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Criminal conviction statistics

Previous convictions, young age or drug dealing increase likelihood of reoffending

Neuchâtel, 23.11.2015 (FSO) – **Some 38% of a group of Swiss adults who had been convicted were reconvicted within ten years. More than half (51%) of reoffenders are convicted a third time. These are some of the findings from a Federal Statistical Office (FSO) study on the delinquent path of a group of Swiss nationals born in 1966.**

The younger these people were when they committed their first offence, the higher the rates of recidivism. The rate of first recidivism is 40% for men and 26% for women. By contrast, this difference is no longer seen for the third conviction. Persons with a first conviction for drug dealing have a higher risk of reoffending.

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