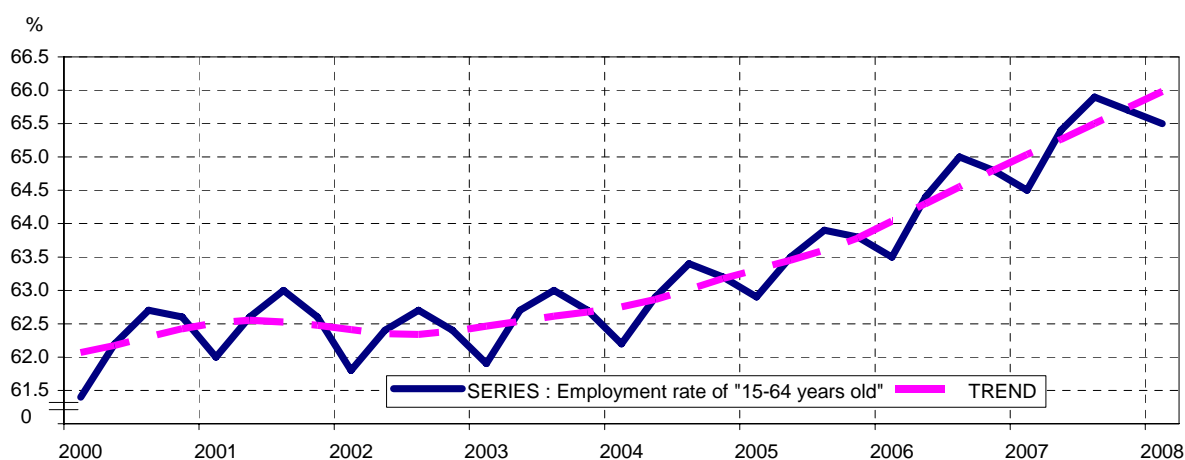


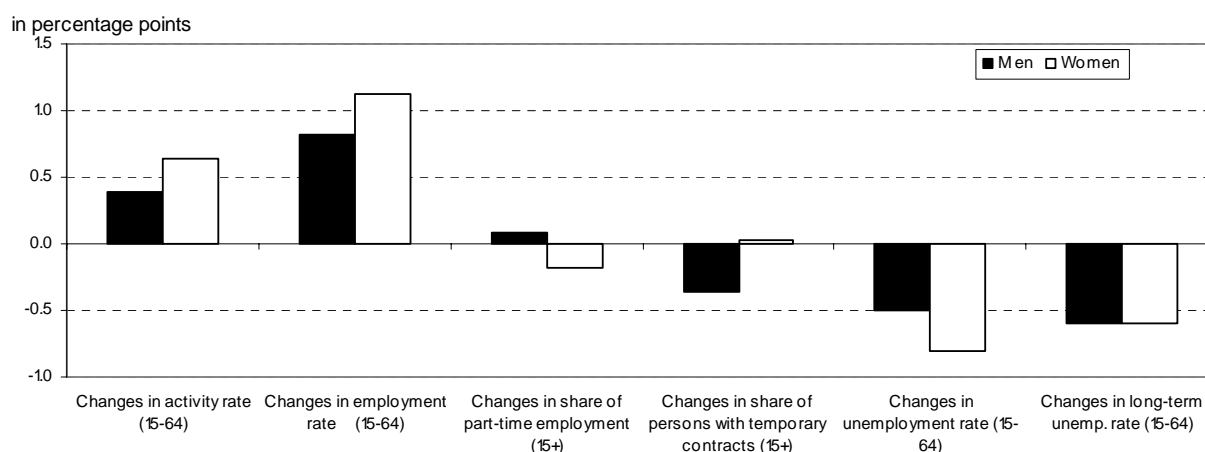
Labour Market Latest Trends- 1st quarter 2008 data¹

Chart 1: Employment rate² (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2008Q1



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Chart 2: Changes in selected indicators for EU-27 from 2007Q1 to 2008Q1



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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² 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, 1st quarter 2008, %

