

# The International Lake Constance Region in Figures 2025

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# 1. The International Lake Constance Region

The international Lake Constance region is composed of the territories of ten states or cantons in four nation states. It is an attractive place to live and work, boasting a rich natural and cultural landscape and featuring vibrant cross-border alliances.

## Lake Constance in figures\*

Max. length:	63 km
Max. width:	14 km
Shoreline:	273 km
Surface area:	536 km <sup>2</sup>
Max. depth:	251 m
Water volume:	48 km <sup>3</sup>
Altitude above sea level:	395 m

\*Source: [www.igkb.de](http://www.igkb.de)



## Key figures for the Lake Constance region

4 nation states:	Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Principality of Liechtenstein
Surface area:	14,797 km <sup>2</sup>
Population:	4.3 millions (2023)
Highest point:	3,312 m, Piz Buin (Vorarlberg)
Lowest point:	332 m, Rhine near Weiach (canton of Zurich)

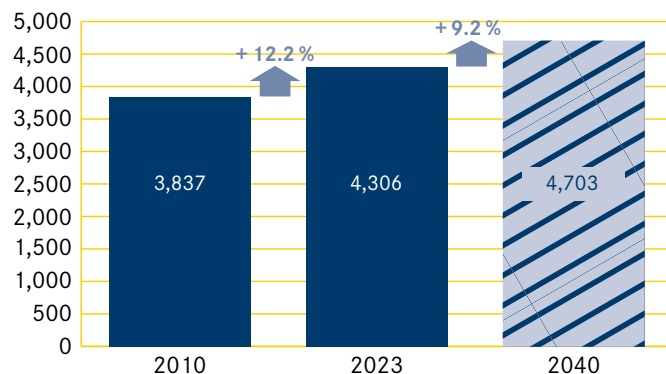
## 2. Population

Between 2010 and 2023, the population of the Lake Constance region has grown by more than 12%. Of the region's 4.3 million inhabitants today, 61% are between 20 and 64 years old, and 20% are younger than 20 years old. The most densely populated areas are Greater Zurich, around Lake Constance, and in the Rhine valley.

### Population in the Lake Constance region <sup>1</sup>

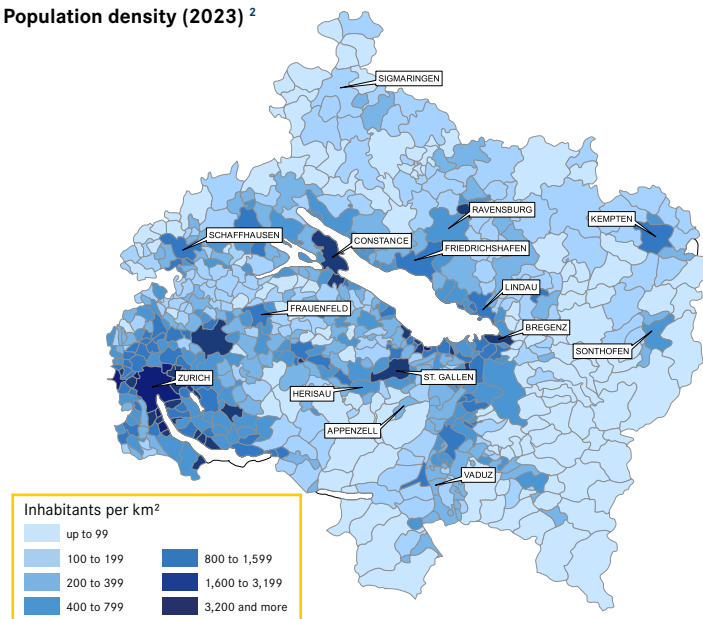
	Population 2023 (thousands)	Population 2040 (thousands)	Average annual change
German territory	1,260	1,272	+ 0.1%
Swiss territory	2,596	2,947	+ 0.7%
Liechtenstein	40	43	+ 0.4%
Vorarlberg	410	441	+ 0.4%
<b>Lake Constance region</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>4,703</b>	<b>+0.5%</b>

