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Health insurance premium index 2009

Premium increases between 2008 and 2009 curb growth in disposable income by 0.1 points

Neuchâtel, 11.12.2009 (FSO) – **The health insurance premium index (HIPI) registered an increase of 1.4% for the premium year 2009 compared with the previous year. On the basis of 1999=100, the KVPI reached an index level of 144.6 points. The HIPI, which is calculated by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO), collects data on the growth of premiums for compulsory and complementary health insurance. By means of the HIPI, the effects of premium increases on the growth of disposable income can be calculated. According to the HIPI model calculation, rising premiums curbed the growth of the average disposable income by 0.1 points in 2009.**

Premiums for compulsory health insurance rose by an estimated 1.3%, reaching an index level of 153.7 points (basis 1999=100). This estimate corresponds to the average increase of premiums for the insurance portfolio as a whole.

Complementary health insurance premiums included in the FSO data rose by 1.8% in 2009 compared with the previous year. The result for the year 2009 is an index level of 126.6 points (basis 1999=100) for the complementary insurance.

If increases in premiums for compulsory and complementary insurance are combined, the total HIPI reaches an index level of 144.6 points in the premium year 2009 (basis 1999=100 points) thus registering overall premium growth of 1.4% compared with the previous year.

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