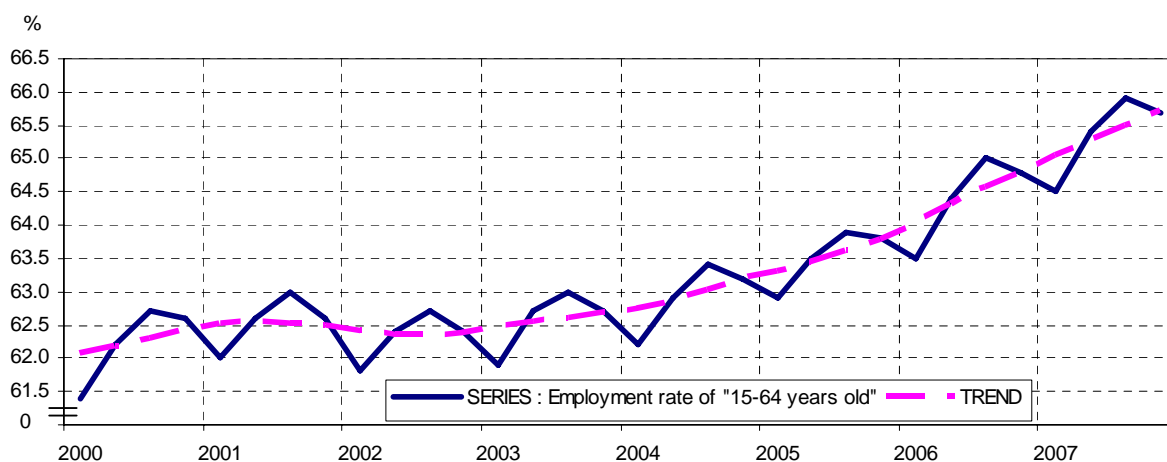


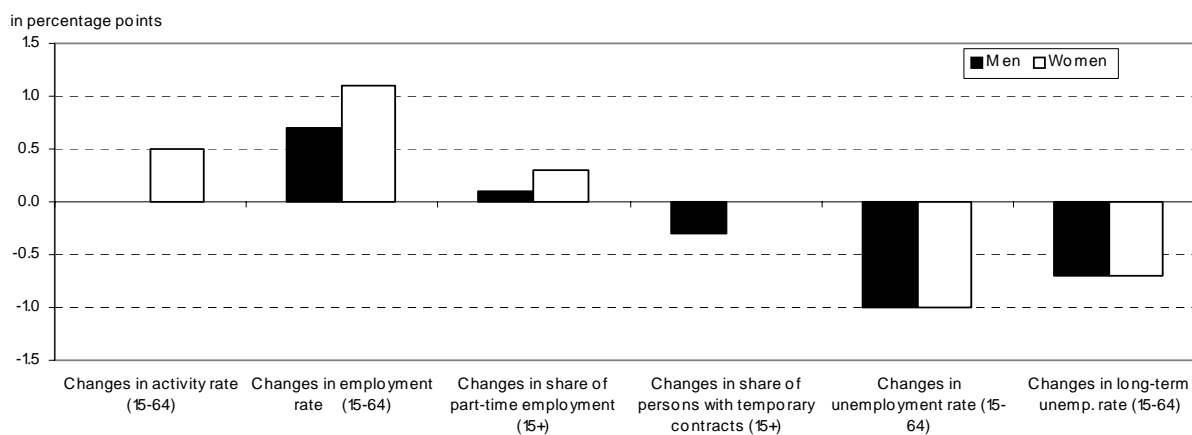
# Labour Market Latest Trends- 4th quarter 2007 data<sup>1</sup>

Chart 1: Employment rate<sup>2</sup> (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2007Q4



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Chart 2: Changes in selected indicators for EU-27 from 2006Q4 to 2007Q4



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup> This publication belongs to a quarterly series presenting the main results of the EU Labour Force Survey for the EU-27 and for all Member States. Harmonised unemployment rates are published separately on a monthly basis (press release calendar available on Eurostat website).

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Number of people in employment aged 15 to 64 years divided by the total population aged 15 to 64 years.

