

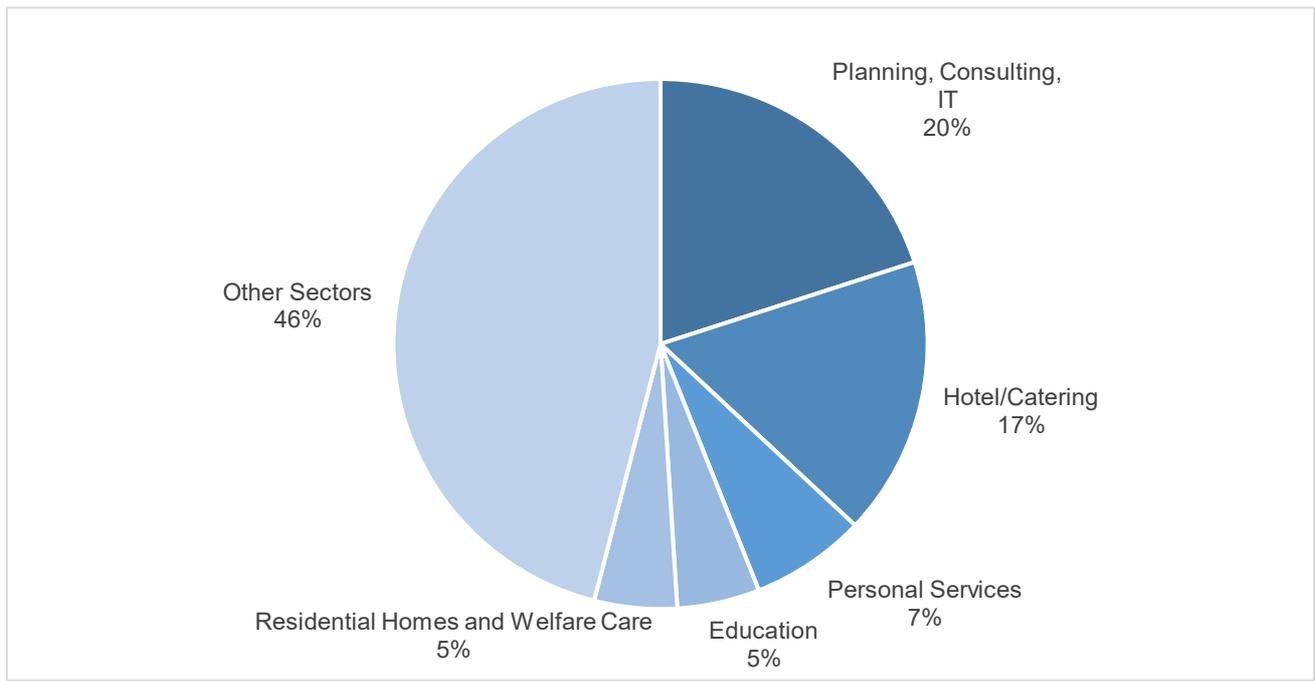


Monthly statistics:

Persons with Protection Status 'S' in Employment

	12-2025	01-2026	Diff.
Persons with Protection Status 'S'	71762	72113	+0.5%
Persons in gainful employment	16892	16985	+0.6%
Percentage of persons in employment ¹	23.54%	23.55%	+0.1%
Working-age population (18-64)	44832	45187	+0.8%
Persons in employment (18-64)	16146	16258	+0.7%
Percentage of working-age population in employment	36.01%	35.98%	-0.1%

Figure 1: Persons with Protection Status 'S' in gainful employment – key sectors²



