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Chart 1: Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-25 from 2000Q1 to 2006Q3



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹ Number of people in employment aged 15 to 64 years divided by the total resident population aged 15 to 64 years.

Chart 2: Labour market indicators changes, EU-25, from 2005Q3 to 2006Q3



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex
3rd quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	70.6	45.5	84.2	45.1	70.8	46.4	84.3	46.7
Less than upper secondary	57.0	36.1	75.1	35.6	55.7	34.1	74.0	37.2
Upper secondary level	76.0	55.8	86.6	48.5	75.9	58.4	86.1	50.2
Tertiary level	85.9	62.4	91.4	65.6	86.8	69.1	91.8	67.6
Men	78.7	49.2	93.0	54.8	78.4	50.0	92.3	56.6
Less than upper secondary	69.0	41.5	89.8	47.0	66.5	39.4	88.0	47.4
Upper secondary level	82.6	60.1	93.7	54.7	82.4	62.7	92.9	57.2
Tertiary level	89.7	60.9	95.6	71.3	90.2	68.4	95.8	72.0
Women	62.5	41.6	75.3	35.8	63.3	42.8	76.2	37.4
Less than upper secondary	45.2	29.7	60.1	27.0	45.2	28.0	60.4	29.6
Upper secondary level	69.3	51.8	79.3	42.0	69.2	54.2	78.9	42.4
Tertiary level	82.0	63.4	87.3	57.2	83.6	69.6	88.2	61.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3
EU-25	217,234	70.8	70.4	70.4	78.4	77.9	78.2	63.3	63.0	62.7
EA-12	146,251	70.6	70.4	70.0	78.7	78.4	78.5	62.5	62.3	61.5
EU-27	230,589	70.5	70.1	69.9	78.0	77.4	77.6	63.1	62.7	62.2
EA-13	147,256	70.6	70.4	70.0	78.7	78.4	78.5	62.5	62.4	61.5
Belgium	4,627	66.6	65.9	67.1	73.0	72.7	74.6	60.2	58.9	59.5
Bulgaria	3,468	66.2	65.0	63.8	70.0	69.4	68.7	62.4	60.6	58.9
Czech Republic	5,144	70.4	70.3	70.7	78.4	78.1	78.7	62.3	62.4	62.7
Denmark	2,899	81.2	80.1	80.0	84.7	83.4	83.7	77.6	76.7	76.3
Germany	40,958	75.2	74.7	74.0	81.5	81.0	80.9	68.7	68.3	67.0
Estonia	656	71.9	73.4	69.7	75.2	76.0	73.6	68.9	71.0	66.2
Ireland	2,139	73.1	71.3	72.2	82.9	81.0	82.3	63.2	61.3	62.1
Greece	4,816	67.2	67.0	66.9	79.1	79.1	79.2	55.4	55.0	54.7
Spain	21,507	71.0	70.8	69.8	81.7	81.2	81.3	60.1	60.1	58.2
France ²	27,321	69.7	69.1	69.9	75.2	74.6	75.5	64.4	63.8	64.4
Italy	24,113	62.3	63.0	61.9	74.4	75.1	74.2	50.1	51.0	49.6
Cyprus	366	73.4	72.5	72.5	83.3	82.4	83.5	64.1	63.0	62.3
Latvia	1,148	72.7	70.7	69.9	78.4	74.4	75.4	67.3	67.2	64.8
Lithuania	1,581	68.1	67.5	68.4	70.9	70.3	72.4	65.5	64.9	64.7
Luxembourg	:	:	:	66.6	:	:	76.0	:	:	57.0
Hungary	4,242	62.3	61.8	61.8	69.1	68.7	68.5	55.8	55.3	55.4
Malta	164	59.6	58.9	57.7	79.2	79.1	77.9	39.7	38.5	37.0
Netherlands	8,497	77.5	77.2	77.0	84.1	83.8	83.8	70.7	70.5	70.0
Austria	4,154	75.1	73.5	73.6	82.2	80.5	80.7	68.1	66.5	66.5
Poland	16,872	64.1	62.9	65.2	70.8	69.7	71.5	57.6	56.3	59.1
Portugal	5,269	74.0	73.8	73.5	79.5	79.4	79.1	68.7	68.4	68.1
Romania	9,886	65.7	64.4	61.8	72.7	71.2	68.8	58.8	57.6	54.9
Slovenia	1,005	71.2	71.4	71.2	75.7	74.8	75.7	66.6	67.9	66.6
Slovakia	2,658	68.8	68.6	68.9	76.5	76.4	76.6	61.2	60.8	61.2
Finland	2,647	76.0	76.8	75.1	78.4	78.7	77.2	73.6	75.0	73.0
Sweden	4,756	79.8	79.6	79.4	82.1	81.9	81.9	77.5	77.1	76.9
United Kingdom	29,493	76.0	75.4	75.5	82.8	81.7	82.2	69.4	69.2	69.0
Croatia	:	:	62.0	:	:	68.6	:	:	55.6	:
Iceland	:	:	:	86.8	:	:	91.3	:	:	82.2
Norway	2,409	78.5	78.4	79.1	81.7	81.6	82.2	75.3	75.1	75.9
EEA-30	233,156	70.6	70.2	70.0	78.0	77.5	77.6	63.2	62.9	62.4
Switzerland	:	:	:	80.8	:	:	87.4	:	:	74.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in the labour force

