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Gender equality: Switzerland in international comparison

Clear differences in the balancing of work and family

Neuchâtel, 03.09.2009 (FSO) – **The occupational models in couple households show that the division of labour between partners is one of the solutions couples use to balance work and family. Switzerland, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium stand out for their high proportion of couple households in which the man is employed full-time and the woman part-time and the relatively low share of couples in which both partners are employed full-time. A couple's living situation changes fundamentally as soon as children live in the household. These are some of the results of a study published by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) on reconciling work and family life in Switzerland and other European countries.**

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