

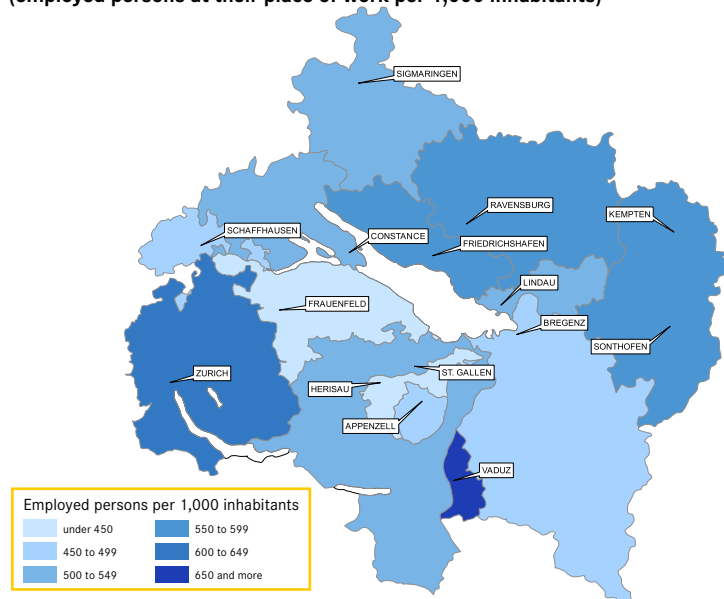
3. Economy

Employed persons at their place of work in the Lake Constance region ³

Year	Employed persons (thousands)	Average annual change
2000	1,930	–
2010	2,093	+ 0.8 %
2023	2,400	+ 1.1 %

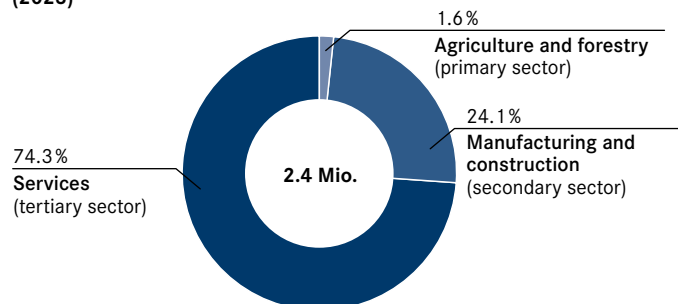
Employment density (employed persons per 1,000 inhabitants) varies considerably across the region. The highest densities are reached in Liechtenstein with 1,079 and in the canton of Zurich with 615 employed persons per 1,000 inhabitants.

Emploment density (2023) ³
(employed persons at their place of work per 1,000 inhabitants)



³ Including commuters. In the case of Vorarlberg, the 2000 figures refer to the number of employed persons at their place of residence, while the figures from 2010 and 2023 refer to employed persons at their place of work. As a result, the development of the Lake Constance region between 2000 and 2010 is slightly underestimated.

Employed persons in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2023)



Around 74 % of the employed persons in the Lake Constance region work in the service sector (tertiary sector) and 24 % in manufacturing and construction (secondary sector). Less than 2 % are employed in the primary sector. The largest single section is „Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities“ with over 700,000 persons employed.

Employed persons in the Lake Constance region by economic section (2023)

Rank	Economic Section	Employment (thousands)	Percentage
1	Public admin., education, human health, social work, other personal services (tertiary)	709	29.6 %
2	Trade, transport, accom., inform. & communication (tertiary)	595	24.8 %
3	Financial, insurance & real estate act., business-related services (tertiary)	479	19.9 %
4	Manufacturing (secondary)	409	17.0 %
5	Construction (secondary)	146	6.1 %
6	Agriculture, forestry & fishing (primary)	39	1.6 %
7	Mining, quarrying & other industry, w/o manufacturing (secondary)	24	1.0 %

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Gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices (2022)

The GDP of the Lake Constance region amounts to 330 billion euros or Swiss francs in 2022. It therefore accounts for around 6% of the total GDP of the four participating nation states and is almost as high as the national GDP of Denmark (2022: 382 billion euros).

GDP (2022)

	Total Lake Constance region	German territory	Swiss territory	Liechtenstein	Vorarlberg
absolute (billion euros)	330	57	242	7	24
per inhabitant (thousand euros)	78	46	95	177	59

At an exchange rate of 1€ = 1.005 CHF (2022). In interpreting the GDP figures, incoming and outgoing commuters should be taken into account (see the following illustration). In the case of large numbers of commuters, the GDP can only be used to a limited extent to draw conclusions on the income situation of the respective regional population.

Cross-border labour mobility in the Lake Constance region (2023)

