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Causes of death in 2016

Number of deaths from dementia in decline for the first time in 2016

In 2016, 64 964 people died in Switzerland, 4% less than in the previous year. The number of people who died from dementia fell for the first time in 2016 with a decrease of over 9%. For the third time in a row, more men died from cancer than from cardiovascular diseases – a development that has also been seen internationally. These are some of the findings from the new Cause of Death Statistics of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).

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