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of education, age and sex, 4th quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>47.6</b>
Less than upper secondary	57.0	35.3	75.8	36.0	54.6	31.6	74.0	37.8
Upper secondary level	76.4	54.6	87.2	50.5	75.4	55.3	86.1	50.7
Tertiary level	86.8	63.7	92.4	66.7	87.5	69.8	92.5	68.2
<b>Men</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>57.3</b>
Less than upper secondary	68.4	40.4	89.6	47.2	65.0	36.5	87.3	48.2
Upper secondary level	82.2	57.6	93.6	56.3	81.3	59.1	92.3	57.7
Tertiary level	90.1	60.4	96.1	72.0	90.5	68.3	96.1	72.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>38.4</b>
Less than upper secondary	45.7	29.4	61.5	27.4	44.7	26.0	60.9	30.0
Upper secondary level	70.4	51.8	80.7	44.5	69.1	51.6	79.5	43.0
Tertiary level	83.5	66.0	88.8	59.0	84.6	70.8	89.3	62.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %**

15-64 years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>232,300</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.1</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>149,768</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.2</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>150,321</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>63.2</b>
Belgium	4,750	67.5	67.0	67.5	73.5	73.7	74.7	61.4	60.2	60.1
Bulgaria	3,472	67.1	67.2	65.3	71.5	71.2	69.8	62.7	63.3	60.8
Czech Republic	5,150	69.9	69.9	70.2	78.4	78.4	78.3	61.3	61.4	62.0
Denmark	2,846	80.0	80.4	80.7	83.3	84.0	84.8	76.6	76.7	76.6
Germany	41,503	76.3	76.3	75.8	81.9	82.2	81.7	70.6	70.4	69.7
Estonia	656	72.2	73.3	72.3	77.0	77.8	76.4	67.7	69.3	68.5
Ireland	2,195	72.4	73.5	71.7	81.3	82.4	81.3	63.4	64.5	62.0
Greece	4,829	66.9	67.1	66.9	79.1	79.3	79.0	54.8	55.0	54.9
Spain	22,253	71.8	71.8	71.2	81.3	81.8	81.2	61.9	61.5	60.9
France	27,767	70.2	70.6	69.9	74.7	75.6	74.7	65.8	65.8	65.2
Italy	24,576	63.0	62.7	62.9	74.6	74.7	74.5	51.4	50.7	51.2
Cyprus	388	74.2	74.3	73.6	82.9	83.5	83.0	66.0	65.7	64.6
Latvia	1,170	74.4	73.4	71.9	79.0	78.7	76.8	70.0	68.4	67.3
Lithuania	1,560	67.2	68.8	66.8	70.6	72.1	69.8	64.1	65.7	64.0
Luxembourg	202	66.5	67.0	66.7	73.1	75.3	75.3	60.1	58.4	58.2
Hungary	4,207	61.9	62.2	62.3	68.8	69.4	69.2	55.3	55.3	55.7
Malta	165	59.4	59.9	59.1	77.9	78.8	79.5	40.5	40.6	38.4
Netherlands	8,644	78.6	78.8	77.8	84.5	85.0	84.4	72.7	72.6	71.2
Austria	4,133	74.4	76.0	73.9	81.4	83.0	80.6	67.4	69.1	67.3
Poland	16,723	63.6	63.6	63.6	70.4	70.2	70.4	57.0	57.1	56.9
Portugal	5,298	74.2	74.3	74.1	79.4	79.7	79.6	69.1	69.1	68.6
Romania	9,308	61.8	64.6	62.1	69.3	71.5	69.9	54.5	57.7	54.4
Slovenia	1,006	71.1	72.3	70.0	75.9	77.1	74.4	66.1	67.3	65.5
Slovakia	2,669	68.7	68.5	68.6	76.4	76.5	76.1	61.1	60.6	61.1
Finland	2,611	74.5	76.4	74.0	76.0	78.5	75.8	72.9	74.2	72.2
Sweden	4,721	78.4	80.2	78.0	80.5	82.4	80.6	76.2	77.9	75.2
United Kingdom	29,497	75.5	75.6	75.5	82.0	82.3	82.1	69.2	69.2	69.2
Croatia	:	:	64.4	63.7	:	72.0	69.3	:	57.0	58.2
Turkey	22,415	49.4	51.8	50.4	74.1	76.3	74.8	24.8	27.4	26.2
Iceland	172	85.7	87.7	86.3	90.6	91.8	90.5	80.3	83.3	81.7
Norway	2,476	79.3	79.2	77.6	82.0	82.1	80.8	76.6	76.2	74.4
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>234,948</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>63.2</b>
Switzerland	:	:	81.6	:	:	88.2	:	:	75.0	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15-64 in the labour force

