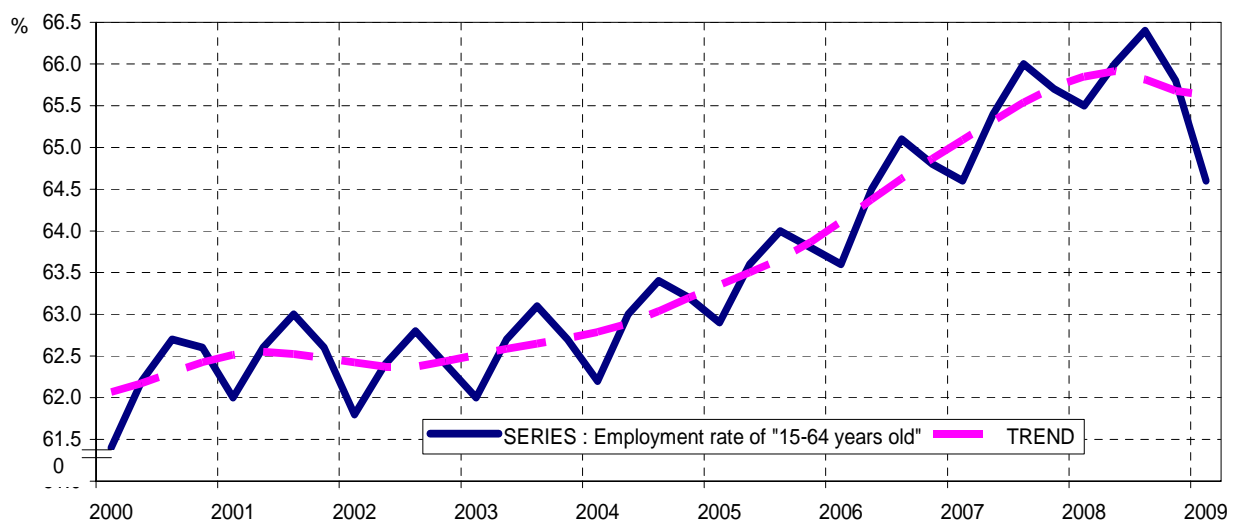


Labour Market Latest Trends – 1st quarter 2009 data

Chart 1. Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2009Q1, %



Source: Eurostat ([lfsi_emp_q](#))

Chart 2. Changes in selected indicators for EU-27 from 2008Q1 to 2009Q1, percentage points



Source: Eurostat ([lfsi_act_q](#), [lfsi_emp_q](#), [une_rt_q](#))

¹ Number of people in employment aged 15 to 64 years divided by the total population aged 15 to 64 years. The trend is calculated at an EU-27 level using moving averages.

Table 1. Activity rates, 2009Q1, %
by level of education, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	71.4	43.7	85.3	47.8	70.8	43.5	84.8	48.6
Less than upper secondary	56.2	33.2	75.5	36.8	53.9	30.3	74.0	37.4
Upper secondary level	76.6	55.2	87.2	51.5	75.3	56.1	86.1	50.7
Tertiary level	87.2	63.9	92.6	67.5	87.4	70.3	92.6	67.6
Men	78.4	46.7	92.7	56.8	77.7	46.6	91.9	58.1
Less than upper secondary	67.2	37.9	89.0	47.6	64.3	35.2	87.1	48.6
Upper secondary level	82.2	58.6	93.3	57.2	81.4	60.0	92.1	58.1
Tertiary level	90.4	59.3	96.1	72.7	90.7	68.6	96.1	73.3
Women	64.3	40.6	77.7	39.2	64.1	40.3	77.7	39.7
Less than upper secondary	45.1	27.4	61.5	28.1	43.8	24.8	60.9	29.4
Upper secondary level	70.8	51.9	81.0	45.5	69.0	52.2	79.6	42.7
Tertiary level	84.1	66.0	89.2	59.6	84.4	71.5	89.5	60.6

Source: Eurostat (fsq.argaed)

