

Facts and figures

The Basel Area consists of three cantons: Basel-Stadt, Basel-Landschaft, Jura

Location: Northwestern Switzerland, triborder France, Germany, Switzerland

Total area: 1,393 km²

Population: 560,000

Internationality and expat living:

- 160 nationalities
- Percentage of non-Swiss nationals: 27%
- Cross-border commuting: About 64,000 people commute from France and Germany to the Basel Area every day
- According to InterNations, Basel is the most popular location for expatriates in Switzerland
- 70% of the expats stay longer than three years, 45% more than seven years

Languages:

- German (official language in Canton Basel-Stadt and Canton Basel-Landschaft) and French (official language in Canton Jura)
- Foreign languages are widely spoken; 26% of the population speak English at work, 35% speak two or more languages at work

Main industries:

- Life Sciences
- Pharmaceuticals, Biotech
- Medtech
- Healthtech
- Precision engineering
- Microtechnology, watchmaking and machine tools
- Financial services
- ICT
- Logistics, trade, consumer goods
- Chemical industry
- Creative industries
- Trade fairs, congresses

Talents:

- Unrivalled talent pool of 32,000 well-qualified life sciences employees

Academia and research:

- 14 universities with about 170,000 students within 1 hour
- More than 1,000 research groups
- The education system is tailor-made for international families with 42 private and international schools.

Quality of life:

- Basel ranks among the top ten global cities according to Mercer's global quality of live city ranking 2019
- In less than two hours you reach the Swiss Alps, in less than one hour the Black Forest in Germany and the Alsace in France
- More than 500 restaurants, over 20 of them ranked by GaultMillau or Guide Michelin
- Hometown of tennis legend Roger Federer
- International ATP tennis tournament Swiss Indoors
- Soccer club FC Basel regularly plays in the UEFA Champions League

Culture:

- Basel is known as Switzerland's 'Capital of Culture'
- Basel has the highest density of museums in Europe
- According to the "The Times" the Kunstmuseum Basel is the fifth best art museum worldwide
- Other world-class museums: Fondation Beyeler, Tinguely-Museum
- Art Basel fair in June
- Carnival in February or March (Basler Fasnacht) is on the Unesco's list of intangible cultural heritage