Source: ZEMIS database – status on 31.01.2026

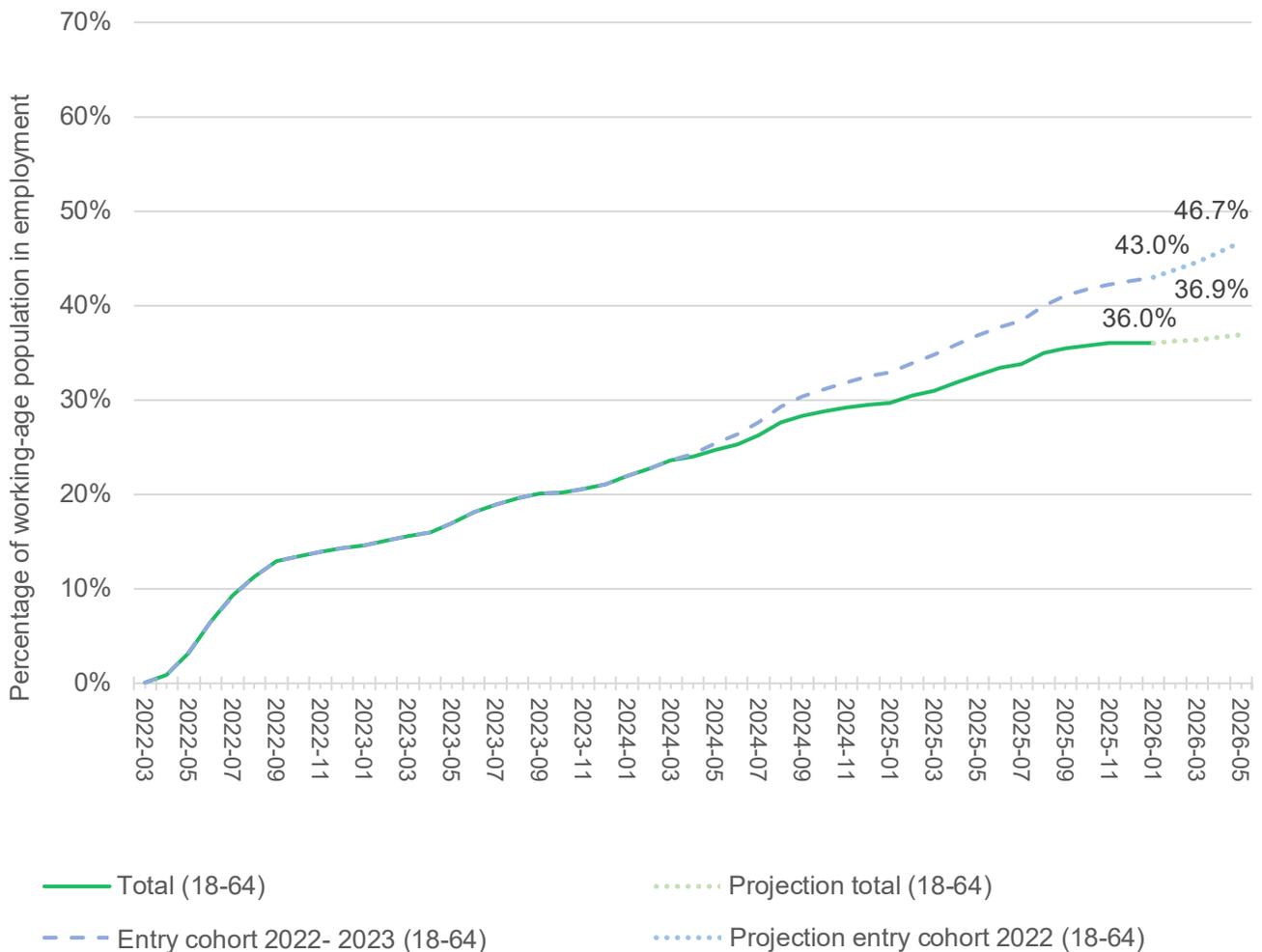
The evaluation is based on the entries made by the competent cantonal authorities in ZEMIS regarding the start and end of gainful employment. In order to take up gainful employment, the employer or self-employed person must report the employment to the competent cantonal authority.³

¹ This percentage does not indicate the rate of employment, but merely the proportion of persons with Protection Status 'S' who were in gainful employment on the date of reporting (all ages).

² Only the proportionally first five sectors are shown.

³ Since October 23, 2025, employment can be reported via the online portal for businesses, "EasyGov.swiss."

Figure 2: Development of the employment rate (18-64) and forecast for the next four months⁴



Source: Asylum statistics (as of January 1, 2026) (Statistical Service)

On May 28, 2025, the Federal Council set a target of 50 percent employment for persons with S protection status who have been living in Switzerland for at least three years by the end of 2025. The target rate of 50% for persons who have been residing in Switzerland for at least three years will continue to be pursued in 2026 and reviewed at the end of the year. A time series forecast model can be used to calculate the projected development of the employment rate. The employment rate among those seeking protection who have been in Switzerland for at least three years is comparatively higher than in the overall population of people seeking protection. The group of people who came to Switzerland between 2022 and 2023 accounts for almost 80 % of the total population.

⁴ The forecasts are based on a model of the time series of monthly employment rate assessments since March 2022 and are updated once a month.