Visit of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development in Switzerland
Labour market indicators

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Source: © OFS, Neuchâtel / Source: SFSO - Swiss Labour Force Survey (SLFS)
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Employment rate by gender, 2018, in %

Part-time employment rate, 2018, in %

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Unpaid work: definition

Unpaid work

Voluntary work
- Formal voluntary work (charitable and honorary work)
- Informal voluntary work (unpaid assistance to parents, neighbours, ...)

Domestic and family workload
- Domestic work (meals, cleaning, administrative tasks, ...)
- Care and assistance (to children, adults in need)

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Women spend most time on domestic and family work while Men devote most time to paid work.

Time spent on paid work, on domestic and family workload and on voluntary work, 2016

Permanent resident population aged 15 to 64 by family situation, in hours on average per week.

- Women: Domestic and family workload, Voluntary work, Paid work
- Men: Domestic and family workload, Voluntary work, Paid work

Source: FSO – SLFS © FSO 2017

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Women spend more time on domestic and family work than men

Source: Labour Force Survey, special module, in hours per day
9.2 billion hours were spent on unpaid work in Switzerland in 2016

Volume of unpaid work, 2016

In millions of hours, permanent resident population aged 15 and over

- Total unpaid work
- Housework
- Care work
- Voluntary work

Source: FSO – SLFS, 2019

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The total amount of unpaid work performed in 2016 is estimated to have a monetary value of CHF 408 billion.

Monetary valuation of unpaid work, 2016

In billions of francs, market costs method on basis of labour costs

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- Care work
- Voluntary work

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