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	71.2	44.5	85.1	46.3	70.5	43.7	84.6	47.4
Less than upper secondary	56.5	34.6	75.6	35.9	53.8	30.9	73.8	36.5
Upper secondary level	76.6	55.6	87.3	50.1	75.3	56.1	86.0	49.8
Tertiary level	87.1	64.6	92.6	66.4	87.4	71.1	92.6	66.7
Men	78.6	47.8	92.9	55.7	77.6	47.0	91.9	57.3
Less than upper secondary	68.0	39.9	89.4	47.2	64.5	36.1	87.1	48.1
Upper secondary level	82.4	59.2	93.4	56.0	81.5	60.1	92.2	57.7
Tertiary level	90.4	60.7	96.4	71.8	90.7	69.5	96.3	72.3
Women	63.8	41.1	77.2	37.4	63.5	40.2	77.3	38.0
Less than upper secondary	45.2	28.5	61.3	27.2	43.6	25.0	60.8	28.2
Upper secondary level	70.6	52.2	80.9	43.8	68.8	52.3	79.5	41.4
Tertiary level	83.8	67.1	89.1	58.8	84.2	72.1	89.3	59.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1
EU-27	232,587	70.5	70.6	70.0	77.6	77.6	77.2	63.5	63.6	62.8
EA-15	150,040	71.2	71.2	70.6	78.6	78.6	78.3	63.8	63.8	62.9
EA-13	149,487	71.2	71.3	70.6	78.6	78.6	78.3	63.8	63.9	63.0
Belgium	4,750	67.3	67.5	67.1	73.6	73.5	74.2	61.0	61.4	60.0
Bulgaria	3,466	67.0	67.1	64.9	71.5	71.5	69.4	62.6	62.7	60.5
Czech Republic	5,134	69.4	69.9	69.8	77.8	78.4	77.8	60.9	61.3	61.7
Denmark	2,868	79.7	80.0	80.3	83.2	83.3	84.4	76.1	76.6	76.1
Germany	41,122	76.3	76.3	75.7	82.1	81.9	81.6	70.5	70.6	69.7
Estonia	658	72.5	72.2	72.5	77.3	77.0	77.4	68.0	67.7	68.1
Ireland	2,190	72.0	72.4	71.5	80.8	81.3	80.8	63.0	63.4	62.1
Greece	4,830	66.9	66.9	67.0	79.1	79.1	79.0	54.7	54.8	54.9
Spain	22,425	72.1	71.8	71.1	81.6	81.3	81.0	62.3	61.9	61.0
France	27,744	70.0	70.2	69.9	74.7	74.7	74.6	65.5	65.8	65.2
Italy	24,535	62.8	63.0	61.9	74.0	74.6	73.8	51.6	51.4	50.0
Cyprus	386	73.7	74.2	73.5	81.9	82.9	82.4	65.9	66.0	65.0
Latvia	1,171	74.7	74.4	71.4	78.8	79.0	76.2	70.9	70.0	66.9
Lithuania	1,558	67.3	67.2	67.3	70.1	70.6	70.0	64.6	64.1	64.8
Luxembourg	205	65.4	66.9	67.0	72.3	73.3	75.2	58.6	60.7	58.9
Hungary	4,150	61.0	61.9	61.6	67.7	68.8	68.5	54.7	55.3	54.9
Malta	167	58.2	59.4	59.2	77.0	77.9	79.8	38.8	40.5	38.3
Netherlands	8,649	78.8	78.6	78.0	84.9	84.5	84.4	72.7	72.7	71.5
Austria	4,127	74.1	74.4	73.7	80.4	81.4	80.2	67.9	67.4	67.2
Poland	16,633	63.2	63.6	62.6	70.3	70.4	69.5	56.3	57.0	55.7
Portugal	5,290	74.1	74.2	74.0	79.6	79.4	79.5	68.7	69.1	68.6
Romania	9,295	61.8	61.8	61.7	70.0	69.3	68.7	53.6	54.5	54.8
Slovenia	1,004	70.8	71.1	70.1	74.9	75.9	74.3	66.4	66.1	65.7
Slovakia	2,661	68.5	68.7	68.0	75.9	76.4	75.4	61.2	61.1	60.7
Finland	2,615	74.6	74.5	74.0	76.2	76.0	75.1	72.9	72.9	72.9
Sweden	4,728	78.4	78.4	78.1	80.7	80.5	80.7	76.0	76.2	75.3
United Kingdom	30,225	75.5	75.5	75.1	82.1	82.0	81.7	69.1	69.2	68.7
Croatia	1,722	62.4	63.8	62.5	69.1	71.0	69.2	55.8	56.8	56.1
Turkey	22,011	48.3	49.4	48.4	72.7	74.1	72.3	24.1	24.8	24.6
Iceland	171	84.7	85.7	86.2	89.0	90.6	89.7	80.1	80.3	82.5
Norway	2,495	79.6	79.3	77.8	82.1	82.0	80.7	76.9	76.6	74.8
EEA-30	235,253	70.6	70.7	70.1	77.7	77.7	77.3	63.6	63.7	62.9
Switzerland	:	:	81.6	:	:	88.2	:	:	75.0	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 3. Employment rates by level of education, age and sex, 1st quarter 2008, %

