

# Labour Market Latest Trends

## 4th quarter 2006 data

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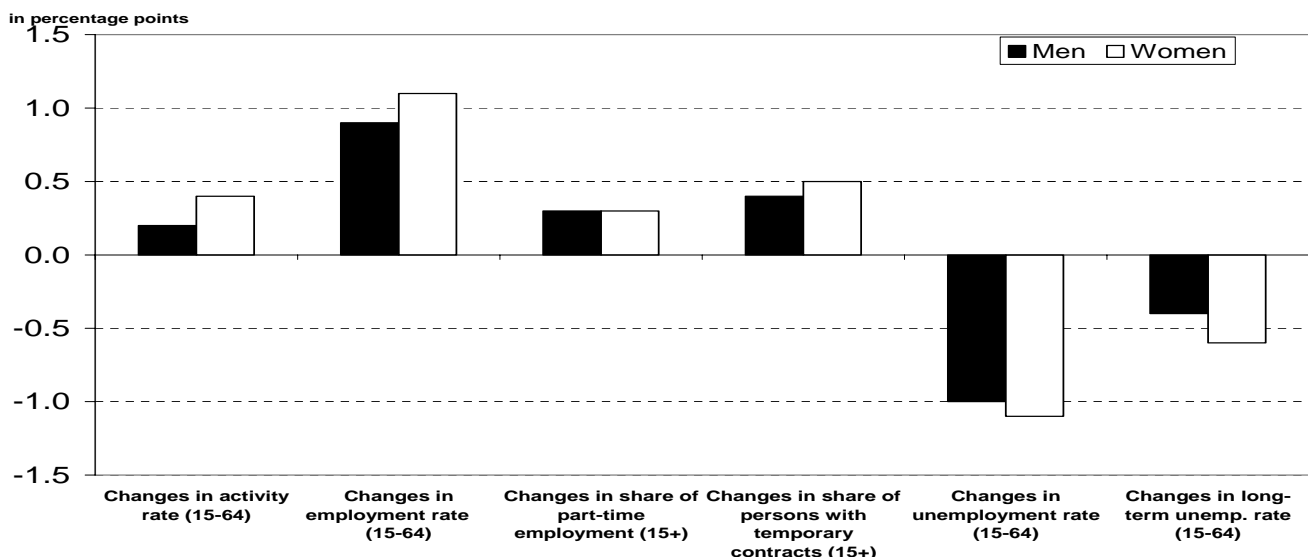
**Chart 1: Employment rate<sup>1</sup> (15-64 years) for EU-25 from 2000Q1 to 2006Q4**



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup> 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 change for EU-25 from 2005Q4 to 2006Q4**



