

Labour Market Latest Trends

2nd quarter 2006 data

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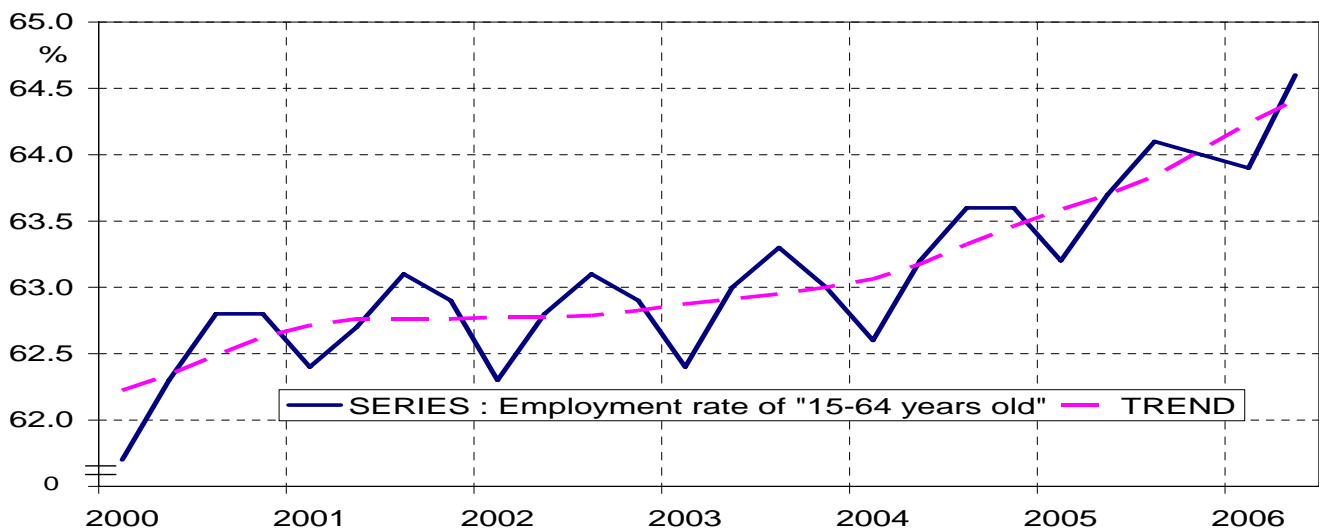
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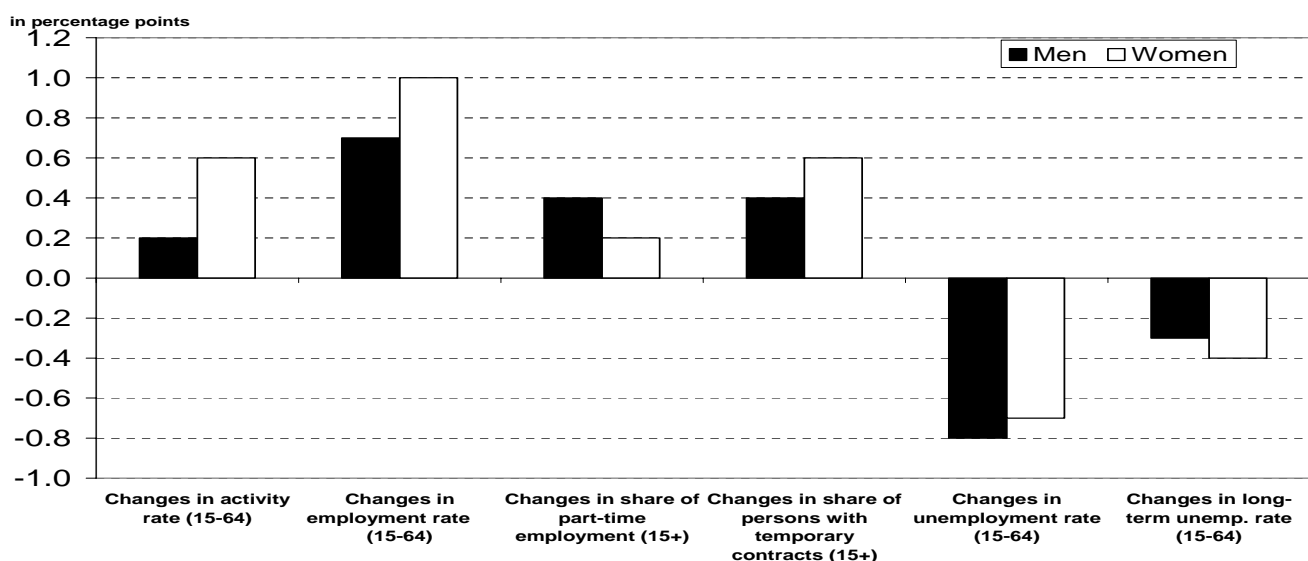
Chart 1: Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-25 from 2000Q1 to 2006Q2



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Chart 2: Labour market indicators changes, EU-25, from 2005Q2 to 2006Q2



