

Labour Market Latest Trends

3rd quarter 2007 data

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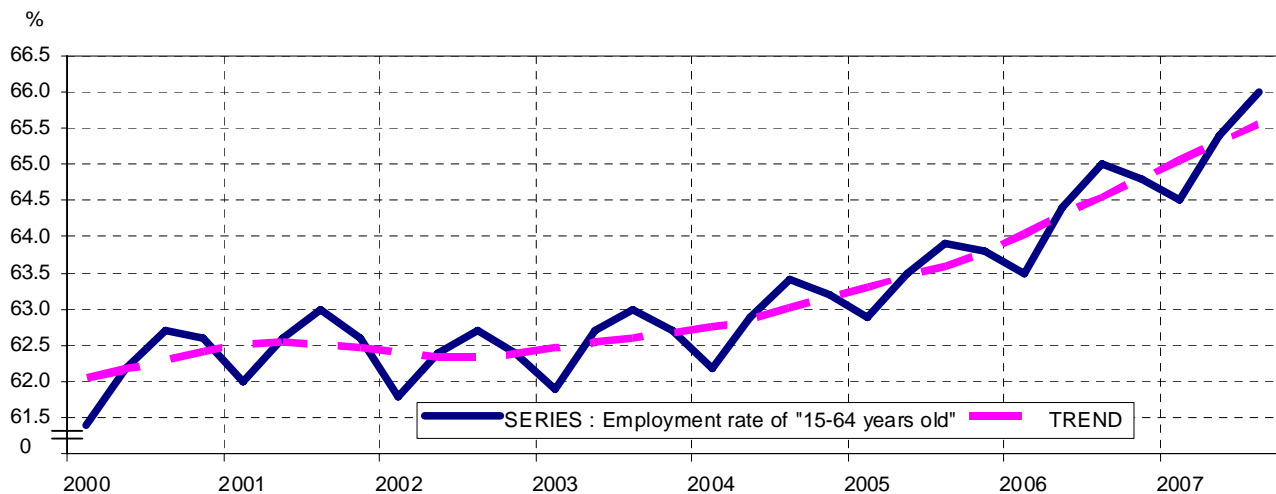
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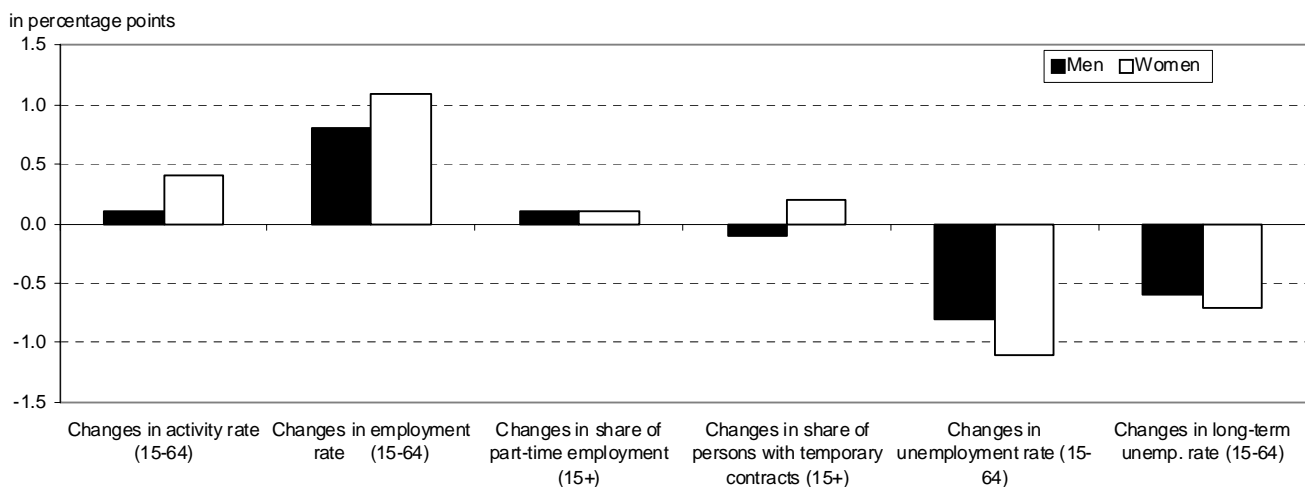
Chart 1: Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2007Q3



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Chart 2: Changes in selected labour market indicators for EU-27 from 2006Q3 to 2007Q3



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex
3rd quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	71.4	46.4	84.8	46.4	70.9	45.7	84.5	47.6
Less than upper secondary	57.5	36.8	75.5	36.5	55.5	33.4	74.1	38.5
Upper secondary level	76.5	56.4	87.1	49.7	75.7	57.2	86.1	50.5
Tertiary level	86.6	64.9	92.1	66.3	87.1	69.9	92.2	67.6
Men	79.1	50.0	93.1	55.9	78.1	49.2	92.0	57.5
Less than upper secondary	69.2	42.0	89.7	47.9	65.9	38.4	87.5	48.8
Upper secondary level	82.8	60.7	93.8	55.9	81.9	61.6	92.5	57.8
Tertiary level	90.1	63.2	96.1	71.9	90.4	68.9	96.0	72.2
Women	63.7	42.6	76.5	37.2	63.7	42.0	77.0	38.2
Less than upper secondary	45.9	30.7	60.9	27.6	45.4	27.6	60.9	30.7
Upper secondary level	70.2	52.3	80.4	43.3	69.2	52.8	79.4	42.4
Tertiary level	83.0	66.1	88.2	58.1	84.0	70.7	88.7	61.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3
EU-27	233,047	70.9	70.4	70.7	78.1	77.6	78.0	63.7	63.2	63.3
EA-13	149,898	71.4	70.9	70.9	79.1	78.6	78.8	63.7	63.3	62.9
EA-15	150,449	71.4	70.9	70.9	79.1	78.6	78.8	63.7	63.3	62.9
Belgium	4,694	67.0	66.7	66.6	73.7	73.2	73.0	60.2	60.2	60.2
Bulgaria	3,500	67.2	66.1	66.2	71.2	70.3	70.0	63.3	62.0	62.4
Czech Republic	5,141	69.9	69.7	70.4	78.4	77.9	78.4	61.4	61.5	62.3
Denmark	2,872	80.4	80.3	81.2	84.0	84.0	84.7	76.7	76.4	77.6
Germany	41,503	76.3	75.6	75.6	82.2	81.4	81.6	70.4	69.8	69.4
Estonia	667	73.3	73.5	71.9	77.8	77.9	75.2	69.3	69.5	68.9
Ireland	2,205	73.5	72.2	73.1	82.4	81.2	82.9	64.5	63.1	63.2
Greece	4,842	67.1	67.0	67.2	79.3	78.9	79.1	55.0	55.1	55.4
Spain	22,153	71.8	71.5	71.0	81.8	81.6	81.7	61.5	61.2	60.1
France	27,989	70.8	70.0	70.6	75.7	74.7	75.7	66.0	65.4	65.5
Italy	24,429	62.7	62.5	62.3	74.7	74.5	74.4	50.7	50.6	50.1
Cyprus	385	74.3	73.8	73.4	83.5	82.9	83.3	65.7	65.1	64.1
Latvia	1,155	73.4	72.0	72.7	78.7	76.4	78.4	68.4	68.0	67.3
Lithuania	1,595	68.8	68.2	68.1	72.1	71.2	70.9	65.7	65.5	65.5
Luxembourg	204	67.0	65.6	65.1	75.3	75.5	75.3	58.4	55.4	58.2
Hungary	4,225	62.2	61.9	62.3	69.4	69.2	69.1	55.3	55.0	55.8
Malta	166	59.9	59.6	59.6	78.8	78.8	79.2	40.6	40.3	39.7
Netherlands	8,658	78.8	78.5	77.5	85.0	84.7	84.1	72.6	72.2	70.7
Austria	4,221	76.0	74.9	75.1	83.0	82.1	82.2	69.1	67.7	68.1
Poland	16,712	63.6	62.9	64.1	70.2	69.9	70.8	57.1	56.1	57.6
Portugal	5,306	74.3	73.7	74.0	79.7	79.0	79.5	69.1	68.6	68.7
Romania	9,719	64.6	63.9	65.7	71.5	71.0	72.7	57.7	56.9	58.8
Slovenia	1,022	72.3	71.7	71.2	77.1	76.0	75.7	67.3	67.2	66.6
