

Components of the current account in 1996 and 1997 in billions of Swiss francs ¹⁾

Components	1996r			1997p			Percentage change 1997	
	Credit	Debit	Balance	Credit	Debit	Balance	Credit	Debit
A. Merchandise	102.2	101.0	1.1	114.2	114.7	-0.5	11.8%	13.5%
Special trade	98.6	96.7	1.9	110.4	110.1	0.3	12.0%	13.9%
Electrical energy	1.8	1.4	0.5	1.9	1.2	0.7	4.8%	-9.6%
Other goods	1.8	3.0	-1.2	1.9	3.4	-1.5	7.3%	12.5%
B. Services	32.5	17.1	15.4	37.2	18.4	18.8	14.7%	8.0%
Tourism	11.0	9.4	1.6	11.5	10.1	1.5	4.8%	6.7%
Private insurance	1.8	0.0	1.7	2.1	0.0	2.0	17.0%	0.0%
Merchanting	1.1	-	1.1	1.2	-	1.2	17.3%	-
Transportation	3.1	2.7	0.4	3.8	2.9	0.9	24.6%	6.9%
Postal services and telecommunications	0.6	0.9	-0.3	0.7	1.0	-0.3	11.2%	10.1%
Other services	14.9	4.0	10.9	17.9	4.5	13.4	19.7%	11.2%
<i>Bank commissions</i>	7.8	-	7.8	10.0	-	10.0	27.8%	-
<i>Technical services</i>	3.3	1.8	1.6	4.0	1.8	2.2	20.4%	3.6%
<i>Other services</i>	3.8	2.3	1.6	3.9	2.6	1.3	2.5%	17.2%
C. Labour and investment income	40.8	25.2	15.6	48.7	29.1	19.7	19.5%	15.4%
Labour income	1.5	8.4	-6.8	1.5	8.1	-6.5	2.0%	-3.4%
Investment income	39.3	16.8	22.4	47.2	21.0	26.2	20.2%	24.7%
External contribution to GNP (A+B+C)	175.4	143.3	32.1	200.2	162.2	38.0	14.1%	13.2%
D. Current Transfers	3.6	8.6	-5.0	3.8	8.7	-4.9	4.4%	0.7%
Private transfers	0.4	3.7	-3.2	0.4	3.4	-3.0	-0.3%	-6.8%
Public transfers	3.2	5.0	-1.7	3.4	5.3	-1.9	4.9%	6.3%
Total (A+B+C+D)	179.1	151.9	27.2	204.0	170.9	33.1	13.9%	12.5%

1) Differences in the totals due to the rounding of figures

r Revised

p Provisional