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	65.8	37.9	79.3	43.5	65.5	37.2	79.3	44.8
Less than upper secondary	50.2	28.2	67.7	33.2	47.7	24.7	66.2	34.0
Upper secondary level	71.1	48.7	81.7	46.7	70.2	49.0	80.9	47.0
Tertiary level	83.4	57.9	88.9	64.2	84.1	64.1	89.4	64.8
Men	73.1	40.8	87.3	52.4	72.4	40.0	86.6	54.2
Less than upper secondary	61.1	32.7	81.5	43.8	57.6	28.9	79.1	44.7
Upper secondary level	77.1	52.2	88.1	52.3	76.4	52.7	87.2	54.3
Tertiary level	87.2	55.3	93.2	69.3	87.8	63.0	93.4	70.1
Women	58.4	34.9	71.2	35.0	58.6	34.3	71.9	36.0
Less than upper secondary	39.4	22.9	53.6	25.1	38.2	19.9	53.4	26.3
Upper secondary level	65.0	45.4	75.1	40.9	63.8	45.4	74.2	39.1
Tertiary level	79.7	59.6	84.9	57.0	80.7	64.9	85.8	58.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women			
			2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	
EU-27	216,020	± 657	65.5	± 0.2	65.7	64.5	72.4	72.7	71.6	58.6	58.7	57.5
EA-15	138,678	± 554	65.8	± 0.3	66.0	64.9	73.1	73.5	72.6	58.4	58.5	57.2
EA-13	138,153	± 554	65.8	± 0.3	66.0	64.9	73.1	73.5	72.6	58.5	58.5	57.3
Belgium	4,413	± 60	62.6	± 0.8	62.7	61.7	68.7	68.8	68.9	56.4	56.5	54.5
Bulgaria	3,239	± 79	62.6	± 1.5	62.9	59.7	66.9	67.4	64.1	58.4	58.5	55.4
Czech Republic	4,891	± 41	66.1	± 0.6	66.5	65.5	74.9	75.5	74.1	57.2	57.4	56.9
Denmark	2,771	± 27	77.0	± 0.8	77.4	76.7	80.6	80.8	80.9	73.3	74.0	72.4
Germany	37,720	± 492	70.0	± 0.9	70.0	68.4	75.1	75.3	73.6	64.8	64.7	63.2
Estonia	631	± 18	69.5	± 1.9	69.1	68.6	74.6	73.4	72.1	64.8	65.1	65.4
Ireland	2,088	± 20	68.6	± 0.7	69.0	68.5	76.3	77.1	77.1	60.7	60.8	59.7
Greece	4,424	± 84	61.3	± 1.2	61.5	60.8	74.6	74.9	74.4	47.9	48.0	47.1
Spain	20,253	± 107	65.1	± 0.3	65.5	65.1	75.1	75.8	75.9	54.8	55.1	54.0
France	25,683	± 151	64.8	± 0.4	64.9	63.8	69.4	69.4	68.5	60.4	60.5	59.2
Italy	22,781	± 112	58.3	± 0.3	58.7	57.9	69.7	70.6	69.9	46.9	46.9	46.0
Cyprus	368	± 9	70.2	± 1.8	71.5	69.8	78.4	80.3	78.8	62.5	63.2	61.3
Latvia	1,091	± 19	69.6	± 1.2	70.3	66.4	73.2	74.7	70.3	66.3	66.3	62.7
Lithuania	1,481	± 48	63.9	± 2.1	64.4	63.9	66.8	67.4	66.5	61.2	61.5	61.4
Luxembourg	197	± 4	62.6	± 1.2	64.4	63.9	70.6	71.0	72.2	54.8	57.9	55.8
Hungary	3,817	± 32	56.1	± 0.5	57.1	56.9	62.5	63.6	63.4	50.1	50.8	50.8
Malta	157	± 5	54.7	± 1.6	55.7	55.1	72.8	73.4	74.5	36.0	37.7	35.5
Netherlands	8,385	± 49	76.4	± 0.4	76.4	75.0	82.5	82.4	81.5	70.3	70.3	68.3
Austria	3,953	± 46	71.0	± 0.8	71.3	70.3	77.0	78.5	76.7	65.0	64.3	63.8
Poland	15,277	± 150	58.0	± 0.6	58.1	55.4	64.9	64.9	62.0	51.3	51.5	48.9
Portugal	4,864	± 51	68.1	± 0.7	68.1	67.4	74.2	74.2	73.5	62.2	62.0	61.4
Romania	8,679	± 265	57.7	± 1.8	57.9	57.2	64.6	64.1	63.1	50.8	51.7	51.2
Slovenia	952	± 19	67.1	± 1.3	67.7	66.0	71.3	72.8	70.6	62.7	62.3	61.2
Slovakia	2,382	± 23	61.3	± 0.6	61.6	60.1	69.0	69.5	67.3	53.8	53.6	53.0
Finland	2,440	± 16	69.5	± 0.5	69.9	68.3	71.2	71.5	69.4	67.8	68.2	67.3
Sweden	4,428	± 20	73.4	± 0.3	74.0	72.7	75.8	76.3	75.1	70.9	71.6	70.2
United Kingdom	28,655	± 135	71.6	± 0.3	71.7	70.9	77.4	77.7	76.9	65.9	65.9	65.2
Croatia	1,546	± 67	56.0	± 2.4	57.4	55.4	63.2	65.0	62.6	49.1	50.1	48.4
Turkey	19,709	± 232	43.3	± 0.5	44.9	43.6	65.0	67.5	65.0	21.7	22.5	22.3
Iceland	167	± 2	82.8	± 1.2	84.0	84.6	87.0	88.7	88.0	78.4	78.9	81.0
Norway	2,432	± 15	77.5	± 0.5	77.6	75.7	79.9	80.1	78.5	75.2	75.0	72.8
EEA-30	218,619	± 658	65.6	± 0.2	65.8	64.6	72.5	72.8	71.6	58.8	58.9	57.7
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	78.6	:	:	85.6	:	:	71.6	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