### Development of the population in the Lake Constance region <sup>1</sup> (thousands)

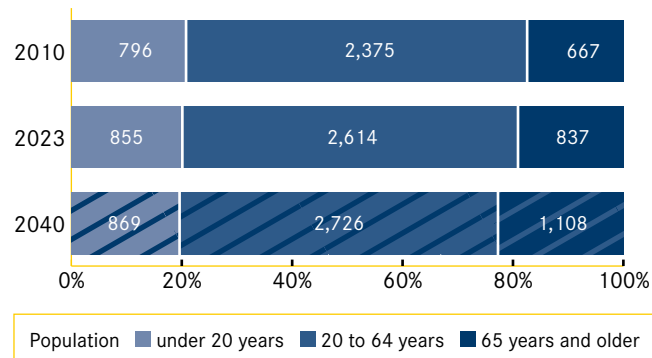


<sup>1</sup> The population forecasts of the statistical offices show the possible future development of the population while maintaining the demographic trends of the past.

### Population density (2023) <sup>2</sup>



### Age structure in the Lake Constance region <sup>1</sup> (% and thousands)



<sup>2</sup> Population per km<sup>2</sup> of productive land area (i.e. excluding bodies of water and without unproductive land such as sand or gravel).

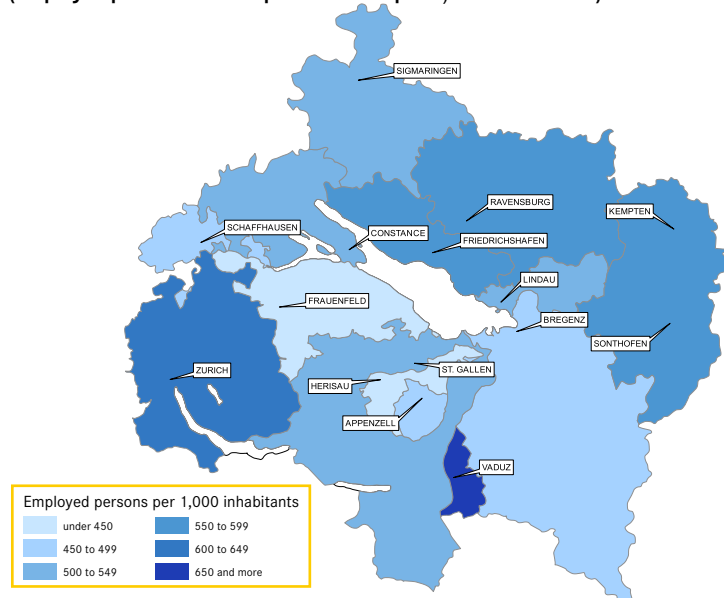
### 3. Economy

Employed persons at their place of work in the Lake Constance region <sup>3</sup>

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

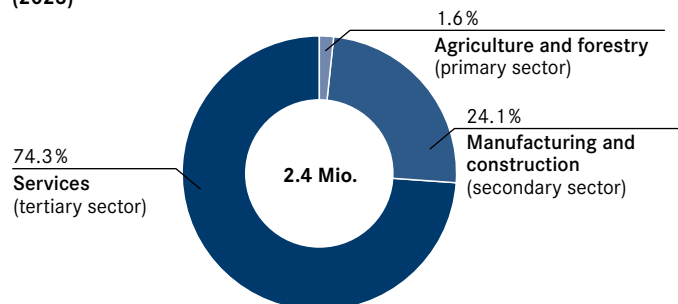
Employment density (employed persons per 1,000 inhabitants) varies considerably across the region. The highest densities are reached in Liechtenstein with 1,079 and in the canton of Zurich with 615 employed persons per 1,000 inhabitants.