**Table 3. Employment rates by level of education, age and sex, 4th quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>
Less than upper secondary	51.0	28.9	68.4	33.5	48.8	25.7	66.8	35.4
Upper secondary level	71.1	47.7	82.0	47.0	70.3	48.1	81.1	47.8
Tertiary level	83.0	55.4	88.7	64.1	84.1	61.7	89.3	65.9
<b>Men</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>54.4</b>
Less than upper secondary	62.1	33.6	82.3	44.1	58.6	29.9	79.9	45.1
Upper secondary level	77.3	50.8	88.8	52.9	76.5	51.7	87.7	54.6
Tertiary level	86.8	52.7	92.9	69.3	87.5	60.7	93.3	70.1
<b>Women</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>36.3</b>
Less than upper secondary	39.9	23.5	54.0	25.4	39.4	20.8	53.8	28.1
Upper secondary level	64.8	44.8	74.9	40.9	63.9	44.7	74.2	40.3
Tertiary level	79.2	57.2	84.5	56.7	80.9	62.4	85.7	60.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %**

15-64 years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>216,168</b>	<b>± 528</b>	<b>65.7 ± 0.2</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>57.6</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>138,767</b>	<b>± 324</b>	<b>66.0 ± 0.2</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>57.3</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>139,296</b>	<b>± 324</b>	<b>66.0 ± 0.2</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>73.5</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>57.3</b>
Belgium	4,414	± 59	62.7 ± 0.8	62.1	62.1	68.8	68.9	69.4	56.5	55.3	54.7
Bulgaria	3,258	± 80	62.9 ± 1.6	62.7	59.8	67.4	66.8	64.1	58.5	58.6	55.5
Czech Republic	4,898	± 41	66.5 ± 0.6	66.3	65.6	75.5	75.2	74.2	57.4	57.3	57.0
Denmark	2,756	± 27	77.4 ± 0.8	77.1	77.9	80.8	80.9	82.1	74.0	73.3	73.6
Germany	38,092	± 198	70.0 ± 0.4	69.9	68.3	75.3	75.3	73.7	64.7	64.3	62.8
Estonia	628	± 17	69.1 ± 1.9	70.2	68.1	73.4	74.0	71.6	65.1	66.7	65.0
Ireland	2,091	± 20	69.0 ± 0.7	69.9	68.7	77.1	78.2	77.7	60.8	61.5	59.6
Greece	4,434	± 87	61.5 ± 1.2	61.8	61.0	74.9	75.4	74.6	48.0	48.2	47.4
Spain	20,327	± 96	65.5 ± 0.3	66.0	65.2	75.8	76.7	76.3	55.1	55.0	54.0
France	25,659	± 151	64.9 ± 0.4	65.1	63.9	69.4	70.0	68.6	60.5	60.4	59.3
Italy	22,924	± 121	58.7 ± 0.3	59.1	58.5	70.6	71.3	70.3	46.9	46.9	46.7
Cyprus	374	± 10	71.5 ± 1.9	71.3	70.4	80.3	80.8	79.8	63.2	62.4	61.4
Latvia	1,107	± 19	70.3 ± 1.2	69.0	67.4	74.7	73.6	71.9	66.3	64.7	63.2
Lithuania	1,493	± 51	64.4 ± 2.2	66.1	63.5	67.4	69.4	66.4	61.5	62.9	60.8
Luxembourg	195	± 3	64.0 ± 1.0	64.1	63.6	70.7	73.1	72.6	57.4	55.0	54.6
Hungary	3,880	± 211	57.1 ± 3.1	57.7	57.6	63.6	64.7	64.2	50.8	51.0	51.3
Malta	155	± 4	55.7 ± 1.5	56.1	55.1	73.4	74.5	74.5	37.7	37.5	35.4
Netherlands	8,400	± 49	76.4 ± 0.4	76.5	75.0	82.4	82.8	81.7	70.3	70.1	68.2
Austria	3,964	± 47	71.3 ± 0.8	72.5	70.6	78.5	79.7	77.4	64.3	65.3	63.8
Poland	15,282	± 150	58.1 ± 0.6	57.8	55.7	64.9	64.3	62.6	51.5	51.5	49.0
Portugal	4,860	± 53	68.1 ± 0.7	68.1	67.6	74.2	74.1	73.7	62.0	62.3	61.7
Romania	8,708	± 276	57.9 ± 1.8	60.5	57.4	64.1	66.5	63.9	51.7	54.5	51.0
Slovenia	958	± 19	67.7 ± 1.3	69.0	66.0	72.8	74.2	71.0	62.3	63.6	60.9
Slovakia	2,390	± 23	61.6 ± 0.6	60.7	60.2	69.5	68.9	67.7	53.6	52.7	52.8
Finland	2,450	± 16	69.9 ± 0.5	71.7	69.0	71.5	74.2	71.0	68.2	69.2	66.9
Sweden	4,457	± 19	74.0 ± 0.3	75.7	73.2	76.3	78.1	75.6	71.6	73.3	70.7
United Kingdom	28,015	± 132	71.7 ± 0.3	71.4	71.5	77.7	77.6	77.5	65.9	65.5	65.7
Croatia	:	:	:	58.9	56.8	:	66.6	62.7	:	51.3	51.0
Turkey	20,394	± 200	44.9 ± 0.4	47.6	46.2	67.5	70.3	68.8	22.5	25.0	23.8
Iceland	169	± 2	84.0 ± 1.1	86.0	84.2	88.7	90.4	88.3	78.9	81.1	79.8
Norway	2,422	± 15	77.6 ± 0.5	77.3	75.7	80.1	80.1	78.7	75.0	74.3	72.6
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>218,759</b>	<b>± 529</b>	<b>65.8 ± 0.2</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>57.8</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	78.6	:	:	85.6	:	:	71.6	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

