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Overview of FOCBS facts and figures 2021

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1 Security for the population

1.1 Tracing people and stolen property

	2019	2020	2021
Persons for whom an alert has been issued detained	25,886	23,874	25,779
of which persons for whom an arrest warrant has been issued	8,740	8,265	8,673
Seizure of tools used for crime, goods originating from a criminal offence and cash (number of cases)	1,247	1,254	2,012

1.2 Migration

Number of cases

	2019	2020	2021
Illegal residence	12,919	11,010	18,858
Clarified suspected smuggling	405	380	478

1.3 Narcotics

Drugs seized (in kg)

	2019	2020	2021
Marijuana	729	655	777
Heroin	20	55	56
Cocaine	124	162	90
Amphetamines	18	25	9
Designer drugs	55	23	30

1.4 Documents

Amount seized (in units)

	2019	2020	2021
Forged documents	1,938	1,398	1,761
of which passports	292	142	201
of which ID cards	584	437	487
of which residence permits	130	75	100
of which driving licences	722	631	685
of which other (e.g. vehicle registration documents, visas)	210	113	288
Misused documents	n. a.	189	240

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1.5 Weapons Act, War Material Act and Goods Control Act and embargo measures

	2019	2020	2021
Number of infringements	6,216	4,314	4,471
of which Weapons Act	6,110	4,206	4,416
of which War Material Act	28	27	9
of which Goods Control Act and embargo measures	78	81	46

1.6 Medications and doping substances

Consignments discovered (number)

	2019	2020	2021
Medications and doping substances	9,012	7,486	11,263
of which medications reported to Swissmedic	7,781	6,733	9,421

Ranking of seized "medications"

1. Erectile dysfunction treatments (77.3 %)
2. Other medications only available on prescription (17.2 %)
3. Sleeping pills and tranquilizers (5.5 %)

Origin of the seized medications

Eastern Europe	35 %
Asia (without India)	28 %
Western Europe	23 %
India	12 %
Other	2 %

1.7 Road traffic security

Number of infringements*

	2019	2020	2021
Prosecuted or reported drivers	9,128	8,247	8,815
of which heavy vehicles	2,140	1,813	1,936
of which other	6,988	6,434	6,879
Prosecuted or reported cases of non-compliant vehicles and loads	27,337	23,379	16,836
of which heavy vehicles	24,946	20,350	12,546
of which other	2,391	3,029	4,290

* Safety deficiencies in heavy goods vehicles, drivers who were unfit to drive, violations of the regulations on rest periods, etc.

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1.8 Plant, species and animal protection

Detections (consignments declared to the FSVO*)

	2019	2020	2021
Species protection (plants and animals)	879	779	699
Animal protection	587	654	2,560

The FOCBS detected **4,451** consignments of prohibited plants, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, cut foliage or seeds from third countries (outside the EU and EFTA).

* Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, www.blv.admin.ch

2 Security for the economy

2.1 Swiss foreign trade

Overview of foreign trade (in CHF billion)

	2019	2020	2021
Exports	312.0	299.5	347.4
Imports	276.1	273.8	295.2

Balance of trade – export surplus (in CHF billion)

	2019	2020	2021
	35.9	25.7	52.2

Imports and exports by continent (in CHF billion)

	Imports	Exports
Europe	180.8	163.5
EU	144.9	145.0
Germany	57.0	50.5
Italy	21.8	18.5
France	17.7	17.4
Asia	62.7	110.2
China	18.1	30.2
Japan	4.8	7.8
North America	25.3	61.5
USA	22.1	57.6
Latin America	10.1	6.3
Africa	14.7	3.5
Oceania	1.6	2.5

The EU member states are by far the most important customers for Swiss products.

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2.2 Free trade

Switzerland has concluded **35** free trade agreements with **46** countries. Thanks to these, importers do not pay import duties on many goods.

The latest free trade agreement entered into force with Indonesia on 1 November 2021.

2.3 Commercial goods traffic

50.7 million customs declarations were processed by the FOCBS in 2021.

Customs declarations (number of assessments in millions)

	2019	2020	2021
Importation	25.0	35.9	36.1
Exportation	6.9	6.6	6.9
Transit	8.1	7.5	7.7

2.4 Criminal prosecution and criminal proceedings

Sanctioned products (in kg)

	2019	2020	2021
Tobacco smuggling	n. a.	18,017	20,720
Meat smuggling	n. a.	136,562	152,780

2.5 Agricultural products

False declarations or smuggling

	2019	2020	2021
Cases involving merchandise	2,115	2,204	2,100
Cases in tourist traffic	17,507	21,046	20,767

2.6 Precious metal control

Hallmarking of jewellery and watches (in millions of units)

	2019	2020	2021
National hallmark (St. Bernard dog's head)	2.75	1.84	2.57
International "common control mark"	2.71	1.83	2.55

In **1,804** cases, the FOCBS objected to the quality of precious metal articles.