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



<sup>3</sup> 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 %



### 3. Economy

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

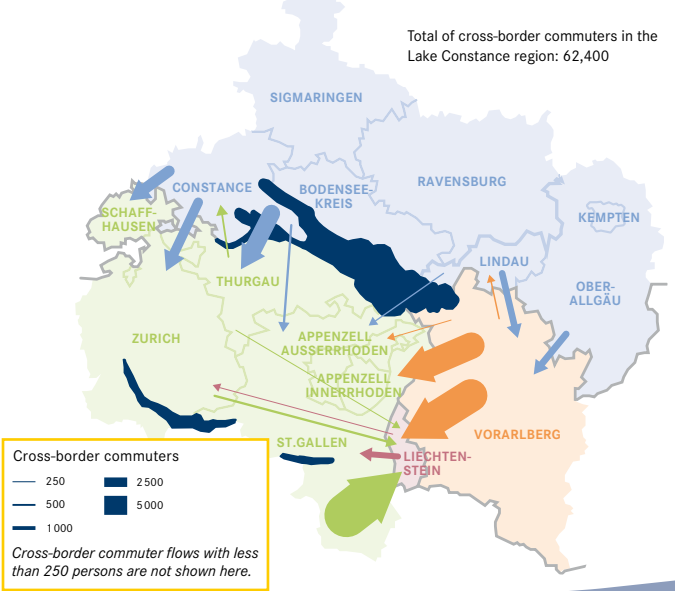
The GDP of the Lake Constance region amounts to 330 billion euros or Swiss francs in 2022. It therefore accounts for around 6% of the total GDP of the four participating nation states and is almost as high as the national GDP of Denmark (2022: 382 billion euros).

#### 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)



## 4. Tourism

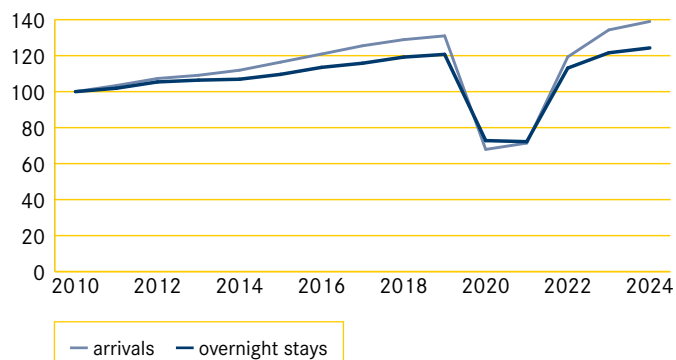
### Overnight stays and average length of stays in the hotel business (2024)

	Overnight stays (thousands)	Average length of stay (days)
German territory	8,247	2.6
Swiss territory	8,649	1.8
Liechtenstein	180	1.9
Vorarlberg	5,257	3.0
<b>Lake Constance region</b>	<b>22,333</b>	<b>2.2</b>

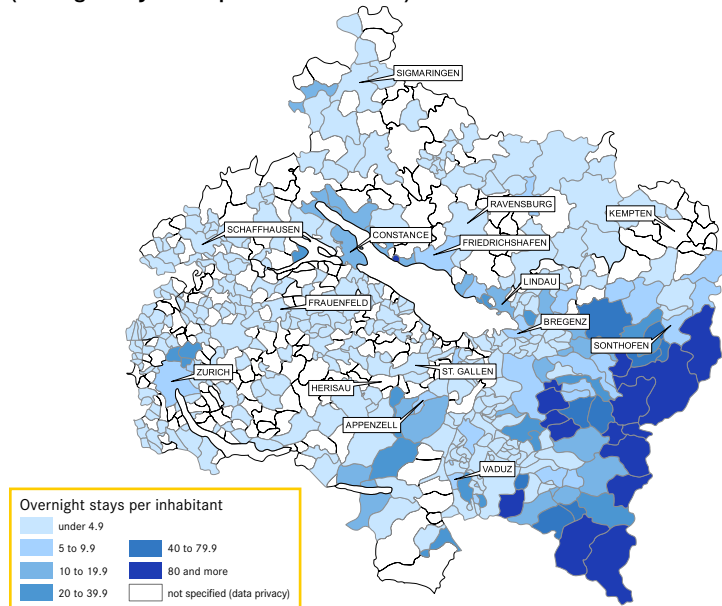
The overnight stays shown relate to the **hotel industry** (hotels, inns and guesthouses). Due to a lack of data, overnight stays at campsites, youth hostels, recreation and holiday homes as well as private and commercial holiday apartments are not included. According to expert estimates, the overnight stays reported here are likely to account for 30 to 50 % of all tourist overnight stays in the Lake Constance region. The length of stay refers to the number of nights spent in the individual hotel. The longer stay in the region of some guest segments, such as cyclists who change their place of accommodation, is not reflected in these figures.

