



## Press release



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### Premature births in Switzerland: 7.5% of children born premature

Neuchâtel, 30.03.2010 (FSO) – **Switzerland registers a premature birth rate comparable to those recorded in Europe. Of the 76,691 live births in 2008, 91.9% were full-term births, i.e. between the 37th and 41st week of pregnancy, 7.5% were premature and 0.6% were post-term births. Thanks to the introduction of the gestational age in the birth register, this study by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) is the first to present the premature birth rate as a percentage of all births.**

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