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex  
4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>84.4</b>	<b>47.0</b>
Less than upper secondary	56.9	35.2	75.4	35.8	55.3	32.6	74.2	37.4
Upper secondary level	75.9	54.8	86.5	49.7	75.8	57.4	86.1	50.7
Tertiary level	86.2	62.4	91.9	65.4	87.0	68.5	92.1	67.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>92.2</b>	<b>56.8</b>
Less than upper secondary	68.6	40.6	89.8	46.8	65.9	37.9	87.9	47.4
Upper secondary level	82.2	58.7	93.4	55.7	82.1	61.3	92.7	57.7
Tertiary level	89.9	59.2	96.0	71.2	90.2	66.2	96.0	71.7
<b>Women</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>75.8</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>37.7</b>
Less than upper secondary	45.4	28.8	60.8	27.4	45.1	26.6	60.7	29.8
Upper secondary level	69.5	51.0	79.5	43.2	69.2	53.6	79.0	42.8
Tertiary level	82.6	64.6	88.0	56.7	83.9	70.2	88.6	61.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15-64 years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>217,166</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>62.9</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>146,624</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>61.9</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>229,915</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>62.4</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>147,612</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>61.9</b>
Belgium	4,702	67.5	66.6	66.8	74.7	73.0	74.0	60.1	60.2	59.6
Bulgaria	3,406	65.3	66.2	62.2	69.8	70.0	67.4	60.8	62.4	57.2
Czech Republic	5,140	70.2	70.4	70.7	78.3	78.4	78.3	62.0	62.3	63.0
Denmark	2,884	80.7	81.2	80.1	84.8	84.7	83.2	76.6	77.6	76.8
Germany	41,143	75.4	75.2	74.0	81.6	81.5	80.7	69.0	68.7	67.3
Estonia	660	72.3	71.9	70.1	76.4	75.2	73.6	68.5	68.9	66.8
Ireland	2,112	71.7	73.1	71.0	81.3	82.9	80.8	62.0	63.2	61.0
Greece	4,802	66.9	67.2	66.9	79.0	79.1	79.1	54.9	55.4	54.7
Spain	21,669	71.2	71.0	70.1	81.2	81.7	81.0	60.9	60.1	58.9
France <sup>2</sup>	27,144	69.2	69.7	69.4	74.4	75.2	74.9	64.2	64.4	64.1
Italy	24,356	62.9	62.3	62.9	74.5	74.4	74.7	51.2	50.1	51.2
Cyprus	370	73.6	73.4	72.0	83.0	83.3	82.3	64.6	64.1	62.3
Latvia	1,136	71.9	72.7	69.4	76.8	78.4	73.4	67.3	67.3	65.6
Lithuania	1,550	66.8	68.1	68.0	69.8	70.9	71.4	64.0	65.5	64.8
Luxembourg	205	66.7	:	66.6	75.3	:	76.0	58.2	:	57.0
Hungary	4,247	62.3	62.3	61.7	69.2	69.1	68.3	55.7	55.8	55.3
Malta	163	59.1	59.6	58.1	79.5	79.2	79.7	38.4	39.7	36.1
Netherlands	8,541	77.8	77.5	77.1	84.4	84.1	83.6	71.2	70.7	70.4
Austria	4,092	73.9	75.1	72.5	80.6	82.2	79.7	67.3	68.1	65.4
Poland	16,751	63.6	64.1	64.6	70.4	70.8	70.9	56.9	57.6	58.5
Portugal	5,276	74.1	74.0	73.7	79.6	79.5	79.3	68.6	68.7	68.3
Romania	9,342	62.1	65.7	61.6	69.9	72.7	68.7	54.4	58.8	54.6
Slovenia	988	70.0	71.2	71.3	74.4	75.7	75.8	65.5	66.6	66.6
Slovakia	2,648	68.6	68.8	69.2	76.1	76.5	77.0	61.1	61.2	61.4
Finland	2,582	74.0	76.0	73.7	75.8	78.4	75.7	72.2	73.6	71.7
Sweden	4,655	78.0	79.8	78.0	80.6	82.1	80.1	75.2	77.5	75.7
United Kingdom	29,351	75.5	76.0	75.4	82.1	82.8	82.1	69.2	69.4	68.9
Croatia	:	:	:	63.2	:	:	70.3	:	:	56.3
Iceland	:	:	:	85.6	:	:	88.8	:	:	82.3
Norway	2,388	77.6	78.5	78.6	80.8	81.7	82.0	74.4	75.3	75.0
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>232,461</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>62.5</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	80.8	:	:	87.4	:	:	74.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