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex
2nd quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	70.4	43.9	84.3	44.9	70.4	44.5	84.3	46.4
Less than upper secondary	56.3	34.3	75.2	35.6	54.9	32.0	74.2	37.1
Upper secondary level	76.2	55.9	86.7	48.6	75.9	57.9	86.0	49.9
Tertiary level	86.2	63.6	91.6	65.2	87.1	69.9	92.0	67.2
Men	78.4	47.7	93.0	54.6	77.9	47.8	92.3	56.2
Less than upper secondary	68.1	39.5	90.0	47.2	65.3	36.9	88.1	47.4
Upper secondary level	82.8	60.3	93.7	54.9	82.3	62.1	92.8	56.9
Tertiary level	89.8	62.7	95.7	69.8	90.2	69.2	95.8	71.0
Women	62.3	40.0	75.5	35.6	63.0	41.0	76.4	37.1
Less than upper secondary	44.8	28.2	60.4	26.7	44.8	26.3	60.8	29.3
Upper secondary level	69.6	51.7	79.5	42.0	69.2	53.8	78.9	42.1
Tertiary level	82.6	64.2	87.6	58.0	84.0	70.5	88.4	61.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2
EU-25	215,858	70.4	70.2	70.1	77.9	77.7	77.7	63.0	62.8	62.4
EA-12	145,637	70.4	70.2	69.8	78.4	78.2	78.2	62.3	62.1	61.4
EU-27	228,942	70.1	69.7	69.6	77.4	77.1	77.2	62.7	62.4	62.1
EA-13	146,641	70.4	70.2	69.8	78.4	78.2	78.2	62.4	62.2	61.5
Belgium	4,566	65.9	66.1	66.4	72.7	73.2	73.1	58.9	58.9	59.5
Bulgaria	3,408	65.0	61.5	62.5	69.4	65.9	67.2	60.6	57.1	57.9
Czech Republic	5,132	70.3	70.5	70.2	78.1	78.2	78.2	62.4	62.6	62.1
Denmark	2,862	80.1	80.2	79.4	83.4	83.4	83.6	76.7	76.9	75.1
Germany	40,813	74.7	74.6	73.7	81.0	81.0	80.6	68.3	68.2	66.7
Estonia	670	73.4	72.1	70.8	76.0	75.8	74.0	71.0	68.8	67.9
Ireland	2,067	71.3	71.0	70.2	81.0	80.8	79.9	61.3	61.1	60.3
Greece	4,792	67.0	67.0	66.8	79.1	79.3	79.2	55.0	54.8	54.6
Spain	21,371	70.8	70.4	69.7	81.2	81.1	80.9	60.1	59.5	58.4
France	26,962	69.1	69.4	69.4	74.6	74.8	74.9	63.8	64.1	64.0
Italy	24,408	63.0	62.7	62.5	75.1	74.6	74.8	51.0	50.9	50.3
Cyprus	363	72.5	72.6	72.6	82.4	82.2	83.2	63.0	63.5	62.7
Latvia	1,117	70.7	69.8	69.4	74.4	75.1	74.0	67.2	64.8	65.1
Lithuania	1,567	67.5	67.3	68.5	70.3	70.9	72.6	64.9	63.9	64.8
Luxembourg	:	:	:	66.6	:	:	76.0	:	:	57.0
Hungary	4,215	61.8	61.4	61.2	68.7	67.9	67.7	55.3	55.3	55.0
Malta	163	58.9	59.1	58.2	79.1	81.0	79.3	38.5	36.8	37.1
Netherlands	8,462	77.2	77.0	76.9	83.8	83.4	83.8	70.5	70.5	69.9
Austria	4,065	73.5	72.2	72.2	80.5	78.5	79.3	66.5	66.0	65.2
Poland	16,553	62.9	62.8	63.9	69.7	69.4	70.4	56.3	56.4	57.6
Portugal	5,252	73.8	73.6	73.2	79.4	79.3	78.9	68.4	68.1	67.7
Romania	9,676	64.4	62.3	63.5	71.2	68.9	70.6	57.6	55.8	56.6
Slovenia	1,004	71.4	70.9	70.1	74.8	74.7	74.4	67.9	67.0	65.8
Slovakia	2,647	68.6	68.6	68.6	76.4	76.6	76.1	60.8	60.6	61.3
Finland	2,676	76.8	74.0	76.6	78.7	75.6	78.5	75.0	72.3	74.7
Sweden	4,734	79.6	77.7	79.6	81.9	80.0	81.9	77.1	75.3	77.2
United Kingdom	29,195	75.4	75.3	74.9	81.7	81.7	81.4	69.2	69.1	68.5
Croatia	1,697	62.0	:	63.3	68.6	:	69.7	55.6	:	57.1
Iceland	:	:	84.8	87.7	:	87.4	91.0	:	82.1	84.3
Norway	2,399	78.4	77.6	78.3	81.6	80.9	81.7	75.1	74.3	74.8
EEA-30	231,503	70.2	69.8	69.7	77.5	77.1	77.3	62.9	62.5	62.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	80.8	:	:	87.4	:	:	74.3