**Table 5. Part-time employment (% of total employment), by economic activity, age and sex, 4th quarter 2007**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>25.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	19.6	23.0	13.1	34.0	21.5	28.5	15.7	33.1
Industry, incl. Energy	9.0	11.9	7.9	13.9	7.3	9.8	6.2	13.1
Construction	5.9	5.6	5.0	12.7	5.6	5.2	4.6	12.4
Trade, transport and communication services	21.0	33.9	18.4	23.3	20.0	35.8	16.1	25.0
Business activities and financial services	21.2	27.5	19.4	29.7	19.2	23.9	16.9	30.4
Other services	28.0	32.5	27.2	30.2	25.9	31.0	24.3	31.4
<b>Men</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	11.9	20.9	5.3	25.5	15.2	25.1	9.2	26.8
Industry, incl. Energy	3.3	8.8	1.9	8.3	3.1	7.4	1.7	8.5
Construction	3.2	4.8	2.2	8.8	3.3	4.6	2.2	9.0
Trade, transport and communication services	8.8	26.6	5.4	12.4	9.3	28.9	5.1	14.2
Business activities and financial services	8.7	25.6	5.6	18.1	8.5	21.8	5.0	20.3
Other services	11.7	27.1	9.4	15.9	11.3	26.9	8.3	18.1
<b>Women</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>40.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.1	29.9	29.0	48.5	31.9	36.7	26.6	42.0
Industry, incl. Energy	23.4	19.5	22.8	32.9	17.0	15.3	16.0	28.5
Construction	37.7	:	37.3	55.0	32.4	:	31.5	50.5
Trade, transport and communication services	36.5	41.1	35.1	40.4	33.3	42.5	30.0	41.9
Business activities and financial services	35.3	29.1	34.4	47.9	31.4	25.8	30.1	46.5
Other services	37.1	34.9	36.7	40.9	33.6	33.0	32.5	40.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 6. Part-time employment (% of total employment) by country and sex**

