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Cultural practices in Switzerland – 2008 survey

Culturally active young people

Bern, Neuchâtel, 23.06.2009 (FOC/FSO) – Going to concerts, visiting monuments and going to the cinema are the most frequently practised cultural activities in Switzerland; approximately two thirds of the population engage in them. Young people tend to take more advantage of what is on offer culturally, particularly films and concerts. Factors such as educational level or household income play an important role in access to culture. Amateur cultural practice is also significant, particularly in the field of music. These are the main results of a study published jointly by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) and the Federal Office of Culture (FOC).

Cultural practices had not been the subject of an FSO survey since 1988. Based on a representative study of the permanent resident population aged 15 and above which was conducted at the end of 2008, this study fills a gap. An in-depth module provides detailed results on music, a very popular area: almost 9 persons out of 10 listen to music, and almost half of them every day. The desire to engage more frequently in cultural activities and obstacles in this respect were also analysed. This study provides an empirical foundation for cultural policy making in Switzerland.

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