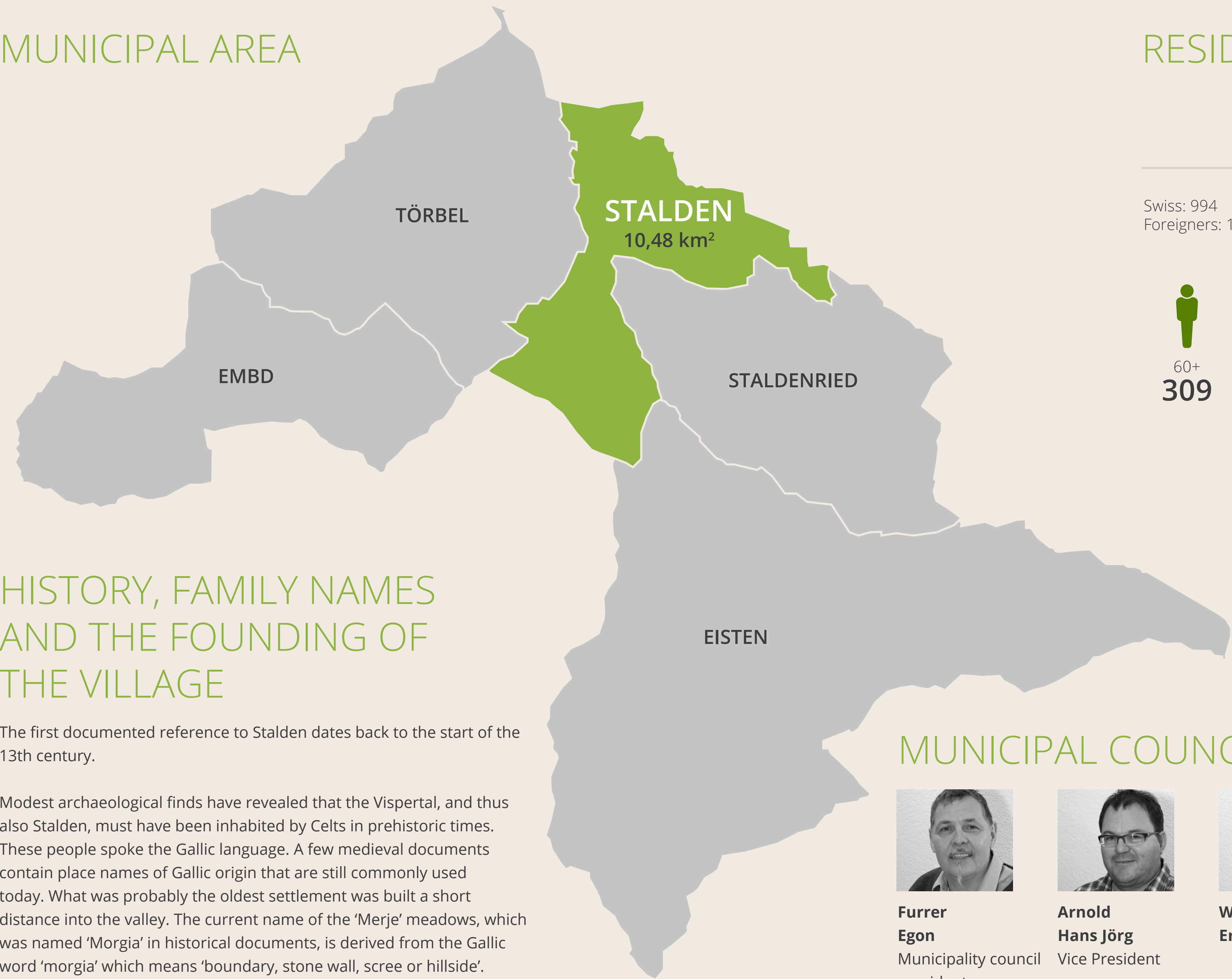


# STALDEN



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## MUNICIPAL AREA



## HISTORY, FAMILY NAMES AND THE FOUNDING OF THE VILLAGE

The first documented reference to Stalden dates back to the start of the 13th century.

