

Canton of Lucerne



Population

Resident permanent pop., end of 2008	368 657
Age groups	
0 - 19 years	22,5 %
20 - 64 years	61,8 %
65 - 79 years	11,4 %
80+ years	4,3 %
Share of foreigners	16,2 %
Foreigners by nationality	
Germany	17,4 %
Italy	11,5 %
Spain	2,9 %
Portugal	8,9 %
Serbia and Montenegro	23,6 %
Turkey	2,7 %
Other European countries	21,3 %
Other nationalities	11,7 %
Population growth (over 10-year period)	7,6 %
Birth surplus (over 10-year period)	8 204 Persons
Net migration (over 10-year period)	17 974 Persons
Population density 2008	247 Inh./km²
Private households 2000	140 594
of which: Single-person households	33,4 %

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Capital city
Lucerne

Adjacent cantons
Aargau, Bern, Obwalden,
Nidwalden, Schwyz, Zug

Rail connections
Direct connections from Lucerne
Half-hourly departures
to Zurich (50 Min.)
and Zurich Airport (1 h 05 Min.)
Hourly departures to Basel (1 h 05 Min.)
Hourly departures to Bern (1 h)

Motorway connection A2

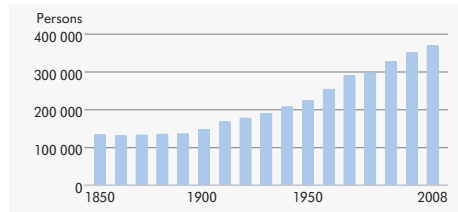
Distances from Lucerne
Zurich (60 km)
Zurich Airport (65 km)
Basel (95 km)
Basel Airport (110 km)
Bern (110 km)
St. Gallen (140 km)
Freiburg i.Br. (160 km)
Strasbourg (235 km)
Milano (245 km)
Genève Airport (250 km)
Genève (260 km)
Stuttgart (275 km)
Torino (360 km)
München (365 km)

Abbreviations

Inh.: Inhabitant(s)
asl.: above sea level
pts.: points
SFr.: Swiss Francs

Political parties

CVP, JCVP: Christian Democratic Party
SVP, JSVP: Swiss People's Party
AS: Active Senior Citizens
Green, JG: Green Party
FDP: Free Democratic Party
60plus: 60plus
SP: Social Democratic Party



Territory and environment

Surface area (Cadastral surveying, incl. lakes)	1 493 km²
Surface area (Area statistics, excl. lakes) 2006/07	1 429 km²
Settlement area	10,1 %
Agricultural area	55,9 %
Forests and copses	31,3 %
Unproductive area	2,8 %
Building zone (excl. public purpose) 2006	7 698 ha



Employment and income

Employed persons 2000	182 187
Activity rate 2000	53,8 %
Inbound commuters 2000 from Canton of Nidwalden	18 818
Canton of Aargau	22,9 %
Canton of Zug	20,6 %
Canton of Obwalden	12,2 %
Canton of Schwyz	11,2 %
Canton of Bern	10,1 %
Canton of Bern	6,4 %
Outbound commuters 2000 to Canton of Zug	21 843
Canton of Aargau	30,8 %
Canton of Zurich	20,0 %
Canton of Nidwalden	18,1 %
Canton of Bern	6,9 %
Canton of Bern	6,8 %
Canton of Schwyz	5,5 %
Part of commuters using public transport (modal split) 2000	27,5 %
Unemployment rate, June 2009	2,7 %
Jobs (filled) 2008	196 551
Primary sector	7,7 %
Secondary sector	26,3 %
Tertiary sector	66,1 %
Agricultural establishments 2008	5 184



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Construction and housing

Number of dwellings, end of 2008	167 623
Size of dwelling:	
1 to 2 rooms	14,7 %
3 to 4 rooms	55,6 %
5+ rooms	29,7 %
Rental fee for 4-room flat 2000	1 110 SFr./month
Homeownership ratio 2000	32,1 %
Newly built dwellings (in the last 10 yrs.) of which: single-family homes	18 488
Part of vacant dwellings 2009	5 341
of which: single-family homes	0,64 %



Education

Resident pupils/students going to school in the canton of Lucerne 2008/2009	
Pre-school(kindergarten)	4 593
Elementary school	472
Primary education	25 657
Secondary education (incl. lower grade gymnasium)	14 451
Education level of the resident population aged 15+ (2000)	
Compulsory education	24,4 %
Vocational education	38,7 %
Matura school, Teaching education	6,1 %
Higher vocational education	9,9 %
University, college of appl. sciences	5,0 %
Unclassified levels, non, not declared	15,9 %



Culture

Denominational affiliation of the resident population 2000	
Roman Catholic	70,9 %
Protestant	12,2 %
Christian Catholic	0,1 %
Islamic	3,8 %
Other, non-denominational	12,9 %



Politics

Party strength at Cantonal Council election 2007			
CVP, JCVP	35,5 %	FDP, 60plus	23,6 %
SVP, JSVP, AS	19,1 %	SP	11,4 %
Green, JG	7,7 %	Other	2,8 %



Public finances

Mean tax rate 2009 (provisional)	1,8369 units
Total (incl. cantonal tax) rom.-cath.	3,6091 units
Total (incl. cantonal tax) protestant	3,5890 units
Financial capacity 2005/2007	
Relative fiscal capacity	1 507 SFr./Inh.
Ind. of rel. fiscal capacity (Ct.LU=100)	100 pts.
Resource potential	3 189 SFr./Inh.
Resource index (Ct. LU=100)	100 pts.
Financial equalization (FE) 2010	
Equalization of resources	79 729,7 1000 SFr.
Equalization of burdens	65 510,0 1000 SFr.
Contribution to horizontal FE	19 932,4 1000 SFr.
Municipal accounts 2008	
Self-financing ratio (over 5 years)	153,0 %
Interest burden ratio I	-0,4 %
Net debt per inhabitant	2 153 SFr./Inh.
Net debit per inhabitant, by governmental tasks 2008	
General administration	432 SFr./Inh.
Public security	55 SFr./Inh.
Education	1 269 SFr./Inh.
Culture and leisure	186 SFr./Inh.
Health	139 SFr./Inh.
Social welfare	733 SFr./Inh.
Transportation	225 SFr./Inh.
Environment and spatial planning	28 SFr./Inh.