Table 2. Activity rates, %
by country and sex

15-64 years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	234,267	70.8	71.1	70.5	77.7	78.0	77.6	64.1	64.2	63.5
EA-16	153,753	71.4	71.6	71.1	78.4	78.7	78.5	64.3	64.4	63.7
EA-15	151,095	71.4	71.6	71.2	78.5	78.8	78.6	64.4	64.5	63.8
Belgium	4,768	67.1	67.0	67.3	73.0	73.2	73.6	61.0	60.6	61.0
Bulgaria	3,434	66.9	67.8	67.0	71.8	72.8	71.5	62.2	62.8	62.6
Czech Republic	5,175	69.6	69.9	69.4	78.1	78.5	77.8	61.0	61.2	60.9
Denmark	2,897	80.5	81.2	79.7	83.9	84.7	83.2	77.0	77.6	76.1
Germany	41,220	76.6	76.7	76.3	82.2	82.1	82.1	70.9	71.2	70.5
Estonia	669	74.0	75.5	72.5	77.2	79.3	77.3	71.1	72.0	68.0
Ireland	2,127	70.0	71.0	72.0	78.1	79.7	80.8	61.9	62.2	63.0
Greece	4,863	67.4	67.1	66.9	78.8	78.9	79.1	55.9	55.4	54.7
Spain	22,946	73.1	73.0	72.1	81.5	81.5	81.6	64.6	64.3	62.3
France	28,030	70.5	70.6	70.0	75.0	75.2	74.7	66.1	66.1	65.5
Italy	24,555	62.4	63.0	62.8	73.6	74.4	74.0	51.3	51.6	51.6
Cyprus	383	72.9	73.6	73.7	80.6	81.7	81.9	65.5	65.8	65.9
Latvia	1,170	75.0	74.0	74.7	77.8	78.6	78.8	72.3	69.7	70.9
Lithuania	1,600	69.3	69.4	67.3	71.6	72.1	70.1	67.2	66.8	64.6
Luxembourg	:	:	66.2	65.6	:	73.8	72.6	:	58.4	58.4
Hungary	4,139	61.0	61.7	61.0	67.5	68.1	67.7	54.8	55.5	54.7
Malta	171	58.8	58.6	58.2	76.8	76.9	77.0	40.0	39.5	38.8
Netherlands	8,763	79.9	79.7	78.8	85.4	85.4	84.9	74.3	73.9	72.7
Austria	4,150	74.4	75.3	74.1	79.5	81.4	80.4	69.3	69.2	67.9
Poland	16,886	64.2	64.3	63.2	71.3	71.4	70.3	57.4	57.5	56.3
Portugal	5,280	73.9	74.0	74.1	78.8	79.4	79.6	69.1	68.7	68.7
Romania	9,296	61.8	62.0	61.8	69.8	69.7	70.0	53.8	54.4	53.6
Slovenia	995	70.5	72.0	70.8	73.8	75.5	74.9	67.0	68.2	66.4
Slovakia	2,658	68.1	68.9	68.5	76.0	76.7	75.9	60.2	61.2	61.2
Finland	2,615	74.2	74.8	74.6	75.6	76.6	76.2	72.9	72.9	72.9
Sweden	4,745	78.2	78.3	78.4	80.4	80.7	80.7	75.9	75.8	76.0
United Kingdom	30,503	75.8	76.1	75.5	82.3	82.7	82.1	69.4	69.5	69.1
Croatia	1,714	62.6	63.5	62.4	68.7	70.2	69.1	56.7	57.1	55.8
Turkey	22,524	48.5	50.8	48.3	72.1	75.0	72.7	25.2	26.7	24.1
Iceland	170	82.9	84.9	84.7	86.1	88.5	89.0	79.5	81.0	80.1
Norway	2,508	78.9	79.5	79.6	81.1	82.0	82.1	76.7	76.9	76.9
EEA-30	236,945	70.9	71.1	70.6	77.7	78.0	77.7	64.2	64.3	63.6
Switzerland	:	:	82.3	:	:	88.0	:	:	76.6	:

Source: Eurostat (fsq.argaed)

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

Table 3. Employment rates, 2009Q1, %
by level of education, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	64.7	35.3	78.1	44.5	64.6	35.3	78.2	45.5
Less than upper secondary	47.9	25.1	65.0	33.5	46.0	22.6	64.0	34.3
Upper secondary level	70.0	46.2	80.6	47.9	69.1	47.0	79.9	47.5
Tertiary level	82.7	55.2	88.1	64.8	83.4	61.5	88.6	65.2
Men	71.3	37.5	85.2	52.9	70.8	37.3	84.9	54.3
Less than upper secondary	57.6	28.6	77.4	43.3	55.0	26.1	75.8	44.3
Upper secondary level	75.5	48.8	86.6	53.2	74.9	49.9	85.8	54.3
Tertiary level	86.2	52.3	91.9	69.7	86.8	59.9	92.2	70.5
Women	58.1	33.2	70.8	36.4	58.4	33.2	71.6	37.3
Less than upper secondary	38.1	20.9	52.1	25.6	37.3	18.7	52.2	27.1
Upper secondary level	64.4	43.5	74.4	42.0	63.1	44.1	73.5	40.1
Tertiary level	79.4	56.7	84.5	57.3	80.3	62.6	85.5	58.6

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ergaed](#))