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, 2nd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	64.5	36.8	78.1	41.7	64.6	36.9	78.2	43.5
Less than upper secondary	49.9	27.4	67.4	32.9	48.3	25.0	66.3	34.5
Upper secondary level	70.1	48.2	80.5	44.7	69.6	49.2	79.7	46.5
Tertiary level	81.9	55.4	87.4	61.9	83.2	61.5	88.2	64.5
Men	72.6	40.3	87.0	50.9	71.9	39.8	86.3	52.8
Less than upper secondary	61.4	32.2	82.3	43.8	58.3	29.2	80.1	44.1
Upper secondary level	76.8	52.7	87.6	50.7	76.1	53.2	86.6	53.1
Tertiary level	85.8	54.6	91.8	66.4	86.6	60.8	92.3	68.1
Women	56.5	33.1	69.1	32.9	57.3	33.9	70.1	34.8
Less than upper secondary	38.6	21.9	52.5	24.5	38.8	20.2	53.0	27.3
Upper secondary level	63.4	43.9	73.2	38.3	62.9	45.3	72.4	39.1
Tertiary level	77.9	55.9	83.0	55.0	79.8	62.0	84.3	59.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2
EU-25	197,975	± 420	64.6 ± 0.1	63.9	63.7	71.9	71.1	71.2	57.3	56.7	56.3
EA-12	133,512	± 358	64.5 ± 0.2	63.8	63.6	72.6	71.7	71.8	56.5	55.8	55.3
EU-27	210,038	± 457	64.3 ± 0.1	63.4	63.4	71.5	70.5	70.7	57.1	56.4	56.0
EA-13	134,455	± 359	64.5 ± 0.2	63.8	63.6	72.6	71.7	71.8	56.5	55.8	55.3
Belgium	4,184	± 57	60.4 ± 0.8	60.3	61.0	67.0	67.2	67.7	53.6	53.4	54.1
Bulgaria	3,101	± 75	59.1 ± 1.4	55.5	56.2	63.3	59.6	60.2	55.0	51.5	52.3
Czech Republic	4,767	± 40	65.3 ± 0.6	64.8	64.7	73.6	73.0	73.3	56.8	56.5	56.0
Denmark	2,748	± 27	76.9 ± 0.8	76.5	75.5	80.6	80.1	80.1	73.2	72.9	70.8
Germany	36,587	± 215	67.0 ± 0.4	66.1	65.3	72.5	71.4	71.1	61.4	60.7	59.3
Estonia	627	± 21	68.8 ± 2.3	67.4	64.9	71.3	70.0	66.5	66.4	64.9	63.5
Ireland	1,976	± 12	68.1 ± 0.4	68.0	67.1	77.3	77.2	76.2	58.8	58.7	58.0
Greece	4,366	± 77	61.0 ± 1.1	60.4	60.3	74.6	74.2	74.5	47.5	46.7	46.2
Spain	19,537	± 107	64.7 ± 0.4	64.0	63.2	76.0	75.5	75.0	53.2	52.2	51.2
France	24,585	± 193	63.0 ± 0.5	62.7	63.4	68.5	68.2	69.0	57.7	57.3	57.9
Italy	22,795	± 116	58.9 ± 0.3	57.9	57.8	71.1	69.9	70.2	46.7	45.8	45.4
Cyprus	347	± 9	69.5 ± 1.8	68.2	68.7	79.6	77.7	79.5	59.8	59.2	58.5
Latvia	1,034	± 31	65.5 ± 2.0	64.3	63.0	68.2	68.6	66.9	62.9	60.2	59.4
Lithuania	1,478	± 50	63.7 ± 2.2	63.0	62.6	66.4	65.7	66.3	61.1	60.4	59.2
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	63.6	:	:	73.3	:	:	53.7
Hungary	3,910	± 64	57.3 ± 0.9	56.7	56.8	63.9	62.7	63.0	51.1	51.0	50.9
Malta	151	± 5	54.3 ± 1.7	54.4	53.6	73.8	75.2	73.5	34.6	33.3	33.6
Netherlands	8,136	± 80	74.2 ± 0.7	73.5	73.2	80.8	79.9	79.9	67.5	67.0	66.3
Austria	3,871	± 38	70.0 ± 0.7	68.2	68.4	77.0	74.2	75.2	63.0	62.3	61.7
Poland	14,191	± 139	53.9 ± 0.5	52.6	52.2	60.2	58.5	58.2	47.8	46.8	46.4
Portugal	4,847	± 50	68.1 ± 0.7	67.6	67.6	74.0	73.8	73.4	62.4	61.5	61.9
Romania	8,962	± 165	59.6 ± 1.1	57.2	58.7	65.2	62.8	65.0	54.1	51.7	52.6
Slovenia	943	± 18	67.1 ± 1.3	65.9	66.0	70.8	70.6	70.2	63.3	61.1	61.7
Slovakia	2,288	± 22	59.3 ± 0.6	58.3	57.4	66.9	65.8	64.1	51.6	50.8	50.8
Finland	2,435	± 17	69.9 ± 0.5	67.7	69.2	71.7	69.2	71.0	68.1	66.1	67.4
Sweden	4,349	± 19	73.1 ± 0.3	71.5	72.6	75.5	73.8	74.6	70.6	69.2	70.5
United Kingdom	27,630	± 130	71.3 ± 0.3	71.4	71.5	77.0	77.0	77.3	65.8	65.9	65.8
Croatia	1,491	± 51	54.5 ± 1.9	:	54.8	61.3	:	60.9	47.8	:	49.0
Iceland	:	:	:	82.8	85.1	:	85.5	88.4	:	79.9	81.6
Norway	2,303	± 14	75.3 ± 0.5	74.6	74.6	78.3	77.6	77.8	72.2	71.5	71.4
EEA-30	212,498	± 457	64.4 ± 0.1	63.5	63.5	71.6	70.6	70.8	57.3	56.5	56.2
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	77.2	:	:	83.9	:	:	70.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