Table 5. Part-time employment (% of total employment), by economic activity, age and sex, 1st quarter 2008

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	19.9	26.6	18.1	25.6	18.4	26.6	15.9	26.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	20.4	26.3	13.5	34.8	21.3	29.8	15.4	32.9
Industry, incl. Energy	9.1	12.1	7.9	15.1	7.5	10.4	6.2	13.8
Construction	6.1	6.0	5.3	12.4	6.0	6.2	5.0	12.3
Trade, transport and communication services	21.5	35.8	18.5	24.5	20.3	37.2	16.1	25.6
Business activities and financial services	21.2	26.8	19.5	29.6	19.2	23.3	17.0	30.2
Other services	28.5	34.1	27.6	30.3	26.5	32.9	24.7	31.9
Men	7.8	19.2	5.1	14.4	7.9	19.7	4.8	15.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	12.7	24.4	5.5	26.6	15.0	27.3	8.8	26.9
Industry, incl. Energy	3.6	9.4	2.1	8.9	3.3	8.4	1.8	8.7
Construction	3.2	5.4	2.2	8.5	3.5	5.7	2.4	8.9
Trade, transport and communication services	9.6	29.0	5.8	14.1	9.7	30.0	5.3	15.0
Business activities and financial services	8.9	24.3	6.0	18.3	8.7	21.2	5.4	20.1
Other services	11.8	27.5	9.6	15.5	11.8	28.5	8.6	18.5
Women	35.3	35.5	34.3	42.3	31.3	34.9	29.2	41.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.0	32.4	29.7	49.3	31.8	35.4	26.7	41.8
Industry, incl. Energy	23.4	18.9	22.5	35.3	17.1	15.1	15.9	30.2
Construction	38.9	0.0	40.1	52.4	33.5	0.0	33.6	47.6
Trade, transport and communication services	37.0	42.8	35.2	41.6	33.6	44.5	30.0	43.0
Business activities and financial services	34.9	28.9	34.1	47.9	31.0	25.1	29.8	46.7
Other services	37.6	37.1	37.1	41.1	34.3	35.0	32.9	41.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1
EU-27	40,260	± 300	18.4	18.1	18.4	7.9	7.7	7.8	31.3	31.1	31.5
EA-15	27,969	± 240	19.9	19.6	19.9	7.8	7.4	7.6	35.3	35.1	35.5
EA-13	27,922	± 240	20.0	19.7	19.9	7.8	7.4	7.6	35.4	35.2	35.6
Belgium	1,018	± 44	22.9	21.9	22.2	8.6	7.7	7.7	40.6	39.4	40.8
Bulgaria	86	± 11	2.6	1.5	1.7	2.3	1.2	1.3	2.9	1.9	2.2
Czech Republic	241	± 13	4.9	5.0	5.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
Denmark	682	± 29	24.3	24.3	24.3	13.7	14.1	13.6	36.2	35.7	36.8
Germany	10,018	± 171	26.1	25.6	26.5	9.6	9.0	9.8	45.6	45.2	46.4
Estonia	52	± 8	7.9	8.6	7.7	5.1	4.2u	4.0u	10.7	13.2	11.5
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	261	± 16	5.8	5.3	5.8	3.0	2.6	2.8	10.2	9.6	10.6
Spain	2,450	± 58	12.0	11.6	12.4	4.1	3.9	4.5	23.1	22.6	23.9
France	4,444	± 113	17.3	17.2	17.4	5.9	5.8	5.7	30.0	30.1	30.7
Italy	3,300	± 78	14.2	14.0	13.2	5.2	5.2	4.7	27.8	27.5	26.3
Cyprus	30	± 3	7.8	7.5	7.5	5.0	4.4	4.3	11.3	11.4	11.4
Latvia	68	± 10	6.0	6.1	6.4	4.4	4.8	5.0	7.7	7.5	7.9
Lithuania	110	± 12	7.3	8.1	9.6	5.2	6.9	8.3	9.5	9.3	10.9
Luxembourg	36	± 3	18.1	17.9	18.0	2.0u	2.7u	2.7	38.4	36.3	37.5
Hungary	167	± 11	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.1	2.9	2.6	5.9	5.8	5.7
Malta	17	± 2	11.0	11.1	10.4	4.9	4.0	4.6	23.7	25.3	22.8
Netherlands	3,841	± 38	47.5	46.9	46.3	23.9	23.3	22.9	75.6	75.2	74.8
Austria	935	± 26	23.3	22.9	22.3	8.1	7.5	6.6	41.2	41.6	41.2
Poland	1,381	± 84	8.9	9.3	9.4	6.1	6.4	6.7	12.3	12.8	12.7
Portugal	628	± 36	12.1	12.0	12.0	7.6	7.8	8.0	17.4	17.0	16.7
Romania	813	± 104	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.6	8.7	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.2
Slovenia	90	± 7	9.3	9.0	9.2	7.3	7.1	7.9	11.7	11.4	10.7
Slovakia	55	± 6	2.3	2.3	2.8	0.9	0.9	1.1	4.1	4.1	4.8
Finland	350	± 13	14.2	15.1	14.7	9.5	9.9	9.8	19.4	20.7	19.8
Sweden	1,221	± 25	27.0	25.3	25.4	13.4	12.0	12.1	42.2	40.3	40.5
United Kingdom	7,417	± 111	25.4	25.6	25.7	11.1	11.0	10.9	42.1	42.3	42.7
Croatia	126	± 19	8.0	9.4	7.8	6.2	7.0	5.8	10.1	12.3	10.3
Turkey	2,214	± 69	11.0	8.8	10.3	6.6	4.9	6.2	24.0	20.3	22.2
Iceland	38	± 2	22.7	:	:	12.2	:	:	35.1	:	:
Norway	713	± 19	28.7	28.3	29.2	14.3	14.2	14.1	44.7	43.8	45.8
EEA-30	41,012	± 301	18.5	18.3	18.5	8.0	7.7	7.9	31.5	31.3	31.7
Switzerland	:	:	:	33.5	:	:	12.4	:	:	59.1	:

