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Overview of FOCBS facts and figures 2025

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1 Security for the population

1.1 Tracing people and stolen property

	2023	2024	2025
Persons for whom an alert has been issued detained	22 733	24 998	24 531
of which persons for whom an arrest warrant has been issued	9 661	10 731	11 222
Seizure of tools used for crime, goods originating from a criminal offence and cash (number of cases)	2 195	2 436	2 460

1.2 Migration

Number of cases

	2023	2024	2025
Illegal residence	50 185	29 458	14 577
Clarified suspected smuggling	388	280	182

1.3 Narcotics

Drugs seized (in kg)

	2023	2024	2025
Marijuana	243	1 104	4 235
Heroin	7	12	26
Cocaine	110	272	356
Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	9	44	5
Designer drugs	84	175	2 415

1.4 Documents

Amount seized (in units)

	2023	2024	2025
Forged documents	1 899	1 863	1 456
of which passports	244	237	184
of which ID cards	533	539	369
of which residence permits	84	109	57
of which driving licences	819	824	668
of which other (e.g. vehicle registration documents, visas)	219	154	178
Misused documents	247	232	229

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

	2023	2024	2025
Number of infringements	4 335	4 095	4 141
of which Weapons Act	4 018	3 756	4 047
of which War Material Act	2	7	3
of which Goods Control Act and embargo measures	315	332	91

1.6 Medications and doping substances

Consignments discovered (number)

	2023	2024	2025
Medications and doping substances	8 081	6 755	7 841
of which medications reported to Swissmedic	6 659	5 668	6 647

Ranking of seized medications

1. Erectile dysfunction treatments (41 %)
2. Hair loss remedies (19 %)
3. Hormones (incl. melatonin) (12 %)
4. Sleeping pills and tranquilizers (8 %)
5. Nasal sprays and laxatives (5 %)
6. Slimming products (4 %)
7. Antibiotics, antiparasitics, antivirals (3 %)
8. Other (8 %)

Origin of the seized medications

Western Europe	40 %
India	20 %
Eastern Europe	15 %
North America (including Canada)	10 %
Asia (without India)	9 %
Other	6 %

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1.7 Road traffic security

Number of infringements*

	2023	2024	2025
Prosecuted or reported drivers	8 344	8 815	7 639
of which heavy vehicles	1 546	1 464	1 252
of which other	6 798	7 351	6 387
Prosecuted or reported cases of non-compliant vehicles and loads	14 070	13 773	13 731
of which heavy vehicles	9 448	9 633	10 067
of which other	4 622	4 140	3 664

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

1.8 Plant, species and animal protection

Detections

	2023	2024	2025
Species protection (plants and animals)	801	824	823
Animal protection	538	573	574
Epizootic diseases	5 196	4 900	5 721

The FOCBS detected 2 156 consignments of prohibited plants, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, cut foliage or seeds from third countries (outside the EU and EFTA).

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2 Security for the economy

2.1 Swiss foreign trade¹

Overview of foreign trade (in CHF billion)

	2023	2024	2025
Exports	377,8	393,8	461,2
Imports	329,0	327,5	419,9

Balance of trade – export surplus (in CHF billion)

2023	2024	2025
48,8	67,3	41,3

Imports and exports by continent (in CHF billion)

	Imports	Exports
Europe	202,0	226,8
EU	190,7	174,5
Germany	63,7	50,5
Italy	32,3	24,4
France	20,4	26,5
Asia	111,8	111,8
China	21,6	29,6
Japan	7,6	8,0
North America	63,8	108,3
USA	55,6	103,9
Central America, South America, Caribbean	13,9	8,4
Africa	22,5	3,1
Oceania	6,0	2,7

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

2.2 Free trade

Switzerland has concluded 35 free trade agreements with 45 partners. Thanks to these, importers do not pay import duties on many goods.

On 1st October 2025, the latest free trade agreement came into force with India.

¹ The figures for Swiss foreign trade are provisional. The adjusted and definitive results are published towards the middle of the year.

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2.3 Commercial goods traffic

72,8 million customs declarations were processed by the FOCBS in 2025.

