

Welcome to Wetzikon
The city with promising growths prospects

Where businesses like to settle

A charming centre for technology

Residential desirability

The city of Wetzikon is part of Switzerland's most dynamic economic region and a driving economic force in Zurich's Oberland region. The above average population increase is supported by a good transportation infrastructure, while a wide range of shopping and cultural opportunities provide for a high standard of living. The people of Wetzikon value their proximity to some of Switzerland's most beautiful lakes and mountains. Here, countryside charm meets urban ambience. Furthermore, there is a rich choice of restaurants and bars, cinemas, weekly markets and leisure facilities for the whole family. The city has a wide range of educational options as well as a dense network of health and care facilities.

Zurich Oberland's centre of technology

Wetzikon is a driving economic force in the Oberland region with over 1,100 companies and over 10,000 posts. The main industry sectors include mechanics, machine and equipment manufacturing, electrical engineering, electronics and construction. Various professional services firms in the areas of trade, logistics, IT, fairs and conventions, design and architecture also find a productive place of business. Many nationally and internationally known companies are located in Wetzikon due to of its preferential location and proximity to the airport.

First-class transportation infrastructure and networks

Wetzikon lies within the triangle of the region's main districts of Uster, Pfäffikon and Hinwil and is close to Zurich's economic, touristic and cultural centre as well as Zurich's international Kloten Airport. The city is an important transportation interchange with good access to national and international road networks, and is only a few minutes distance from the important North-South junction and Europe's rail corridor. The cities of Zurich, Winterthur and St. Gallen as well as the borders of Germany and Austria can be reached quickly and easily via the dense national road network. Public trains link Wetzikon to Zurich in only 15 minutes.



Quality of live within reach

A city with development potential

A centre for learning with a range of choices

By tradition, schools and education hold high value in Wetzikon. The diverse educational opportunities range from primary and upper schools up to advanced professional and technical schools. The Kantonsschule Zürcher Oberland KZO prepares 1,200 students for college and university. The Kaufmännische Berufsschule Wetzikon and the Gewerbliche Berufsschule, where young students prepare for their professional futures, both enjoy good reputations. There are also over two dozen public and private schools that provide many more options to choose from.

Qualified employees from all fields

Around 160,000 people live in Zurich's Oberland region, and about 22,000 of them live in Wetzikon. Companies always have well-qualified employees from all fields to choose from, thanks to Wetzikon's excellent educational system, wide range of educational opportunities and its proximity to technical schools and universities. Wetzikon has a relatively large proportion of young professionals possessing the necessary professional skills. Our work force is appreciated by companies in Switzerland and abroad for its work ethic, productivity, loyalty and trustworthiness.

Real estate and commercial premises at moderate prices

In contrast to the larger economic centres of Zurich and Winterthur, Wetzikon still has industrial and commercial real estate available at comparatively moderate prices. The proximity to local recreation areas, the wide array of supermarkets, specialist shops, restaurants and the diverse culture and leisure opportunities benefit the city's sustained growth. The relatively new housing supply as well as the comparatively affordable rental and property prices are also contributing to the positive expansion that the city has enjoyed in the last few years.



What you need to know about Wetzikon

Convincing figures at a glance

Basic Facts

Area in hectares	1671
Metres above sea level	532
Buildable Area	30.5%

Distance from Wetzikon

Zurich-Kloten Airport	25 km
Zurich	27 Km
Winterthur	31 Km
Lucerne	87 Km
St. Gallen	91 Km
Basel	107 Km
Bern	148 Km
Geneva	301 Km

Public Transport

Zurich City	16 Min.
Zurich Airport	30 Min.
Winterthur	35 Min.
St. Gallen	72 Min.
Bern	87 Min.
Basel	87 Min.
Chur	87 Min.

Population

Permanent residents	21532
Residential increase last five years	11.6%
Private households (December 2000)	7'929
Proportion of foreigners	22.6%

Population Structure

under 15 years old	15.5%
15 to 19 years old	5.7%
20 to 39 years old	28.5%
40 to 64 years old	34.9%
over 65 years old	15.4%

Economy and Employment

Places of Work Businesses	1130
Total employment (2008)	10868
Employment development 1998-2008	+11%

