

Hannah's Quicktakes

Ticket to Ride (Your Bike)

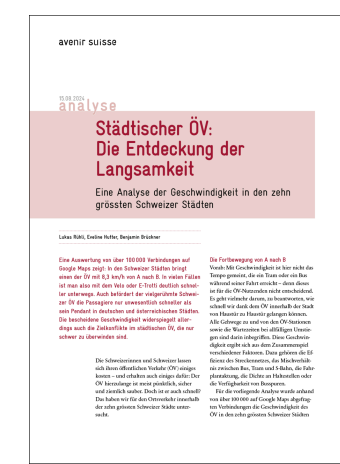


Hannah Wise · In Swiss cities, many commuters choose to use public transport. It is punctual, safe and reasonably clean. However, it is not strictly fast. Hannah Wise summarizes the results of the latest Avenir Suisse study on public transport and explains why there is no getting around compromises in cities.

[Link to the video](#)

New Publication

The Discovery of Slowness



In Swiss cities, public transport takes you from A to B at an average speed of 8.3 km/h. In many cases, you travel faster by bike or e-scooter. This conclusion was reached by Lukas Rühli, Eveline Hutter and Benjamin Brückner in our latest study, where they analyzed over 100,000 connections on Google Maps.

Lukas Rühli, Eveline Hutter, Benjamin Brückner

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Summer Series on Federal Finances

Problematic Tax Benefits



The Swiss Confederation grants billions in tax benefits annually. Even though not all tax benefits are problematic, caution is still advised, explain Samuel Rutz and Laurenz Grabher. Tax benefits that are selectively granted to companies and industries result in unequal tax treatment. This puts companies without such privileges at a competitive disadvantage.

[Problematic Tax Benefits](#)

Uncovering Hidden Costs

The discussion on government spending is currently being heavily driven by numbers and calculators, as Christoph Eisenring und Jürg Müller note in their conclusion of the Summer Series. However, politicians should not lose sight of the fact that clearly defined responsibilities among all levels of government, reduction of regulatory red tape and the elimination of competitive distortions are also crucial. Therefore, cutting expenditures at the federal level is only a first, albeit important, step.

[Government Spending: Uncovering Hidden Costs](#)

The Figure



Between 1985 and 2022, the number of daycare centers in Switzerland increased from 480 to 3,200, with around 100,000 childcare places. Relative to the number of children, the number of spots available has increased by a factor of five, which puts Swiss childcare solutions within the European average. (MAS)

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