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 3. Employment rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	64.9	38.0	78.3	42.0	65.1	38.5	78.5	43.9
Less than upper secondary	50.7	29.0	67.6	33.0	49.3	26.9	66.5	34.7
Upper secondary level	70.2	48.1	80.8	44.9	69.9	49.7	80.2	46.9
Tertiary level	81.4	52.4	87.2	62.6	82.7	58.8	88.0	65.1
Men	73.2	41.8	87.4	51.3	72.7	41.8	86.8	53.3
Less than upper secondary	62.5	34.1	82.7	43.7	59.7	31.5	80.6	44.2
Upper secondary level	77.0	52.5	88.3	50.9	76.6	53.9	87.4	53.5
Tertiary level	85.8	52.4	91.9	67.9	86.5	59.2	92.3	69.1
Women	56.7	34.1	69.0	33.1	57.6	35.0	70.2	35.2
Less than upper secondary	39.1	23.0	52.4	24.8	39.3	21.5	52.9	27.5
Upper secondary level	63.3	43.9	73.2	38.5	63.0	45.5	72.6	39.5
Tertiary level	77.0	52.4	82.5	54.6	79.1	58.4	83.9	59.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3
EU-25	199,843	± 423	65.1 ± 0.1	64.6	64.2	72.7	71.9	71.8	57.6	57.3	56.5
EA-12	134,490	± 360	64.9 ± 0.2	64.5	63.9	73.2	72.6	72.4	56.7	56.5	55.3
EU-27	212,157	± 465	64.9 ± 0.1	64.3	63.8	72.3	71.5	71.3	57.5	57.1	56.2
EA-13	135,438	± 361	64.9 ± 0.2	64.5	63.9	73.2	72.6	72.4	56.7	56.5	55.4
Belgium	4,250	± 61	61.2 ± 0.9	60.4	61.2	68.1	67.0	69.0	54.2	53.6	53.4
Bulgaria	3,158	± 79	60.3 ± 1.5	59.1	57.9	64.1	63.3	62.3	56.5	55.0	53.5
Czech Republic	4,779	± 40	65.4 ± 0.6	65.3	65.2	73.9	73.6	73.8	56.8	56.8	56.5
Denmark	2,791	± 27	78.2 ± 0.8	76.9	76.1	82.1	80.6	80.2	74.1	73.2	72.1
Germany	36,897	± 217	67.7 ± 0.4	67.0	65.7	73.5	72.5	71.8	61.8	61.4	59.6
Estonia	620	± 20	67.9 ± 2.2	68.8	64.7	71.2	71.3	68.4	64.9	66.4	61.3
Ireland	2,034	± 12	69.6 ± 0.4	68.1	68.8	78.7	77.3	78.2	60.3	58.8	59.3
Greece	4,408	± 78	61.5 ± 1.1	61.0	60.3	75.0	74.6	74.3	48.1	47.5	46.4
Spain	19,744	± 112	65.2 ± 0.4	64.7	63.9	76.7	76.0	76.0	53.4	53.2	51.6
France ²	24,852	± 195	63.4 ± 0.5	63.0	63.6	69.1	68.5	69.4	57.9	57.7	57.9
Italy	22,629	± 124	58.4 ± 0.3	58.9	57.4	70.7	71.1	70.0	46.1	46.7	44.8
Cyprus	351	± 10	70.4 ± 1.9	69.5	68.7	80.7	79.6	79.9	60.8	59.8	58.2
Latvia	1,075	± 27	68.0 ± 1.7	65.5	63.8	72.9	68.2	68.8	63.5	62.9	59.1
Lithuania	1,490	± 50	64.2 ± 2.2	63.7	63.4	66.7	66.4	67.4	61.8	61.1	59.6
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	63.6	:	:	73.3	:	:	53.7
Hungary	3,924	± 63	57.6 ± 0.9	57.3	57.3	64.2	63.9	63.7	51.2	51.1	51.2
Malta	153	± 5	55.5 ± 1.8	54.3	53.5	74.3	73.8	72.8	36.5	34.6	33.7
Netherlands	8,189	± 48	74.7 ± 0.4	74.2	73.6	81.3	80.8	80.4	67.9	67.5	66.7
Austria	3,974	± 39	71.9 ± 0.7	70.0	69.8	79.1	77.0	77.1	64.7	63.0	62.7
Poland	14,642	± 143	55.6 ± 0.5	53.9	53.7	62.2	60.2	59.9	49.2	47.8	47.6
Portugal	4,852	± 52	68.2 ± 0.7	68.1	67.5	74.3	74.0	73.4	62.2	62.4	61.7
Romania	9,156	± 178	60.9 ± 1.2	59.6	57.8	66.6	65.2	63.9	55.2	54.1	51.8
Slovenia	948	± 19	67.2 ± 1.3	67.1	66.6	72.1	70.8	70.9	62.1	63.3	62.2
Slovakia	2,315	± 23	59.9 ± 0.6	59.3	58.0	67.5	66.9	65.3	52.4	51.6	50.8
Finland	2,466	± 16	70.8 ± 0.5	69.9	69.6	73.6	71.7	72.0	68.0	68.1	67.3
Sweden	4,450	± 20	74.7 ± 0.3	73.1	73.6	77.0	75.5	75.8	72.3	70.6	71.3
United Kingdom	27,815	± 131	71.7 ± 0.3	71.3	71.9	77.9	77.0	77.9	65.7	65.8	66.0
Croatia	:	:	:	54.5	:	:	61.3	:	:	47.8	:
Iceland	:	:	:	:	85.4	:	:	90.3	:	:	80.3
Norway	2,328	± 14	75.9 ± 0.5	75.3	75.4	79.0	78.3	78.3	72.7	72.2	72.5
EEA-30	214,641	± 466	65.0 ± 0.1	64.4	63.9	72.4	71.6	71.4	57.6	57.3	56.4
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	77.2	:	:	83.9	:	:	70.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 5. Part-time employment as share of total employment, by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	19.2	23.4	17.9	24.5	18.5	25.0	16.2	26.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	18.3	24.4	12.3	31.8	19.4	32.8	12.5	33.7
Industry, incl. Energy	8.9	9.3	8.1	14.9	7.8	8.6	6.7	14.5
Construction	6.0	4.8	5.4	12.0	5.9	4.7	5.1	12.9
Trade, transport and communication services	20.6	32.0	18.2	22.6	20.6	35.7	16.8	25.1
Business activities and financial services	20.8	23.7	19.4	28.8	19.2	21.6	17.3	29.7
Other services	27.5	29.9	27.0	29.0	26.2	29.8	24.8	32.0
Men	7.2	16.0	4.9	13.7	7.5	18.0	4.6	15.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	11.5	20.5	5.1	25.4	13.1	27.3	6.1	26.8
Industry, incl. Energy	3.4	6.9	2.2	8.8	3.2	6.5	1.9	9.0
Construction	3.0	4.1	2.2	7.8	3.1	4.0	2.1	9.2
Trade, transport and communication services	8.6	24.9	5.3	12.4	9.5	29.1	5.2	14.2
Business activities and financial services	8.3	20.9	5.6	17.8	8.1	18.6	5.0	19.6
Other services	11.0	23.6	9.2	14.5	11.2	25.2	8.3	18.0
Women	34.9	32.7	34.4	40.9	32.3	33.5	30.6	42.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	32.2	37.2	27.1	42.9	31.1	48.4	24.1	45.4
Industry, incl. Energy	23.6	15.7	23.4	34.2	19.2	14.1	18.3	31.8
Construction	41.6	:	41.4	60.8	38.3	:	38.0	55.1
Trade, transport and communication services	36.3	39.2	35.2	39.5	34.8	42.1	31.9	42.9
Business activities and financial services	35.1	26.1	34.7	48.0	32.0	24.1	31.2	46.4
Other services	37.0	32.9	36.9	40.0	34.4	32.1	33.4	41.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 6. Part-time employment as share of total employment by country and sex, %

