

New Analysis

Protecting Employees From Rising Salary Contributions

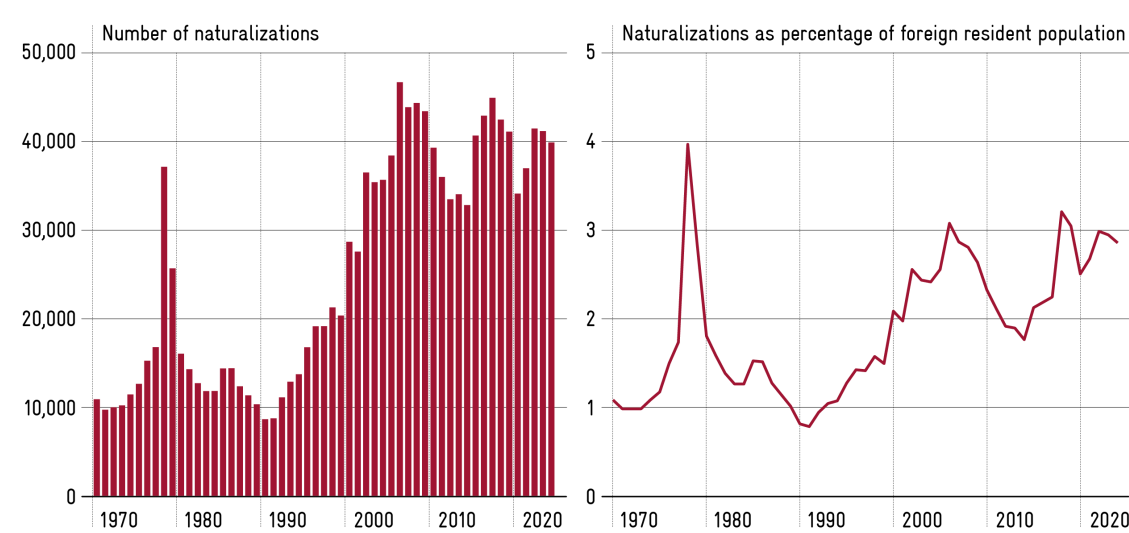
The Swiss Constitution places clear limits on tax increases. Higher salary contributions, however, face far fewer constraints. Policymakers rely on this asymmetry by financing new social spending through higher salary contributions, as Michele Salvi and Oguz Bayindir show in their latest analysis. For the average earner, this could mean an additional burden of up to CHF 2,260 per year. The authors therefore propose [a cap on salary contributions](#).

Immigration

Who Gets a Swiss Passport? Seven Questions, Seven Answers

Naturalizations Have Risen Sharply Since the 1990s

From the 1970s through the mid-1990s, about 10,000 foreign nationals were naturalized each year (left chart). After that, the number rose sharply and has recently stabilized at around 40,000 annually. The naturalization rate (right chart) increased more modestly – from about 1% to 3% – as the foreign population grew rapidly over the same period.



Note: Comparability over time is limited due to changes in the statistical definition of the foreign resident population. Source: Federal Statistical Office. Figure: Avenir Suisse

Each year, around 40,000 people are naturalized in Switzerland. At a time when immigration and citizenship are again the subject of political debate, it is worth taking a closer look at the facts: Who becomes Swiss – and how often? In a new article, Patrick Leisibach and Agustina Rodriguez [offer the answers](#).

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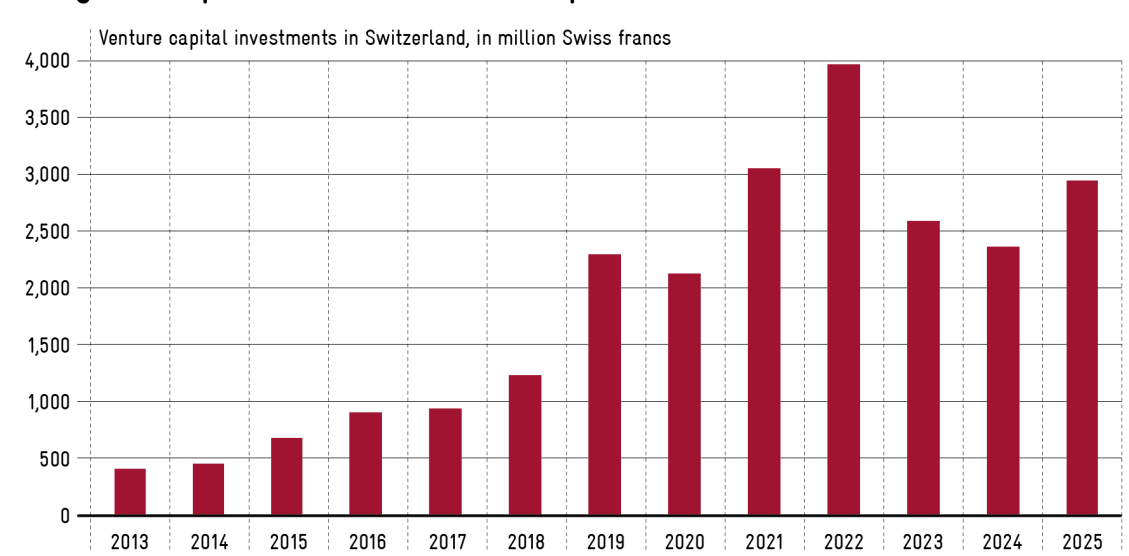
Childcare: A Compass for Swiss Policymakers

Childcare in Switzerland is hampered by unclear responsibilities, excessive regulation and inefficient support. In their new analysis, Patricia Schafer and Agustina Rodriguez Widmer identify where the system falls short – and how cantons and municipalities can address these shortcomings. They propose [three measures for a more effective childcare policy](#).

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Sustainability

Do Our Policies Ease Our Conscience – or Make the World a Better Place?

Swiss sustainability policy too often relies on regulation that may feel right, but whose impact remains unproven. Jürg Müller calls for a shift in thinking: away from an ethics of conviction and toward an ethics of responsibility. The approach may sacrifice the grand gesture – and leave one's conscience somewhat uneasy – [but it can make the world, in concrete terms, a little better](#).

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