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, 1st quarter 2008

	EA-15			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	36.5	40.6	19.7	36.9	40.6	19.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	40.4	46.3	18.3	37.5	42.2	20.2
Industry, incl. Energy	38.1	40.0	19.7	38.8	40.3	20.0
Construction	39.3	40.7	19.3	40.1	41.3	19.7
Trade, transport and communication services	37.5	42.6	19.3	37.6	42.4	18.9
Business activities and financial services	36.5	41.1	19.4	36.9	40.9	19.3
Other services	33.0	38.2	20.1	33.6	38.5	19.9
Men	40.0	41.7	18.9	40.0	41.7	19.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	43.6	47.4	18.3	40.7	44.2	21.1
Industry, incl. Energy	39.6	40.4	18.5	40.0	40.7	19.2
Construction	40.1	40.8	20.6	40.8	41.5	21.5
Trade, transport and communication services	41.1	43.5	18.2	40.9	43.4	18.1
Business activities and financial services	40.4	42.5	18.6	40.4	42.3	18.8
Other services	37.2	39.5	19.6	37.5	39.8	19.2
Women	32.1	38.7	19.9	33.0	38.8	19.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	33.5	43.0	18.2	32.2	38.2	19.6
Industry, incl. Energy	34.2	38.7	20.1	35.8	39.1	20.3
Construction	30.6	38.9	18.2	31.8	39.1	17.8
Trade, transport and communication services	32.8	40.8	19.6	33.4	40.8	19.2
Business activities and financial services	32.0	38.9	19.6	32.8	38.8	19.5
Other services	30.6	37.2	20.2	31.5	37.5	20.1

