59 Development of total public expenditure and public expenditure for compulsory education, 2004 and 2014
Total public spending encompasses various budgetary items such as health, social security and defence. The budgetary allocation of money to different areas varies from one canton to another (FSO, 2016e).
Education spending only includes teacher remuneration, as this is the least affected by the cantons’ different cost accounting practices. Deflation-adjusted averages for the years 2004/05 and 2013/14
Data: FSO, EFV; calculations: SCCRE
Change in total expenditure

60 Development of total public expenditure and public expenditure per pupil in compulsory education, 2004 and 2014
Education spending only includes teacher remuneration, as this is the least affected by the cantons’ different cost accounting practices. Deflation-adjusted averages for the years 2004/05 and 2013/14
Data: FSO, EFV; calculations: SCCRE
Change in educational expenditure per pupil

Class size and community-specific characteristics
As well as new and additional tasks facing the education sector, changes have arisen in compulsory education with regard to class size as a cost driver. The decline in pupil numbers from 2000 to 2010 resulted in more small classes and in higher real education spending per pupil. The latest education statistics can now be used for the first intracantonal analysis of differences in class size. In this way we can also address the question of whether the con-