Modest archaeological finds have revealed that the Vispertal, and thus also Stalden, must have been inhabited by Celts in prehistoric times. These people spoke the Gallic language. A few medieval documents contain place names of Gallic origin that are still commonly used today. What was probably the oldest settlement was built a short distance into the valley. The current name of the 'Merje' meadows, which was named 'Morgia' in historical documents, is derived from the Gallic word 'morgia' which means 'boundary, stone wall, scree or hillside'. After the Romans finally conquered Valais in 25 A.D., Latin vocabulary was introduced in many of the place names in the Vispertal valley. The Alemanni moved into Upper Valais by way of the Grimsel and Gemmi passes in the 8th and 9th centuries and established settlements, which resulted in many place names being translated into German. For example, 'Morgia' became 'Stalde' 'Staldon' or 'Staldun'. The name 'Stalden' is thus a place name derived from the name given to a meadow and means a rising point in the terrain.

Famous and typical family names from Stalden: Abgottspön, Berchtold, Bertholjotti, Briggeler, Clemenz, Kalbermatter, Venetz, Willisch, Zumstein (list not exhaustive)

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ACTIVE  
CLUBS

- Alt Stalu village association
- Boxing club
- Stalden stretcher bearers
- Fasnacht carnival association
- FA&M (Audiovisual club)
- Women's association
- Stalden Football Club
- Jubla Stalden youth organisation
- Stalden youth club
- Die Kreativen (Men's cooking club)
- Stalden men's association
- Harmonie Stalden music society
- Parish association
- Samaritan association
- Shooting club
- Schwarz-Nasen-Schäfer (black-nosed sheep Shepherd's association)
- Stalden Commerce and Tourism
- Drummers' and pipers' club
- Stalden table tennis club
- Stalden theatre association
- Stalden society for traditional costumes
- Active STV gymnastics club
- STV gymnastics club ladies' squad
- STV gymnastics club mens' squad
- Mountaineering club

## EDUCATION

Goldgüegi day-care centre – organised lunches Regional schools with nursery, primary and lower secondary schools