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	
EU-27	201,438	36.9	± 0.1	37.3	37.3	40.0	40.5	40.6	33.0	33.2	33.2
EA-15	127,650	36.5	± 0.1	36.8	37.0	40.0	40.4	40.6	32.1	32.2	32.3
EA-13	127,137	36.5	± 0.1	36.8	37.0	40.0	40.4	40.6	32.1	32.2	32.3
Belgium	3,941	36.6	± 0.5	36.8	37.0	40.1	40.4	40.5	32.4	32.4	32.5
Bulgaria	3,070	40.6	± 0.2	41.7	40.7	41.1	42.2	41.2	40.1	41.2	40.1
Czech Republic	4,703	41.1	± 0.1	41.4	41.5	42.8	43.2	43.3	38.8	39.0	39.1
Denmark	2,447	33.9	± 0.3	34.9	34.8	36.2	37.4	37.5	31.2	31.9	31.4
Germany	35,331	35.6	± 0.1	36.3	35.9	40.2	41.1	40.7	30.1	30.5	30.1
Estonia	640	39.1	± 0.3	39.2	39.8	40.0	40.5	41.0	38.1	37.8	38.5
Ireland	1,905	36.0	:	36.9	36.6	40.0	41.2	40.7	30.4	31.1	30.6
Greece	4,623	40.2	± 0.3	41.1	40.7	42.0	42.9	42.7	37.2	38.1	37.4
Spain	17,994	37.6	± 0.2	37.6	38.7	40.2	40.2	41.4	34.0	34.0	34.8
France	22,806	36.7	± 0.1	36.7	36.9	39.6	39.7	40.0	33.3	33.2	33.3
Italy	21,757	37.4	± 0.2	37.5	37.9	40.4	40.5	40.9	32.8	32.9	33.3
Cyprus	360	38.5	± 0.3	38.9	38.7	40.1	40.7	40.7	36.4	36.6	36.2
Latvia	1,084	39.0	± 0.4	39.6	40.8	40.0	40.7	41.9	37.9	38.4	39.5
Lithuania	1,452	38.7	± 0.3	39.0	37.9	39.4	39.6	38.8	38.0	38.2	37.0
Luxembourg	176	37.5	± 0.7	37.4	37.8	40.7	40.9	41.1	33.4	32.9	33.4
Hungary	3,738	39.9	± 0.1	40.1	39.8	40.8	41.1	40.8	38.9	39.0	38.6
Malta	152	38.6	± 0.6	39.1	38.6	40.6	41.1	40.8	34.4	34.8	33.9
Netherlands	6,975	31.1	± 0.1	32.1	31.5	36.3	37.6	36.9	24.8	25.3	24.9
Austria	3,604	37.5	± 0.3	37.6	38.3	41.5	41.6	42.6	32.5	32.4	33.0
Poland	14,917	39.6	± 0.3	39.3	40.0	41.6	41.5	42.1	37.0	36.6	37.3
Portugal	4,895	37.4	± 0.4	37.6	38.0	39.2	39.3	39.6	35.3	35.6	36.1
Romania	8,982	39.0	± 0.3	39.4	39.2	39.7	40.2	40.0	38.0	38.4	38.3
Slovenia	974	39.2	± 0.3	39.6	39.2	40.3	40.8	40.1	37.9	38.1	38.1
Slovakia	2,300	39.6	± 0.2	40.2	40.6	40.7	41.4	41.7	38.1	38.6	39.1
Finland	2,157	35.7	± 0.2	36.3	36.7	37.7	38.5	38.8	33.4	33.9	34.5
Sweden	5,261	34.6	± 0.2	36.3	36.3	37.2	38.9	38.8	31.6	33.2	33.3
United Kingdom	25,195	34.9	± 0.2	36.2	35.1	39.2	40.8	39.7	29.7	30.6	29.8
Croatia	1,628	38.9	± 0.5	38.9	39.7	39.9	40.1	40.8	37.6	37.3	38.3
Turkey	19,199	48.3	± 0.3	49.1	44.7	51.1	51.8	47.6	39.9	41.0	36.4
Iceland	155	39.6	± 0.6	:	:	44.1	:	:	34.1	:	:
Norway	2,119	32.8	± 0.3	34.2	34.1	36.0	37.7	37.5	29.2	30.1	30.0
EEA-30	203,712	36.8	± 0.1	37.3	37.3	39.9	40.5	40.5	32.9	33.2	33.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	36.9	:	:	42.7	:	:	29.5	:

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, 1st quarter 2008, %

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	16.3	49.5	13.0	6.5	13.9	39.4	11.1	7.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.8	56.9	32.0	26.4	26.1	48.1	23.8	18.5
Industry, incl. Energy	12.5	49.2	8.6	4.1	11.4	40.8	8.5	4.9
Construction	23.6	49.4	20.1	11.0	19.6	39.4	17.0	9.9
Trade, transport and communication services	15.6	45.3	10.7	4.8	13.2	34.7	9.3	5.3
Business activities and financial services	13.6	45.4	10.9	5.3	12.1	35.9	9.6	7.7
Other services	17.8	57.0	15.7	7.1	14.9	46.8	12.9	8.2
Men	15.4	49.7	11.8	6.2	13.1	39.1	10.2	6.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	32.2	54.8	28.9	25.2	24.1	46.8	21.7	16.8
Industry, incl. Energy	11.6	49.2	7.6	3.9	10.5	40.5	7.5	4.5
Construction	24.4	49.3	21.0	11.8	20.4	39.4	17.9	10.6
Trade, transport and communication services	14.1	46.0	9.2	4.9	11.7	34.8	7.8	4.9
Business activities and financial services	12.7	47.2	10.0	4.8	11.2	36.1	8.7	8.0
Other services	16.0	60.2	14.0	6.1	13.8	47.8	11.9	7.6
Women	17.5	49.2	14.4	6.9	14.8	39.7	12.2	7.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	41.0	62.9	39.0	:	31.2	51.7	29.1	23.8
Industry, incl. Energy	14.6	49.4	11.2	4.9	13.2	41.2	10.6	6.2
Construction	14.5	51.3	10.4	:	11.1	39.6	8.3	:
Trade, transport and communication services	17.5	44.5	12.7	4.6	15.0	34.7	11.0	5.7
Business activities and financial services	14.4	43.9	11.7	5.8	13.0	35.8	10.6	7.3
Other services	18.7	55.5	16.6	7.8	15.4	46.4	13.5	8.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1
EU-27	25,356	13.9	14.5	14.1	13.1	13.8	13.5	14.8	15.2	14.7
EA-15	19,101	16.3	16.7	16.3	15.4	15.8	15.4	17.5	17.8	17.2
EA-13	19,054	16.4	16.7	16.3	15.4	15.8	15.5	17.5	17.8	17.2
Belgium	319	8.4	8.5	8.5	6.4	6.9	6.6	10.7	10.4	10.8
Bulgaria	120	4.2	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.4	5.0	3.9	4.8	5.1
Czech Republic	321	7.7	8.5	8.4	6.3	7.2	7.1	9.4	10.2	9.9
Denmark	209	8.2	8.0	9.1	7.4	6.7	8.0	9.0	9.2	10.2
Germany	4,932	14.7	15.0	14.4	14.9	14.9	14.6	14.4	15.1	14.2
Estonia	13u	2.2u	2.4u	1.3u	3.0u	3.1u	:	:	:	:
Ireland	138	8.0	8.0	2.5	6.4	6.5	2.1	9.7	9.5	2.9
Greece	299	10.3	10.7	10.3	8.8	9.0	8.8	12.5	13.1	12.3
Spain	5,070	30.1	30.9	32.0	28.7	29.6	31.0	32.0	32.7	33.2
France	3,233	14.2	14.4	13.6	13.0	13.5	12.4	15.4	15.3	14.9
Italy	2,189	12.8	13.2	12.6	10.8	11.2	10.6	15.4	15.7	15.4
Cyprus	41	13.6	14.2	11.6	7.3	8.5	5.9	20.1	20.1	17.6
Latvia	27	2.7	3.0	4.5	3.8	4.4	6.2	1.5	1.7	2.7
Lithuania	28	2.1	3.1	3.7	2.4u	3.8u	5.2	1.7u	2.4u	2.2u
Luxembourg	12	6.2	7.2	6.7	5.6	6.2	5.0	7.0	8.3	8.9
Hungary	242	7.2	7.4	6.7	7.6	7.5	7.1	6.7	7.2	6.2
Malta	5	3.5	4.7	4.3	2.8u	3.7	2.8u	4.7u	6.5	7.3
Netherlands	1,243	17.7	18.1	16.9	16.2	16.6	15.4	19.3	19.8	18.5
Austria	301	8.7	8.4	8.8	8.3	8.5	8.6	9.2	8.3	9.1
Poland	3,160	26.5	28.4	27.5	25.5	28.5	27.6	27.6	28.2	27.5
Portugal	901	22.9	22.9	21.5	21.9	22.0	21.0	24.1	23.9	22.1
Romania	80	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.2	1.2	1.7
Slovenia	141	17.0	18.1	17.5	14.4	16.0	15.6	19.9	20.5	19.5
Slovakia	84	4.1	4.7	5.3	3.9	4.8	4.9	4.3	4.6	5.7
Finland	276	12.8	14.1	14.1	9.0	10.7	10.4	16.6	17.3	17.7
Sweden	624	15.4	16.5	16.2	12.8	13.9	13.9	18.1	19.1	18.6
United Kingdom	1,347	5.3	5.9	5.8	4.8	5.3	5.2	5.9	6.5	6.4
Croatia	148	11.7	12.7	10.9	11.1	12.2	10.6	12.4	13.3	11.2
Turkey	1,042	8.6	11.9	9.7	8.8	12.0	9.7	7.8	11.6	9.5
Iceland	12	8.4	:	:	7.5	:	:	9.4	:	:
Norway	205	9.0	9.1	8.8	6.7	7.1	6.6	11.3	11.1	11.2
EEA-30	25,573	13.8	14.4	14.0	13.1	13.7	13.4	14.7	15.2	14.7
Switzerland	:	:	12.9	:	:	12.7	:	:	13.1	:

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, 1st quarter 2008, %

	EA-15				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	4.6	13.4	4.0	1.5	4.2	11.9	3.6	1.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.1	14.7	5.5	2.1	3.8	10.2	4.1	1.5
Industry, incl. Energy	3.9	11.5	3.3	1.3	3.6	10.3	3.1	1.4
Construction	6.3	12.0	5.9	2.7	5.6	11.2	5.2	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	5.1	14.1	4.2	1.3	4.8	12.4	3.8	1.5
Business activities and financial services	5.2	15.4	4.7	1.5	4.7	13.8	4.3	1.6
Other services	3.8	13.4	3.4	1.4	3.5	12.2	3.1	1.6
Men	4.3	12.7	3.8	1.5	4.0	11.4	3.5	1.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	4.9	14.1	4.9	2.4	3.9	10.5	4.0	1.7
Industry, incl. Energy	3.5	11.1	3.0	1.1	3.3	10.0	2.8	1.2
Construction	6.4	12.0	6.0	2.6	5.7	11.3	5.3	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	4.4	13.3	3.7	1.1	4.2	11.9	3.4	1.3
Business activities and financial services	4.7	16.0	4.3	1.7	4.4	13.9	4.0	1.7
Other services	3.3	12.7	2.9	1.3	3.0	11.1	2.6	1.4
Women	4.9	14.2	4.3	1.5	4.4	12.6	3.8	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.6	:	6.7	:	3.6	9.3	4.2	:
Industry, incl. Energy	4.7	12.5	4.1	:	4.3	11.0	3.8	2.1
Construction	5.1	:	4.4	:	4.5	:	4.1	:
Trade, transport and communication services	5.9	15.0	4.8	1.6	5.5	13.0	4.3	1.8
Business activities and financial services	5.7	14.9	5.2	:	5.1	13.6	4.6	:
Other services	4.2	13.8	3.6	1.5	3.8	12.8	3.3	1.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2008Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1	2008Q1	2007Q4	2007Q1
EU-27	9,063	4.2	5.1	4.5	4.0	4.6	4.3	4.4	5.7	4.7
EA-15	6,324	4.6	5.4	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.4	4.9	6.1	4.8
EA-13	6,306	4.6	5.4	4.6	4.3	4.9	4.4	4.9	6.1	4.8
Belgium	184	4.1	4.9	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.3	5.5	4.5
Bulgaria	132	4.0	3.0	3.9	4.3	2.9	3.7	3.7	3.2	4.1
Czech Republic	136	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.4	3.4
Denmark	212	7.6	8.0	8.5	7.1	7.1	7.7	8.2	9.0	9.3
Germany	1,430	3.8	5.0	4.0	3.7	4.7	3.9	3.9	5.4	4.0
Estonia	23	3.5	4.4	4.4	3.8u	4.1u	4.6u	3.3u	4.7	4.3u
Ireland	96	4.5	6.2	:	4.1	5.3	:	5.1	7.3	:
Greece	69	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0	1.4
Spain	1,376	6.7	7.8	7.4	6.1	6.8	7.0	7.7	9.3	8.1
France	1,562	6.1	7.2	5.8	6.1	7.2	5.7	6.1	7.3	5.9
Italy	926	4.0	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.3	4.6	5.6	4.1
Cyprus	13	3.4	6.0	3.7	3.2	4.9	3.2	3.7	7.4	4.5
Latvia	49	4.3	5.2	6.1	4.8	6.0	7.6	3.8	4.3	4.6
Lithuania	61	4.1	4.8	3.6	3.9	4.7	4.3	4.2	4.8	2.8u
Luxembourg	3u	1.5u	5.7	2.5	:	6.5	2.1u	2.5u	4.7	2.9u
Hungary	127	3.3	3.3	2.3	3.5	3.0	2.3	3.1	3.6	2.2
Malta	5	3.2	4.1	2.8	2.5u	3.5	2.6u	4.8u	5.3u	3.2u
Netherlands	128u	2.0u	2.1u	1.8u	1.7u	1.9u	1.7u	2.3u	2.4u	2.0u
Austria	168	4.2	4.5	4.1	4.2	3.9	4.1	4.2	5.3	4.1
Poland	715	4.6	4.8	4.0	4.5	4.6	4.1	4.8	5.1	4.0
Portugal	181	3.5	3.9	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.8	4.4	3.1
Romania	247	2.7	1.8	5.6	2.7	2.0	5.6	2.7	1.5	5.7
Slovenia	41	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.2
Slovakia	53	2.2	2.5	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.9	2.4	2.8	3.1
Finland	142	5.8	6.6	5.7	4.9	5.6	5.2	6.8	7.7	6.2
Sweden	337	7.5	7.9	7.3	6.7	7.0	6.7	8.4	8.8	7.9
United Kingdom	646	2.2	5.3	3.7	2.2	4.9	3.4	2.3	5.7	3.9
Croatia	43	2.7	3.2	3.5	2.5u	2.9u	3.4u	3.0u	3.5u	3.6u
Turkey	1,566	7.8	8.7	7.4	7.7	8.4	7.7	8.0	9.8	6.7
Iceland	11	6.7	:	:	6.1	:	:	7.5	:	:
Norway	120	4.8	5.7	5.4u	4.7	5.2	5.5u	4.9	6.2	5.3u
EEA-30	9,194	4.2	5.1	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.7	4.7
Switzerland	:	:	3.9	:	:	3.2	:	:	4.7	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Methodology

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, and the Candidate Countries (excepted FYROM). 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

Reference periods: The data for Switzerland cover the 2nd quarter 2007. In Ireland, the data refer to seasonal quarter (September to November for Q4, December to February for Q1).

Coverage: The data for France cover the metropolitan territory (excluding overseas regions). Icelandic data are provisional; for 2007 and the 1st quarter 2008 not all breakdowns are available for Iceland.

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 1 of the year 2008 is written as 2008Q1.

Economic activity: In tables 5, 7, 9, 11 breakdowns are based on the industry of the main job. Revision 2 of the NACE started to be implemented in the EU-LFS in the first quarter of 2008, but for a transitory period, the classification used for the breakdown of EU aggregates by economic activity is version 1.1 of the NACE.

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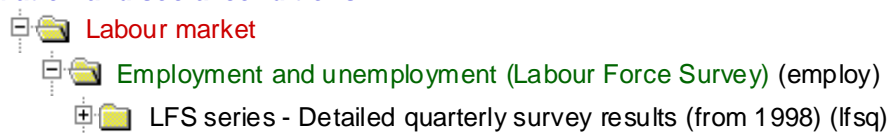
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