Slovakia	2,661	68.5	68.0	68.8	76.5	75.5	76.5	60.6	60.6	61.2
Finland	2,672	76.4	77.3	76.0	78.5	79.3	78.4	74.2	75.3	73.6
Sweden	4,819	80.2	79.9	79.8	82.4	82.0	82.1	77.9	77.7	77.5
United Kingdom	29,534	75.6	75.0	76.0	82.3	81.6	82.8	69.2	68.6	69.4
Croatia	:	:	:	63.7	:	:	69.3	:	:	58.2
Turkey	24,990	51.8	51.3	51.9	76.3	75.1	76.1	27.4	27.6	27.8
Iceland	176	87.7	88.8	88.0	91.8	92.5	91.4	83.3	84.8	84.3
Norway	2,463	79.2	78.8	78.5	82.1	81.7	81.7	76.2	75.9	75.3
EEA-30	235,686	71.0	70.5	70.8	78.2	77.6	78.1	63.8	63.4	63.5
Switzerland	:	:	:	81.3	:	:	87.8	:	:	74.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 3. Employment rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	66.3	39.6	79.5	43.6	66.0	38.6	79.5	45.1
Less than upper secondary	51.5	30.0	68.5	33.9	49.6	26.7	67.2	36.1
Upper secondary level	71.4	49.6	82.1	46.6	70.7	49.6	81.2	47.8
Tertiary level	82.6	56.8	88.1	63.7	83.5	61.1	88.8	65.4
Men	74.1	43.1	88.1	52.8	73.2	41.8	87.2	54.5
Less than upper secondary	62.9	34.7	82.8	44.8	59.5	31.1	80.5	45.7
Upper secondary level	78.0	54.0	89.1	52.8	77.1	53.8	87.9	54.8
Tertiary level	86.6	55.7	92.6	68.9	87.0	60.3	92.9	69.6
Women	58.4	35.9	70.8	34.8	58.8	35.3	71.7	36.3
Less than upper secondary	40.2	24.4	53.7	25.6	40.0	21.7	54.1	28.9
Upper secondary level	64.8	45.4	74.8	40.1	64.0	45.5	74.1	40.0
Tertiary level	78.6	57.7	83.8	56.2	80.2	61.6	85.0	59.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3
EU-27	216,766	± 545	66.0 ± 0.2	65.4	65.0	73.2	72.5	72.4	58.8	58.3	57.7
EA-13	139,069	± 347	66.3 ± 0.2	65.7	65.2	74.1	73.5	73.3	58.4	58.0	57.1
EA-15	139,594	± 347	66.3 ± 0.2	65.7	65.2	74.1	73.5	73.3	58.4	58.0	57.1
Belgium	4,353	± 57	62.1 ± 0.8	61.6	61.2	68.9	68.2	68.1	55.3	54.9	54.2
Bulgaria	3,266	± 81	62.7 ± 1.5	61.6	60.3	66.8	65.5	64.1	58.6	57.7	56.5
Czech Republic	4,875	± 40	66.3 ± 0.5	66.0	65.4	75.2	74.5	73.9	57.3	57.5	56.8
Denmark	2,757	± 27	77.1 ± 0.8	77.3	78.2	80.9	81.3	82.1	73.3	73.3	74.1
Germany	37,985	± 197	69.9 ± 0.4	69.1	68.1	75.3	74.4	73.6	64.3	63.7	62.6
Estonia	638	± 18	70.2 ± 2.0	69.7	67.9	74.0	73.2	71.2	66.7	66.4	64.9
Ireland	2,097	± 21	69.9 ± 0.7	68.9	69.6	78.2	77.2	78.7	61.5	60.3	60.3
Greece	4,455	± 87	61.8 ± 1.2	61.5	61.5	75.4	74.9	75.0	48.2	48.1	48.1
Spain	20,362	± 84	66.0 ± 0.3	65.8	65.2	76.7	76.6	76.7	55.0	54.8	53.4
France	25,815	± 202	65.3 ± 0.5	64.6	64.4	70.1	69.3	69.9	60.6	59.9	59.1
Italy	23,031	± 122	59.1 ± 0.3	58.9	58.4	71.3	71.1	70.7	46.9	46.8	46.1
Cyprus	369	± 10	71.3 ± 1.9	71.2	70.4	80.8	80.1	80.7	62.4	62.7	60.8
Latvia	1,085	± 23	69.0 ± 1.4	67.6	68.0	73.6	71.5	72.9	64.7	64.0	63.5
Lithuania	1,532	± 43	66.1 ± 1.8	65.4	64.2	69.4	68.2	66.7	62.9	62.7	61.8
Luxembourg	195	± 3	64.1 ± 1.0	63.0	63.6	73.1	72.4	72.6	55.0	53.5	54.6
Hungary	3,919	± 213	57.7 ± 3.1	57.6	57.6	64.7	64.4	64.2	51.0	51.0	51.2
Malta	156	± 4	56.1 ± 1.5	55.7	55.5	74.5	74.3	74.3	37.5	36.8	36.5
