

Data Set Abstract

The paper performs econometric analysis on panel data for the 26 Swiss cantons and the years 1986 to 1997 as well as for a cross section of 134 local communities in 1990. The data set includes four main dependent variables (local government expenditure, revenue, deficits and debt) and many independent variables that include the classic public choice variables such as per capita income and political orientation, but it also includes a number of variables capturing demographic characteristics, culture groups (German and non-German speaking), and the degree of urbanisation. The data set is not posted on the web site, but readers may contact the authors for further information on access to the data.