### Development of overnight stays and arrivals in the hotel business in the Lake Constance region

Index (2010 = 100)



### Overnight stay density in the hotel business (overnight stays 2024 per inhabitant 2023)

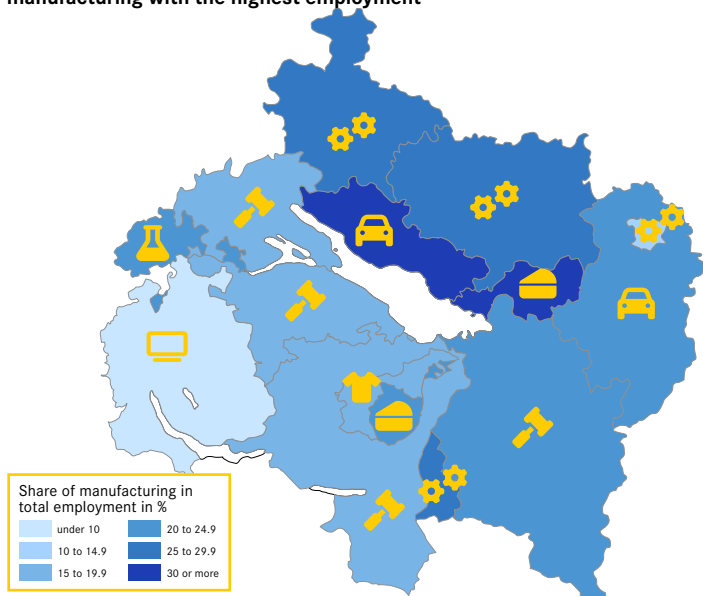









### Most important countries of origin of hotel guests in the Lake Constance region (2024)

Rank	Country of origin	Number of overnight stays (thousands)	Share of total overnight stays
1	Germany	10,663	48 %
2	Switzerland and Liechtenstein	5,158	23 %
3	United States	1,018	5 %
4	Austria	994	4 %
5	United Kingdom	458	2 %

## 5. Industry

Share of manufacturing in total employment and sub-sector of manufacturing with the highest employment <sup>4</sup>



Sym- bol	Economic sections (Nace)	Manufacturing sub-sect- or with highest employ- ment in the regions of...	number of regions
	basic metals & fabricated metal products	district KN; cantons SG, TG; Vorarlberg	4
	machinery & equipment	districts RV, SIG, KE; FL	4
	vehicles & transport equipment	districts FN, OA	2
	food, beverages & tobacco products	district LI, canton AI	2
	chemical & pharmaceutical products	canton SH	1
	textiles, wearing & leather products	canton AR	1
	computer, electronic & optical products	canton ZH	1

<sup>4</sup> Manufacturing: section C according to NACE, employment by number of employees. The regional abbreviations refer to car licence plates.

## Imprint

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Background information on the key figures published in this leaflet as well as more detailed data on the Lake Constance region can be found at [www.statistik-bodensee.org](http://www.statistik-bodensee.org).

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