



Press release

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Imprisonment: detainees in January 2021

The number of detainees in Switzerland at its lowest since 2011

There were 6316 detained persons in Switzerland on 31 January 2021, corresponding to an 8.4% decline in numbers compared with the same reference day in 2020. The majority of inmates (65%) were detained under a custodial sentence or measure (including the accelerated execution of a sentence), 1986 persons (31%) were in remand or preventive detention and 235 persons (4%) were imprisoned for other reasons. There were 73 detainees per 100 000 inhabitants, according to the survey from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) on imprisonment.

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