Table 4. Employment rates, %
by country and sex

15-64 years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women				Men			Women		
			2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	
EU-27	213,696	± 680	64.6	± 0.2	65.8	65.5	70.8	72.4	72.4	58.4	59.2	58.6
EA-16	139,329	± 566	64.7	± 0.3	65.9	65.7	71.3	72.9	73.1	58.1	58.9	58.4
EA-15	136,948	± 566	64.8	± 0.3	65.9	65.8	71.3	72.9	73.1	58.2	59.0	58.4
Belgium	4,389	± 63	61.7	± 0.9	62.4	62.6	67.5	68.8	68.7	55.9	55.9	56.4
Bulgaria	3,214	± 75	62.6	± 1.5	64.3	62.6	67.1	69.2	66.9	58.3	59.6	58.4
Czech Republic	4,873	± 42	65.6	± 0.6	66.8	66.1	74.2	75.8	74.9	56.8	57.7	57.2
Denmark	2,744	± 19	76.2	± 0.5	78.3	77.0	78.9	81.6	80.6	73.5	74.9	73.3
Germany	37,885	± 494	70.4	± 0.9	71.3	70.0	75.2	76.3	75.1	65.5	66.2	64.8
Estonia	591	± 20	65.3	± 2.2	69.6	69.5	66.2	72.6	74.6	64.5	66.8	64.8
Ireland	1,908	± 19	62.8	± 0.6	65.6	68.6	67.8	72.3	76.3	57.7	58.9	60.7
Greece	4,401	± 84	61.0	± 1.2	61.7	61.3	73.4	74.6	74.6	48.6	48.8	47.9
Spain	18,939	± 141	60.4	± 0.4	62.8	65.1	67.7	70.9	75.1	52.9	54.5	54.8
France	25,527	± 150	64.2	± 0.4	65.0	64.8	68.5	69.7	69.4	60.0	60.5	60.4
Italy	22,578	± 124	57.4	± 0.3	58.5	58.3	68.5	69.8	69.7	46.3	47.2	46.9
Cyprus	365	± 9	69.5	± 1.7	71.1	70.2	77.1	79.2	78.4	62.1	63.2	62.5
Latvia	1,002	± 18	64.3	± 1.2	66.5	69.6	64.2	69.3	73.2	64.3	63.9	66.3
Lithuania	1,407	± 44	61.0	± 1.9	63.8	63.9	61.0	65.9	66.8	60.9	61.9	61.2
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	62.6	62.8	:	69.8	70.8	:	55.3	54.4
Hungary	3,736	± 32	55.1	± 0.5	56.7	56.1	60.8	62.6	62.5	49.6	51.1	50.1
Malta	160	± 5	54.9	± 1.6	54.9	54.7	72.0	72.7	72.8	37.0	36.3	36.0
Netherlands	8,486	± 50	77.4	± 0.5	77.6	76.4	82.7	83.4	82.5	71.9	71.8	70.3
Austria	3,954	± 43	70.8	± 0.8	72.2	71.0	75.4	78.4	77.0	66.3	66.1	65.0
Poland	15,475	± 152	58.9	± 0.6	60.0	58.0	65.7	67.1	64.9	52.3	53.1	51.3
Portugal	4,785	± 52	67.0	± 0.7	67.9	68.1	72.1	73.6	74.2	62.1	62.2	62.2
Romania	8,630	± 294	57.4	± 2.0	58.3	57.7	64.1	64.9	64.6	50.7	51.7	50.8
Slovenia	941	± 18	66.7	± 1.3	68.8	67.1	69.6	72.5	71.3	63.6	65.0	62.7
Slovakia	2,380	± 23	61.0	± 0.6	62.9	61.3	68.7	70.8	69.0	53.3	55.1	53.8
Finland	2,413	± 17	68.5	± 0.5	70.3	69.5	69.2	72.0	71.2	67.8	68.5	67.8
Sweden	4,367	± 20	72.0	± 0.3	73.4	73.4	73.8	75.8	75.8	70.0	71.0	70.9
United Kingdom	28,328	± 139	70.4	± 0.3	71.3	71.6	75.7	77.0	77.4	65.2	65.7	65.9
Croatia	1,547	± 70	56.5	± 2.6	57.8	56.0	63.2	65.1	63.2	50.0	50.7	49.1
Turkey	19,250	± 93	41.4	± 0.2	45.2	43.3	61.5	66.7	65.0	21.6	23.8	21.7
Iceland	158	± 3	76.9	± 1.3	81.4	82.8	78.1	84.0	87.0	75.7	78.6	78.4
Norway	2,432	± 15	76.6	± 0.5	77.5	77.5	78.2	79.8	79.9	74.9	75.1	75.2
EEA-30	216,285	± 680	64.7	± 0.2	65.9	65.6	70.9	72.5	72.5	58.6	59.4	58.8
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	79.5	:	:	85.4	:	:	73.5	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ergaed](#))