Netherlands	8,404	± 49	76.5 ± 0.4	76.0	74.7	82.8	82.3	81.3	70.1	69.6	67.9
Austria	4,025	± 39	72.5 ± 0.7	71.5	71.9	79.7	78.9	79.1	65.3	64.2	64.7
Poland	15,184	± 149	57.8 ± 0.6	56.8	55.6	64.3	63.4	62.2	51.5	50.4	49.2
Portugal	4,862	± 51	68.1 ± 0.7	67.6	68.2	74.1	73.6	74.3	62.3	61.7	62.2
Romania	9,105	± 282	60.5 ± 1.9	59.6	60.9	66.5	65.6	66.6	54.5	53.6	55.2
Slovenia	976	± 19	69.0 ± 1.4	68.3	67.2	74.2	73.2	72.1	63.6	63.3	62.1
Slovakia	2,359	± 23	60.7 ± 0.6	60.4	59.9	68.9	67.9	67.5	52.7	52.9	52.4
Finland	2,509	± 17	71.7 ± 0.5	71.3	70.8	74.2	73.4	73.6	69.2	69.2	68.0
Sweden	4,551	± 20	75.7 ± 0.3	74.3	74.7	78.1	76.7	77.0	73.3	71.9	72.3
United Kingdom	27,902	± 131	71.4 ± 0.3	71.1	71.7	77.6	77.1	77.9	65.5	65.2	65.7
Croatia	:	:	:	:	56.8	:	:	62.7	:	:	51.0
Turkey	22,963	± 225	47.6 ± 0.5	47.2	47.8	70.3	69.1	70.2	25.0	25.5	25.4
Iceland	173	± 2	86.0 ± 1.1	86.0	85.9	90.4	89.4	89.5	81.1	82.2	81.9
Norway	2,401	± 15	77.3 ± 0.5	76.7	75.9	80.1	79.4	79.0	74.3	73.8	72.7
EEA-30	219,339	± 545	66.1 ± 0.2	65.5	65.2	73.2	72.6	72.5	59.0	58.5	57.9
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	77.9	:	:	84.7	:	:	71.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

Table 5. Part-time employment as share of total employment, by economic activity, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	19.4	24.0	17.9	24.9	18.0	24.4	15.6	25.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	19.9	24.6	13.2	33.6	21.9	33.4	15.2	32.6
Industry, incl. Energy	8.8	10.4	7.9	14.3	7.3	9.0	6.1	13.8
Construction	6.2	5.1	5.5	12.4	5.8	4.7	4.9	12.4
Trade, transport and communication services	21.0	33.3	18.4	23.6	19.9	34.5	16.1	25.1
Business activities and financial services	21.0	24.6	19.4	29.4	19.0	21.9	17.0	29.9
Other services	27.4	28.3	26.9	29.4	25.4	28.3	24.0	30.9
Men	7.4	16.8	5.0	14.1	7.6	17.8	4.7	15.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	12.3	21.1	5.5	25.7	15.9	29.2	8.9	27.0
Industry, incl. Energy	3.3	7.5	2.0	8.3	3.0	6.5	1.7	8.7
Construction	3.4	4.3	2.4	8.9	3.4	4.1	2.4	9.3
Trade, transport and communication services	9.0	25.8	5.5	12.9	9.3	27.6	5.1	14.2
Business activities and financial services	8.7	21.6	5.9	18.2	8.4	18.9	5.2	20.0
Other services	11.2	22.9	9.2	15.8	11.0	24.4	8.1	18.2
Women	34.8	33.1	34.0	41.2	30.8	32.5	29.0	40.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.1	35.7	29.0	47.1	31.5	43.4	25.6	40.4
Industry, incl. Energy	23.2	18.3	22.5	34.0	17.1	15.1	15.9	29.9
Construction	39.2	:	40.1	51.9	32.6	:	32.8	46.9
Trade, transport and communication services	36.5	40.9	34.9	41.1	33.2	41.2	30.1	42.8
Business activities and financial services	34.9	27.2	34.3	47.7	31.2	24.7	30.1	46.0
Other services	36.5	31.0	36.5	39.5	33.1	30.3	32.2	39.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3
EU-27	39,614	± 278	18.0	18.2	17.8	7.6	7.8	7.5	30.8	31.3	30.7
EA-13	27,398	± 205	19.4	19.8	19.2	7.4	7.6	7.2	34.8	35.4	34.6
