



Fact sheet: Cantonal allocations of persons with protection status S

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Basic facts

- Persons who apply for asylum or protection in Switzerland are allocated to the cantons in proportion to the size of the canton's population once their application has been examined and a decision has been made. The cantons have agreed on this [allocation key](#).
- **Not included** in the cantonal allocation figures below are:
 - Persons who have not submitted an application for protection status S, but who reside in a canton;
 - Persons who have registered via the 'RegisterMe' web portal, are resident in a canton and whose application has not yet been processed.

The figures below may therefore differ from the number of persons actually in the cantons.

- Since the activation of protection status S by the Federal Council on 12 March 2022, persons registered as seeking protection have, as far as possible, been allocated to the cantons in proportion to their population.
- Initially, strong consideration was given to the wishes of the people who had fled Ukraine. Consequently, there was significant deviation from the allocation key based on the size of each canton's population.
- Since 22 April 2022, protection seekers have again been allocated to the cantons as evenly as possible in order to gradually correct the imbalance that has arisen. This does not apply to refugees who are able to live with close relatives for a longer period of time or to vulnerable persons in need of special care.
- In recent weeks, around 800 to 1,000 cantonal allocations have been made per working day; the figures are therefore volatile and may deviate from the figures compiled by individual cantons due to different recording times, for example.

	Allocation key in relation to size of population (in %)	Actual allocation (no. of persons)	Nominal allocation (no. of persons)
AG	8.0%	4561	4647
AI	0.2%	111	109
AR	0.6%	577	370
BE	12.0%	7289	6983
BL	3.4%	2089	1948
BS	2.3%	1684	1317
FR	3.8%	2005	2179
GE	5.8%	3294	3390
GL	0.5%	234	273
GR	2.3%	1287	1340
JU	0.9%	450	493
LU	4.8%	2582	2787
NE	2.0%	1050	1178
NW	0.5%	305	291
OW	0.4%	214	255
SG	5.9%	3409	3444
SH	1.0%	658	556
SO	3.2%	1786	1858
SZ	1.9%	1014	1086
TG	3.3%	2166	1894
TI	4.0%	2847	2350
UR	0.4%	211	246
VD	9.4%	5066	5455
VS	4.0%	1979	2333
ZG	1.5%	831	862
ZH	17.9%	10 346	10 400
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Explanations

- Allocation key in relation to size of population: Canton's share of the overall Swiss population.
- Actual allocation: Number of protection seekers allocated to the respective canton to date. There is a time lag between the point when a person is allocated to a canton and when they leave the federal asylum centre and arrive in the canton.
- Nominal allocation: Number of protection seekers who would should be allocated to a canton according to the allocation key.