



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%	4'318	4'430
AI	0.2%	109	104
AR	0.6%	576	353
BE	12.0%	7'123	6'658
BL	3.4%	2'032	1'857
BS	2.3%	1'649	1'256
FR	3.8%	1'882	2'078
GE	5.8%	3'012	3'232
GL	0.5%	224	261
GR	2.3%	1'180	1'277
JU	0.9%	442	470
LU	4.8%	2'498	2'658
NE	2.0%	1'003	1'123
NW	0.5%	293	278
OW	0.4%	198	243
SG	5.9%	3'100	3'284
SH	1.0%	635	530
SO	3.2%	1'706	1'771
SZ	1.9%	997	1'035
TG	3.3%	2'124	1'806
TI	4.0%	2'814	2'240
UR	0.4%	209	235
VD	9.4%	4'756	5'201
VS	4.0%	1'868	2'224
ZG	1.5%	798	822
ZH	17.9%	9'796	9'915
	100.00%	55'342	55'342

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.