

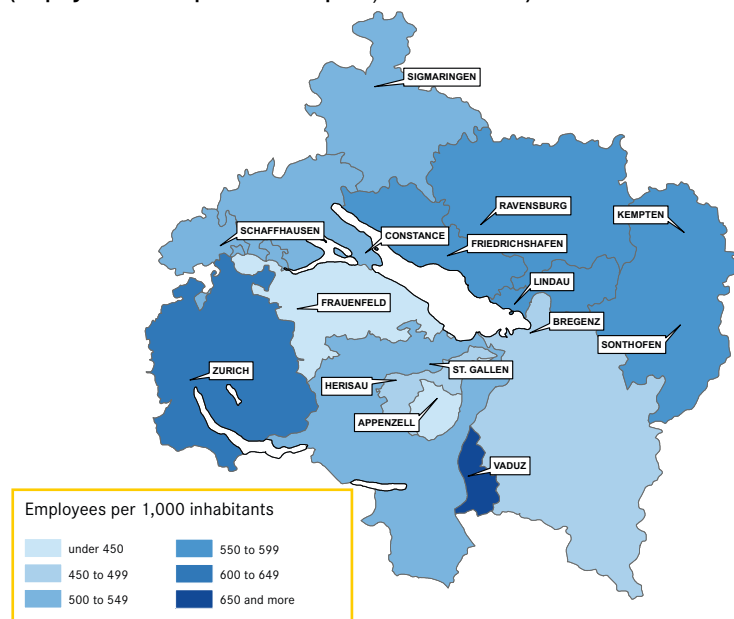
3. Economy

Employees with their place of work in the Lake Constance region³

Year	No. of employees (thousands)	Average annual change
2000	1,930	–
2010	2,094	+ 0.8 %
2019	2,323	+ 1.2 %

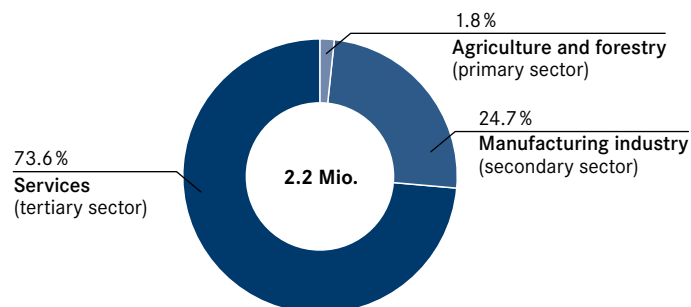
The employee concentration (employees per thousand inhabitants) varies strongly in the region. The highest concentrations can be found in Liechtenstein with 1,048 and in the canton of Zurich with 605 employees per thousand inhabitants.

Employee concentration (2019)³ (Employees at their place of work per 1,000 inhabitants)



³ Including commuters. In the case of Vorarlberg, the 2000 figures refer to the number of employees at their place of residence, while the figures from 2010 and 2019 relate to employees at their place of work. As a result, the development of the Lake Constance region between 2000 and 2010 is slightly underestimated.

Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2019)



Around 74 % of employees working in the Lake Constance region are in the services industry (tertiary sector), while 25 % work in the manufacturing industry (secondary sector). Nearly 2 % are employed in agriculture (primary sector). The largest individual industry is „Public and other services, education, healthcare“ with almost 660,000 employees.

Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2019)

Rank	Industry (sector)	Employees (thousands)	Percentage
1	Public admin; education, human health and social work, other services (tertiary)	658	28.3 %
2	Trade, transport & hotels, Inform. & communication (tertiary)	587	25.3 %
3	Financial, insurance, business services, real estate act. (tertiary)	463	19.9 %
4	Manufacturing (secondary)	412	17.7 %
5	Construction (secondary)	141	6.1 %
6	Agriculture, forestry and fishing (primary)	41	1.8 %
7	Mining and quarrying and other industry, without manufacturing (secondary)	21	0.9 %

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Gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices (2018)

The GDP of the Lake Constance region amounts to 272 billion euros or 314 billion Swiss francs. It therefore accounts for around 6 % of the total GDP of the four participating nation states and is roughly equivalent to the national GDP of Finland (2018: 277 billion euros).

GDP (2018)

	Total Lake Constance region	German territory	Swiss territory	Liechtenstein	Vorarlberg
absolute (billion euros)	272	51	196	6	19
per inhabitant (thousand euros)	66	41	80	151	49

At an exchange rate of 1€ = 1.15 CHF (2018). In interpreting the GDP figures, incoming and outgoing commuters should be taken into account (see 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 commuter flows in the Lake Constance region (2019)

