



## Press release

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**Revised version of the 2018 national results following corrected data delivery from a canton (17.07.2020): The values marked in red in the text have been corrected.**

### 13 Social Security

Social assistance recipients in 2018

## Social assistance rate falls to 3.2%

In 2018, **274 200** persons in Switzerland received social assistance in the form of a financial benefit on at least one occasion. Both the number of social assistance recipients and the social assistance rate thus fell for the first time since 2008. Of all cases with a benefit withdrawal, **49 000** persons were able to leave social assistance, corresponding to a share of **27.9%**. This leaving rate has been calculated in the current reporting year for the first time. These are some of the findings from the current Swiss Social Assistance Statistics conducted by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

You can find the complete text of the press release in German, French or Italian:

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