

# Work and income

Employment status of the permanent resident population aged 15 and over



- ① Self-employed **8.4%**
- ② Family members working in family business **1.4%**
- ③ Employees **52.6%**
- ④ Apprentices **2.9%**
- ⑤ Unemployed based on ILO definition **3.0%**
- ⑥ In education or training **4.4%**
- ⑦ Housewives/house husbands **3.0%**
- ⑧ Pensioners **21.8%**
- ⑨ Other economically inactive persons **2.5%**



## 7 892 bn

Number of hours worked by all employed persons

## 9 241 bn

Volume of unpaid work in hours

## 41.6

Average weekly working time (hours) of persons in full-time employment



## CHF 6 427

Gross monthly wage, 2014 (median, economy as a whole)

## 15.1%

Wage gap between women and men in the private sector, 2014



## 4 960 m

Employed persons in Switzerland



## 1 529 m

Employed foreign nationals of which 20.4% cross-border commuters



## 238 000

Unemployed based on ILO definition 4.9% of the economically active population



## 1,1%

Increase in real wages



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