



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

# Employment Statistics

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## Description

The Employment Statistics (ES) provide important structural and economic information that can be used to monitor the labour market. Everyone working in Switzerland is covered by these statistics. Persons in employment are those who carry out an economic activity as defined by the national accounts for at least one hour per week. It thus meets the definition of activity recommended by the International Labour Office.

The ES were created in 1977. General figures go back as far as 1948. Other, more detailed figures go back as far as 1960.

Features registered: Employed persons and full-time equivalent employed persons (FTE) according to the domestic concept

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## Methodology

Methodology used:

The ES are mainly compiled from the Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS). Other data is provided from the Cross-border Commuter Statistics (CCS), the central information system on migration (SYMIC), the job statistics (JOBSTAT) and other sources. The number of persons in employment according to the SLFS is used as a basis for the calculation to which the number of employed persons who are not part of the permanent resident population according to other sources is added. Thanks to JOBSTAT, the figures can be broken down by the General Classification of Economic Activities (NOGA) economic section.

Variables used:

Employed persons by:

Sex x nationality/residence permit

Sex x NOGA economic sectors/sections

Sex x NOGA economic sectors/sections x nationality/residence permit

Sex x major regions

Sex x nationality x age groups (as of 2010; 1991-2009: 2nd quarter)

Sex x nationality x employment status (as of 2010; 1991-2009: 2nd quarter)

Total, seasonally adjusted values (as of 2010)

FTE: sex, nationality, seasonally adjusted values

(x = combined with)

Survey date:

Quarterly and annual averages

Periodicity of publication:

Quarterly statistic

Degree of regionalisation:

Swiss major regions (NUTS II)

Quality of statistical information:

Coefficient of variation of 0.3% for all employed persons (1st quarter 2024). An indication of the coefficients of variation for data by sex, nationality and residence permit is given in the quarterly press releases "Swiss Labour Force Survey and its derived statistics".

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## Policy on revisions

Routine revisions:

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Quarterly revision: integration of the revised values of the Cross-border Commuter Statistics (CCS) up to the last CCS reference value.

Methodology revisions:

Methodology is revised as necessary (e.g. revision of sources).

The revisions are described in the documents « Analyse des révisions - Statistique de la population active occupée » (french) and « Analyse der Revisionen – Erwerbstätigenstatistik » (german).

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## Legal bases

Federal Statistics Act of 9 October 1992

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## Organisation

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