Work and income

Figures from 2023 unless another year is specified

2023

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



1. Self-employed **9.1%**
2. Family members working in family business **1.7%**
3. Employees **51.3%**
4. Apprentices **2.8%**
5. Unemployed based on ILO definition **2.7%**
6. People in education/training **3.9%**
7. Housewives/house husbands **2.1%**
8. Pensioners **22.9%**
9. Other economically inactive persons **3.4%**



5.300 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



1.791 m

Employed foreign nationals of whom 21.6% cross-border commuters



8.106 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

9.810 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours, 2020

40.2 hours

Average weekly working time of persons in full-time employment



CHF 6788

Gross monthly wage (median, economy as a whole), 2022

9.5%

Wage gap between women and men (median, economy as a whole), 2022



204 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 4.0% of the economically active population



–0.4%

Decrease in real wages (compared to 2022)

Situation on 20.08.2024
Source: FSO – Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS), Swiss Earnings Structure Survey (ESS), Swiss Wage Index (SWI)

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