EA-15	27,443	± 205	19.4	19.7	19.1	7.4	7.6	7.2	34.7	35.3	34.5
Belgium	957	± 38	21.8	22.7	21.4	7.3	7.5	6.9	40.2	41.9	39.9
Bulgaria	54	± 8	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.3	2.1
Czech Republic	241	± 13	4.9	5.1	5.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	8.3	8.7	8.5
Denmark	660	± 28	23.5	24.3	23.6	12.7	13.6	13.5	35.9	36.5	35.0
Germany	9,964	± 122	25.8	26.3	25.6	9.4	9.5	9.0	45.4	46.2	45.6
Estonia	55	± 8	8.3	7.9	7.2	4.6	4.3u	4.0u	12.1	11.6	10.5
Ireland	385	± 11	18.0	18.1	:	7.4	7.1	:	31.9	32.7	:
Greece	248	± 15	5.5	5.8	5.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	9.8	10.5	9.9
Spain	2,277	± 54	11.1	12.0	11.3	3.7	4.3	4.2	21.7	23.0	21.9
France	4,364	± 111	16.8	17.3	16.8	5.5	5.7	5.5	29.7	30.5	29.8
Italy	3,223	± 82	13.8	13.5	12.7	5.0	4.9	4.4	27.2	26.6	25.5
Cyprus	27	± 3	7.1	7.0	6.9	4.6	4.2	3.7	10.2	10.4	11.0
Latvia	66	± 11	5.9	7.3	5.9	4.5	5.4	4.5	7.4	9.2	7.5
Lithuania	130	± 13	8.3	8.3	9.1	6.4	6.5	6.4	10.3	10.3	11.8
Luxembourg	35	± 1	17.9	17.8	17.1	2.9	2.2u	2.6	38.2	39.7	36.2
Hungary	168	± 11	4.3	4.1	4.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	5.9	5.7	5.7
Malta	19	± 2	11.9	11.0	10.2	4.8	4.1	5.5	26.1	25.3	20.1
Netherlands	3,979	± 39	46.7	46.9	45.8	23.6	23.7	22.6	74.8	74.9	74.4
Austria	915	± 25	22.3	22.7	21.3	7.3	7.4	6.3	40.6	41.5	39.6
Poland	1,380	± 81	8.9	9.3	9.6	6.3	6.8	7.1	12.1	12.4	12.6
Portugal	632	± 37	12.2	12.2	11.2	8.0	8.2	7.4	17.1	16.9	15.6
Romania	1,075	± 121	11.1	9.6	9.3	10.1	9.0	8.7	12.3	10.3	10.0
Slovenia	89	± 7	8.9	9.9	8.9	7.4	8.2	7.2	10.6	12.1	11.0
Slovakia	59	± 7	2.5	2.7	2.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	4.2	4.7	4.8
Finland	330	± 12	13.0	13.6	13.2	8.4	8.9	8.8	18.0	18.7	18.1
Sweden	1,100	± 22	23.7	24.4	23.9	11.2	11.4	11.2	37.6	38.7	38.1
United Kingdom	7,183	± 109	25.2	25.5	25.4	10.8	10.8	10.7	41.8	42.5	42.3
Croatia	:	:	:	:	9.7	:	:	7.7	:	:	12.2
Turkey	1,759	± 41	7.5	8.7	7.0	3.8	4.8	3.6	17.6	19.2	16.3
Iceland	33	± 2	18.7	20.5	18.4	6.8	7.9	7.3	33.2	35.5	31.9
Norway	659	± 17	26.9	28.4	28.3	13.1	13.9	13.7	42.3	44.5	44.8
EEA-30	40,307	± 279	18.1	18.3	17.9	7.7	7.8	7.6	30.9	31.4	30.9
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	33.2	:	:	12.6	:	:	58.0

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 7. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs by economic activity, full-time/part-time distinction and sex, 3rd quarter 2007, %

	EA-13			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	37.9	42.0	20.9	38.5	42.2	21.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	43.7	49.4	21.0	41.5	46.7	23.3
Industry, incl. Energy	39.3	41.1	20.7	40.1	41.5	21.2
Construction	41.1	42.4	20.3	41.9	43.1	21.4
Trade, transport and communication services	39.1	44.0	20.6	39.2	43.8	20.5
Business activities and financial services	37.4	41.9	20.6	37.9	41.9	20.5
Other services	34.4	39.4	21.4	35.1	39.7	21.5