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

Table 5. Part-time employment (% of total employment), 2009Q1
by economic activity, age and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	19.9	26.6	18.1	25.2	18.6	27.3	16.1	26.1
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	20.0	26.4	12.9	34.2	21.6	28.7	15.9	32.8
Industry, incl. Energy	8.2	8.3	7.6	12.3	6.9	7.5	6.0	12.0
Construction	6.7	6.2	5.9	12.6	6.4	5.7	5.5	13.0
Trade, transport and communication services	20.8	35.6	17.7	24.9	19.9	37.7	15.6	26.4
Business activities and financial services	22.1	27.3	20.5	28.7	20.6	25.1	18.4	30.1
Other services	28.2	33.4	27.4	29.8	26.4	33.3	24.7	31.4
Men	7.7	19.2	5.2	13.8	8.1	20.2	5.0	15.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	12.4	24.6	5.2	25.7	15.6	26.5	9.5	26.9
Industry, incl. Energy	3.1	6.1	2.1	6.8	2.9	5.6	1.9	7.2
Construction	3.5	5.3	2.5	8.1	3.7	5.1	2.6	9.1
Trade, transport and communication services	9.2	29.2	5.6	14.0	9.8	31.1	5.4	15.5
Business activities and financial services	9.4	25.4	6.2	18.2	9.7	23.0	5.8	20.7
Other services	11.7	27.1	9.8	14.6	11.7	28.4	8.7	17.8
Women	34.9	35.3	33.8	41.6	31.4	35.5	29.3	40.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.7	31.7	27.7	49.6	31.4	33.7	26.3	41.8
Industry, incl. Energy	22.3	13.9	22.1	31.2	16.7	12.2	15.9	28.0
Construction	39.2	:	38.8	52.7	33.7	0.0	33.1	47.3
Trade, transport and communication services	36.1	42.3	34.1	42.7	33.2	44.4	29.3	43.8
Business activities and financial services	35.0	29.0	34.4	45.4	31.9	27.0	30.7	45.3
Other services	36.7	36.1	36.2	40.0	33.8	35.4	32.5	40.0

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_epgn62](#))

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

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	40,472	± 325	18.6	18.3	18.4	8.1	7.8	7.9	31.4	31.2	31.4
EA-16	28,088	± 240	19.9	19.5	19.7	7.7	7.4	7.7	34.9	34.6	34.9
EA-15	28,008	± 241	20.2	19.8	20.0	7.8	7.5	7.8	35.4	35.2	35.5
Belgium	1,014	± 44	23.0	22.8	22.9	8.1	7.8	8.6	41.1	41.6	40.6
Bulgaria	75	± 9	2.3	2.0	2.6	1.9	1.6	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.9
Czech Republic	264	± 14	5.3	5.0	4.9	2.7	2.3	2.2	8.9	8.6	8.4
Denmark	732	± 22	26.1	25.4	24.3	15.6	15.0	13.7	37.8	37.1	36.2
Germany	9,975	± 171	25.9	25.6	26.1	9.2	8.9	9.6	45.4	45.1	45.6
Estonia	64	± 9	10.4	7.6	7.9	6.4	4.2	5.1	14.2	11.0	10.7
Ireland	400	± 12	20.5	19.0	26.0	9.4	8.0	11.6	33.8	32.8	44.7
Greece	276	± 17	6.1	5.7	5.8	3.2	2.9	3.0	10.7	10.1	10.2
Spain	2,423	± 65	12.7	12.5	12.0	4.6	4.4	4.1	23.3	23.3	23.1
France	4,378	± 112	17.1	16.8	17.3	5.8	5.8	6.0	29.5	29.3	30.1
Italy	3,256	± 77	14.2	14.2	14.2	4.9	5.0	5.2	28.0	27.8	27.8
Cyprus	31	± 3	8.3	7.9	7.8	5.0	4.5	5.0	12.5	12.1	11.3
Latvia	97	± 11	9.3	6.7	6.0	7.4	5.4	4.4	11.1	8.0	7.7
Lithuania	115	± 12	8.0	6.7	7.3	7.1	5.5	5.2	8.9	7.8	9.5
Luxembourg	:	:	:	18.3	18.4	:	3.9	2.1u	:	36.9	40.2
Hungary	188	± 12	5.0	4.9	4.3	3.4	3.4	3.1	6.9	6.7	5.9
Malta	17	± 2	10.8	11.3	11.0	5.0	4.1	4.8	22.8	26.5	23.7
Netherlands	4,160	± 41	48.1	47.6	47.6	24.6	24.2	24.1	75.7	75.4	75.6
Austria	994	± 26	24.7	23.8	23.3	8.4	8.1	8.1	43.3	42.3	41.2
Poland	1,364	± 80	8.7	8.5	8.9	6.1	5.5	6.1	11.8	12.1	12.3
Portugal	597	± 36	11.7	11.6	12.1	7.4	7.2	7.6	16.6	16.8	17.4
Romania	807	± 95	8.9	9.7	8.9	8.7	9.1	8.6	9.2	10.4	9.3
Slovenia	91	± 7	9.5	9.2	9.3	7.3	7.4	7.3	12.0	11.2	11.7
Slovakia	80	± 8	3.3	2.9	2.3	2.5	1.8	0.9	4.4	4.4	4.1
Finland	357	± 13	14.6	14.2	14.3	9.5	9.4	9.5	19.9	19.4	19.4
Sweden	1,219	± 25	27.3	26.9	27.0	14.2	13.6	13.4	41.6	41.8	42.2
United Kingdom	7,460	± 174	25.8	25.5	25.4	11.5	11.5	11.1	42.3	41.8	42.1
Croatia	151	± 22	9.4	9.3	8.0	7.1	6.8	6.2	12.1	12.2	10.1
Turkey	2,528	± 74	12.8	9.6	11.0	7.8	5.5	6.6	26.9	20.9	24.0
Iceland	41	± 3	25.0	24.3	22.6	13.6	11.7	11.9	37.6	38.9	35.3
Norway	716	± 19	28.8	28.3	28.7	15.3	14.9	14.3	43.5	43.1	44.7
EEA-30	41,229	± 326	18.7	18.4	18.6	8.1	7.9	8.0	31.6	31.3	31.6
Switzerland	:	:	:	34.3	:	:	13.5	:	:	59.0	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_eppga](#))

