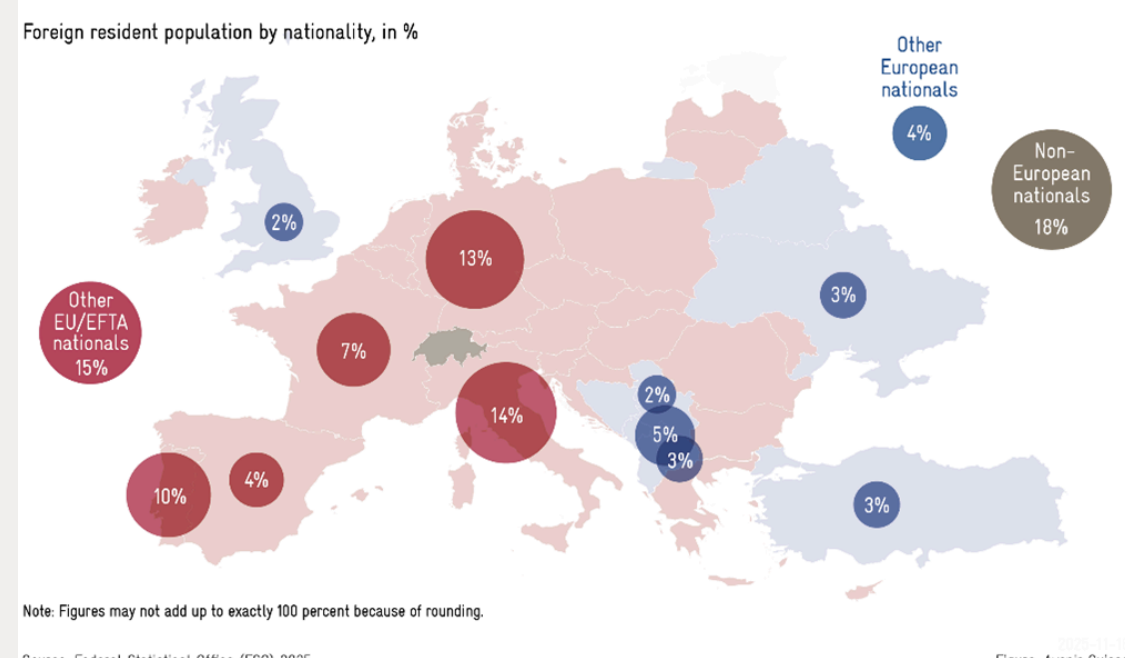


Immigration

Foreign Population: The Data You Should Know

Out of 100 Foreign Nationals, 14 Are from Italy and 13 from Germany

Switzerland's foreign population is overwhelmingly European. Of the roughly 3.5 million foreign nationals living in the country, 63 percent come from the EU/EFTA area; 82 percent come from European countries overall. The largest single group is Italians.

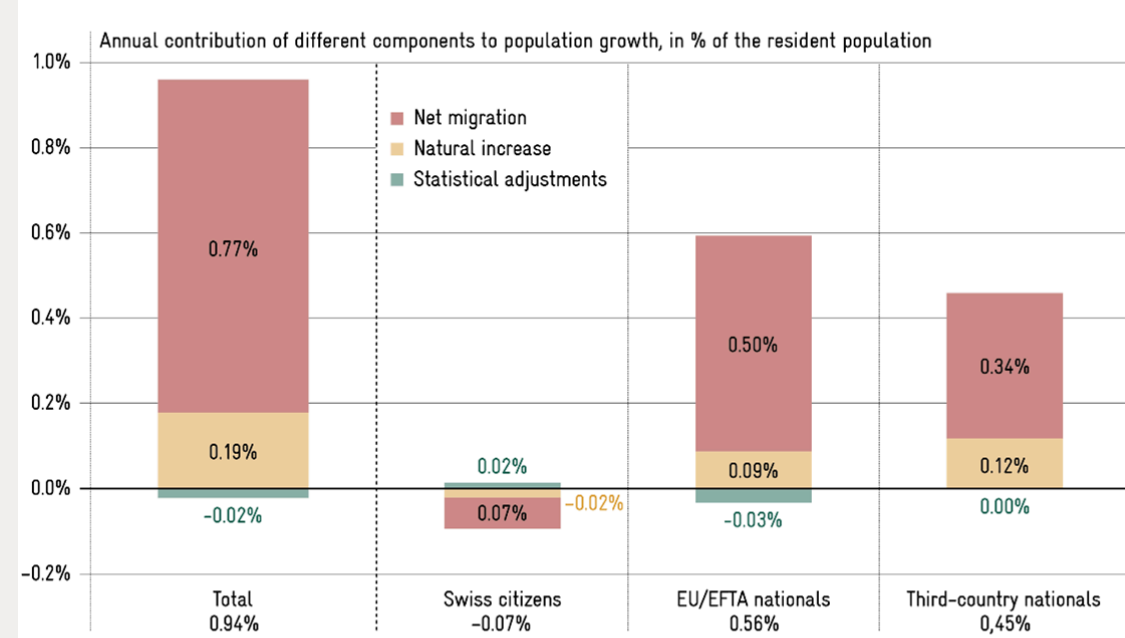


Switzerland's immigration debate is often driven by emotions. It is important to take a clear-eyed look at the facts. Patrick Leisibach and Agustina Rodriguez have analyzed who moves to Switzerland, who stays – and how immigration reshapes the country's demographics. [Their findings offer several surprising insights.](#)