Table 5. Part-time employment as share of total employment, by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age group and sex, 2nd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	19.8	24.5	18.3	25.1	18.9	26.2	16.6	26.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	18.4	21.8	12.4	32.3	19.3	30.8	13.0	33.1
Industry, incl. Energy	9.4	10.6	8.6	14.6	8.2	9.9	7.2	14.3
Construction	6.3	5.1	5.6	12.5	6.0	5.1	5.2	12.6
Trade, transport and communication services	21.2	33.9	18.7	23.9	21.1	37.6	17.1	25.9
Business activities and financial services	21.2	24.8	19.8	28.6	19.6	22.4	17.7	29.8
Other services	28.1	30.7	27.6	29.9	26.8	30.9	25.3	32.7
Men	7.6	17.2	5.2	14.0	7.8	18.9	4.8	15.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	11.4	18.5	5.0	25.6	13.0	26.8	6.5	26.4
Industry, incl. Energy	3.7	8.4	2.4	8.7	3.4	7.8	2.1	8.8
Construction	3.3	4.1	2.4	8.2	3.2	4.1	2.2	8.5
Trade, transport and communication services	9.0	27.0	5.5	13.6	9.7	30.6	5.2	14.9
Business activities and financial services	8.5	21.8	5.9	17.1	8.4	19.3	5.3	19.6
Other services	11.7	24.4	10.0	14.8	11.8	25.7	9.0	18.5
Women	35.6	33.7	34.9	42.2	32.9	35.0	31.1	43.0
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	32.5	32.9	27.4	43.9	31.1	42.6	25.0	44.8
Industry, incl. Energy	24.5	16.5	24.3	34.0	20.1	15.5	19.3	32.2
Construction	42.4	22.1	41.7	64.6	38.6	21.5	37.7	58.5
Trade, transport and communication services	37.1	40.9	35.9	41.1	35.7	44.5	32.6	43.8
Business activities and financial services	35.6	27.4	35.2	48.1	32.4	25.2	31.6	46.6
Other services	37.5	33.7	37.3	41.5	34.9	33.4	33.7	42.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2
EU-25	37,991	± 261	18.9	19.1	18.6	7.8	7.9	7.4	32.9	33.1	32.7
EA-12	26,746	± 220	19.8	20.0	19.2	7.6	7.7	7.0	35.6	35.9	35.2
EU-27	38,971	± 280	18.2	18.4	18.0	7.7	7.9	7.4	31.4	31.6	31.3
EA-13	26,840	± 220	19.7	19.9	19.1	7.6	7.7	7.0	35.4	35.7	35.0
Belgium	978	± 41	23.2	22.2	21.9	7.9	7.5	7.1	42.6	41.0	40.7
Bulgaria	64	± 9	2.0	2.0	2.3	1.5	1.4	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.9
Czech Republic	245	± 13	5.1	5.1	4.8	2.3	2.3	2.1	8.7	8.7	8.4
Denmark	657	± 28	23.5	23.0	22.0	12.8	13.2	12.8	35.8	34.0	32.6
Germany	9,600	± 132	25.9	26.4	24.1	9.3	9.8	7.7	45.8	46.4	44.3
Estonia	53	± 9	8.1	7.9	7.7	4.6	5.1	4.9	11.6	10.6	10.4
Ireland	:	:	:	:	23.5	:	:	9.8	:	:	41.9
Greece	261	± 19	5.9	5.8	4.8	3.0	2.9	2.1	10.4	10.4	9.1
Spain	2,404	± 58	12.2	12.4	12.8	4.5	4.5	4.7	23.5	24.1	24.9
France	4,282	± 117	17.3	17.3	17.4	5.8	5.8	5.7	30.7	30.7	30.9
Italy	3,102	± 74	13.4	13.5	12.8	4.7	4.9	4.5	26.7	26.7	25.7
Cyprus	28	± 3	7.8	8.5	8.9	4.6	4.7	5.1	12.0	13.4	13.8
Latvia	71	± 16	6.6	7.8	9.6	4.6	5.7	7.6	8.7	10.1	11.6