15+ years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3
			EU-25	37,453	± 262	18.5	18.9	18.1	7.5	7.8	7.2
EA-12	26,215	± 220	19.2	19.8	18.7	7.2	7.6	6.8	34.9	35.6	34.2
EU-27	38,404	± 281	17.8	18.2	17.6	7.5	7.7	7.3	30.8	31.4	30.6
EA-13	26,302	± 220	19.2	19.7	18.6	7.2	7.6	6.8	34.8	35.4	34.1
Belgium	916	± 37	21.4	23.2	21.8	6.9	7.9	7.9	39.9	42.6	40.1
Bulgaria	57	± 7	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.1	2.6	2.0
Czech Republic	240	± 13	5.0	5.1	4.9	2.3	2.3	2.1	8.5	8.7	8.5
Denmark	668	± 29	23.6	23.5	22.4	13.5	12.8	12.9	35.0	35.8	33.2
Germany	9,576	± 131	25.6	25.9	23.5	8.9	9.3	7.6	45.8	45.8	43.1
Estonia	47	± 8	7.2	8.1	6.3	4.0u	4.6u	4.2u	10.5	11.6	8.4
Ireland	:	:	:	:	22.9	:	:	9.4	:	:	41.1
Greece	251	± 17	5.6	5.9	5.0	2.8	3.0	2.4	9.9	10.4	9.2
Spain	2,253	± 74	11.3	12.2	11.6	4.2	4.5	4.2	21.9	23.5	22.7
France ²	4,217	± 122	16.9	17.3	17.0	5.5	5.8	5.5	30.2	30.7	30.4
Italy	2,924	± 77	12.7	13.4	12.4	4.4	4.7	4.4	25.5	26.7	24.8
Cyprus	25	± 2	6.9	7.8	8.7	3.7	4.6	4.6	11.0	12.0	14.0
Latvia	66	± 14	5.9	6.6	7.4	4.5	4.6	5.3	7.5	8.7	9.7
Lithuania	137	± 17	9.1	9.1	6.5	6.4	6.5	4.2	11.8	11.8	9.0
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	17.4	:	:	2.5	:	:	38.2
Hungary	161	± 11	4.1	4.1	4.1	2.7	2.8	2.6	5.7	5.7	5.9
Malta	16	± 2	10.2	10.1	9.9	5.5	4.5	4.8	20.1	22.1	21.2
Netherlands	3,802	± 37	45.8	46.3	46.0	22.6	23.2	22.5	74.4	74.7	75.0
Austria	858	± 24	21.3	21.9	21.1	6.3	6.5	6.2	39.6	40.7	39.3
Poland	1,427	± 78	9.6	9.9	10.8	7.1	7.1	7.5	12.6	13.5	14.9
Portugal	579	± 34	11.2	11.4	11.1	7.4	7.5	7.0	15.6	15.9	15.9
Romania	894	± 101	9.3	9.7	10.6	8.7	9.3	9.6	10.0	10.2	11.7
Slovenia	87	± 7	8.9	9.7	8.8	7.2	7.8	7.3	11.0	11.8	10.6
Slovakia	67	± 7	2.9	2.8	2.6	1.3	1.2	1.5	4.8	4.8	4.1
Finland	330	± 13	13.2	13.6	12.7	8.8	9.2	8.6	18.1	18.2	17.2
Sweden	1,084	± 23	23.9	24.4	23.7	11.2	11.4	11.0	38.1	38.9	37.8
United Kingdom	7,212	± 109	25.4	25.5	25.3	10.7	10.6	10.3	42.3	42.6	42.5
Croatia	:	:	:	9.1	:	:	7.4	:	:	11.3	:
Iceland	:	:	:	:	18.6	:	:	6.7	:	:	32.9
Norway	673	± 17	28.3	28.9	27.4	13.7	14.1	13.6	44.8	45.5	42.7
EEA-30	39,107	± 282	17.9	18.4	17.7	7.5	7.8	7.3	30.9	31.6	30.8
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	33.1	:	:	11.8	:	:	58.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15 years and more in part-time employment