15+ years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>39,848</b>	<b>± 274</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>30.8</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>27,653</b>	<b>± 207</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>35.1</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>34.5</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>27,700</b>	<b>± 207</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>
Belgium	972	± 40	21.9	21.8	21.8	7.7	7.3	7.1	39.4	40.2	40.8
Bulgaria	49	± 7	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.9	2.0	2.3
Czech Republic	247	± 13	5.0	4.9	4.9	2.3	2.3	2.2	8.5	8.3	8.6
Denmark	681	± 29	24.3	23.5	24.1	14.1	12.7	13.5	35.7	35.9	36.2
Germany	9,889	± 121	25.6	25.8	25.4	9.0	9.4	9.2	45.2	45.4	44.9
Estonia	56	± 8	8.6	8.3	7.9	4.2u	4.6	3.5u	13.1	12.1	12.4
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	242	± 15	5.3	5.5	5.7	2.6	2.7	2.8	9.6	9.8	10.2
Spain	2,383	± 57	11.6	11.1	11.9	3.9	3.7	4.1	22.6	21.7	23.1
France	4,462	± 114	17.3	16.8	17.3	5.9	5.5	5.6	30.1	29.6	30.6
Italy	3,266	± 81	14.0	13.8	13.6	5.2	5.0	4.8	27.5	27.2	26.9
Cyprus	29	± 3	7.5	7.1	7.5	4.4	4.6	4.1	11.4	10.2	11.8
Latvia	70	± 10	6.1	5.9	5.5	4.8	4.5	3.9	7.6	7.4	7.2
Lithuania	123	± 14	8.1	8.3	9.4	6.9	6.4	8.4	9.3	10.3	10.4
Luxembourg	35	± 1	18.1	17.9	17.1	2.7u	2.9	2.6	36.9	38.2	36.2
Hungary	165	± 11	4.2	4.3	3.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	5.8	5.9	5.4
Malta	17	± 2	11.1	11.9	10.4	4.0	4.8	4.6	25.3	26.1	22.7
Netherlands	4,009	± 39	47.1	46.7	46.2	23.6	23.6	23.0	75.3	74.8	74.7
Austria	923	± 25	22.9	22.3	21.3	7.5	7.3	6.3	41.6	40.6	39.5
Poland	1,438	± 87	9.3	8.9	9.3	6.4	6.3	6.7	12.8	12.1	12.6
Portugal	623	± 38	12.0	12.2	11.6	7.8	8.0	7.7	17.0	17.1	16.1
Romania	829	± 100	9.0	11.1	9.9	8.7	10.1	10.0	9.4	12.3	9.8
Slovenia	90	± 7	9.2	8.9	9.3	7.2	7.4	6.9	11.7	10.6	12.2
Slovakia	56	± 7	2.3	2.5	2.7	0.9	1.1	1.1	4.1	4.2	4.7
Finland	375	± 14	15.1	13.0	15.0	9.9	8.4	9.8	20.7	18.0	20.5
Sweden	1,116	± 22	24.5	23.7	24.6	11.8	11.2	11.7	38.7	37.6	38.9
United Kingdom	7,317	± 110	25.5	25.2	25.7	11.0	10.8	10.7	42.2	41.8	42.9
Croatia	:	:	:	9.1	9.7	:	6.9	7.7	:	12.0	12.2
Turkey	1,833	± 43	8.8	7.5	8.3	4.9	3.8	5.0	20.3	17.6	18.1
Iceland	40	± 2	23.0	18.7	:	11.6	6.8	:	37.0	33.2	:
Norway	698	± 18	28.2	26.9	28.5	14.2	13.1	13.6	43.7	42.3	45.1
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>40,586</b>	<b>± 274</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>31.0</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	33.3	:	:	12.4	:	:	58.6	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number 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, 4th quarter 2007**

