

Religion

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Religion and the state

Switzerland is a Christian country. Each canton decides on the relationship between religion and the state. In most cantons, Christian churches are officially recognised. The Canton of Jura recognises the Roman Catholic Church and the Protestant Church in Switzerland. This means that the state gives them certain rights and tasks. For example, they can collect taxes from their members.

Religious affiliation in the Canton of Jura

The majority of people in the Canton of Jura are Roman Catholics (53%). There are also other Christians (7%) and Muslims (2.5%). 16% of inhabitants say they have no religion (according to the statistical data as at 31.12.2022).

Freedom of religion

The Swiss Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. Everyone has the right to practise and express their religion. No one may be forced to belong to a religious affiliation or take part in religious activities. Everyone has the right to assemble to celebrate religious rituals and festivals. No one may be discriminated against because of their religion or belief.

Religion and school

Compulsory public school is neutral about religion, but religious subjects can be taught. The course “Ethics and Religious Cultures” (Éthique et cultures religieuses) at school allows students to explore different religions and humanist and religious values. Some religious affiliations offer their own religious education.

Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)

www.bonjour-jura.ch/en/canton-jura/religion