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

Table 7. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs, 2009Q1
by economic activity, full-time/part-time distinction and sex

	EA-16			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	36.6	40.6	20.4	37.1	40.8	20.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	40.8	46.1	19.2	37.6	42.2	20.9
Industry, incl. Energy	38.2	39.7	21.1	38.9	40.2	21.4
Construction	39.3	40.6	20.4	40.0	41.2	20.7
Trade, transport and communication services	37.8	42.5	19.6	37.9	42.4	19.3
Business activities and financial services	36.6	41.2	20.1	37.0	41.2	20.2
Other services	33.6	38.5	21.0	34.3	39.0	21.0
Men	40.1	41.7	20.2	40.2	41.8	20.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	44.2	47.6	19.7	40.9	44.4	21.8
Industry, incl. Energy	39.5	40.1	21.9	40.0	40.5	22.1
Construction	40.1	40.7	21.0	40.7	41.4	21.8
Trade, transport and communication services	41.2	43.4	18.8	41.0	43.3	18.7
Business activities and financial services	40.6	42.7	19.7	40.5	42.6	19.9
Other services	37.9	40.0	21.5	38.3	40.4	21.3
Women	32.4	38.8	20.4	33.2	39.0	20.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	33.9	42.2	18.8	32.3	37.8	20.1
Industry, incl. Energy	34.6	38.5	20.8	36.2	39.2	21.1
Construction	31.6	39.3	19.9	32.6	39.3	19.5
Trade, transport and communication services	33.2	40.7	19.9	33.8	40.7	19.6
Business activities and financial services	32.4	39.0	20.3	33.2	39.2	20.3
Other services	31.3	37.4	20.9	32.3	38.0	21.0

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ewhan2](#), [lfsq_ewh2n2](#))