**Table 3. Employment rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex, 4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>78.3</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>44.1</b>
Less than upper secondary	50.5	28.4	67.6	33.1	49.0	26.0	66.4	34.7
Upper secondary level	69.9	46.8	80.6	45.7	69.8	48.8	80.2	47.2
Tertiary level	81.9	53.5	87.7	62.2	83.1	59.4	88.4	64.7
<b>Men</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>53.2</b>
Less than upper secondary	62.0	33.6	82.2	43.3	59.2	30.7	80.2	43.9
Upper secondary level	76.5	50.7	87.8	51.4	76.3	52.5	87.2	53.7
Tertiary level	86.0	51.0	92.3	67.7	86.6	57.5	92.6	68.7
<b>Women</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>34.4</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>35.4</b>
Less than upper secondary	39.2	22.5	52.7	25.2	39.2	20.6	53.0	27.8
Upper secondary level	63.3	43.2	73.2	39.5	63.0	45.1	72.7	39.9
Tertiary level	77.8	55.3	83.2	54.0	79.6	60.7	84.4	59.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15-64 years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women			
			2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>199,854</b>	<b>± 419</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>56.6</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>134,591</b>	<b>± 355</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>± 0.2</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>55.5</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>211,611</b>	<b>± 455</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>56.2</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>135,523</b>	<b>± 355</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>± 0.2</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>55.5</b>
Belgium	4,327	± 58	62.1	± 0.8	61.2	61.2	69.4	68.1	68.2	54.7	54.2	54.0
Bulgaria	3,120	± 76	59.8	± 1.5	60.3	56.0	64.1	64.1	60.6	55.5	56.5	51.6
Czech Republic	4,802	± 40	65.6	± 0.5	65.4	65.2	74.2	73.9	73.6	57.0	56.8	56.7
Denmark	2,781	± 27	77.9	± 0.8	78.2	76.8	82.1	82.1	79.9	73.6	74.1	73.6
Germany	37,089	± 218	67.9	± 0.4	67.7	65.9	73.7	73.5	71.8	62.1	61.8	60.0
Estonia	622	± 19	68.1	± 2.1	67.9	65.0	71.6	71.2	68.0	65.0	64.9	62.2
Ireland	2,024	± 12	68.7	± 0.4	69.6	67.8	77.7	78.7	77.0	59.6	60.3	58.4
Greece	4,374	± 77	61.0	± 1.1	61.5	60.3	74.6	75.0	74.2	47.4	48.1	46.5
Spain	19,862	± 93	65.2	± 0.3	65.2	64.0	76.3	76.7	75.6	54.0	53.4	52.1
France <sup>2</sup>	24,706	± 194	63.0	± 0.5	63.4	62.8	68.1	69.1	68.5	58.0	57.9	57.2
Italy	22,653	± 124	58.5	± 0.3	58.4	57.8	70.3	70.7	70.0	46.7	46.1	45.7
Cyprus	354	± 9	70.4	± 1.8	70.4	68.1	79.8	80.7	78.0	61.4	60.8	58.8
Latvia	1,065	± 28	67.4	± 1.8	68.0	63.9	71.9	72.9	67.3	63.2	63.5	60.7
Lithuania	1,475	± 50	63.5	± 2.2	64.2	63.1	66.4	66.7	66.1	60.8	61.8	60.3
Luxembourg	195	± 3	63.6	± 0.9	:	63.6	72.6	:	73.3	54.6	:	53.7
Hungary	3,927	± 65	57.6	± 1.0	57.6	57.1	64.2	64.2	63.4	51.3	51.2	51.2
Malta	152	± 5	55.1	± 1.8	55.5	53.8	74.5	74.3	74.5	35.4	36.5	32.8
Netherlands	8,230	± 48	75.0	± 0.4	74.7	73.6	81.7	81.3	80.1	68.2	67.9	67.0
Austria	3,908	± 38	70.6	± 0.7	71.9	68.8	77.4	79.1	75.8	63.8	64.7	61.8
Poland	14,680	± 144	55.7	± 0.5	55.6	53.7	62.6	62.2	59.8	49.0	49.2	47.6
Portugal	4,817	± 55	67.6	± 0.8	68.2	67.4	73.7	74.3	73.4	61.7	62.2	61.7
Romania	8,637	± 163	57.4	± 1.1	60.9	57.2	63.9	66.6	63.4	51.0	55.2	51.1
Slovenia	932	± 18	66.0	± 1.3	67.2	66.0	71.0	72.1	70.6	60.9	62.1	61.3
Slovakia	2,327	± 23	60.2	± 0.6	59.9	58.5	67.7	67.5	65.9	52.8	52.4	51.2
Finland	2,405	± 16	69.0	± 0.5	70.8	68.0	71.0	73.6	70.2	66.9	68.0	65.9
Sweden	4,371	± 19	73.2	± 0.3	74.7	72.3	75.6	77.0	74.4	70.7	72.3	70.2
United Kingdom	27,776	± 131	71.5	± 0.3	71.7	71.6	77.5	77.9	77.6	65.7	65.7	65.7
Croatia	:	:	:	:	:	55.2	:	:	62.5	:	:	48.2
Iceland	:	:	:	:	:	83.3	:	:	85.9	:	:	80.5
Norway	2,328	± 14	75.7	± 0.5	75.9	75.5	78.7	79.0	78.6	72.6	72.7	72.2
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>214,093</b>	<b>± 456</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>56.4</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	:	77.2	:	:	83.9	:	:	70.4