	EA-13			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	41.6	47.0	19.3	38.7	43.5	21.2
Industry, incl. Energy	38.8	40.5	20.6	39.5	40.9	21.0
Construction	40.2	41.4	20.0	41.1	42.2	20.8
Trade, transport and communication services	38.4	43.2	20.0	38.6	43.2	19.9
Business activities and financial services	37.0	41.4	20.7	37.6	41.5	20.6
Other services	33.6	38.5	21.1	34.5	39.1	21.2
<b>Men</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.0	48.4	19.8	42.0	45.5	22.1
Industry, incl. Energy	40.3	41.0	20.1	40.8	41.4	20.8
Construction	40.9	41.5	20.9	41.7	42.4	22.3
Trade, transport and communication services	42.1	44.3	19.6	42.0	44.3	19.6
Business activities and financial services	41.0	42.8	21.0	41.2	43.0	20.8
Other services	37.8	40.0	21.6	38.4	40.5	21.3
<b>Women</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.6	43.2	18.9	33.4	39.4	20.4
Industry, incl. Energy	34.7	39.0	20.8	36.5	39.7	21.0
Construction	31.8	39.6	19.1	33.1	40.0	19.0
Trade, transport and communication services	33.5	41.2	20.1	34.2	41.3	19.9
Business activities and financial services	32.5	39.0	20.6	33.4	39.2	20.5
Other services	31.2	37.3	21.0	32.4	38.0	21.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women				Men			Women		
		2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>201,823</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>33.5</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>128,477</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>32.5</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>128,992</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>32.5</b>
Belgium	3,917	37.1	± 0.5	38.1	36.8	40.7	41.6	40.4	32.7	33.5	32.1
Bulgaria	2,991	41.8	± 0.2	41.5	41.6	42.3	42.1	42.2	41.3	40.9	41.0
Czech Republic	4,588	41.7	± 0.1	41.4	41.6	43.5	43.3	43.6	39.2	38.7	39.0
Denmark	2,466	35.5	± 0.3	36.5	35.3	38.0	39.3	38.2	32.5	33.2	31.8
Germany	35,804	36.6	± 0.2	36.7	36.9	41.3	41.4	41.7	30.8	30.8	30.9
Estonia	639	39.5	± 0.4	40.1	40.1	40.8	41.4	41.6	38.2	38.6	38.7
Ireland	2,000	37.3	± 0.0	37.6	37.7	41.7	41.8	42.0	31.2	31.6	31.5
Greece	4,364	41.5	± 0.3	42.6	41.7	43.5	44.6	43.8	38.4	39.4	38.2
Spain	17,954	38.0	± 0.2	39.5	38.2	40.6	42.0	40.9	34.4	35.8	34.4
France	22,990	36.9	± 0.1	37.9	37.0	39.9	40.9	40.1	33.4	34.4	33.4
Italy	21,886	37.7	± 0.2	38.8	37.5	40.7	41.5	40.6	33.0	34.3	32.8
Cyprus	368	39.4	± 0.3	40.6	40.0	41.4	42.4	42.1	36.9	38.3	37.3
Latvia	1,113	40.5	± 0.4	42.0	40.8	41.7	43.2	42.4	39.3	40.7	39.2
Lithuania	1,467	39.7	± 0.3	39.9	38.8	40.3	40.9	39.6	39.0	38.8	38.0
Luxembourg	177	37.6	± 0.4	38.8	37.8	41.1	41.7	41.0	33.1	34.4	33.4
Hungary	3,797	40.3	± 0.1	40.5	40.5	41.3	41.7	41.6	39.1	39.0	39.1
Malta	148	39.8	± 0.5	39.8	38.5	42.2	42.3	40.3	34.9	34.6	34.5
Netherlands	7,722	32.5	± 0.4	33.0	32.7	38.1	38.1	38.2	25.7	26.4	25.7
Austria	3,667	38.0	± 0.3	39.4	38.6	42.2	43.5	42.8	32.7	33.8	33.2
Poland	14,936	40.1	± 0.3	42.6	40.7	42.5	45.0	43.2	37.1	39.4	37.6
Portugal	4,882	38.2	± 0.4	39.4	37.7	40.0	41.2	39.3	36.1	37.2	35.8
Romania	9,059	39.8	± 0.3	40.7	39.7	40.6	42.1	40.5	38.7	39.1	38.7
Slovenia	904	40.1	± 0.3	41.2	39.7	41.5	42.4	41.0	38.3	39.5	38.1
Slovakia	2,285	40.3	± 0.2	40.9	40.1	41.5	42.2	41.3	38.7	39.2	38.5
Finland	2,208	36.7	± 0.2	38.7	36.8	39.0	41.3	39.2	34.3	35.8	34.1
Sweden	4,028	36.4	± 0.1	37.2	36.3	39.2	39.8	38.9	33.2	34.0	33.1
United Kingdom	25,461	36.5	± 0.2	36.4	36.3	41.1	40.7	40.9	31.1	31.1	30.8
Croatia	:	:	:	40.5	40.1	:	41.9	41.4	:	38.8	38.6
Turkey	20,192	49.4	± 0.3	52.1	50.8	52.2	54.9	53.7	41.1	44.6	42.6
Iceland	158	40.9	± 0.6	43.4	42.4	45.6	47.8	48.1	35.1	37.4	35.3
Norway	2,106	34.9	± 0.3	35.9	35.1	38.4	39.4	38.8	30.8	31.7	30.6
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>204,088</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>33.5</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.3	:	:	43.2	:	:	30.0	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number 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, 4th quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	38.2	61.3	35.2	31.5	29.1	51.2	26.6	22.9
Industry, incl. Energy	12.6	50.4	8.8	3.7	11.8	41.6	8.9	4.5
