



## Press release

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### 13 Social Security

Social assistance recipients in Switzerland in 2021

## Social assistance rate fell to 3.1% in the second pandemic year 2021 due to fewer new recipients

In 2021, 265 100 persons in Switzerland received social assistance in the form of a financial benefit on at least one occasion. The social assistance rate fell by 0.1 percentage points to 3.1%. This decline was associated with a lower number of new recipients. As in the previous year, the COVID-19 pandemic had a minor impact on social assistance. These are some of the findings of the Social Assistance Statistics from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

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