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

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	
EU-27	197,080	37.1	± 0.1	37.4	37.2	40.2	40.5	40.3	33.2	33.4	33.3
EA-16	127,482	36.6	± 0.1	37.0	36.9	40.1	40.5	40.3	32.4	32.5	32.4
EA-15	125,268	36.6	± 0.1	36.9	36.8	40.1	40.5	40.3	32.2	32.4	32.3
Belgium	3,859	37.1	± 0.5	36.8	37.0	40.6	40.3	40.4	32.9	32.3	32.7
Bulgaria	2,880	39.8	± 0.3	41.0	40.7	40.3	41.5	41.2	39.3	40.3	40.2
Czech Republic	4,597	41.0	± 0.1	40.8	41.3	42.7	42.6	43.1	38.7	38.3	38.9
Denmark	2,443	34.8	± 0.2	35.1	34.4	37.2	37.5	36.7	32.0	32.1	31.6
Germany	34,924	35.6	± 0.1	36.2	35.9	40.1	40.9	40.5	30.2	30.6	30.4
Estonia	584	37.8	± 0.5	38.6	39.4	38.6	39.9	40.3	37.0	37.3	38.5
Ireland	1,790	35.3	± 0.3	36.6	36.3	39.6	40.9	40.5	29.9	31.0	30.6
Greece	4,337	40.2	± 0.3	41.3	40.7	42.2	43.4	42.7	37.0	38.0	37.5
Spain	17,049	37.9	± 0.2	38.4	38.0	40.6	41.1	40.5	34.3	34.8	34.4
France	22,575	37.2	± 0.1	36.7	36.9	40.1	39.6	39.8	33.9	33.3	33.6
Italy	21,283	37.1	± 0.1	37.3	37.6	40.0	40.2	40.6	32.6	32.8	33.0
Cyprus	355	38.2	± 0.3	39.1	38.9	40.4	41.3	40.7	35.5	36.3	36.7
Latvia	977	39.3	± 0.5	39.6	39.8	40.4	40.2	40.7	38.3	39.0	39.0
Lithuania	1,339	39.2	± 0.2	39.8	39.3	39.9	40.6	40.0	38.5	39.0	38.6
Luxembourg	:	:	:	37.2	37.7	:	40.3	40.6	:	32.9	33.5
Hungary	3,617	39.9	± 0.1	40.1	40.1	40.8	41.2	41.0	38.9	38.8	39.0
Malta	155	39.3	± 0.4	39.7	39.1	41.4	42.0	41.2	35.0	34.7	34.6
Netherlands	7,521	31.6	± 0.1	32.5	31.5	36.7	37.9	36.8	25.4	25.9	25.1
Austria	3,544	36.9	± 0.3	37.5	37.9	41.2	41.8	42.1	31.9	32.1	32.8
Poland	14,957	40.0	± 0.3	39.8	40.4	42.0	42.0	42.6	37.5	37.0	37.5
Portugal	4,759	38.6	± 0.4	38.3	38.0	40.4	40.1	40.0	36.4	36.3	35.7
Romania	8,874	38.9	± 0.3	39.6	39.3	39.7	40.5	40.2	38.0	38.4	38.3
Slovenia	850	39.6	± 0.3	39.7	39.7	40.7	41.1	40.9	38.2	38.0	38.1
Slovakia	2,215	39.3	± 0.2	40.0	39.7	40.1	41.1	40.8	38.3	38.6	38.2
Finland	2,117	36.2	± 0.2	36.8	36.0	38.3	39.0	38.1	34.0	34.3	33.7
Sweden	3,913	35.5	± 0.2	36.2	35.2	38.0	38.8	37.8	32.7	33.2	32.2
United Kingdom	25,416	35.5	± 0.1	35.8	35.2	39.7	40.0	39.5	30.6	30.8	30.1
Croatia	1,513	38.6	± 0.4	39.2	39.2	39.7	40.4	40.3	37.3	37.7	37.8
Turkey	18,558	47.1	± 0.2	49.4	48.5	50.4	52.3	51.4	38.2	41.3	40.0
Iceland	151	38.9	± 0.7	39.4	40.8	43.2	43.8	45.3	34.0	34.3	35.2
Norway	2,140	34.6	± 0.3	34.7	33.5	37.8	37.9	36.7	30.9	31.1	29.8
EEA-30	199,370	37.0	± 0.1	37.3	37.2	40.1	40.5	40.3	33.2	33.4	33.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.6	:	:	43.5	:	:	30.3	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_ewhana](#), [lfsq_ewh2na](#))

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, 2009Q1, %
by economic activity, age group and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	14.9	48.7	11.6	6.5	13.1	38.8	10.3	7.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	37.0	57.0	35.5	27.2	27.6	47.2	26.2	20.1
Industry, incl. Energy	10.3	48.5	6.7	3.4	10.0	40.6	7.3	4.4
Construction	18.3	46.2	14.3	8.9	15.8	37.6	12.9	8.6
Trade, transport and communication services	14.3	44.4	9.6	5.2	12.5	34.0	8.8	5.7
Business activities and financial services	13.3	46.4	10.4	6.7	12.0	37.4	9.3	8.8
Other services	17.0	56.4	15.0	7.2	14.4	45.8	12.5	8.5
Men	13.8	48.9	10.2	6.3	12.2	38.8	9.3	7.0
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.8	56.7	33.0	24.7	25.4	45.7	23.9	17.5
Industry, incl. Energy	9.8	48.5	6.2	3.1	9.4	40.6	6.6	3.9
Construction	19.1	46.4	15.1	9.6	16.6	38.1	13.6	9.2
Trade, transport and communication services	12.7	44.8	8.1	5.5	10.9	33.8	7.3	5.6
Business activities and financial services	13.2	49.6	10.1	7.0	11.8	38.8	8.9	9.2
Other services	15.7	61.3	13.7	6.7	13.6	48.7	11.7	8.1
Women	16.2	48.5	13.2	6.9	14.0	38.8	11.5	8.0
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	41.9	57.6	40.8	:	33.1	51.4	31.6	28.1
Industry, incl. Energy	11.8	48.7	8.1	4.3	11.4	40.6	8.8	5.8
Construction	10.7	43.3	8.1	:	8.9	31.3	7.1	:
Trade, transport and communication services	16.2	44.0	11.6	4.8	14.3	34.1	10.7	5.7
Business activities and financial services	13.3	43.7	10.7	6.3	12.1	36.1	9.6	8.4
Other services	17.6	54.4	15.6	7.6	14.8	44.6	12.9	8.7

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_etqan2](#))