Construction	24.3	50.4	20.5	12.9	20.5	40.2	17.8	10.8
Trade, transport and communication services	16.4	46.8	11.3	5.3	14.1	36.6	9.9	5.9
Business activities and financial services	13.6	46.0	10.8	5.6	12.3	37.4	9.8	7.9
Other services	17.7	58.8	15.5	7.1	14.9	48.6	12.9	8.1
<b>Men</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.3	60.1	31.6	28.0	26.9	50.0	24.0	20.5
Industry, incl. Energy	11.6	50.9	7.6	3.4	10.9	42.3	7.8	4.2
Construction	25.3	50.2	21.5	14.2	21.4	40.2	18.8	11.5
Trade, transport and communication services	14.8	47.4	9.8	5.0	12.6	36.9	8.4	5.5
Business activities and financial services	12.2	44.6	9.7	5.0	11.2	36.1	8.8	7.4
Other services	16.2	62.5	14.0	6.6	14.1	50.7	12.1	7.9
<b>Women</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	44.8	65.4	43.0	39.1	34.4	55.2	32.7	28.8
Industry, incl. Energy	15.1	49.0	11.8	4.8	13.7	40.1	11.2	5.6
Construction	13.7	53.9	10.2	:	10.9	39.1	8.4	:
Trade, transport and communication services	18.2	46.2	13.1	5.6	15.9	36.4	11.7	6.5
Business activities and financial services	14.9	47.1	11.9	6.2	13.5	38.5	10.7	8.6
Other services	18.5	57.1	16.2	7.5	15.4	47.6	13.4	8.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>26,484</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>
Belgium	323	8.5	8.8	8.4	6.9	7.2	6.3	10.4	10.7	11.1
Bulgaria	131	4.5	5.4	5.8	4.3	4.8	5.7	4.7	6.0	6.0
Czech Republic	356	8.5	8.7	8.7	7.2	7.5	7.6	10.2	10.2	10.0
Denmark	204	8.0	8.8	7.7	6.8	7.6	6.5	9.2	10.1	9.0
Germany	5,099	15.0	14.6	15.2	14.9	14.9	15.4	15.1	14.3	14.9
Estonia	14 <sup>u</sup>	2.4 <sup>u</sup>	2.5 <sup>u</sup>	2.3 <sup>u</sup>	3.1 <sup>u</sup>	2.8 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	:	2.4 <sup>u</sup>
Ireland	138	7.8	9.4	2.7	6.5	8.0	2.2	9.3	10.9	3.1
Greece	313	10.7	11.4	10.9	9.0	9.7	9.3	13.1	13.7	13.1
Spain	5,218	30.9	31.9	33.8	29.6	30.9	32.0	32.7	33.3	36.2
France	3,291	14.3	14.8	13.5	13.4	13.9	12.7	15.2	15.7	14.4
Italy	2,282	13.2	13.6	13.6	11.2	11.8	11.4	15.7	16.1	16.7
Cyprus	44	14.2	14.2	12.7	8.5	8.9	7.1	20.1	19.8	18.6
Latvia	31	3.0	4.1	5.9	4.4	5.3	8.1	1.7	2.9	3.7
Lithuania	41	3.1	3.7	4.0	3.8	5.1	5.6	2.4 <sup>u</sup>	2.4 <sup>u</sup>	2.5 <sup>u</sup>
Luxembourg	13	7.0	6.4	6.1	6.0	6.2	5.7	8.2	6.8	6.6
Hungary	253	7.4	7.6	7.0	7.5	8.2	7.5	7.2	7.0	6.4
Malta	6	4.7	6.1	4.1	3.7	4.6	2.7 <sup>u</sup>	6.5	8.7	6.8
Netherlands	1,354	18.3	18.5	17.0	16.7	17.2	15.7	20.0	19.8	18.6
Austria	293	8.4	9.6	8.9	8.5	9.3	9.2	8.3	9.9	8.6
Poland	3,403	28.4	28.7	27.9	28.5	29.1	29.0	28.2	28.3	26.6
Portugal	896	22.9	22.8	21.3	22.0	22.4	20.3	23.9	23.3	22.4
Romania	93	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.5
Slovenia	153	18.3	19.3	17.1	16.1	17.2	15.1	20.9	21.6	19.4
Slovakia	98	4.7	5.0	5.3	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.6	5.0	5.5
Finland	307	14.0	18.0	14.7	10.7	14.6	11.0	17.3	21.3	18.3
Sweden	674	16.6	18.9	16.9	14.0	16.4	15.0	19.2	21.4	18.8
United Kingdom	1,456	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.3	5.5	6.4	6.4	6.5
Croatia	:	:	13.7	14.1	:	13.3	14.3	:	14.2	13.9
Turkey	1,486	11.9	14.8	14.2	12.0	14.7	13.9	11.6	14.9	15.4
Iceland	14	9.5	15.1	8.6	7.6	13.5	8.7	11.5	16.8	8.5
Norway	207	9.1	10.6	9.4	7.1	8.6	6.9	11.1	12.6	12.0
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>26,706</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Switzerland	:	:	12.8	:	:	12.7	:	:	13.0	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number 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, 4th quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.4	17.5	5.5	2.1	3.3	10.7	3.4	1.3
Industry, incl. Energy	4.6	17.9	3.4	1.1	4.3	16.0	3.2	1.3
Construction	6.7	17.0	5.7	2.6	6.2	15.5	5.2	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	5.8	17.6	4.5	1.4	5.9	17.9	4.2	1.8
Business activities and financial services	5.5	22.2	4.4	1.8	5.4	20.6	4.3	2.2
Other services	4.9	21.3	4.0	1.5	4.7	20.1	3.8	1.7
<b>Men</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.0	16.6	4.7	2.2u	3.4	11.3	3.2	1.5
Industry, incl. Energy	4.1	17.3	3.0	1.0	3.9	15.8	2.8	1.2