Employment by Industry

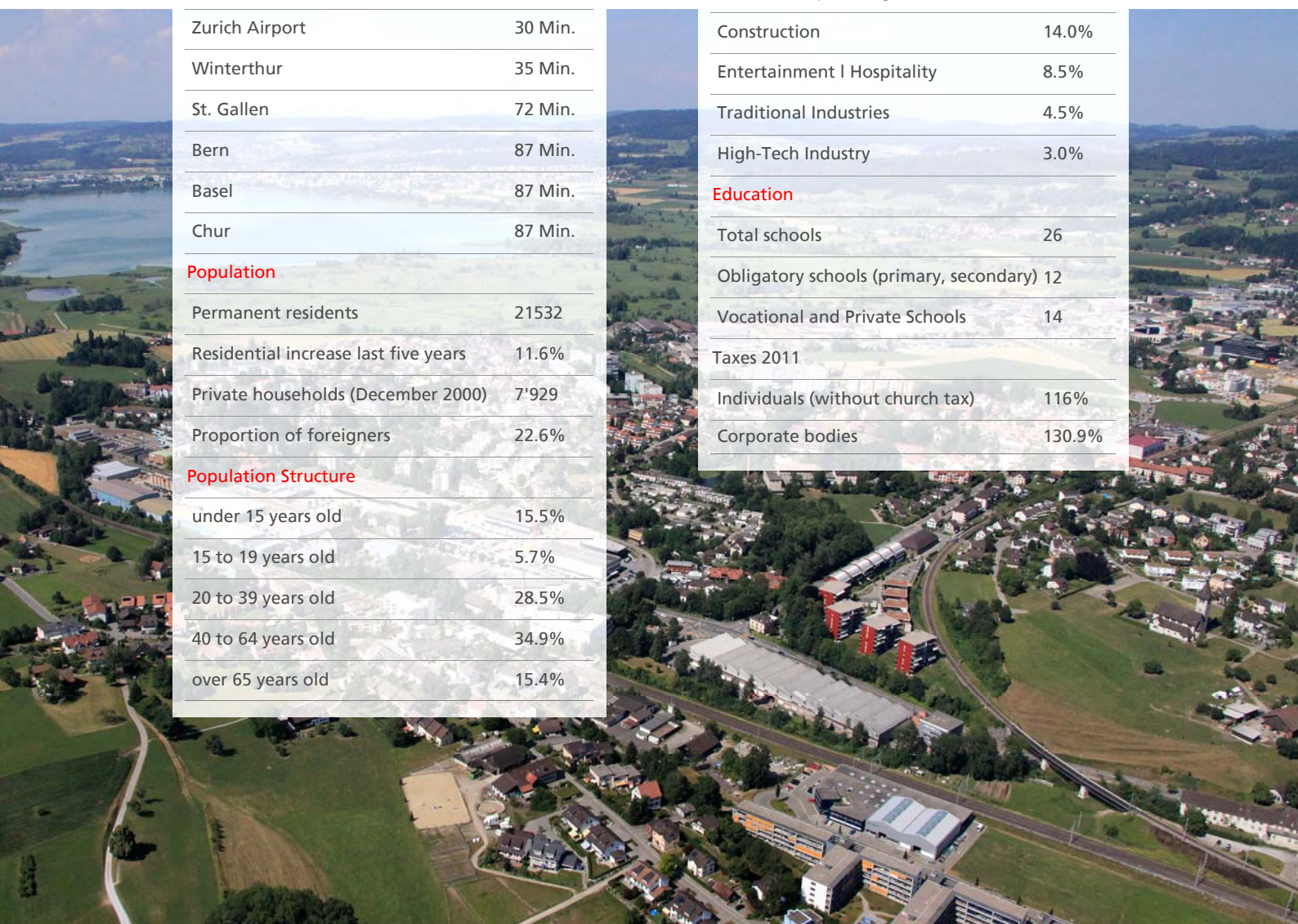
Industry and manufacturing	27.2%
Trade, Servicing	17.0%
Health and Welfare	16.3%
Public bodies	13.0%
Construction	9.0%
Real Estate, IT	8.2%
Education	7.6%

Start-Ups 1999-2004

Corporate Services	33.5%
Trade, Transport, Logistics	27.0%
Construction	14.0%
Entertainment Hospitality	8.5%
Traditional Industries	4.5%
High-Tech Industry	3.0%

Education

Total schools	26
Obligatory schools (primary, secondary)	12
Vocational and Private Schools	14
Taxes 2011	
Individuals (without church tax)	116%
Corporate bodies	130.9%



Wetzikon's location development service

Full Service for investors and employers

Location development service

Wetzikon's location development service provides employers and investors from Switzerland and abroad with professional and free support with investment and relocation projects. Apart from location advice we can help with the search for appropriate real estate and commercial space, assist in the rapid completion of administrative procedures, offer assistance in the search for business partners and arrange for experts to help you with your relocation to Wetzikon. We provide entrepreneurs and start-ups in Wetzikon with the information and contacts needed to enter the marketplace. Our full service for investors and employers allows companies to settle rapidly and with little bureaucratic hassle.

One-stop-shop for investors and employers

- Full service for employers of any size
- Location advice and search
- Support with administrative procedures
- Free of charge initial consultation for start-ups
- Access to and networks for financing
- Liaison of industry partners and clients
- Tax and financial advice from our pool of experts
- Search for and placement of residential space for employees
- Integration with and contacts for local businesses



Wetzikon on the Web

A source of inspiration

General and Politics

City of Wetzikon: www.wetzikon.ch

Zurich Region: www.zuerich.ch

Further Education

IG Bildung: www.ig-bildung-wetzikon.ch

Kantonsschule Zürcher Oberland: www.kzo.ch

Wirtschaftsschule Wetzikon: www.wkvw.ch

Gewerbliche Berufsschule: www.gbwetzikon.ch

Arts and Culture

Kulturfabrik Wetzikon: www.kulturfabrik.ch

Scala Wetzikon: www.scala-wetzikon.ch

Kulturplatz Wetzikon: www.kulturplatz.ch

camera lit obscura: www.obscura.ch

Cinemas: Rio and Palace

Tourism

Tourismusregion Zürcher Oberland: www.trzo.ch

Economy

Real Estate: www.immoscout.ch

Real Estate: www.homegate.ch

Wetzikon's Industry: www.gewerbe-wetzikon.ch

Establishing a company: www.gruenden-zo.ch

Companies: [wetzikon.ch/gewerbe/
Firmenverzeichnis](http://wetzikon.ch/gewerbe/Firmenverzeichnis)

Trade Association: www.arbeitgeber.ch

Location Promotion Canton Zurich:
www.standort.zh.ch

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