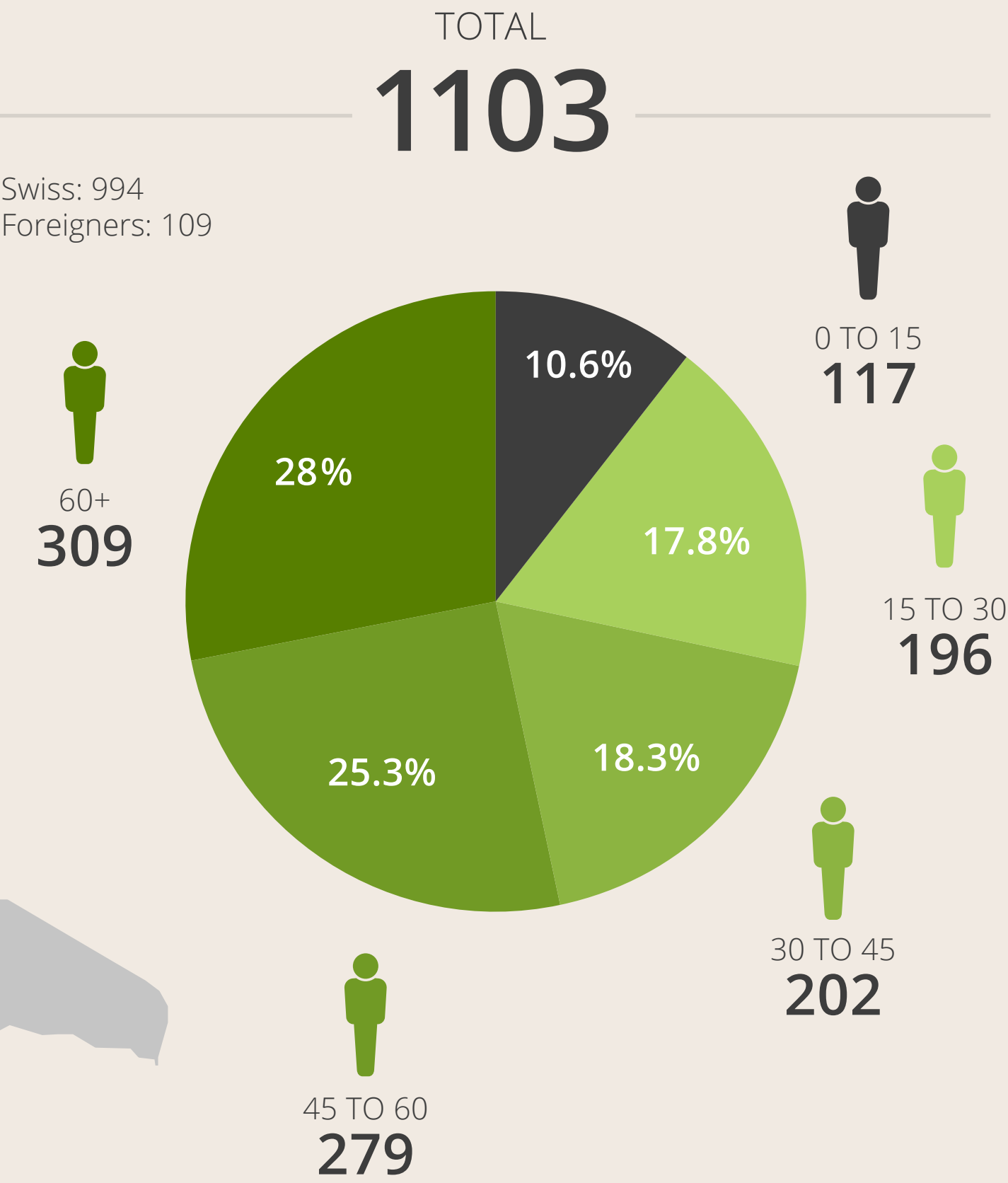
## TOURISM

The municipality of Stalden prefers to promote gentle tourism, with Stalden as a jumping-off point for famous holiday destinations such as Zermatt and Saas-Fee as well as for historical and beautiful hiking trails. Stalden benefits from the region's range of offerings. Stalden has excellent public transport connections (services offered by the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway, the Upper Valais Postbus and the Stalden-Staldenried-Gspon aerial cableway, with services running every 30 minutes).

## WHAT THE MUNICIPALITY IS KNOWN FOR

- Stalden, the 'village of bridges', with its 29 bridges and footbridges that help pedestrians, trains, road traffic and even water cross the numerous ditches and trenches.
- Upon driving into Stalden, you are sure to see our St. Michael's church, which was built in 1777 and is a distinctive symbol of the region, a historically listed building and of national significance.
- Four hydroelectric power plants in the Stalden town limits

## RESIDENTS



## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



**Furrer Egon**  
Municipality council president



**Arnold Hans Jörg**  
Vice President



**Willisch Erna**



**Briggeler Pius**



**Noti Alfons**



**Piperata Rosmarie**



**Fischer Joël**

### OFFERS

## FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Thanks to its modern infrastructure, the municipality of Stalden is ideal for young families:  
St. Michael multipurpose hall playground and recreational area, Acher-sand sports facility, Äbibärg grill area, Goldgüegi day-care centre, Young Mothers Group, school education andorganised lunches

### OFFERS

## FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- Our senior citizens can take advantage of the Pro Senectute offers
- The Women's association is constantly organising events for senior citizens
- Organised lunches
- Excellent home care

## TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS

- Corpus Christi is still celebrated traditionally every year in Stalden, with a large number of former Stalden residents returning to take part.
- The town hall meeting has for as long as anyone can remember always been held on Saint Joseph's Day on 19 March.
- Our Alt Stalu village association takes care of customs and traditions: in the Andres building, the association regularly organises exhibitions.

### OFFERS

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- The youth club has its own youth centre in the lower village
- The youth club and the Jubla youth organisation are dedicated
- Supervision provided by a youth coach
- Sports clubs and music societies

## ANNUAL EVENTS

- New Year's reception on 1 January
- Swiss National Day on 1 August  
The municipality of Stalden has organised these two traditional events for many years as social gatherings where the village residents and village associations can come together.
- Volleyball and football tournaments
- St. Michael's market
- Youth days
- Meeting day for all of the residents
- Concerts held by the music societies
- Village of bridges hike

## FUTURE PROJECTS/ PLANNED INVESTMENTS

- The canton of Valais is currently working on the Stalden bypass
- Unneri Merje residential construction project
- Village design
- The municipality of Stalden invests some 1.4 million Swiss francs every year to maintain and renovate the infrastructure

Stalden has a wide range of businesses, banks, doctor's practices and service providers situated in the village.

Employment places – 77  
(sectors 2 + 3)

Source: 'Das Wallis in Zahlen' ('Facts and Figures about Valais')  
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PLACES OF  
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