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 7. Average actual hours worked in all jobs per week by broad group of economic activity in the main job, full-time/part-time distinction and sex, 3rd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12			EU-25		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	37.8	41.8	20.8	38.2	42.1	20.9
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	44.8	49.9	21.6	44.3	49.7	21.7
Industry, incl. Energy	39.0	40.8	20.8	39.7	41.2	21.1
Construction	41.0	42.3	20.3	41.8	43.1	20.4
Trade, transport and communication services	39.2	43.9	20.6	39.0	43.8	20.4
Business activities and financial services	37.4	41.9	20.4	37.8	41.8	20.4
Other services	33.9	38.9	21.2	34.6	39.3	21.3
Men	41.4	42.9	21.4	41.6	43.3	21.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	48.2	51.4	23.0	47.7	51.4	22.7
Industry, incl. Energy	40.6	41.2	21.6	41.1	41.7	21.9
Construction	41.9	42.5	21.6	42.6	43.3	22.1
Trade, transport and communication services	42.8	44.9	20.3	42.5	44.8	20.3
Business activities and financial services	41.4	43.2	20.7	41.4	43.2	20.7
Other services	38.2	40.2	22.5	38.6	40.7	22.0
Women	33.0	39.7	20.7	33.8	39.9	20.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	37.9	46.0	20.5	38.2	45.8	20.8
Industry, incl. Energy	34.9	39.5	20.4	36.2	39.8	20.7
Construction	31.5	40.0	19.1	31.9	39.9	18.8
Trade, transport and communication services	34.4	42.1	20.6	34.5	41.9	20.4
Business activities and financial services	32.8	39.6	20.3	33.5	39.6	20.3
Other services	31.4	37.8	21.0	32.3	38.2	21.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 8. Average actual hours worked in all jobs per week by country and sex, %

