

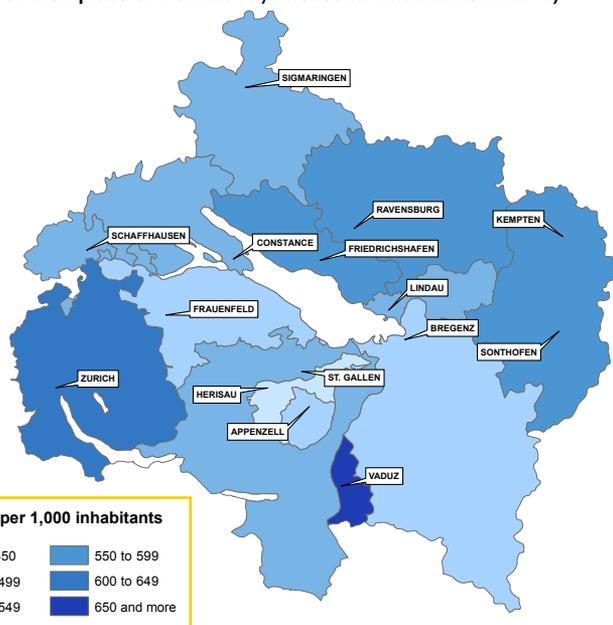
3. Economy

Employees with their place of work in the Lake Constance region³

Year	No. of employees (thousands)	Average annual change
2000	1,930	-
2010	2,094	+0.8 %
2014	2,223	+1.5 %

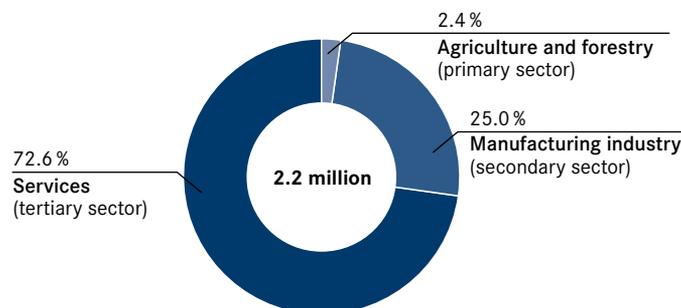
The employee concentration (employees per thousand inhabitants) varies strongly in the region. The highest concentrations can be found in Liechtenstein with 982 and in the canton of Zurich with 621 employees per thousand inhabitants.

Employee concentration³ (Employees at their place of work 2014 / thousand inhabitants in 2014)



³ Including commuters. In the case of Vorarlberg, the 2000 figures refer to the number of employees at their place of residence, while the figures from 2010 and 2014 relate to employees at their place of work. As a result, the development of the Lake Constance region between 2010 and 2014 is slightly underestimated.

Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2014)



Around 73 % of employees working in the Lake Constance region are in the services industry (tertiary sector), while 25 % work in the manufacturing industry (secondary sector). A little over 2 % are employed in agriculture (primary sector). The largest individual industry is “Public and other services, education, healthcare” with 600,000 employees.

Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2014)

Rank	Industry (sector)	Employees (thousands)	Percentage
1	Public and other services, education, healthcare (tertiary)	600	27.0 %
2	Retail, transport, hotels and restaurants, information and communication (tertiary)	583	26.2 %
3	Financial, insurance and consulting services, property and housing (tertiary)	431	19.4 %
4	Manufacturing industry (secondary)	392	17.6 %
5	Construction (secondary)	144	6.5 %
6	Agriculture and forestry, fishing (primary)	53	2.4 %
7	Mining, energy and water supply, waste disposal (secondary)	20	0.9 %

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Gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices (2014)

The GDP of the Lake Constance region amounted to 229 billion euros or 278 billion Swiss francs in 2014. It therefore accounts for around 6 % of the total GDP of the four participating nation states and is roughly equivalent to the national GDP of Finland (2014: 205 billion euros).

GDP (2014)

	Total Lake Constance region	German territory	Swiss territory	Liechtenstein	Vorarlberg
absolute (billion euros)	229	43	165	5	16
per inhabitant (thousand euros)	58	36	70	135	41

At an exchange rate of 1 = 1.21 CHF (2014). In interpreting the GDP figures, incoming and outgoing commuters should be taken into account (see following illustration). In the case of large numbers of commuters, it is difficult to draw conclusions on the income situation of the respective regional population from the GDP.

Cross-border commuter flows in the Lake Constance region (2015)

