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Swiss Social Statistics Report 2023

Swiss Social Statistics Report: Pandemic greatly affected social sector expenditure

In the first year of the pandemic, expenditure on social benefits rose sharply but temporarily in Switzerland. The growth of expenditure in the area of unemployment alone was almost CHF 14 billion. This was against a backdrop of rising unemployment and the measures taken in response to the pandemic. The poverty rate after transfers stood at 8.7% in 2021. These and other findings are shown in the Swiss Social Statistics Report 2023. The report is published by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) every four years.

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