The Role of Immigration in Switzerland's Population Growth

Without Foreign Nationals, the Population Would Shrink

Switzerland's population grows by just under 0% per year on average. About four fifths of that growth is attributable to net immigration of foreign nationals; another fifth comes from the natural increase among foreign nationals (births minus deaths). Swiss citizens, by contrast, show both a negative net migration balance and a negative natural increase.



Since the turn of the millennium, Switzerland's population has grown by 1.9 million, to more than 9 million people. That increase has been driven almost entirely by immigration. [Patrick Leisibach and Agustina Rodriguez examine the forces behind this trend.](#)

The Figure



Around 2.5 million people in Switzerland do not have a Swiss passport (27% of the population). Taking into account naturalized citizens and Swiss citizens with parents born abroad, 41% of the population has a migration background. (PLE, AGR)

Interview with Avenir Suisse's Director

«Taking Responsibility Is a Lifelong Task, Not a Given»



In an interview with the online magazine «Republik», Jürg Müller spoke about Avenir Suisse's work and the state of liberalism in Switzerland. He stressed the importance of well-functioning institutions. The success of our liberal society also strongly depends on people engaging and taking responsibility. In the end, [that requires working on ourselves.](#)

Technology

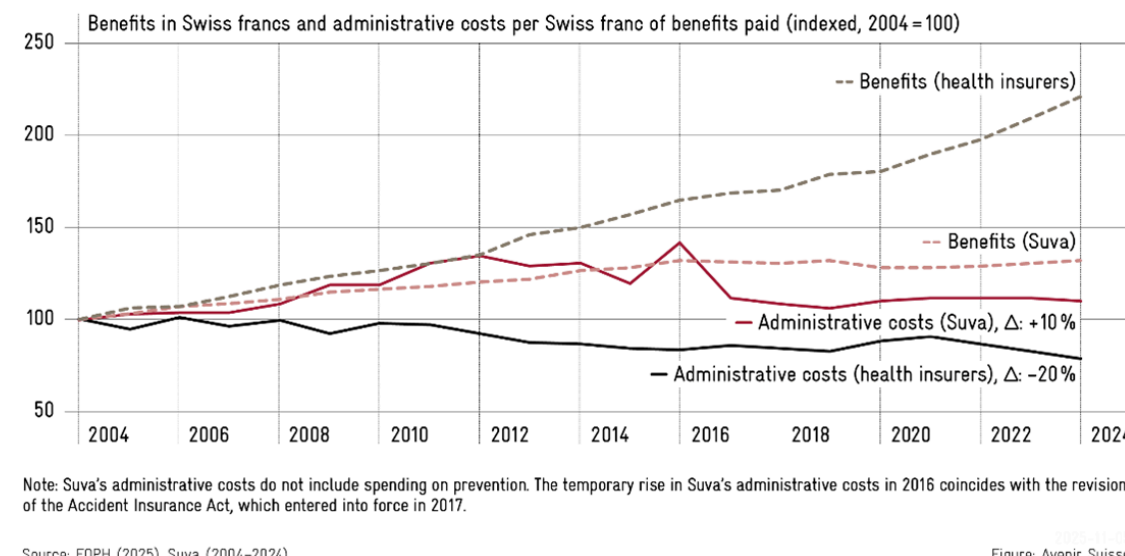
Will AI Lead to Mass Unemployment?

History suggests otherwise. Drawing on past technological revolutions, Jürg Müller's article provides two and a half key lessons about how new technologies reshape jobs while testing societies' ability to adapt. AI may not eliminate work altogether, but its speed and scope [could make this transition unlike any before.](#)

Health Policy

The False Promise of a Single-Payer Health Insurer

Competition Enforces Discipline
 Between 2004 and 2024, administrative costs per Swiss franc of benefits paid by health insurers fell by 20 percent. By contrast, Sava's costs increased. A Sava-style model would likely be no more efficient than a system with competing health insurers.



Creating one national health insurer would not stop insurance premiums from rising. It is far from clear that such a system would perform better regarding costs, Diego Taboada and Emilie Dousse write in their article. At the same time, it would eliminate competitive pressure – [one of the key drivers that encourage insurers to develop more innovative and customer-friendly products.](#)

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