



# Unpaid Work (the module in the Swiss Labour Force Survey SLFS)

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## Description

The «unpaid work module» provides data on domestic, childcare and voluntary work in Switzerland. The questions identify the different unpaid activities and record the time spent on them. This group of questions on unpaid work is included in the SLFS every three to four years. The relatively wide spectrum of the SLFS enables data to be disaggregated in many different ways.

**Available since:**

1997

**Features registered:**

Permanent resident population aged 15 and above

Main responsibility for domestic tasks  
Hours spent on housework on reference day  
Hours spent on looking after children and care of adults on reference day  
Total hours spent on domestic tasks and childcare on reference day  
Participation in formal voluntary work in the 4 weeks prior to interview  
Hours spent on formal voluntary work in the 4 weeks prior to interview  
Participation in informal voluntary work in the 4 weeks prior to interview  
Hours spent on informal voluntary work in the 4 weeks prior to interview

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## Methodology

Survey based on sampling of households. 2/3 of the basic sampling: approx. 25,000 persons. For more details see See factsheet SLFS

**Degree of regionalisation:**

Switzerland and main regions

**Periodicity:**

1997, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2020

**Reference period:**

2005: 2nd quarter, from 2012: yearly

**Statistical quality of data:**

See SLFS factsheet

**Revision of the questionnaire:**

2016: Deletion of questions on uptake of external childcare and questionnaire revised on informal voluntary work.

2000: new differentiation of the types of associations between sports clubs and cultural associations in institutionalised voluntary work

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## Policy on revisions

**Routine revisions**

The Unpaid Work (module in the SLFS) is not subject to routine revisions.

**Methodology revisions:**

Methodology is revised as necessary (e.g. revision of sources).

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**Legal bases**

Ordinance of 30 June 1993 on the conduct of federal statistical surveys (RS 431.012.1)

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**Organization**

Federal Statistical Office (FSO) in collaboration with LINK Marketing Services

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