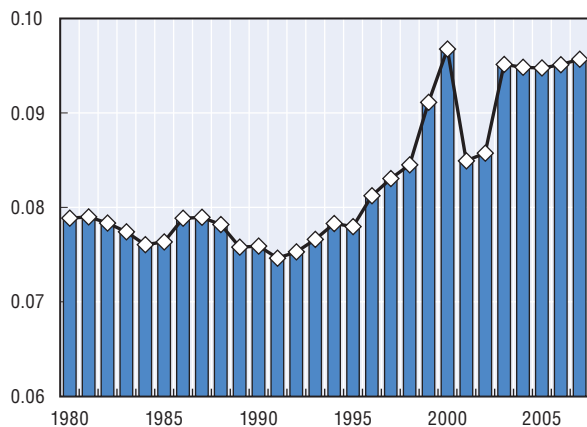


# Switzerland

Population and territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7.5 million inhabitants, 39 996 km<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul>
Administrative structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Federal country.</li> <li>● Two-tiered sub-national system: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TL2: 7 <i>Grossregionen/Grandes regions/Grandi Regioni</i>.</li> <li>❖ TL3: 26 <i>Kantone/Cantons/Cantoni</i>, among which 7 predominantly urban regions (41%), 12 intermediate regions (half of total population) and 7 predominantly rural regions (9%).</li> <li>❖ 2 800 municipalities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Share of sub-national government in total spending/revenues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spending: 56% (2009).</li> <li>● Revenues: 45% (2009).</li> </ul>
Concentration and inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inequalities have increased over the period 1980-2007, and especially since the early 1990s. The increase in inequality has been driven by Zurich gaining further to the national average and two lagging regions Ticino and Espace Mittelland falling further behind. In addition, the Region Lemanique's decline has also contributed to the increase.</li> </ul>
Key challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Peripheral area challenges.</li> </ul>
Objectives of regional policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase the competitiveness of the regions and value-added of the rural, mountainous and border regions.</li> </ul>
Legal/institutional framework for regional policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Federal Law on Regional Policy (2006).</li> <li>● Multi-year programme 2008-15.</li> <li>● Canton level regional policy making: four-year implementation programme (2008-11).</li> <li>● Four-year joint programme agreement (2008-11).</li> <li>● Federal Law on Spatial Planning and ten-year cantonal spatial development plan.</li> </ul>
Urban policy framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Federal Agglomeration Policy.</li> <li>● Commission Tripartite.</li> </ul>
Rural policy framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agricultural Law of 1999.</li> </ul>
Major regional policy tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Non-repayable grant and repayable loan.</li> <li>● Financial equalisation system.</li> <li>● Annual global fund.</li> <li>● Federal-cantonal joint programme agreement.</li> </ul>
Policy co-ordination at central level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conference of the Confederation for Territorial Organisation (COT).</li> <li>● Federal Network for Rural Development.</li> <li>● Working Party on Agglomeration Policy.</li> </ul>
Multi-level governance between national and sub-national levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joint programme agreement (co-financing, target setting and fiscal incentives).</li> <li>● Networking agency <i>regiosuisse</i>.</li> </ul>
Policy co-ordination at regional level (cross-sectoral)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Differs from canton to canton.</li> <li>● Cantonal spatial development plan.</li> </ul>
Policy co-ordination at regional level (geographic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Differs from canton to canton.</li> <li>● Inter-cantonal conference.</li> <li>● Horizontal agreements (<i>concordats</i>).</li> <li>● Specialised associations (<i>syndicats</i>).</li> <li>● Regions (<i>e.g.</i> inter-municipal associations).</li> </ul>
Evaluation and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Federal government, cantons, <i>regiosuisse</i>.</li> <li>● Monitoring related with programme agreement.</li> </ul>
Future orientations of regional policy	–