Lithuania	137	± 16	9.1	12.2	6.5	6.5	10.2	4.6	11.8	14.2	8.5
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	17.4	:	:	2.5	:	:	38.2
Hungary	162	± 11	4.1	3.9	4.4	2.8	2.5	2.9	5.7	5.5	6.1
Malta	15	± 2	10.1	10.0	9.2	4.5	4.6	4.7	22.1	22.4	19.3
Netherlands	3,817	± 67	46.3	46.5	46.2	23.2	23.2	22.6	74.7	75.0	75.3
Austria	860	± 24	21.9	22.5	20.6	6.5	6.9	5.9	40.7	40.9	38.5
Poland	1,437	± 79	9.9	10.2	10.6	7.1	7.6	7.7	13.5	13.4	14.2
Portugal	589	± 32	11.4	11.0	11.5	7.5	7.1	7.1	15.9	15.8	16.6
Romania	916	± 100	9.7	9.8	10.7	9.3	10.2	10.0	10.2	9.3	11.6
Slovenia	94	± 7	9.7	9.1	8.9	7.8	7.0	7.1	11.8	11.5	11.0
Slovakia	64	± 7	2.8	2.6	2.4	1.2	1.4	1.2	4.8	4.3	3.9
Finland	334	± 12	13.6	14.4	13.6	9.2	9.3	9.1	18.2	19.9	18.5
Sweden	1,080	± 21	24.4	24.6	24.3	11.4	11.8	11.5	38.9	38.9	38.4
United Kingdom	7,201	± 106	25.5	25.4	25.7	10.6	10.4	10.6	42.6	42.6	43.0
Croatia	141	± 17	9.1	:	10.1	7.4	:	7.3	11.3	:	13.4
Iceland	:	:	:	25.9	19.5	:	11.8	7.3	:	42.0	33.6
Norway	679	± 17	28.9	28.8	28.5	14.1	14.0	13.9	45.5	45.2	44.9
EEA-30	39,681	± 280	18.4	18.6	18.1	7.8	8.0	7.5	31.6	31.8	31.4
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	33.1	:	:	11.8	:	:	58.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 7. Average actual hours worked in all jobs per week by broad group of economic activity in the main job, full-time/part-time distinction and sex, 2nd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12			EU-25		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	36.9	40.9	20.4	37.2	41.0	20.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	43.9	48.9	21.3	43.0	48.1	21.3
Industry, incl. Energy	38.1	39.9	20.3	38.6	40.2	20.5
Construction	40.0	41.2	20.5	40.5	41.8	20.2
Trade, transport and communication services	38.2	43.1	19.8	38.1	43.0	19.6
Business activities and financial services	36.6	41.0	20.3	37.0	41.0	20.2
Other services	33.2	38.0	20.9	33.8	38.4	20.9
Men	40.5	42.0	21.1	40.6	42.3	20.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	47.4	50.5	22.8	46.2	49.7	22.3
Industry, incl. Energy	39.7	40.3	21.3	40.0	40.7	21.3
Construction	40.7	41.3	22.0	41.4	41.9	21.8
Trade, transport and communication services	41.9	44.1	19.4	41.7	44.1	19.1
Business activities and financial services	40.6	42.4	20.8	40.6	42.3	20.7
Other services	37.6	39.6	22.5	38.0	40.1	21.9
Women	32.1	38.6	20.3	32.8	38.8	20.3
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.9	44.8	20.2	36.9	44.1	20.5
Industry, incl. Energy	33.8	38.3	19.8	35.0	38.7	20.1
Construction	30.7	39.1	19.3	31.1	38.8	18.9
Trade, transport and communication services	33.3	41.2	19.9	33.5	41.0	19.7
Business activities and financial services	32.0	38.7	20.1	32.7	38.7	20.1
Other services	30.7	36.7	20.7	31.5	37.2	20.7