Construction	6.9	16.9	5.8	2.7	6.3	15.5	5.4	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	4.9	16.1	3.8	1.2	5.0	16.6	3.6	1.6
Business activities and financial services	4.8	21.9	3.9	:	4.9	20.9	3.9	2.1
Other services	4.0	19.7	3.2	1.2	3.9	18.4	3.2	1.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	6.1	:	7.1	:	3.2	9.3	3.8	:
Industry, incl. Energy	5.8	19.5	4.6	:	5.1	16.5	4.1	:
Construction	5.1	:	4.1	:	4.7	17.0	3.8	:
Trade, transport and communication services	7.0	19.0	5.3	1.8	7.0	19.3	4.9	2.1
Business activities and financial services	6.3	22.4	4.9	2.5	6.0	20.3	4.7	2.3
Other services	5.5	22.0	4.4	1.8	5.1	20.9	4.2	1.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007Q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4	2007Q4	2007Q3	2006Q4
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>11,117</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>EA-15</b>	<b>7,541</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Belgium	217	4.9	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.1	4.4	5.5	4.6	4.8
Bulgaria	101	3.0	3.1	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.7
Czech Republic	137	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.3	3.4	3.1	3.5
Denmark	222	7.9	8.2	8.1	7.0	7.0	7.7	8.9	9.6	8.5
Germany	1,917	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.6	5.0	4.6	5.4	5.0	5.3
Estonia	29	4.4	4.9	5.2	4.1u	4.1u	4.8	4.7	5.8	5.7
Ireland	133	6.2	6.6	5.6u	5.3	6.0	4.8u	7.3	7.5	6.8u
Greece	73	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.2	2.0	2.1	1.8
Spain	1,597	7.8	7.9	8.5	6.8	7.1	7.5	9.3	9.2	10.0
France	1,864	7.2	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.0	7.3	6.7	7.2
Italy	961	4.1	3.8	4.2	3.1	3.3	3.4	5.6	4.6	5.3
Cyprus	23	6.0	4.4	5.4	4.9	4.0	4.6	7.4	4.9	6.3
Latvia	59	5.1	5.8	6.7	5.9	6.2	7.7	4.3	5.3	5.8
Lithuania	73	4.8	4.0	3.3	4.7	4.5	3.6u	4.8	3.4	3.1u
Luxembourg	11	5.7	3.0	2.4	6.3	3.0	2.1	4.9	3.1u	2.8
Hungary	128	3.3	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	3.6	2.7	2.8
Malta	6	4.0	4.6	3.0	3.4	3.8	2.1u	5.3u	6.4	4.9u
Netherlands	148u	1.7u	1.8u	1.6u	1.7u	1.7u	1.6u	1.8u	1.9u	1.7u
Austria	183	4.5	5.5	4.2	3.9	5.0	3.8	5.3	6.0	4.6
Poland	750	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.6	5.1	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.4
Portugal	200	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	4.4	3.3	3.7
Romania	161	1.8	2.6	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.5	2.5	1.6
Slovenia	44	4.5	5.1	4.3	4.2	5.0	3.8	4.7	5.4	5.1
Slovakia	60	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.8	2.7	2.9
Finland	163	6.6	8.6	6.8	5.6	7.7	6.0	7.7	9.6	7.7
Sweden	358	7.9	9.9	8.0	7.0	8.9	7.2	8.8	10.9	8.8
United Kingdom	1,499	5.2	4.7	5.1	4.9	4.6	4.6	5.6	4.9	5.7
Croatia	:	:	3.8	4.7	:	3.5u	5.0	:	4.1u	4.3
Turkey	1,821	8.7	9.3	8.7	8.4	9.7	8.6	9.8	8.4	9.2
Iceland	12	6.9	8.7	6.5	6.4	7.2	6.4	7.5	10.5	6.5
Norway	141	5.7	7.3	5.2u	5.2	6.9	4.6u	6.2	7.7	5.8u
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>11,269</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Switzerland	:	:	3.9	:	:	3.2	:	:	4.7	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

## Methodology

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**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 0.14% and 1.98%. 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](http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm)

**Reference periods:** In the case of Luxembourg the data labelled 2006Q4 refer to the whole year 2006. The data for Croatia for 2006Q4 refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half-year 2006. The data for Switzerland cover the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2007. In Ireland, the data refer to seasonal quarter (June to August for Q3, September to November for Q4).

**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 4 of the year 2007 is written as 2007Q4.

**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.

## Further information

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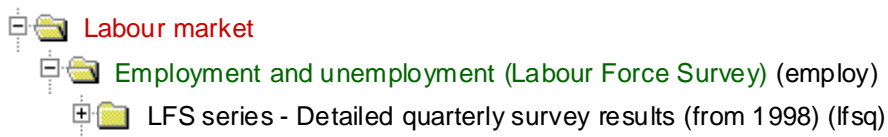
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