



Facts and Figures Swiss public transport.

Swiss Travel System* – general.

Length of public transport network	28,737 km (17,856 mi)
Number of transport companies	415 (rail, regional transport, PostBus, cableways, lake cruises & urban transport companies)
Numbers of stations and stops	25,836
Number of staff employed	59,517
Numbers of Swiss Travel System passengers	2,290 million
Number of mountain railways	12 cog railways, 52 funiculars, 588 cableways
Number of PostBus routes	869
Shipping companies	18
Punctuality	In 2017, 89% of all Swiss Federal Railway passengers reached their destination or connecting train punctually or with less than 3 minutes' delay
Number of stations (train) and service points	2,124 stations and passenger traffic stops
Number of trains on SBB route network	8,829 passenger trains and 1,842 freight trains daily
Train density on SBB route network	135.5 trains/route/day
Number of persons at Zurich main station	438,000 persons daily
Number of passengers travelling by public transport	6,273,973 passengers ¹ daily throughout Switzerland

Superlatives.

Country with greatest distance travelled by train	2,277 km annually (world champions 2016) <i>Comparison: Japan: 2,052 km, Austria: 1,361 km</i>
Longest train tunnel in the world	Gotthard Base Tunnel: 57 km (35 mi)
Highest-altitude railway station in Europe	Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe, 3,454 m (11,332 ft)
Oldest mountain railway in Europe	Vitznau-Rigi Railway, founded in 1871
Longest cog railway in Europe	Wengernalp Railway, 19.2 km (11 mi)
Steepest cog railway in Europe	Pilatus Railway (Alpnachstad–Pilatus), gradient 48‰
Shortest railway in Switzerland	Marzili funicular (Berne), 105 m (344 ft)
Steepest funicular in Europe	Stoos funicular, maximum gradient 110‰

Steepest PustBus route in Europe	Kiental–Griesalp, maximum gradient 28‰
Longest international tram line in Europe	Tram line no 10 Baselland, 25 km, route Dornach–Rodersdorf: 3 cantons, 2 countries (Switzerland and France)
First open-air rooftop platform cableway	CabriO Cableway Stanserhorn, 2012

* Swiss Travel System = train, bus and trolley bus, postbus, cog railway and cableway, boat

¹Persons using multiple transportation are counted plurally.

(Source: VöV 2016/2017, Litra 2017, Reporting SBB, 2017)

The history of Swiss public transport.

1823	“Guillaume Tell” – first steamer on a Swiss lake (Lausanne–Geneva)
1847	“Spanisch-Brötli Railway” – first railway line in Switzerland (Zurich–Baden)
1857	Foundation of "direct traffic", including standardisation of fares between North East Railways (Schweizerische Nordostbahn NOB) and United Swiss Railways (Vereinigte Schweizerbahnen VSB)
1863	Thomas Cook – first conducted package tour of Switzerland
1871	Vitznau-Rigi railway – first cog railway in Europe
1877	Lausanne-Ouchy–Lausanne-Flon – first funicular in Switzerland
1882	Gotthard railway tunnel (with 15 km the world’s longest railway tunnel of its time)
1888	Vevey–Montreux–Chillon – first electric tram in Switzerland
1889	Pilatus Railway – still the steepest cog railway in the world (48‰ gradient)
1891	Brienz Rothorn Railway – still operating as a steam-driven cog railway
1898	Gornergrat Railway – first electric cog railway in Switzerland
1902	Foundation of Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) – Merger of several private railway companies
1906	First regular PustBus service, Berne – Detligen
1910	St. Moritz–Tirano (Bernina Railway)
1912	Jungfrau Railway, section Eismeer–Jungfraujoch – Top of Europe
1930	Maiden voyage of Glacier Express
1952	Launching of “Swiss Holiday Pass”, forerunner to today’s Swiss Travel Passes
1956	Introduction of 2-class system (replaces 3-class system)
1960	Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) complete full electrification
1967	Schilthorn cableway
1973	Maiden voyage of Bernina Express Panoramic Train.
1976	Maiden voyage of panoramic coaches on MOB (today: GoldenPass Line)
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1982	Introduction of regular interval timetable
1989	Launching of “Swiss Pass” for tourists from abroad (replacing “Swiss Holiday Card”)
2004	Implementation of Project Rail 2000 (new timetable for 90% of all trains)
2008	Albula- and Bernina line of the Rhaetian Railway are recognised as UNESCO World Heritage
2008	First subway of Switzerland in Lausanne. World’s steepest metro.

- 2014 New cabin for TITLIS Rotair gondola lift – the world’s first revolving gondola cabin
- 2015 Swiss Pass re-named Swiss Travel Pass
- 2016 Entering into service of the Gotthard Base Tunnel – the world’s longest train tunnel
- 2020 Scheduled inauguration of Ceneri Base Tunnel. Shortening of travel time Zürich–Milano 30 min
- 2020 Scheduled launching of the new premium panoramic train: GoldenPass Express (Montreux–Interlaken East)

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