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	
EU-25	185,624	37.2	± 0.1	37.5	37.9	40.6	40.9	41.5	32.8	33.2	33.3
EA-12	125,214	36.9	± 0.1	37.3	37.7	40.5	40.8	41.3	32.1	32.6	32.7
EU-27	197,771	37.4	± 0.1	37.6	38.1	40.7	40.8	41.5	33.2	33.6	33.7
EA-13	126,114	36.9	± 0.1	37.3	37.7	40.5	40.8	41.3	32.1	32.7	32.8
Belgium	3,769	36.6	± 0.4	37.6	37.1	40.4	41.1	40.9	31.7	33.1	32.4
Bulgaria	2,820	40.7	± 0.2	40.8	40.3	41.4	41.3	40.7	39.9	40.3	39.9
Czech Republic	4,609	41.4	± 0.1	42.1	42.8	43.2	43.8	44.7	38.8	39.8	40.1
Denmark	2,454	34.6	± 0.3	35.9	35.6	37.5	38.7	38.6	31.1	32.6	31.9
Germany	34,830	35.8	± 0.2	35.8	37.0	40.5	40.6	41.8	30.0	30.1	30.9
Estonia	630	40.2	± 0.4	40.0	40.4	41.5	41.1	41.9	38.9	38.9	39.1
Ireland	1,904	37.0	± 0.0	37.0	37.3	41.2	41.2	41.7	30.9	31.1	31.0
Greece	4,363	41.6	± 0.4	41.6	42.4	43.7	43.6	44.5	38.1	38.3	39.1
Spain	17,624	38.7	± 0.2	39.1	39.6	41.4	41.8	42.4	34.7	35.1	35.4
France	22,273	36.2	± 0.1	37.4	37.1	39.1	40.5	40.2	32.7	33.8	33.3
Italy	22,165	38.0	± 0.1	38.2	38.5	41.1	40.7	41.6	33.1	34.0	33.7
Cyprus	341	38.8	± 0.4	39.3	39.4	40.9	41.5	41.8	36.1	36.4	36.2
Latvia	1,032	41.2	± 0.7	41.2	41.9	43.1	42.7	43.7	39.3	39.6	40.0
Lithuania	1,438	39.2	± 0.3	38.1	39.5	40.5	39.3	40.9	37.7	36.9	37.9
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	38.1	:	:	41.3	:	:	33.4
Hungary	3,829	40.0	± 1.3	40.3	40.5	41.3	41.4	41.9	38.5	39.1	39.0
Malta	147	39.6	± 0.5	39.4	38.7	41.5	41.4	40.8	35.3	34.7	34.1
Netherlands	7,424	31.7	± 0.0	32.0	31.4	36.9	37.3	36.8	25.0	25.2	24.6
Austria	3,584	38.4	± 0.3	39.1	39.1	42.8	43.4	43.2	32.8	33.7	33.8
Poland	13,967	40.8	± 0.3	40.3	41.7	43.3	42.5	44.3	37.7	37.7	38.4
Portugal	4,977	38.8	± 0.3	39.4	39.0	40.6	41.3	41.0	36.6	37.2	36.7
Romania	9,327	40.8	± 0.3	39.1	41.1	41.8	39.8	42.3	39.6	38.3	39.7
Slovenia	900	39.1	± 0.3	40.2	40.7	40.4	41.4	42.1	37.7	38.6	38.9
Slovakia	2,248	39.9	± 0.2	40.9	41.1	41.1	42.0	42.1	38.2	39.6	39.7
Finland	2,132	36.4	± 0.2	37.4	37.6	38.8	39.6	39.8	33.8	35.0	35.1
Sweden	3,906	34.5	± 0.1	36.3	36.0	37.0	39.1	38.8	31.5	33.1	32.7
United Kingdom	24,910	35.6	± 0.2	35.6	35.7	40.1	40.1	40.4	30.3	30.3	30.1
Croatia	1,472	40.1	± 0.3	:	40.0	41.2	:	41.4	38.8	:	38.3
Iceland	:	:	:	41.3	43.1	:	46.4	48.5	:	35.3	36.5
Norway	2,006	33.4	± 0.3	35.3	34.7	36.7	38.9	38.2	29.5	31.0	30.6
EEA-30	199,921	37.4	± 0.1	37.6	38.1	40.7	40.8	41.5	33.2	33.5	33.7
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.7	:	:	:	43.7	:	:	30.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age groups and sex, 2nd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	16.6	49.9	13.1	6.8	14.9	41.7	11.9	7.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	38.7	57.7	36.4	27.7	32.5	52.9	30.2	23.5
Industry, incl. Energy	12.1	49.2	8.3	3.8	11.9	44.1	8.7	4.6
Construction	24.4	48.9	20.4	14.1	21.4	41.8	18.5	11.7
Trade, transport and communication services	16.5	46.1	11.4	6.2	14.7	36.6	10.6	6.1
Business activities and financial services	13.9	45.6	11.0	5.3	12.4	36.4	10.0	6.6
Other services	17.4	57.7	15.3	6.7	15.3	49.0	13.2	8.2
Men	15.7	49.7	12.0	6.9	14.3	41.6	11.2	7.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.4	55.3	31.2	24.5	29.3	51.0	26.3	21.6
Industry, incl. Energy	11.6	49.6	7.5	3.7	11.3	44.4	7.9	4.3
Construction	25.4	48.9	21.5	14.9	22.5	42.1	19.6	12.3
Trade, transport and communication services	14.6	45.7	9.6	6.5	13.0	35.7	9.1	6.0
Business activities and financial services	13.1	46.8	10.3	5.5	11.7	36.9	9.4	7.2
Other services	16.0	60.2	13.9	6.5	14.7	50.8	12.6	8.5
Women	17.6	50.2	14.4	6.6	15.5	41.7	12.7	7.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	48.4	65.3	47.4	35.6	39.9	59.1	38.9	28.5
Industry, incl. Energy	13.5	48.1	10.2	4.4	13.5	43.5	10.8	5.5
Construction	12.9	49.0	9.3	4.3	10.7	37.9	7.8	5.5
Trade, transport and communication services	18.8	46.5	13.6	5.9	16.7	37.5	12.4	6.1
Business activities and financial services	14.6	44.6	11.7	5.0	13.0	36.0	10.6	6.0
Other services	18.2	56.5	16.0	6.8	15.6	48.1	13.5	8.0