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

**Table 5. Part-time employment as share of total employment, by economic activity, age group and sex, 4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>26.6</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	18.5	21.8	12.5	32.5	19.4	29.1	12.9	34.6
Industry, incl. Energy	8.9	10.4	8.0	14.6	7.8	9.2	6.7	14.2
Construction	6.2	5.1	5.6	12.0	6.1	4.7	5.3	13.0
Trade, transport and communication services	21.2	33.6	18.7	23.0	20.9	36.8	17.0	25.3
Business activities and financial services	21.1	24.8	19.8	27.9	19.6	22.6	17.7	29.4
Other services	28.2	32.0	27.4	30.5	26.8	31.8	25.2	33.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>15.4</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	11.7	19.5	5.7	25.1	13.3	25.1	6.9	27.1
Industry, incl. Energy	3.4	7.4	2.1	8.6	3.2	6.5	1.9	8.9
Construction	3.4	4.6	2.5	8.8	3.5	4.3	2.4	9.9
Trade, transport and communication services	8.9	26.6	5.5	12.3	9.7	30.0	5.4	14.0
Business activities and financial services	8.5	22.5	6.1	15.9	8.3	19.8	5.4	18.5
Other services	11.5	25.7	9.3	15.9	11.5	26.5	8.5	18.9
<b>Women</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>42.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	32.1	28.9	26.5	45.7	31.0	39.7	24.1	47.7
Industry, incl. Energy	23.4	18.7	22.8	32.9	19.1	16.1	18.1	30.7
Construction	39.6	:	40.7	51.2	36.3	:	37.2	48.9
Trade, transport and communication services	37.1	40.6	35.9	40.2	35.2	43.4	32.2	43.4
Business activities and financial services	35.6	26.8	35.1	48.6	32.7	25.1	31.8	47.4
Other services	37.6	34.8	37.3	41.6	35.0	34.3	33.8	42.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>38,081</b>	<b>± 259</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>32.4</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>26,785</b>	<b>± 216</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>34.9</b>	<b>34.9</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>39,034</b>	<b>± 279</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>30.9</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>26,874</b>	<b>± 216</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Belgium	950	± 39	21.8	21.4	21.8	7.1	6.9	7.4	40.8	39.9	40.5
Bulgaria	54	± 8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.5	1.5	2.3	2.1	2.3
Czech Republic	240	± 13	4.9	5.0	5.0	2.2	2.3	2.2	8.6	8.5	8.8
Denmark	680	± 29	24.1	23.6	22.0	13.5	13.5	12.1	36.2	35.0	33.2
Germany	9,589	± 132	25.4	25.6	24.1	9.2	8.9	7.9	45.2	45.8	43.8
Estonia	52	± 8	7.9	7.2	7.5	3.5u	4.0u	4.4u	12.4	10.5	10.5
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	253	± 17	5.7	5.6	5.2	2.8	2.8	2.5	10.2	9.9	9.6
Spain	2,374	± 59	11.9	11.3	12.0	4.1	4.2	4.4	23.1	21.9	23.3
France <sup>2</sup>	4,312	± 118	17.4	16.9	17.1	5.6	5.5	5.6	30.9	30.2	30.6
Italy	3,123	± 82	13.6	12.7	13.1	4.8	4.4	4.8	26.9	25.5	26.1
Cyprus	27	± 3	7.5	6.9	9.1	4.1	3.7	5.3	11.8	11.0	14.1
Latvia	60	± 14	5.5	5.9	8.2	3.9	4.5	6.5	7.2	7.5	9.9
Lithuania	140	± 16	9.4	9.1	7.9	8.4	6.4	5.7	10.4	11.8	10.2
Luxembourg	33	± 1	17.1	:	17.4	2.6	:	2.5	36.2	:	38.2
Hungary	153	± 11	3.9	4.1	4.0	2.5	2.7	2.6	5.4	5.7	5.6
Malta	16	± 2	10.4	10.2	9.7	4.6	5.5	4.8	22.7	20.1	21.2
Netherlands	3,858	± 38	46.2	45.8	46.2	23.0	22.6	22.9	74.7	74.4	74.9
Austria	843	± 23	21.3	21.3	21.8	6.3	6.3	6.4	39.5	39.6	40.5
Poland	1,392	± 82	9.3	9.6	10.9	6.7	7.1	8.2	12.6	12.6	14.2
Portugal	595	± 32	11.6	11.2	10.9	7.7	7.4	6.7	16.1	15.6	15.8
Romania	899	± 102	9.9	9.3	9.8	10.0	8.7	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.8
Slovenia	89	± 7	9.3	8.9	9.6	6.9	7.2	7.2	12.2	11.0	12.5
Slovakia	63	± 7	2.7	2.9	2.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	4.7	4.8	4.3
Finland	365	± 14	15.0	13.2	14.1	9.8	8.8	9.3	20.5	18.1	19.3
Sweden	1,094	± 21	24.6	23.9	24.5	11.7	11.2	11.5	38.9	38.1	38.7
United Kingdom	7,289	± 109	25.7	25.4	25.1	10.7	10.7	10.3	42.9	42.3	42.3
Croatia	:	:	:	:	10.0	:	:	7.3	:	:	13.4
Iceland	:	:	:	:	25.8	:	:	11.0	:	:	42.2
Norway	678	± 18	28.5	28.3	27.7	13.6	13.7	13.3	45.1	44.8	43.9
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>39,753</b>	<b>± 279</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	33.1	:	:	11.8	:	:	58.8

