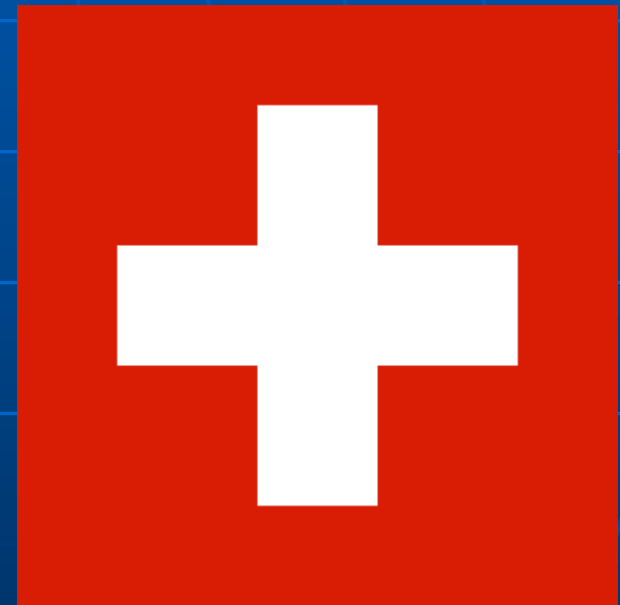


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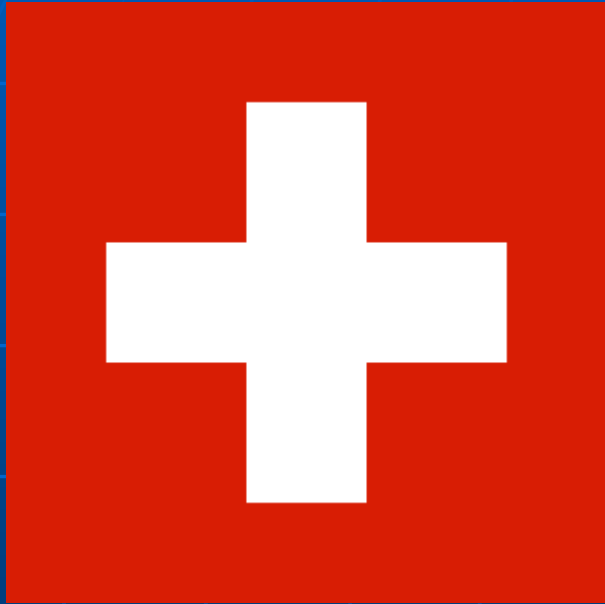


1. Switzerland data

Switzerland, also known as Swiss, is a country of 7.5 million people in Western Europe with an area of 41,285 km².

Area		
-	Total	41,285 km ² (136th) 15,940 sq mi
-	Water (%)	4.2
Population		
-	2006 estimate	7,508,700
-	2000 census	7,288,010
-	Density	182/km ² 100/sq mi

1.1. Switzerland's flag and coat of arms



Flag



Coat of arms

2. Switzerland angle federal republic

Switzerland is a federal republic, consisting of 26 states, called cantons.

Bern is the seat of the federal government and *de facto* capital, while the country's economic centers are its two global cities, Geneva and especially Zürich.

Switzerland is bordered by Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Liechtenstein.

Switzerland is multilingual and has four national languages: German, French, Italian and Romanish.



3. Switzerland and cantons

The Swiss confederation consists of 26 cantons:

- Aargau
- Appenzell Innerrhoden
- Appenzell Ausserrhoden
- Basel-Stadt
- Basel-Landschaft
- Bern
- Fribourg
- Geneva
- Glarus
- Graubünden
- Jura
- Lucerne
- Neuchâtel



4. Mountainous Switzerland

The southern half of the country has more mountains and is far more sparsely populated than this average, while the northern half has a somewhat greater density, is more hospitable hilly terrain, partly forested and partly cleared, as well as several large lakes.



5. Switzerland and sports

Like many European nations the Swiss are big fans of football and the national team or 'Nati' is widely supported. Swiss wrestling or "Schwingen" is an old tradition from the rural central cantons and considered the national sport. Hornussen is another indigenous Swiss sport, which is like a cross between baseball and golf.



5.1. What's hornussen

Hornussen is an indigenous Swiss sport and is like a cross between baseball and golf. The sport gets its name from the puck which is hit which is known as a "Hornuss" or "Nouss" or "hornet" in English on account of the noise it makes as it whizzes through the air at up to 300 km per hour.