Men	41.5	43.1	21.2	41.7	43.3	21.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	47.2	50.8	21.8	44.9	48.9	24.5
Industry, incl. Energy	40.9	41.5	20.6	41.4	42.0	21.4
Construction	41.8	42.5	22.1	42.7	43.3	23.8
Trade, transport and communication services	42.7	45.0	20.2	42.5	44.8	20.5
Business activities and financial services	41.4	43.3	21.1	41.4	43.2	20.9
Other services	38.7	40.7	22.4	39.1	41.1	22.1
Women	33.2	40.0	20.8	34.3	40.2	21.0
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.8	45.6	20.4	36.2	42.5	22.3
Industry, incl. Energy	35.3	39.7	20.8	37.0	40.2	21.1
Construction	31.6	40.0	18.6	33.2	40.1	18.5
Trade, transport and communication services	34.4	42.2	20.7	35.0	42.0	20.6
Business activities and financial services	32.9	39.7	20.4	33.8	39.8	20.4
Other services	31.8	38.3	21.2	32.9	38.7	21.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	
EU-27	185,599	38.5	± 0.1	37.4	38.5	41.7	40.7	41.7	34.3	33.2	34.2
EA-13	115,642	37.9	± 0.1	36.8	37.9	41.5	40.4	41.4	33.2	32.1	33.1
EA-15	116,111	37.9	± 0.1	36.8	37.9	41.5	40.4	41.4	33.2	32.1	33.1
Belgium	3,393	38.1	± 0.8	36.9	37.5	41.6	40.5	41.4	33.5	32.4	32.4
Bulgaria	2,885	41.5	± 0.2	40.6	41.4	42.1	41.2	41.9	40.9	40.0	40.8
Czech Republic	4,255	41.4	± 0.1	41.1	41.6	43.3	43.1	43.6	38.7	38.5	38.8
Denmark	2,155	36.5	± 0.4	34.5	36.1	39.3	37.3	39.1	33.2	31.0	32.4
Germany	34,220	36.7	± 0.2	35.8	36.5	41.4	40.6	41.3	30.8	30.0	30.6
Estonia	611	40.1	± 0.4	40.2	40.9	41.4	41.6	42.4	38.6	38.7	39.3
Ireland	1,878	37.6	± 0.0	36.8	38.1	41.8	41.2	42.1	31.6	30.6	32.2
Greece	4,191	42.6	± 0.3	41.3	42.9	44.6	43.5	44.9	39.4	37.8	39.7
Spain	16,080	39.5	± 0.1	38.6	39.5	42.0	41.1	42.0	35.8	34.9	35.8
France	19,220	37.9	± 0.1	35.9	37.5	40.9	38.9	40.4	34.4	32.5	33.8
Italy	19,191	38.8	± 0.1	38.0	38.9	41.5	41.1	41.5	34.3	33.2	34.5
Cyprus	320	40.6	± 0.4	38.8	40.7	42.4	40.7	42.7	38.3	36.3	38.0
Latvia	1,079	42.0	± 0.4	41.5	42.3	43.2	42.7	43.4	40.7	40.3	40.9
Lithuania	1,422	39.9	± 0.2	39.3	39.7	40.9	40.4	40.7	38.8	38.0	38.5
Luxembourg	148	38.8	± 0.4	36.7	37.8	41.7	39.8	41.0	34.4	32.1	33.4
Hungaria	3,604	40.5	± 0.1	39.8	40.8	41.7	41.0	42.1	39.0	38.3	39.1
Malta	149	39.8	± 0.5	38.6	39.1	42.3	40.9	40.7	34.6	33.7	35.5
Netherlands	6,628	33.0	± 0.5	31.6	33.0	38.1	36.9	38.2	26.4	25.0	26.2
Austria	3,490	39.4	± 0.4	37.9	39.9	43.5	42.2	44.1	33.8	32.4	34.3
Poland	14,355	42.6	± 0.3	41.2	42.7	45.0	43.5	45.1	39.4	38.1	39.6
Portugal	4,461	39.4	± 0.6	38.1	39.6	41.2	39.8	41.3	37.2	36.0	37.5
Romania	9,491	40.7	± 0.4	40.8	41.2	42.1	41.9	42.3	39.1	39.6	39.8
Slovenia	823	41.2	± 0.3	39.8	41.1	42.4	41.2	42.1	39.5	38.0	39.8
Slovakia	2,149	40.9	± 0.3	39.7	40.2	42.2	41.0	41.4	39.2	38.1	38.5
Finland	1,919	38.7	± 0.2	36.1	38.7	41.3	38.5	41.3	35.8	33.4	35.8
Sweden	3,347	37.2	± 0.1	34.5	37.1	39.8	37.0	39.7	34.0	31.5	33.9
United Kingdom	24,138	36.4	± 0.2	35.7	36.4	40.7	40.2	40.8	31.1	30.4	31.0
Croatia	:	:	:	:	40.1	:	:	41.4	:	:	38.6