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of persons aged 15 years and more in part-time employment

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

**Table 7. Average actual hours worked per week in all jobs by economic activity, full-time/part-time distinction and sex, 4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12			EU-25		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>20.5</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	42.1	47.1	19.8	40.9	45.9	19.5
Industry, incl. Energy	38.8	40.5	20.9	39.4	40.9	21.1
Construction	40.4	41.6	20.1	41.0	42.3	20.5
Trade, transport and communication services	38.5	43.4	20.0	38.5	43.4	19.9
Business activities and financial services	37.1	41.5	20.6	37.5	41.6	20.5
Other services	33.6	38.5	20.9	34.2	39.0	21.0
<b>Men</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>20.5</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.4	48.6	20.7	44.0	47.6	20.2
Industry, incl. Energy	40.3	40.9	21.3	40.8	41.4	21.4
Construction	41.1	41.8	20.8	41.8	42.5	21.6
Trade, transport and communication services	42.3	44.5	19.5	42.1	44.5	19.4
Business activities and financial services	41.2	43.0	21.2	41.2	43.0	21.0
Other services	38.0	40.2	21.5	38.4	40.6	21.2
<b>Women</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>20.5</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.5	43.1	19.2	34.9	41.9	18.9
Industry, incl. Energy	34.7	39.0	20.7	35.8	39.4	20.9
Construction	31.4	38.9	19.5	32.1	39.1	19.3
Trade, transport and communication services	33.5	41.4	20.2	33.8	41.3	20.0
Business activities and financial services	32.3	39.0	20.4	33.0	39.2	20.4
Other services	31.0	37.2	20.8	31.9	37.8	20.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>186,210</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>33.2</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>124,893</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>32.6</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>198,028</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>33.6</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>125,760</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>32.6</b>
