the number of foreign permanent residents by selected nationalities and regions of origin as of 31.12.2014.]

Note: In 2014, 8.2 million people resided in Switzerland. Source: SFSO, STATPOP

To better understand the specific migration and mobility flows and the living conditions of migrants in Switzerland, the nccr – on the move is conducting the Migration-Mobility Survey. Between October and December 2016, migrants living in Switzerland will be given the opportunity to participate in the survey.

The survey asks questions on the following topics:

- Migratory History
- Citizenship
- Educational Attainment
- Professional Trajectory
- Family Configuration
- Language Use
- Personal Networks
- Civic Engagement
- Life in Switzerland
Your Participation is Important

Using strictly random procedures and based on the Swiss Population Register, the Swiss Federal Statistical Office drew a representative sample of the Swiss migrant population. You also belong to this group.

Even though voluntary, your participation is of great importance for the success and quality of the study because you cannot be replaced by another person.

How to Participate

The modalities of participation are described in the enclosed letter. You can either participate online or by telephone. The letter contains the access information as well as your personal code for the online survey.

If you do not have access to the Internet or prefer to participate by telephone, you can call the LINK Institute, which has been mandated by the nccr – on the move to carry out the survey, on the free hotline 0800 546 500. You then have the option to participate immediately or to agree on a later date for the interview.

If you have any problems accessing the questionnaire, please send an e-mail with your personal security code (printed beneath your address on the letter) to nccr-study@link.ch. The LINK Institute will then send you a direct link to the survey.

The questionnaire takes about 25 minutes to complete. It is available in six different languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.
What about Data Protection?

All answers will remain strictly confidential and anonymous, and will be used exclusively by researchers for scientific purposes. They will never be analyzed or displayed individually. No link will be made between your personal information and answers. The names and addresses of survey participants are kept separately from the survey data. The former will be destroyed once the survey is completed. Thus, it is not possible to identify the participating persons.

We guarantee to respect data protection and the obligation to confidentiality that are assured by the Federal Statistics Act (FStatA), the Ordinance on the Organization of Federal Statistics and the Federal Act on Data Protection (FADP). For more detailed information, please visit: www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/portal/en/index/news/02/06.html.

Our project partners are subject to the same obligations of confidentiality.
The Research Team

The study is being carried out by the nccr – on the move under the supervision of its Director, Prof. Gianni D’Amato, and Deputy Director, Prof. Philippe Wanner. Ilka Steiner is acting as the survey coordinator.

The LINK Survey Institute was mandated by the nccr – on the move to carry out the survey.

Further Information

If you have any further questions, please contact Ilka Steiner by e-mail at survey@nccr-onthemove.ch.

If you would like to obtain any further information about the project or consult the data protection regulations, please visit nccr-onthemove.ch/survey. If you would like to be informed about the outcome of this survey, you can register for our newsletter on the same website.

We thank you for your interest and your participation!
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Participate and Win a Tablet

Your participation is not remunerated. However, you can participate in our random draw to win one of three Samsung Tablets Galaxy Tab S2. Would you like to enter the competition? To do so, please leave your contact details once you have completed the survey. We guarantee to use this information exclusively for the competition.

The winners will be notified in writing or by telephone according to the contact details provided. No other correspondence will be exchanged regarding the draw. The prize is non-transferable, non-negotiable, and non-exchangeable. Legal proceedings are excluded.