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

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	23,654	13.1	13.8	13.9	12.2	13.0	13.2	14.0	14.7	14.8
EA-16	17,627	14.9	15.8	16.2	13.8	14.7	15.2	16.2	17.0	17.2
EA-15	17,546	15.1	16.0	16.4	14.0	14.9	15.4	16.4	17.2	17.5
Belgium	308	8.2	8.2	8.4	6.3	6.8	6.4	10.5	9.7	10.7
Bulgaria	109	3.8	4.8	4.2	4.0	5.1	4.4	3.6	4.4	3.9
Czech Republic	321	7.8	8.0	7.7	6.2	6.4	6.3	9.7	9.9	9.4
Denmark	224	8.8	8.2	8.2	8.5	7.7	7.4	9.1	8.8	9.0
Germany	4,904	14.4	14.9	14.7	14.5	14.9	14.9	14.4	14.8	14.4
Estonia	11u	2.0u	2.9	2.2u	:	4.1	3.0u	2.0u	1.7u	:
Ireland	128	8.0	8.3	8.1	6.8	7.0	6.5	9.2	9.5	9.7
Greece	325	11.3	11.8	10.3	9.9	10.2	8.8	13.3	13.9	12.5
Spain	4,026	25.4	27.9	30.1	23.4	25.9	28.7	27.9	30.4	32.0
France	2,929	12.9	13.7	14.2	11.6	12.5	13.1	14.3	14.9	15.4
Italy	2,035	11.9	12.9	12.8	10.2	11.1	10.8	14.0	15.2	15.4
Cyprus	37	12.3	13.8	13.6	6.5	8.6	7.3	18.5	19.4	20.1
Latvia	28	3.0	3.5	2.7	4.5	5.1	3.8	1.6	2.0	1.5
Lithuania	20u	1.6u	2.1	2.1	2.2u	2.3u	2.4u	1.1u	2.0u	1.7u
Luxembourg	:	:	5.8	6.3	:	4.8	5.9	:	7.1	6.9
Hungary	233	7.1	8.2	7.2	7.5	9.2	7.6	6.6	7.1	6.7
Malta	6	4.0	4.2	3.5	3.0u	3.4	2.8u	5.8u	5.7u	4.7u
Netherlands	1,304	17.6	18.1	17.9	15.9	16.3	16.4	19.6	20.0	19.5
Austria	307	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.9	8.3	8.9	8.7	9.2
Poland	3,111	25.7	26.9	26.5	24.7	26.4	25.5	26.8	27.5	27.6
Portugal	837	21.5	22.3	22.9	20.3	21.0	21.9	22.9	23.8	24.1
Romania	62	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.2
Slovenia	117	14.1	16.9	17.0	12.5	14.7	14.4	15.9	19.4	19.9
Slovakia	81	4.0	4.9	4.1	4.1	5.0	3.9	3.8	4.8	4.3
Finland	276	13.1	13.4	12.9	8.6	9.4	9.1	17.2	17.2	16.6
Sweden	564	14.1	14.7	15.4	11.5	11.9	12.8	16.7	17.7	18.1
United Kingdom	1,345	5.4	5.6	5.3	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.9	6.2	5.9
Croatia	140	11.0	11.0	11.7	10.7	10.7	11.1	11.4	11.4	12.4
Turkey	918	7.7	12.4	8.6	7.6	11.9	8.8	7.9	14.2	7.8
Iceland	10	6.7	5.5	8.4	5.7	5.9	7.6	7.7	5.0	9.3
Norway	175	7.7	8.3	9.0	5.7	6.7	6.8	9.7	10.0	11.3
EEA-30	23,839	13.0	13.7	13.9	12.1	12.9	13.1	14.0	14.7	14.7
Switzerland	:	:	13.2	:	:	13.3	:	:	13.1	:

Source: Eurostat ([lfsq_etpga](#))

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months, 2009Q1, % by economic activity, age group and sex