Belgium	3,776	36.8	± 0.5	37.5	36.6	40.4	41.4	40.0	32.1	32.4	32.3
Bulgaria	2,864	41.6	± 0.2	41.4	41.1	42.2	41.9	41.5	41.0	40.8	40.6
Czech Republic	4,514	41.6	± 0.1	41.6	41.3	43.6	43.6	43.2	39.0	38.8	38.8
Denmark	2,465	35.3	± 0.3	36.1	35.8	38.2	39.1	38.7	31.8	32.4	32.3
Germany	35,306	36.8	± 0.1	36.5	37.3	41.6	41.3	42.1	30.9	30.5	31.3
Estonia	632	40.1	± 0.4	40.9	40.2	41.6	42.4	41.6	38.7	39.3	38.8
Ireland	1,957	37.7	± 0.2	38.1	37.9	42.0	42.1	42.3	31.5	32.2	31.6
Greece	4,329	41.7	± 0.3	42.9	42.1	43.8	44.9	44.1	38.2	39.7	38.8
Spain	17,491	38.2	± 0.2	39.5	38.3	40.9	42.0	40.9	34.4	35.8	34.3
France <sup>2</sup>	22,046	37.0	± 0.1	37.4	36.6	40.1	40.4	39.5	33.4	33.7	33.0
Italy	21,622	37.5	± 0.1	38.9	37.9	40.6	41.5	40.8	32.8	34.5	33.4
Cyprus	345	40.0	± 0.3	40.7	39.8	42.1	42.7	42.2	37.3	38.0	36.8
Latvia	1,065	40.8	± 0.7	42.3	42.0	42.4	43.4	43.7	39.2	40.9	40.3
Lithuania	1,446	38.8	± 0.3	39.7	38.4	39.6	40.7	39.6	38.0	38.5	37.0
Luxembourg	167	37.8	± 0.4	:	38.1	41.0	:	41.3	33.4	:	33.4
Hungary	3,832	40.5	± 0.1	40.8	40.8	41.6	42.1	42.0	39.1	39.1	39.3
Malta	145	38.5	± 0.9	39.1	39.0	40.3	40.7	41.0	34.5	35.5	34.1
Netherlands	7,595	32.7	± 0.2	33.0	32.5	38.2	38.2	38.1	25.7	26.2	25.3
Austria	3,613	38.6	± 0.3	39.9	38.7	42.8	44.1	43.0	33.2	34.3	33.2
Poland	14,423	40.7	± 0.3	42.7	40.3	43.2	45.1	42.8	37.6	39.6	37.2
Portugal	4,833	37.7	± 0.4	39.6	38.5	39.3	41.3	40.2	35.8	37.5	36.4
Romania	8,955	39.7	± 0.3	41.2	40.1	40.5	42.3	41.0	38.7	39.8	38.9
Slovenia	868	39.7	± 0.3	41.1	40.5	41.0	42.1	41.9	38.1	39.8	38.8
Slovakia	2,227	40.1	± 0.2	40.2	41.2	41.3	41.4	42.2	38.5	38.5	39.8
Finland	2,157	36.8	± 0.2	38.7	37.0	39.2	41.3	39.2	34.1	35.8	34.5
Sweden	3,938	36.3	± 0.1	37.1	36.4	38.9	39.7	39.2	33.1	33.9	33.1
United Kingdom	25,417	36.3	± 0.2	36.4	36.5	40.9	40.8	41.1	30.8	31.0	31.0
Croatia	:	:	:	:	40.2	:	:	41.5	:	:	38.6
Iceland	:	:	:	41.7	:	:	:	47.5	:	:	35.0
Norway	2,044	35.1	± 0.3	36.1	35.4	38.8	39.6	39.0	30.6	31.8	31.1
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>200,218</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>± 0.1</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>33.6</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.7	:	:	:	43.7	:	:	30.3

