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Swiss Labour Force Survey in 2nd quarter 2009

Foreigners in the labour market

Neuchâtel, 21.01.2010 (FSO) – **In the 2nd quarter 2009, Switzerland counted 974,000 employed persons of foreign nationality with resident permits or permanent residence permits. Compared with the previous year, this represents a rise of 5%. A marked increase in employed persons of German, French and Portuguese nationality was observed. The unemployment rate among foreigners (7.2%) was more than twice as high as among Swiss citizens (3.1%). Foreigners are also more often affected by long-term unemployment. These are some of the findings of the Swiss Labour Force Survey 2009, produced by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).**

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