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Structural business statistics 2020

Number of businesses and jobs fell in 2020 for the first time since 2011

In 2020, the Swiss economy had almost 617 000 businesses and just under 5.3 million jobs. After uninterrupted growth since the start of the statistical series in 2011, the number of businesses and jobs has declined for the first time. Compared with 2019, around 900 fewer units and 33 000 fewer workplaces were recorded, a decline of 0.1% and 0.6% respectively. Food and beverage service activities and the accommodation sector were particularly affected, with a drop of nearly 15 600 and 9900 jobs respectively. These are the latest results of the Federal Statistical Office's (FSO) structural business statistics (STATENT).

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