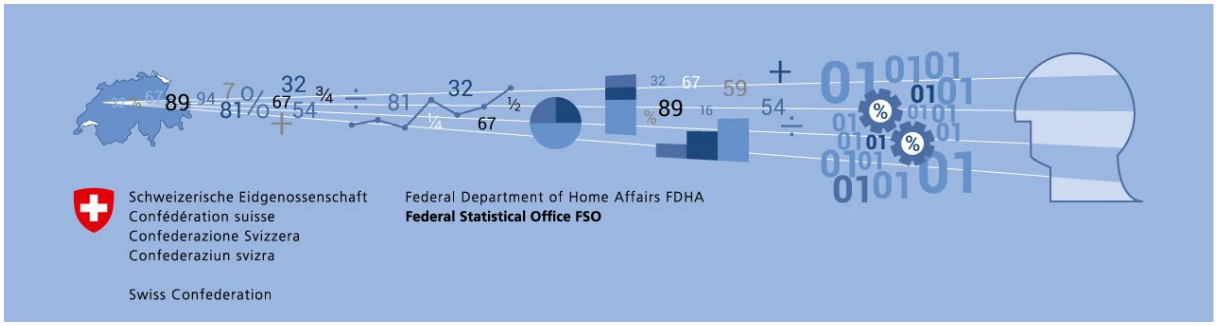

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Hospital births in 2023

30% more births on weekdays than on weekends

On average, 237 babies were born each weekday in 2023 in Swiss hospitals, compared with 181 at the weekend. Friday was the day with the most births (16% of the total) and Sunday was the day with the fewest (11%). These figures highlight practices that influence the moment of birth, especially primary caesarean sections, 94% of which are scheduled on a weekday, and induced labour. In 2023, out of a total of 79 200 births there were 14 626 primary caesarean sections and 21 342 inductions of labour.

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