Turkey	22,813	52.1	± 0.3	50.8	53.9	54.9	53.9	56.6	44.6	42.4	46.5
Iceland	139	43.4	± 0.6	42.2	44.3	47.8	47.4	48.5	37.4	35.7	38.5
Norway	1,765	35.9	± 0.4	33.6	36.1	39.4	37.0	39.6	31.7	29.7	31.8
EEA-30	187,503	38.5	± 0.1	37.4	38.4	41.7	40.6	41.7	34.3	33.2	34.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.8	:	:	:	43.6	:	:	30.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by economic activity, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	17.1	52.5	13.3	6.9	14.8	42.6	11.6	7.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	39.1	60.7	35.8	30.4	30.6	54.5	27.6	22.6
Industry, incl. Energy	12.8	51.4	8.7	4.0	12.0	43.2	8.8	4.8
Construction	24.4	48.3	20.8	12.8	20.7	39.3	18.3	11.0
Trade, transport and communication services	17.7	50.0	11.8	6.0	15.2	39.1	10.5	6.2
Business activities and financial services	14.4	49.1	11.3	5.9	12.8	40.2	9.9	7.6
Other services	17.5	59.9	15.1	6.7	14.8	49.8	12.6	7.8
Men	16.4	52.4	12.3	6.6	14.3	42.5	11.0	7.1
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.8	59.6	33.1	26.3	28.7	52.8	25.4	20.1
Industry, incl. Energy	12.1	51.5	7.8	3.8	11.3	43.9	7.9	4.5
Construction	25.4	48.5	21.8	14.0	21.7	39.5	19.3	11.6
Trade, transport and communication services	15.9	50.0	10.2	5.4	13.3	38.4	8.9	5.4
Business activities and financial services	13.4	50.2	10.3	5.6	12.0	41.0	9.1	7.3
Other services	16.2	64.0	13.7	5.9	14.2	52.9	11.8	7.7
Women	17.9	52.6	14.4	7.2	15.4	42.8	12.4	7.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.0	64.6	42.2	41.5	35.5	60.0	32.9	29.5
Industry, incl. Energy	14.5	50.9	11.0	4.7	13.4	41.6	10.7	5.6
Construction	13.2	45.1	10.2	:	10.8	35.5	8.4	:
Trade, transport and communication services	19.8	50.0	13.7	6.8	17.4	39.8	12.5	7.2
Business activities and financial services	15.2	48.2	12.1	6.3	13.5	39.4	10.6	7.9
Other services	18.1	57.9	15.8	7.3	15.1	48.2	13.1	7.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3
EU-27	27,103	14.8	14.5	14.8	14.3	13.8	14.4	15.4	15.2	15.2
EA-13	20,135	17.1	16.7	17.1	16.4	15.8	16.4	17.9	17.8	17.9
EA-15	20,186	17.1	16.7	17.1	16.4	15.7	16.4	17.9	17.8	17.9
Belgium	324	8.8	8.8	9.1	7.2	6.7	7.4	10.7	11.3	11.1
Bulgaria	156	5.4	5.5	6.8	4.8	5.2	6.7	6.0	5.8	6.9
Czech Republic	362	8.7	8.7	9.0	7.5	7.2	8.0	10.2	10.4	10.3
Denmark	225	8.8	9.1	9.3	7.6	7.8	8.7	10.1	10.3	9.9
Germany	4,971	14.6	14.2	14.3	14.9	14.2	14.7	14.3	14.2	13.9
Estonia	15 ^u	2.5 ^u	2.3 ^u	1.9 ^u	2.8 ^u	3.2 ^u	2.9 ^u	:	:	:
Ireland	167	9.4	8.9	3.8	8.0	7.2	3.4	10.9	10.8	4.2
Greece	335	11.4	11.1	11.4	9.7	9.5	9.7	13.7	13.4	13.9
Spain	5,389	31.9	31.8	34.6	30.9	30.8	32.6	33.3	33.3	37.4
France	3,420	14.8	14.2	14.7	13.9	13.1	14.1	15.7	15.4	15.3
Italy	2,361	13.6	13.4	13.2	11.8	11.1	11.5	16.1	16.6	15.6
Cyprus	43	14.2	12.9	13.6	8.9	7.0	8.5	19.8	19.1	19.3
Latvia	41	4.1	5.2	7.6	5.3	6.4	8.7	2.9	4.1	6.4
Lithuania	49	3.7	3.7	4.9	5.1	5.4	6.8	2.4 ^u	2.1 ^u	3.2 ^u
Luxembourg	12	6.4	7.0	6.1	6.2	6.7	5.7	6.8	7.4	6.6
