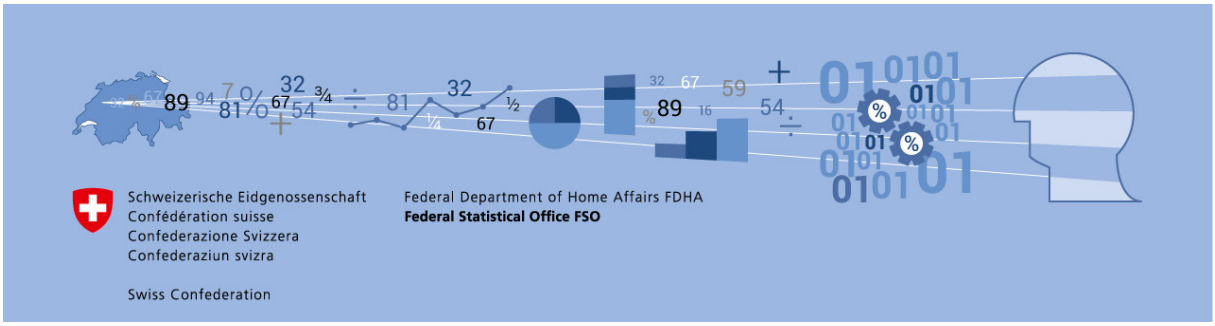


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Nine out of ten children with an asylum background follow a typical path through primary school

Some 91.9% of children from asylum backgrounds progress through primary school in mainstream classes, compared with 97.3% of other children. They generally complete primary school within the expected timeframe (73.4% versus 89.0%), but some take longer because they repeat a year or attend a preparatory class (18.5% versus 8.3%). However, children from asylum backgrounds are more likely to be taught in separative settings, particularly when they start year 3 of primary school (10% versus 3%). These are the main findings of a new publication from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

You can find the complete text of the press release in German, French or Italian:

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