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2
EU-25	24,950	14.9	14.2	14.3	14.3	13.7	13.9	15.5	14.9	14.9
EA-12	18,659	16.6	16.0	16.1	15.7	15.3	15.3	17.6	17.0	17.0
EU-27	25,235	14.3	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.2	13.4	14.8	14.3	14.3
EA-13	18,806	16.6	16.0	16.1	15.7	15.3	15.3	17.6	17.0	17.0
Belgium	319	8.9	8.5	9.1	7.3	6.8	6.7	10.8	10.5	12.0
Bulgaria	164	6.0	4.8	6.0	6.2	5.0	6.1	5.8	4.7	5.9
Czech Republic	359	8.9	8.2	8.7	7.6	7.0	7.8	10.4	9.7	9.7
Denmark	242	9.6	9.1	9.9	8.1	8.5	8.9	11.2	9.7	11.0
Germany	4,618	14.1	14.2	13.8	14.3	14.4	14.0	14.0	13.9	13.6
Estonia	19	3.2	3.6	3.2	4.2u	4.0u	4.1u	2.2u	3.2u	2.5u
Ireland	70	4.2	2.8	2.5	3.5	2.5	2.4	4.9	3.2	2.7
Greece	308	10.9	9.5	12.1	9.1	8.1	10.2	13.3	11.6	14.7
Spain	5,541	34.4	33.3	33.3	32.2	31.3	31.6	37.3	36.1	35.5
France	2,952	13.5	12.7	13.3	12.8	12.3	12.5	14.3	13.2	14.2
Italy	2,214	13.0	12.7	12.4	11.3	10.6	10.6	15.3	15.4	14.8
Cyprus	39	13.9	12.4	13.8	8.5	7.3	8.5	19.9	18.0	19.6
Latvia	67	7.2	7.7	8.7	9.6	8.8	11.4	4.9	6.5	6.0
Lithuania	59	4.7	4.4	5.1	6.7	6.5	6.9	2.8u	2.3u	3.3u
Luxembourg	:	:	:	5.3	:	:	4.9	:	:	5.8
Hungary	233	6.8	5.8	7.2	7.5	6.3	7.8	6.0	5.4	6.5
Malta	5	4.0	3.7	3.9	2.5u	2.7u	3.2u	6.9	5.6u	5.5u
Netherlands	1,162	16.1	15.7	15.1	14.9	14.7	13.7	17.5	16.8	16.6
Austria	294	8.7	9.1	8.8	8.6	9.1	8.8	8.7	9.0	8.8
Poland	2,962	27.2	25.4	25.5	28.6	26.2	26.3	25.6	24.6	24.6
Portugal	786	20.2	19.2	19.5	19.0	18.2	18.7	21.5	20.4	20.3
Romania	122	1.9	1.9	2.7	2.1	2.2	3.1	1.8	1.5	2.1
Slovenia	147	18.1	16.6	17.0	16.4	14.4	16.0	19.9	19.0	18.1
Slovakia	104	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.2	4.3	5.1	5.2	4.5	4.9
Finland	386	18.0	14.4	18.1	14.1	10.4	14.4	21.8	18.2	21.7
Sweden	694	17.5	15.3	16.2	15.7	13.4	14.5	19.4	17.2	17.9
United Kingdom	1,361	5.6	5.6	5.5	4.8	4.8	5.1	6.3	6.4	5.9
Croatia	138	11.6	:	12.8	11.9	:	12.7	11.2	:	13.0
Iceland	:	:	7.4	7.1	:	6.6	6.2	:	8.1	8.0
Norway	220	10.2	9.9	9.6	8.2	7.3	7.6	12.3	12.6	11.6
EEA-30	25,465	14.2	13.6	13.8	13.7	13.1	13.3	14.8	14.2	14.3
Switzerland	:	:	:	12.7	:	:	12.4	:	:	12.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within past 3 months by broad group of economic activity in the main job, age group and sex, 2nd quarter 2006, %

