



## Press release

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Means-tested social benefits for poverty reduction: 2022 financial statistics and 2023 inventory

## Decline in expenditure on social benefits to combat poverty in 2022

In 2022, the public administrations paid CHF 8.6 billion in means-tested social benefits for poverty reduction, a decline of CHF 207 million (–2.4%) compared with 2021. Means-tested benefits are social benefits that can only be granted if persons can prove that they meet an economic need. In total, around 800 000 people, or 9.2% of the permanent resident population, received such a benefit. These are some of the recent findings from the Federal Statistical Office.

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