Ageing at work: Switzerland OSH policies



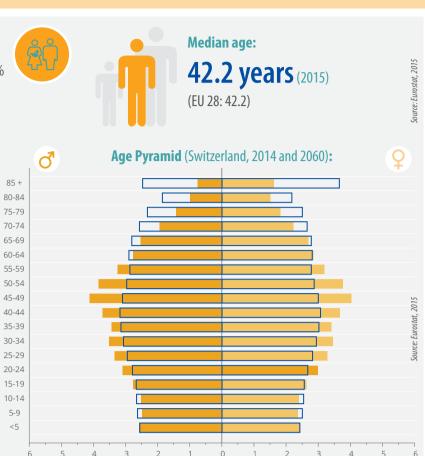




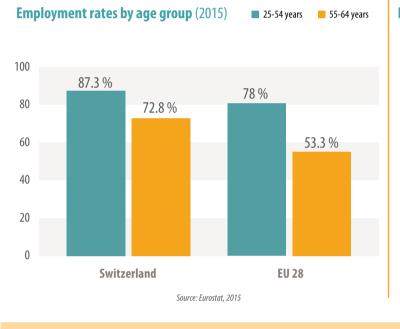
Population ageing

- The median age of the Swiss population is around that of the EU average.
- The old-age dependency ratio is below the EU average, at 26.4 % compared with 28.8 %. By 2060 it is projected to reach 44.4 %, which is considerably lower than the projection for the EU.





Labour market participation



Health

Percentage of population

Q 22.7 (EU 28: 21.6) (EU 28: 18.2)

15.5 %

40.3 %

Healthy life years at age 65 (2014)

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of people aged 50-69 stopped working for health or disability reasons.

Source: Eurostat, 2014

Proportion of employed people reporting a long-standing illness or health problem (55-64)
(Eurostat, European Statistics of Income and Living Conditions, 2014)

Working conditions, ageing, and health





Work-related health problems (from 55 to 64 years)

Switzerland: 15.30 % EU: 11.3 %

(Eurostat 2013)



Enterprises having a procedure for return to work

Switzerland: 62.78 % EU: 68.42 %

(European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER) 2014)



Share of establishments in which H&S are discussed regularly between workers and the management
Switzerland: 45.73 %
EU: 59.32 %

(European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks, 2014)

OSH and related policies addressing the challenges associated with an ageing workforce

Qualified Workers for Switzerland, SECO, 2011

One area for action is the development of a strategy to create good employment conditions until retirement as well as after retirement age.

 'Musculoskeletal disorders' (Troubles de l'appareil locomoteur), State Secretariat of Economic Affairs (SECO), along with the cantonal labour inspectorates and Suva (the Swiss Accident Insurance Fund), 2009

Inspection campaign aimed at increasing compliance with laws intended to prevent musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), which are the most common cause of disability leading to early retirement in Switzerland.

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