	EA-16				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	3.7	11.1	3.2	1.4	3.4	10.0	3.0	1.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.1	14.9	5.7	2.0	3.3	8.5	3.7	1.4
Industry, incl. Energy	2.4	7.4	2.0	0.8	2.2	6.4	2.0	0.9
Construction	4.4	9.0	4.1	1.9	4.0	8.0	3.8	1.7
Trade, transport and communication services	4.2	11.8	3.5	1.4	4.0	10.7	3.3	1.5
Business activities and financial services	4.1	14.9	3.5	1.7	3.9	13.1	3.3	1.8
Other services	3.4	11.8	3.0	1.4	3.2	11.3	2.9	1.5
Men	3.4	10.4	3.0	1.4	3.2	9.4	2.8	1.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.0	14.0	5.4	2.3	3.6	9.1	3.9	1.6
Industry, incl. Energy	2.2	7.1	1.8	:	2.1	6.3	1.8	0.9
Construction	4.5	9.0	4.2	1.9	4.0	8.2	3.8	1.7
Trade, transport and communication services	3.8	11.1	3.2	1.3	3.6	10.0	3.0	1.4
Business activities and financial services	4.0	17.1	3.3	1.7	3.9	14.7	3.3	1.8
Other services	2.8	10.9	2.5	1.2	2.8	10.5	2.5	1.3
Women	4.0	12.0	3.5	1.5	3.7	10.8	3.2	1.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.3	:	6.3	:	2.9	:	3.4	:
Industry, incl. Energy	2.9	8.3	2.5	:	2.6	6.6	2.4	:
Construction	3.8	:	3.6	:	3.3	:	3.3	:
Trade, transport and communication services	4.9	12.5	4.0	1.5	4.5	11.3	3.6	1.5
Business activities and financial services	4.1	13.0	3.6	:	3.9	11.6	3.3	1.9
Other services	3.7	12.2	3.2	1.6	3.5	11.7	3.0	1.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2009Q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1	2009Q1	2008Q4	2008Q1
EU-27	7,347	3.4	4.5	4.4	3.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	5.0	4.7
EA-16	5,089	3.7	4.9	4.5	3.4	4.4	4.3	4.0	5.4	4.9
EA-15	5,040	3.7	4.9	4.6	3.4	4.4	4.3	4.1	5.5	4.9
Belgium	134	3.1	4.7	4.1	3.0	4.2	4.0	3.1	5.3	4.3
Bulgaria	93	2.9	2.9	4.0	2.9	3.1	4.3	2.8	2.7	3.7
Czech Republic	123	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.3	3.6
Denmark	173	6.2	6.6	7.6	5.6	6.0	7.1	6.9	7.2	8.2
Germany	1,287	3.4	5.0	3.8	3.3	4.6	3.7	3.5	5.4	3.9
Estonia	27	4.5	6.0	3.5	4.3	6.1	3.8u	4.6	5.8	3.3u
Ireland	57	2.9	4.8	4.2	2.8	4.0	3.8	3.0	5.7	4.7
Greece	74	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.8
Spain	987	5.2	6.5	6.7	4.8	5.8	6.1	5.8	7.5	7.7
France	1,258	4.9	6.4	6.1	4.6	6.4	6.1	5.2	6.5	6.1
Italy	662	2.9	3.5	4.0	2.5	2.9	3.6	3.4	4.5	4.6
Cyprus	12	3.2	5.1	3.4	3.0	3.9	3.2	3.5	6.5	3.7
Latvia	32	3.1	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.9	4.8	2.4	3.8	3.8
Lithuania	34	2.4	3.2	4.1	2.4u	2.6u	3.9	2.4u	3.8	4.2
Luxembourg	:	:	2.1	1.3u	:	1.7u	:	:	2.6u	2.2u
Hungary	96	2.5	3.2	3.3	2.6	3.0	3.5	2.5	3.5	3.1
Malta	3u	1.6u	2.3	3.2	:	2.0u	2.5u	:	3.1u	4.7u
Netherlands	116u	1.7u	2.2u	2.0u	1.5u	1.9u	1.8u	1.9u	2.6u	2.3u
Austria	146	3.6	4.6	4.2	3.2	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.9	4.2
Poland	507	3.2	3.9	4.6	3.4	3.9	4.5	3.1	4.0	4.8
Portugal	148	2.9	3.7	3.5	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.3	4.1	3.8
Romania	153	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.0	1.8	2.7	1.3	1.6	2.7
Slovenia	29	3.1	4.6	4.3	2.5	4.1	4.0	3.7	5.1	4.5
Slovakia	49	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.4
Finland	121	5.0	6.0	5.8	4.1	4.8	4.9	5.9	7.3	6.8
Sweden	286	6.4	7.2	7.5	5.5	6.1	6.7	7.4	8.4	8.4
United Kingdom	734	2.5	4.4	3.8	2.4	4.0	3.7	2.7	4.8	3.9
Croatia	26u	1.6u	2.4	2.7	1.4u	2.8u	2.5u	1.9u	1.9u	3.0u
Turkey	1,643	8.3	10.6	7.8	8.3	10.3	7.7	8.2	11.6	8.0
Iceland	6	3.7	4.9	7.2	4.2	5.2	6.5	3.1	4.7	8.0
Norway	93	3.8	4.5	4.8	3.7	4.1	4.7	3.8	4.9	4.9
EEA-30	7,446	3.4	4.5	4.4	3.2	4.2	4.2	3.7	5.0	4.7
Switzerland	:	:	4.3	:	:	4.0	:	:	4.6	:

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 (except Liechtenstein), and the Candidate Countries. Conscripts in military or community service are not included in the results. The sampling rates vary between 0.14% and 1.68%. The figures in this publication are not seasonally adjusted. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of International Labour Organisation.

Further information is available at the Eurostat website:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/employment_unemployment_lfs/introduction

Reference periods: In Ireland, the data before 2009 refer to seasonal quarter (June to August for Q3, September to November for Q4.). The data for Switzerland for 2008 refer to the 2nd quarter.

Coverage: The data for France exclude 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, it is assumed 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 2009 is written as 2009Q1. European Union (27 countries) is written as EU-27, Euro Area (16 countries) as EA-16

Economic activity: In tables 5, 7, 9, 11 breakdowns are based on the industry of the main job. The aggregation to six sectors is based on the new Rev.2 of the NACE classification.

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