



# Press release

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Provisional findings on population growth in Switzerland in 2009

## The Swiss population continues to grow

Neuchâtel, 25.02.2010 (FSO) – **At the end of 2009, Switzerland's permanent resident population reached 7,783,000 inhabitants, i.e. an increase of 81,200 persons compared with 2008, according to provisional results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO). This 1.1% population increase is below the record growth of 2008 and is comparable to that registered in 2007.**

Switzerland's permanent resident population reached 7,783,000 persons at the end of 2009. This figure includes Swiss citizens and all foreign citizens resident in the country, with the exception of holders of a short-term resident permit who have resided in Switzerland for less than a year (48,000 persons) and asylum seekers (40,300 holders of an F or an N permit).

The permanent resident population rose by 1.1% in 2009 (+81,200 persons). This growth was due to a natural increase (difference between births and deaths) of 15,600 persons, net migration (immigration less emigration) and changes in the residence status of 65,600 persons.

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