15+ years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	
EU-25	170,139	38.2	± 0.1	37.2	38.5	41.6	40.6	41.9	33.8	32.8	34.0
EA-12	112,666	37.8	± 0.1	36.9	38.1	41.4	40.5	41.6	33.0	32.1	33.3
EU-27	182,335	38.4	± 0.1	37.4	38.7	41.7	40.7	41.9	34.2	33.2	34.4
EA-13	113,462	37.9	± 0.1	36.9	38.1	41.4	40.5	41.6	33.1	32.1	33.4
Belgium	3,231	37.5	± 0.8	36.6	37.0	41.4	40.4	40.3	32.4	31.7	32.5
Bulgaria	2,789	41.4	± 0.1	40.7	40.8	41.9	41.4	41.3	40.8	39.9	40.3
Czech Republic	4,206	41.6	± 0.2	41.4	41.9	43.6	43.2	43.9	38.8	38.8	39.0
Denmark	2,169	36.1	± 0.4	34.6	36.7	39.1	37.5	39.3	32.4	31.1	33.5
Germany	33,966	36.5	± 0.2	35.8	37.5	41.3	40.5	42.2	30.5	30.0	31.6
Estonia	595	40.9	± 0.4	40.2	40.9	42.4	41.5	42.4	39.3	38.9	39.4
Ireland	1,824	38.1	± 0.0	37.0	38.5	42.1	41.2	42.7	32.2	30.9	32.3
Greece	4,185	42.9	± 0.3	41.6	43.3	44.9	43.7	45.2	39.7	38.1	40.2
Spain	15,732	39.5	± 0.1	38.7	39.7	42.0	41.4	42.2	35.8	34.7	35.9
France ²	18,513	37.4	± 0.2	36.2	37.4	40.4	39.1	40.5	33.7	32.7	33.6
Italy	18,806	38.9	± 0.1	38.0	38.7	41.5	41.1	41.4	34.5	33.1	34.3
Cyprus	299	40.7	± 0.4	38.8	40.8	42.7	40.9	43.2	38.0	36.1	37.4
Latvia	1,049	42.3	± 0.8	41.2	43.1	43.4	43.1	44.5	40.9	39.3	41.4
Lithuania	1,359	39.7	± 0.3	39.2	39.6	40.7	40.5	41.0	38.5	37.7	37.9
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	38.1	:	:	41.3	:	:	33.4
Hungary	3,588	40.8	± 0.1	40.0	40.8	42.1	41.3	42.1	39.1	38.5	39.1
Malta	143	39.1	± 0.7	39.6	38.9	40.7	41.5	40.9	35.5	35.3	34.2
Netherlands	6,450	33.0	± 0.0	31.7	32.6	38.2	36.9	37.9	26.2	25.0	25.7
Austria	3,385	39.9	± 0.4	38.4	40.0	44.1	42.8	44.1	34.3	32.8	34.6
Poland	13,919	42.7	± 0.3	40.8	42.7	45.1	43.3	45.4	39.6	37.7	39.2
Portugal	4,494	39.6	± 0.6	38.8	40.0	41.3	40.6	41.9	37.5	36.6	37.6
Romania	9,407	41.2	± 0.4	40.8	41.5	42.3	41.8	42.8	39.8	39.6	39.9
Slovenia	797	41.1	± 0.3	39.1	41.2	42.1	40.4	42.5	39.8	37.7	39.5
Slovakia	2,100	40.2	± 0.3	39.9	41.2	41.4	41.1	42.2	38.5	38.2	39.9
Finland	1,909	38.7	± 0.2	36.4	38.9	41.3	38.8	41.2	35.8	33.8	36.2
Sweden	3,261	37.1	± 0.1	34.5	37.1	39.7	37.0	39.8	33.9	31.5	33.9
United Kingdom	23,989	36.4	± 0.2	35.6	36.5	40.8	40.1	41.0	31.0	30.3	31.0
Croatia	:	:	:	40.1	:	:	41.2	:	:	38.8	:
Iceland	:	:	:	44.0	:	:	:	48.5	:	:	37.8
Norway	1,713	36.1	± 0.4	33.4	35.8	39.6	36.7	39.1	31.8	29.5	31.8
EEA-30	184,178	38.4	± 0.1	37.4	38.6	41.7	40.7	41.9	34.2	33.2	34.4
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.7	:	:	:	43.7	:	:	30.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of employed persons aged 15 years and more who have worked at least one hour during the reference week