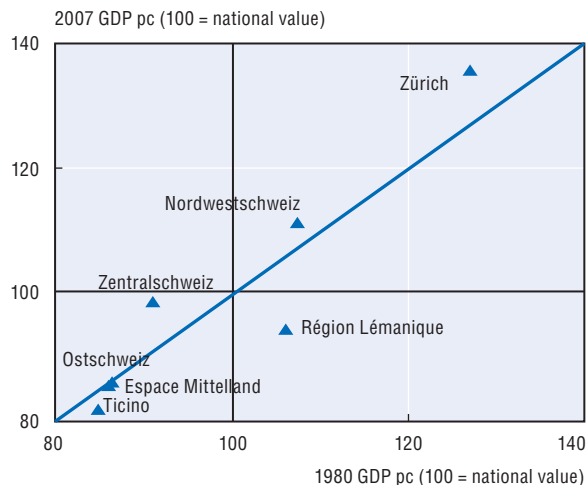
### Gini index of inequality of GDP per capita across TL2 regions, 1980-2007

Switzerland (TL2)

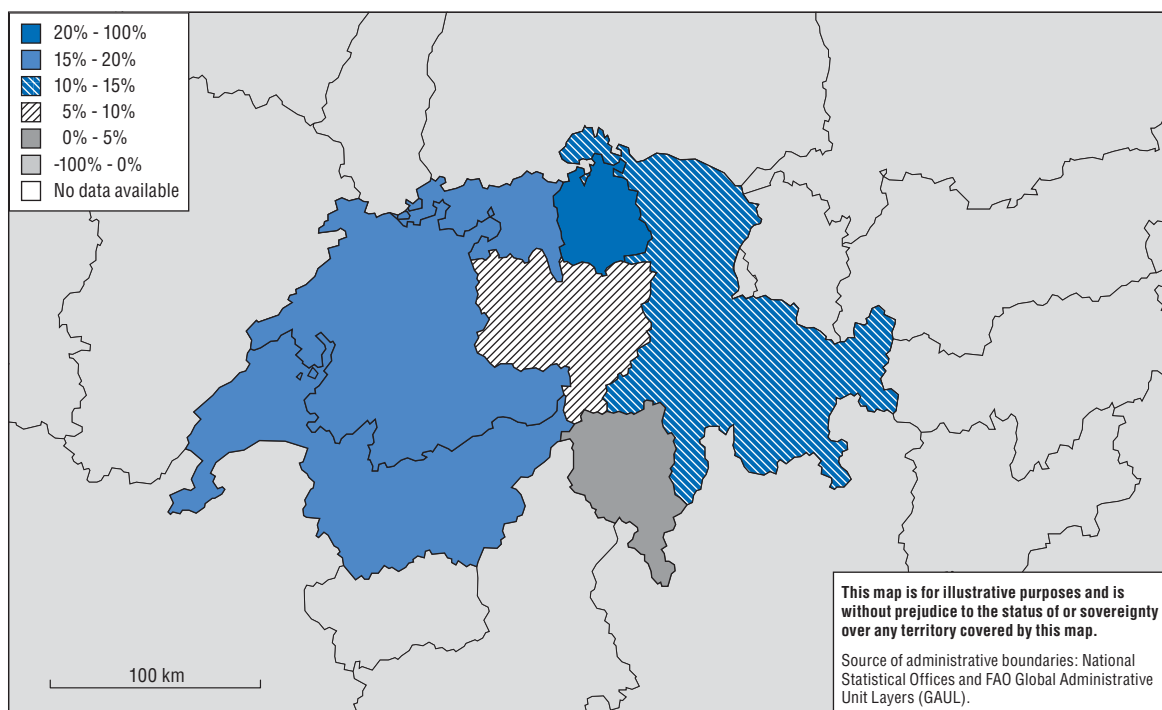


### Regional performance in GDP per capita over time, 1980 and 2007

Switzerland (TL2)



### Regional contribution (%) to national GDP growth, 1995-2005



Note: GDP data are not official data, the data source is Cambridge Econometrics.

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