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2.7 Product piracy

Seized consignments

	2019	2020	2021
Cases involving merchandise	2,906	4,433	5,959
Cases in tourist traffic	2,794	2,246	2,881

A total of **33,285** counterfeit branded items were withdrawn from circulation, i.e. **27,354** counterfeits in commercial goods traffic and **5,931** counterfeits in tourist traffic.

Merchandise

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

Bags, wallets	55.8%
Watches, jewellery, glasses	20.8%
Clothes, scarves, hats, belts	9.2%
Shoes	4.4%
Medicines and medicinal products	2.4%
Other	7.4%

Tourist traffic

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

Bags, wallets	42.3%
Watches, jewellery, glasses	20.8%
Clothes, scarves, hats, belts	31.3%
Shoes	3.6%
Perfume, cosmetics, razor blades, toothbrushes	0.6%
Other	1.4%

3 Security for the state

3.1 Receipts

Total receipts (in CHF billion)

2019	2020	2021
23.0	21.8	23.5

Of the Confederation's receipts of over CHF **23.5 billion**, the FOCBS generates around a third at CHF **75 billion** and thus ensures that the state functions properly.

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Main sources of receipts (in CHF million)

	2019	2020	2021
Value added tax	10,917	10,166	11,326
Mineral oil tax	4,498	4,180	4,486
Tobacco duty	2,042	2,104	2,149
Heavy vehicle charge	1,590	1,535	1,614
CO ₂ tax on fuel	1,166	1,161	1,155
Import duties	1,143	1,187	1,277
Other receipts*	1,653	1,493	1,502

* automobile duty, motorway tax stickers and beer tax, etc.

3.2 Beer and Spirits

In 2021, **1,278** breweries existed and **100,334** spirit producers were registered.

Domestic production of beer (in millions of hectolitres)

2019	2020	2021
3.67	3.40	3.38

CHF **28 million** of the spirits tax, known as the "alcohol tenth", flowed to the cantons to combat drug abuse.

3.3 Tobacco

Cigarette sales domestically (in millions of units)

2019	2020	2021
8,950	9,306	9,132

3.4 QuickZoll

With the QuickZoll application, travellers can digitally declare goods they buy abroad for their own use or as gifts and pay all necessary duties and taxes – 100% independently and regardless of location. www.quickzoll.admin.ch

	2019	2020	2021
Number of declarations made by travellers	19,972	20,177	31,835
Total turnover in CHF	1,672,957	1,744,538	2,901,507

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4 Who works at the FOCBS?

4.1 Employees

Average number of full-time equivalents

	2019	2020	2021
Total	4,481	4,519	4,442

At the FOCBS, the overall proportion of women (headcount) was **25.4%** in 2021.

Language ratio (in %)

	2019	2020	2021
German	59.30	59.19	58.99
French	26.00	26.04	26.04
Italian	14.00	14.11	14.33
Romansh	0.70	0.66	0.64

4.2 International assignments

75 employees were involved overseas in security activities or training.

	2019	2020	2021
Frontex			
Deploys total	34	36	65
Deployment days total	1 116	1 415	2 341
Airline Liaison Officers (ALO)			
Deploys total	6	6	6
Internationale Missionen und Verbindungsoffiziere, Attachés			
Deploys total	4	3	4

4.3 Specialist in customs and border security

72 aspirants commenced their career with the FOCBS in 2021. The new qualification will enable them to carry out comprehensive checks on goods, people and means of transport.

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4.4 You will find the FOCBS here

Are you looking for further information? You will find more information at www.bazg.admin.ch. The website attracted around **4.7 million** visitors in 2021.

How to find us and when exactly we are there can be found online at www.zollauskunft.admin.ch. Last year, the Information Office answered **31,390** emails and **150,688** telephone calls. This amounts to **596** enquiries, with each call lasting around **3** minutes on average. Information is provided in English, French, German and Italian.

Customs Information Office

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Monday to Friday

8am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 5pm

5 A day at the Swiss border

Approximately 2,200,000 people, 1,100,000 cars and 21,000 heavy goods vehicles cross the Swiss border every day. On a daily basis, FOCBS employees collected and found:

- CHF **64.4 million** in receipts
- **91** counterfeit products
- **70** people who were wanted or had an arrest warrant issued against them
- **4** forged identity documents
- **12** prohibited weapons
- **2.6** kg of drugs
- **51** cases of illegal residence
- **30** consignments of medications or doping preparations
- **34** defective lorries

www.bazg.admin.ch/figures