Customs declarations (in millions)

	2023	2024	2025
Importation	47,3	58,2	61,2
Exportation	6,6	6,8	6,8
Transit	6,8	7,1	4,8

2.4 Criminal prosecution and criminal proceedings

Sanctioned products (in kg)

	2023	2024	2025
Tobacco smuggling	9 290	5 211	9 782
Meat smuggling	263 053	208 950	134 561

2.5 Agricultural products

False declarations or smuggling

	2023	2024	2025
Cases involving merchandise	1 813	2 390	2 138
Cases in tourist traffic	13 349	14 128	14 120

2.6 Precious metal control

Hallmarking of jewellery and watches (in millions of units)

	2023	2024	2025
National hallmark (St. Bernard dog's head)	3,02	2,68	2,41
International "common control mark"	3,02	2,69	2,41

In 894 cases, the FOCBS objected to the quality of precious metal articles.

2.7 Product piracy

Seized consignments

	2023	2024	2025
Cases involving merchandise	7 811	8 318	11 467
including small consignments	-	-	6 196
Cases in tourist traffic	2 156	1 880	1 442

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3 Security for the state

3.1 Receipts

Total receipts (in CHF billion)

2023	2024	2025
23,6	23,7	23,4

Of the Confederation's receipts of almost CHF 87 billion, the FOCBS generates around a third at CHF 23.4 billion and thus ensures that the state functions properly.

Main sources of receipts (in CHF million)

	2023	2024	2025
Value added tax	12 072	12 165	11 852
Mineral oil tax	4 276	4 317	4 367
Tobacco duty	1 974	1 947	1 932
Heavy vehicle charge	1 562	1 655	1 564
CO ₂ tax on fuel	912	1 144	1 166
Import duties	1 184	738	778
Other receipts*	1 651	1 763	1 764

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

3.2 Beer and Spirits

In 2025, 1 091 breweries existed, and 110 312 spirit producers were registered.

Domestic production of beer (in millions of hectolitres)

2023	2024	2025
3,59	3,52	3,37

CHF 24 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)

2023	2024	2025
8 263	8 097	7 698

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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

	2023	2024	2025
Number of declarations made by travellers	68 675	83 970	192 492
Total turnover in CHF million	6,5	8,5	13,2

3.5 Motorway vignette

Since August 2023, an electronic version of the motorway vignette can also be obtained: www.e-vignette.ch

	2023	2024	2025
Number of electronic vignettes sold (in millions)	0,3	3,8	4,9
Number of motorway tax stickers (in millions)	10,6	7,1	(²)

3.6 Activ

The Activ application enables the drivers of freight forwarding and transport companies to automatically activate their goods declaration at the border www.activ.admin.ch

	2023	2024	2025
Number of automatic activations with Activ	361 644	421 616	496 314

² The adjusted and definitive results are published towards the middle of the year.

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4 Who works at the FOCBS?

4.1 Employees

Average number of full-time equivalents

	2023	2024	2025
Total	4 384	4 234	4 183

At the FOCBS, the overall proportion of women (headcount) was 26,5 % in 2024.

Language ratio (in %)

	2023	2024	2025
German	58,86	58,98	58,32
French	25,89	26,01	26,50
Italian	14,60	14,36	14,47
Romansh	0,65	0,65	0,72

4.2 International assignments

191 employees were involved overseas in security activities or training.

	2023	2024	2025
Frontex			
Deploys total	109	112	107
Deployment days total	5 206	5 881	6 531
TIGER/FOX			
Deploys Total	224	226	222
Deployment days Total	5 082	4 940	4 838
Airline Liaison Officers (ALO)			
Deploys total	6	5	5
Internationale Missionen und Verbindungsoffiziere, Attachés			
Deploys total	4	4	4

4.3 Specialist in customs and border security

165 aspirants commenced their career with the FOCBS in 2025. The new qualification will enable them to carry out comprehensive checks on goods, people and means of transport. More information on training at www.bazg.admin.ch/ausbildung and www.zukunft-zoll.ch.

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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.bazq.admin.ch. The website attracted around 8,8 million visitors in 2024.

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 40 000 emails and 130 000 telephone calls. This amounts to 500 enquiries a day, with each call lasting around 3 minutes on average. Information is provided in English, French, German and Italian.

Information office for customs regulations

Tel.: +41 58 467 15 15

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 million** in receipts
- **35** cases of product piracy
- **67** people who were wanted or had an arrest warrant issued against them
- **4** forged identity documents
- **11** prohibited weapons
- **19** kg of drugs
- **40** cases of illegal residence
- **21** consignments of medications or doping preparations
- **28** defective lorries

www.bazq.admin.ch/figures