Hungary	264	7.6	7.5	7.3	8.2	8.0	8.2	7.0	6.9	6.3
Malta	8	6.1	5.8	3.6	4.6	3.9	3.0 ^u	8.7	9.3	4.7 ^u
Netherlands	1,365	18.5	17.9	17.2	17.2	16.5	16.1	19.8	19.4	18.5
Austria	335	9.6	8.7	9.4	9.3	8.8	9.5	9.9	8.7	9.3
Poland	3,393	28.7	28.1	28.7	29.1	28.6	30.1	28.3	27.7	27.0
Portugal	896	22.8	22.2	21.6	22.4	21.7	20.7	23.3	22.6	22.6
Romania	94	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.7
Slovenia	162	19.3	18.6	17.3	17.2	16.8	15.9	21.6	20.7	18.8
Slovakia	101	5.0	5.4	5.5	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.7	5.5
Finland	399	18.0	17.3	18.2	14.6	13.5	14.9	21.3	21.1	21.5
Sweden	783	18.9	18.0	19.2	16.4	15.6	17.4	21.4	20.4	20.9
United Kingdom	1,434	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.1	5.3	6.4	6.4	6.5
Croatia	:	:	:	14.1	:	:	14.3	:	:	13.9
Turkey	2,001	14.8	13.8	14.4	14.7	13.9	14.4	14.9	13.5	14.3
Iceland	23	15.1	14.3	14.6	13.5	13.2	12.9	16.8	15.4	16.4
Norway	238	10.6	9.7	10.8	8.6	7.8	8.6	12.6	11.7	13.2
EEA-30	27,365	14.8	14.4	14.8	14.2	13.7	14.4	15.4	15.2	15.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	13.4	:	:	13.0	:	:	13.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months by economic activity, age group and sex, 3rd quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	5.3	20.6	3.9	1.5	5.1	19.1	3.7	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.5	24.8	4.6	1.8	4.2	18.1	3.3	1.9
Industry, incl. Energy	4.7	19.1	3.3	1.2	4.3	17.4	3.1	1.3
Construction	7.1	17.4	6.0	2.5	6.6	16.8	5.6	2.5
Trade, transport and communication services	6.5	21.3	4.4	1.5	6.3	19.7	4.2	1.8
Business activities and financial services	5.2	22.1	4.0	1.7	5.3	20.6	4.1	1.9
Other services	4.4	21.5	3.3	1.3	4.2	20.4	3.1	1.4
Men	5.1	20.0	3.8	1.5	4.8	18.4	3.6	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.6	24.1	4.3	2.3	4.4	18.5	3.3	2.0
Industry, incl. Energy	4.3	18.2	3.0	1.2	4.0	17.0	2.8	1.3
Construction	7.1	17.1	6.0	2.5	6.7	16.5	5.7	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	5.7	20.8	4.0	1.4	5.5	19.1	3.7	1.8
Business activities and financial services	4.8	23.3	3.7	:	4.8	20.9	3.8	1.7
Other services	3.8	22.1	2.8	1.2	3.8	20.2	2.8	1.4
Women	5.6	21.4	4.2	1.5	5.3	20.0	3.9	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.2	27.0	5.2	:	3.8	17.1	3.5	1.7
Industry, incl. Energy	5.6	21.4	4.2	:	5.0	18.4	3.8	:
Construction	6.6	:	5.3	:	5.9	21.2	4.5	:
Trade, transport and communication services	7.4	21.8	5.1	1.5	7.3	20.3	4.9	1.9
Business activities and financial services	5.7	20.9	4.4	2.8	5.7	20.3	4.3	2.4
Other services	4.6	21.2	3.5	1.3	4.4	20.5	3.3	1.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q3 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3	2007Q3	2007Q2	2006Q3
EU-27	11,184	5.1	4.7	5.1	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.2
EA-13	7,512	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.6	4.9	5.4