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age groups and sex, 3rd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	17.0	52.1	13.2	7.0	15.3	43.4	12.1	7.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	39.1	61.5	36.3	27.7	33.0	55.5	30.3	22.9
Industry, incl. Energy	12.6	51.0	8.5	3.9	12.5	45.6	9.1	4.9
Construction	24.9	48.7	21.2	13.1	22.5	41.5	19.8	12.0
Trade, transport and communication services	17.6	49.6	11.7	6.5	15.8	39.7	10.9	6.4
Business activities and financial services	14.3	48.8	11.2	6.1	12.9	38.9	10.3	7.6
Other services	17.2	59.0	14.9	7.0	15.1	49.7	12.9	8.2
Men	16.3	51.9	12.3	6.9	15.0	43.4	11.5	7.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.1	59.3	31.5	23.1	30.0	54.1	26.7	20.0
Industry, incl. Energy	11.9	51.2	7.6	3.6	11.7	45.7	8.0	4.5
Construction	26.0	48.3	22.4	14.2	23.6	41.3	21.0	12.6
Trade, transport and communication services	15.6	50.1	9.9	6.4	14.0	39.2	9.4	6.2
Business activities and financial services	13.4	48.2	10.6	6.1	12.2	39.0	9.7	7.9
Other services	16.3	62.8	14.0	6.4	15.0	52.6	12.7	8.4
Women	17.8	52.3	14.2	7.1	15.8	43.4	12.7	7.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	48.9	68.3	46.9	40.2	40.4	60.2	38.8	31.1
Industry, incl. Energy	14.4	50.7	10.9	4.6	14.5	45.2	11.6	6.1
Construction	12.7	56.0	8.8	:	11.3	44.3	8.0	:
Trade, transport and communication services	19.9	49.0	14.0	6.6	17.8	40.2	12.7	6.7
Business activities and financial services	15.1	49.2	11.8	6.2	13.6	38.8	10.8	7.1
Other services	17.8	57.2	15.3	7.4	15.2	48.2	13.1	8.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 10. Share of employees with temporary contracts by country and sex, %

