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Portrait of Swiss SMEs, 2011–2021

SMEs bounce back in 2021

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are the beating heart of the Swiss economy. In 2021, they employed almost 3.1 million people. Compared with 2020, employment rose by 64,000 jobs. Between 2011 and 2021, the proportion of enterprises with fewer than 10 jobs increased at the expense of those with 10 to 49 jobs. SMEs have grown particularly in the healthcare sector since 2011. In terms of the export and import of goods, they perform even better when they are part of a multinational group. These are some of the findings from the publication "Portrait of Swiss SMEs" by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

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