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	4.8	13.9	4.1	1.6	4.7	13.8	4.0	1.7
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.6	15.1	6.0	1.9	5.0	14.2	4.9	2.0
Industry, incl. Energy	4.2	12.9	3.5	1.0	4.0	12.6	3.3	1.2
Construction	7.5	14.6	7.0	2.3	7.4	15.0	6.8	2.8
Trade, transport and communication services	5.7	14.9	4.7	1.8	5.7	14.5	4.6	2.0
Business activities and financial services	5.0	17.1	4.3	1.5	5.0	15.6	4.3	1.8
Other services	3.5	11.7	3.0	1.4	3.5	12.6	3.0	1.5
Men	4.7	13.8	4.1	1.6	4.7	13.7	4.1	1.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.3	14.0	5.3	2.3	5.0	14.1	4.7	2.3
Industry, incl. Energy	3.9	12.7	3.2	1.0	3.8	12.4	3.1	1.1
Construction	7.7	14.1	7.3	2.4	7.6	14.8	7.1	2.9
Trade, transport and communication services	4.9	13.8	4.0	1.7	5.0	13.7	4.0	1.8
Business activities and financial services	5.0	18.5	4.4	1.3	4.9	16.0	4.4	1.8
Other services	3.1	12.3	2.6	1.6	3.4	13.1	2.9	1.6
Women	4.9	14.1	4.2	1.5	4.7	14.0	3.9	1.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	6.1	18.9	7.3	1.2	4.9	14.8	5.4	1.5
Industry, incl. Energy	4.8	13.5	4.2	1.2	4.4	13.0	3.8	1.2
Construction	5.1	22.7	3.6	1.5	4.7	18.1	3.7	1.3
Trade, transport and communication services	6.8	15.9	5.6	2.0	6.7	15.3	5.3	2.2
Business activities and financial services	5.1	15.9	4.2	1.8	5.1	15.2	4.3	1.8
Other services	3.7	11.3	3.3	1.3	3.6	12.3	3.1	1.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q2 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2	2006q2	2006q1	2005q2
EU-25	9,494	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4
EA-12	6,478	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.5
EU-27	9,940	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4
EA-13	6,517	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.9	4.7	4.5
Belgium	136	3.2	3.8	3.0	3.3	3.5	2.8	3.1	4.2	3.3
Bulgaria	193	6.2	4.9	6.4	6.6	5.4	7.0	5.6	4.3	5.8
Czech Republic	135	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.8
Denmark	212	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.3	6.3	6.5	7.9	7.8	7.4
Germany	1,573	4.2	3.6	3.8	4.3	3.3	3.9	4.1	3.9	3.6
Estonia	28	4.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	5.6	5.4	4.0	4.4	4.3
Ireland	83	4.1	5.0	:	3.9	4.8u	:	4.4	5.4	:
Greece	102	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.2	3.2	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.3
Spain	1,521	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.0	6.7	7.1	8.8	8.4	8.3
France	1,559	6.3	5.7	5.8	6.6	5.9	6.1	6.0	5.4	5.5
Italy	845	3.6	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	3.1	3.9	4.1	3.6
Cyprus	17	4.9	4.1	4.4	4.7	3.6	3.6	5.0	4.6	5.4
Latvia	65	6.0	4.4	5.3	6.4	4.9	5.8	5.6	3.7	4.8
Lithuania	56	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.6	4.5	3.6	2.9	2.9
Luxembourg	:	:	:	2.5	:	:	2.3	:	:	2.9
Hungary	132	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.9	2.7	3.4	2.7	3.0	2.7
Malta	5	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.3	1.9	2.2	4.5	1.4	3.5
Netherlands	110u	1.3u	1.3u	1.3u	1.4u	1.3u	1.3u	1.2u	1.4u	1.2u
Austria	191	4.9	4.0	4.9	5.0	3.8	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.3
Poland	709	4.9	3.5	4.3	5.7	3.7	4.8	3.9	3.3	3.7
Portugal	146	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.5	3.2
Romania	253	2.7	6.7	3.4	3.4	5.4	4.1	1.9	8.3	2.6
Slovenia	39	4.0	3.3	4.2	4.2	3.1	4.5	3.8	3.6	4.0
Slovakia	62	2.7	2.7	3.4	2.9	2.9	3.8	2.4	2.5	3.0
Finland	209	8.5	5.7	8.8	8.3	5.3	9.0	8.6	6.2	8.6
Sweden	397	9.0	7.0	8.2	8.6	6.2	8.0	9.3	7.9	8.5
United Kingdom	1,160	4.1	3.3	4.0	4.1	3.1	3.8	4.2	3.5	4.2
Croatia	70	4.5	:	4.0	4.8	:	4.3	4.2	:	3.5
Iceland	:	:	6.1	8.2	:	5.8	7.9	:	6.5	8.6
Norway	108u	4.6u	4.8u	4.8	5.0u	4.9u	4.9	4.1u	4.7u	4.7
EEA-30	10,062	4.7	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.1	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.4
Switzerland	:	:	:	4.0	:	:	3.7	:	:	4.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

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/employ/employ_lfsi_sm.htm

Provisional data: 2006Q2 French data are provisional and are likely to be revised.

Reference periods: The data of Luxembourg cover the whole year 2005. The data for Croatia in the 2nd quarter refer to the 1st half-year. In Ireland and UK (2005), the data refer to seasonal quarter (December to February for q1, March to May for Q2).

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

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

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

Symbols: figures flagged with "u" lack reliability due to small sample size or the non-response for the underlying variable is more than 10%; ":" colons are used for unavailable or extremely unreliable data. "}" vertical lines are used to indicate breaks in time-series. Quarter 2 of the year 2006 is written as 2006q2.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