15+ years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3
EU-25	26,058	15.3	14.9	14.9	15.0	14.3	14.5	15.8	15.5	15.4
EA-12	19,303	17.0	16.6	16.7	16.3	15.7	16.0	17.8	17.6	17.5
EU-27	26,357	14.7	14.3	14.4	14.4	13.8	14.0	15.2	14.8	14.9
EA-13	19,443	17.0	16.6	16.7	16.3	15.7	16.0	17.8	17.6	17.5
Belgium	329	9.1	8.9	9.0	7.4	7.3	7.3	11.1	10.8	11.1
Bulgaria	188	6.8	6.0	7.5	6.7	6.2	7.7	6.9	5.8	7.3
Czech Republic	365	9.0	8.9	8.8	8.0	7.6	7.9	10.3	10.4	10.0
Denmark	239	9.3	9.6	10.2	8.7	8.1	8.3	9.9	11.2	12.3
Germany	4,733	14.4	14.1	14.3	14.7	14.3	14.5	14.0	14.0	14.0
Estonia	12u	1.9u	3.2	2.7	2.9u	4.2u	3.8u	:	2.2u	:
Ireland	66	3.8	4.2	4.9	3.4	3.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.6
Greece	328	11.4	10.9	12.1	9.7	9.1	10.2	13.9	13.3	15.0
Spain	5,661	34.6	34.4	34.4	32.6	32.2	32.6	37.4	37.3	36.9
France ²	3,109	14.0	13.5	14.2	13.7	12.8	13.6	14.4	14.3	14.9
Italy	2,249	13.2	13.0	12.3	11.5	11.3	10.9	15.6	15.3	14.2
Cyprus	38	13.6	13.9	14.9	8.5	8.5	10.2	19.3	19.9	20.3
Latvia	76	7.6	7.2	7.2	8.7	9.6	8.3	6.4	4.9	6.0
Lithuania	63	4.9	4.7	6.2	6.8	6.7	8.2	3.2u	2.8u	4.1
Luxembourg	:	:	:	5.3	:	:	4.9	:	:	5.8
Hungary	253	7.3	6.8	7.6	8.2	7.5	8.4	6.3	6.0	6.7
Malta	5	3.6	4.0	4.3	3.0u	2.5u	3.2u	4.7u	6.9	6.6u
Netherlands	1,246	17.2	16.1	15.9	16.1	14.9	14.7	18.5	17.5	17.2
Austria	328	9.4	8.7	9.8	9.5	8.6	10.1	9.3	8.7	9.4
Poland	3,229	28.7	27.2	26.4	30.1	28.6	27.0	27.0	25.6	25.7
Portugal	848	21.6	20.2	19.9	20.7	19.0	19.2	22.6	21.5	20.8
Romania	110	1.8	1.9	2.6	1.8	2.1	2.9	1.7	1.8	2.1
Slovenia	141	17.3	18.1	18.1	15.9	16.4	16.0	18.8	19.9	20.5
Slovakia	111	5.5	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.1
Finland	395	18.2	18.0	18.0	14.9	14.1	14.8	21.5	21.8	21.1
Sweden	778	19.2	17.5	17.3	17.4	15.7	15.4	20.9	19.4	19.1
United Kingdom	1,446	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.3	4.8	5.3	6.5	6.3	6.5
Croatia	:	:	11.6	:	:	11.9	:	:	11.2	:
Iceland	:	:	5.5	:	:	5.5	:	:	5.5	:
Norway	235	10.8	10.2	10.7	8.6	8.2	8.6	13.2	12.3	13.0
EEA-30	26,600	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.3	13.7	13.9	15.1	14.8	14.8
Switzerland	:	:	12.7	:	:	12.4	:	:	12.9	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within past 3 months by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	5.2	20.0	3.9	1.4	5.2	19.3	3.8	1.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.8	23.3	5.3	1.8	5.0	19.6	4.2	1.7
Industry, incl. Energy	4.7	19.1	3.4	1.1	4.6	18.4	3.3	1.3
Construction	7.1	17.2	6.0	2.6	7.0	17.3	5.8	2.7
Trade, transport and communication services	6.4	20.9	4.4	1.5	6.4	19.8	4.4	1.8
Business activities and financial services	5.1	20.9	4.0	1.4	5.1	19.9	4.0	1.7
Other services	4.1	20.2	3.1	1.2	4.2	20.2	3.1	1.4
Men	5.1	19.7	3.8	1.5	5.1	19.0	3.8	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.8	24.0	4.7	2.3	5.1	19.5	4.0	2.0
Industry, incl. Energy	4.4	18.2	3.1	1.1	4.3	17.9	3.1	1.3
Construction	7.2	16.9	6.1	2.7	7.1	16.9	5.9	2.9
Trade, transport and communication services	5.7	20.6	3.9	1.4	5.7	19.2	4.0	1.7
Business activities and financial services	4.9	22.4	4.0	:	4.9	21.6	3.9	1.7
Other services	3.8	21.5	2.8	1.3	4.0	21.4	3.0	1.5
Women	5.4	20.4	4.0	1.3	5.3	19.8	3.9	1.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.7	21.0	6.5	:	4.7	20.1	4.5	:
Industry, incl. Energy	5.5	21.4	4.1	:	5.3	19.8	4.0	:
Construction	5.5	:	4.3	:	5.7	25.5u	4.3	:
Trade, transport and communication services	7.3	21.2	5.0	1.6	7.3	20.3	4.9	1.9
Business activities and financial services	5.3	19.7	4.1	:	5.3	18.4	4.1	1.9u
Other services	4.3	19.6	3.3	1.1	4.2	19.5	3.2	1.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 12. Share of persons whose job started within past 3 months by country and sex,%