EA-15	7,536	5.3	4.8	5.3	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.6	4.9	5.4
Belgium	191	4.3	3.7	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.8	4.6	3.8	4.2
Bulgaria	104	3.1	5.2	4.7	3.0	5.1	4.6	3.3	5.3	4.8
Czech Republic	132	2.7	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.1
Denmark	230	8.2	8.0	9.4	7.0	7.3	8.5	9.6	8.9	10.5
Germany	1,928	5.0	4.2	4.7	5.0	4.3	4.9	5.0	4.1	4.5
Estonia	33	4.9	4.6	4.9	4.1u	4.6u	5.2	5.8	4.6u	4.6u
Ireland	142	6.6	5.1	5.1u	6.0	4.6	4.4u	7.5	5.8	6.0u
Greece	88	1.9	2.6	1.7	1.8	2.4	1.6	2.1	2.9	1.8
Spain	1,627	7.9	7.3	8.4	7.1	6.8	7.5	9.2	7.9	9.7
France	1,823	7.0	6.3	7.2	7.3	6.6	7.7	6.7	6.0	6.8
Italy	886	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.3	4.6	4.3	4.1
Cyprus	17	4.4	5.4	3.6	4.0	5.2	3.4	4.9	5.6	3.9
Latvia	65	5.8	6.5	7.5	6.2	6.8	8.4	5.3	6.3	6.5
Lithuania	62	4.0	4.7	4.4	4.5	5.5	4.9	3.4	3.8	3.9u
Luxembourg	6	3.0	2.3	2.4	3.0	1.9u	2.1	3.1u	2.8u	2.8
Hungary	111	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.9
Malta	7	4.6	3.3	3.3	3.8	2.7u	2.5u	6.4	4.8u	5.1u
Netherlands	150u	1.8u	1.7u	1.7u	1.7u	1.6u	1.7u	1.9u	1.8u	1.7u
Austria	224	5.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	4.7	5.1	6.0	4.6	5.3
Poland	791	5.1	4.8	5.4	5.1	4.9	6.1	5.1	4.6	4.7
Portugal	176	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.2
Romania	247	2.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.5	2.4	1.9
Slovenia	52	5.1	4.4	4.7	5.0	4.4	4.8	5.4	4.5	4.6
Slovakia	60	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.4	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.7	3.5
Finland	218	8.6	9.1	8.8	7.7	9.0	8.2	9.6	9.2	9.5
Sweden	458	9.9	8.9	10.1	8.9	8.6	9.2	10.9	9.3	11.0
United Kingdom	1,354	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.2	4.9
Croatia	:	:	:	4.7	:	:	5.0	:	:	4.3
Turkey	2,195	9.3	8.5	8.7	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.4	6.7	8.0
Iceland	16	8.7	7.4	9.2	7.2	7.4	8.5	10.5	7.3	9.9
Norway	178	7.3	5.0u	6.6u	6.9	5.3u	6.2u	7.7	4.7u	7.1u
EEA-30	11,378	5.1	4.7	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.4	4.8	5.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	4.0	:	:	3.7	:	:	4.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

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, Accessing 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.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm

Reference periods: In the case of Luxembourg the data labelled 2006Q3 refer to the whole year 2006. The data for Croatia refer to the 2nd half-year 2006. The data for Switzerland cover the 2nd quarter 2006. In Ireland, 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. Quarter 3 of the year 2007 is written as 2007Q3.

Economic activity: In tables 5, 7, 9, 11 breakdowns are based on the industry of the main job. The classification used is the NACE, revision 1.1.

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