

Press release

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03 Work and income

Swiss Labour Force Survey and its derivative statistics: hours worked in 2019

7.9 billion hours worked in 2019

In 2019, people spent 7.929 billion hours working. Between 2014 and 2019, the actual weekly hours worked by full-time employees fell by 15 minutes on average, reaching 41 hours and 2 minutes. At the same time, the number of weeks of annual holiday continued its gradual increase to 5.2 weeks, according to the latest results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

The results in this press release concern the hours worked in 2019. The effects of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) on the results of 1st semester 2020 will be analysed as soon as the data are available. A press release from the FSO is expected in September 2020.

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