15+ years	2006q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3	2006q3	2006q2	2005q3
EU-25	10,557	5.2	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.3	4.7	5.0
EA-12	7,121	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.1
EU-27	10,921	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.9
EA-13	7,166	5.2	4.8	5.0	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.4	4.9	5.1
Belgium	169	4.0	3.2	4.0	3.8	3.3	4.1	4.2	3.1	3.9
Bulgaria	150	4.7	6.2	4.6	4.6	6.6	5.0	4.8	5.6	4.2
Czech Republic	138	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.2	3.1	3.0	2.9
Denmark	267	9.4	7.6	8.6	8.5	7.3	7.7	10.5	7.9	9.5
Germany	1,779	4.7	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.4
Estonia	32	4.9	4.3	5.6	5.2	4.6u	6.5	4.6u	4.0u	4.8u
Ireland	105u	5.1u	4.1	1.7	4.4u	3.9	1.6	6.0u	4.4	1.8
Greece	75	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.6	2.2	1.4	1.8	2.5	1.9
Spain	1,673	8.4	7.7	8.1	7.5	7.0	7.5	9.7	8.8	9.1
France ²	1,753	7.0	6.3	6.7	7.5	6.6	6.9	6.5	6.0	6.5
Italy	834	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.9	4.1	3.9	3.5
Cyprus	13	3.6	4.9	4.0	3.4	4.7	3.6	3.9	5.0	4.5
Latvia	84	7.5	6.0	5.1	8.4	6.4	5.8	6.5	5.6	4.3
Lithuania	67	4.4	3.7	4.8	4.9	3.9	6.0	3.9u	3.6u	3.5
Luxembourg	:	:	:	2.5	:	:	2.3	:	:	2.9
Hungary	124	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.7	2.9
Malta	5	3.3	3.0	3.3	2.5u	2.3u	2.4u	5.1u	4.5u	5.3u
Netherlands	141u	1.7u	1.3u	1.4u	1.7u	1.4u	1.4u	1.7u	1.2u	1.5u
Austria	208	5.2	4.9	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.3	4.7	5.5
Poland	810	5.4	4.9	4.3	6.1	5.7	4.6	4.7	3.9	3.9
Portugal	159	3.1	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.2	2.8	3.0
Romania	214	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	3.4	3.1	1.9	1.9	2.2
Slovenia	46	4.7	4.0	5.1	4.8	4.2	5.0	4.6	3.8	5.2
Slovakia	75	3.2	2.7	3.6	3.1	2.9	3.7	3.5	2.4	3.6
Finland	220	8.8	8.5	8.8	8.2	8.3	8.1	9.5	8.6	9.6
Sweden	456	10.1	9.0	8.6	9.2	8.6	8.0	11.0	9.3	9.3
United Kingdom	1,321	4.6	4.1	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.8
Croatia	:	:	4.5	:	:	4.8	:	:	4.2	:
Iceland	:	:	:	8.5	:	:	7.6	:	:	9.5
Norway	157u	6.6u	4.6u	:	6.2u	5.0u	:	7.1u	4.1u	:
EEA-30	11,092	5.1	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.7	4.7	5.2	4.6	4.9
Switzerland	:	:	:	4.0	:	:	3.7	:	:	4.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15 years or more whose job started within the past three months

²2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Source: the European Union Labour Force Survey (EU-LFS) is a quarterly, large sample survey providing results for the population in private households in the EU, EFTA, Acceding Countries and the Candidate Countries. Conscripts in military or community service are not included in the results. The sampling rates vary between 0.2% and 3.3%. **The figures in this publication are not seasonally adjusted**, due to the short times series available. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of International Labour Organisation.

Definitions of indicators presented in this publication are in the Eurostat website:

http://europa.eu/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm

Provisional data: French data for the second and third quarter of 2006 are provisional. The French National Statistics Institute INSEE is currently analysing several methodological issues (non-response, rotation bias). This may lead to revisions of the data later this year.

Reference periods: The data of Luxembourg cover the whole year 2005. The data for Croatia in the 2nd quarter refer to the 1st half-year. In Ireland and UK (2005), the data refer to seasonal quarter (March to May for Q2, June to August for Q3).

Coverage: The data for France cover the metropolitan territory (excluding overseas regions)

Aggregates: When data are unavailable for a country, the calculation of the corresponding aggregates takes into account the data for the same country one year before.

Confidence limits: All confidence limits are calculated at a level of confidence of 95%. The country limits are derived from coefficients of variation calculated by the National Statistic Institutes. When a coefficient is not available, the coefficient for the last quarter available is taken. For the calculation of limits of aggregates, we assume that the EU-LFS is a stratified sample with the country as the first stratum.

Symbols: figures flagged with "u" lack reliability due to small sample size or the non-response for the underlying variable is more than 10%; ":" colons are used for unavailable or extremely unreliable data. "]" vertical lines are used to indicate breaks in time-series. Quarter 3 of the year 2006 is written as 2006Q3.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Data: [EUROSTAT Website/Home page/Population and social conditions/Data](#)