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

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

**Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by economic activity, age group and sex, 4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	39.0	59.4	36.8	27.8	32.0	51.0	30.3	22.4
Industry, incl. Energy	12.6	49.4	8.9	3.9	12.4	43.8	9.3	4.9
Construction	25.4	48.8	21.6	14.7	22.2	40.7	19.5	12.3
Trade, transport and communication services	16.3	46.0	11.2	6.1	14.8	36.8	10.5	6.1
Business activities and financial services	14.4	49.1	11.3	6.6	13.1	39.6	10.3	8.1
Other services	17.6	56.7	15.6	7.2	15.3	47.6	13.5	8.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.9	58.2	33.3	23.4	29.5	49.8	27.5	19.4
Industry, incl. Energy	11.8	49.3	7.9	3.8	11.6	44.1	8.2	4.7
Construction	26.4	48.6	22.7	15.7	23.2	40.7	20.7	12.8
Trade, transport and communication services	14.5	46.5	9.5	5.7	13.2	37.2	8.9	5.7
Business activities and financial services	13.6	50.2	10.7	6.5	12.5	41.0	9.8	8.4
Other services	15.9	60.3	14.0	6.7	14.6	50.2	12.6	8.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	46.2	62.6	44.5	39.9	38.3	54.6	36.9	31.4
Industry, incl. Energy	14.7	49.4	11.6	4.3	14.5	43.1	12.1	5.4
Construction	13.2	52.9	9.8	:	11.2	40.3	8.2	:
Trade, transport and communication services	18.5	45.5	13.3	6.7	16.6	36.4	12.4	6.7
Business activities and financial services	15.1	48.1	11.9	6.6	13.7	38.6	10.8	7.8
Other services	18.4	55.1	16.4	7.5	15.7	46.3	13.9	8.2

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>25,687</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>19,165</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.3</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>25,946</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>19,303</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Belgium	314	8.4	9.1	8.4	6.3	7.4	6.7	11.1	11.1	10.5
Bulgaria	161	5.8	6.8	5.8	5.7	6.7	6.1	6.0	6.9	5.5
Czech Republic	354	8.7	9.0	8.8	7.6	8.0	7.6	10.0	10.3	10.3
Denmark	199	7.7	9.3	9.4	6.5	8.7	8.3	9.0	9.9	10.5
Germany	5,037	15.2	14.4	14.8	15.4	14.7	15.0	15.0	14.0	14.6
Estonia	14 <sup>u</sup>	2.3 <sup>u</sup>	1.9 <sup>u</sup>	2.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	2.9 <sup>u</sup>	3.6 <sup>u</sup>	2.4 <sup>u</sup>	:	:
Ireland	46	2.7	3.8	2.9	2.2	3.4	2.5	3.1	4.2	3.3
Greece	309	10.9	11.4	11.7	9.3	9.7	10.2	13.1	13.9	14.0
Spain	5,569	33.8	34.6	33.8	32.0	32.6	32.0	36.2	37.4	36.3
France <sup>2</sup>	2,885	13.1	14.0	13.1	12.6	13.7	12.8	13.6	14.4	13.5
Italy	2,313	13.6	13.2	12.7	11.4	11.5	10.6	16.7	15.6	15.6
Cyprus	36	12.7	13.6	14.4	7.1	8.5	9.2	18.6	19.3	20.0
Latvia	58	5.9	7.6	9.3	8.1	8.7	13.4	3.7	6.4	5.3
Lithuania	51	4.0	4.9	5.4	5.6	6.8	7.7	2.5 <sup>u</sup>	3.2 <sup>u</sup>	3.2 <sup>u</sup>
Luxembourg	11	6.1	:	5.3	5.7	:	4.9	6.6	:	5.8
Hungary	241	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.5	8.2	7.8	6.4	6.3	6.7
Malta	5	4.1	3.6	4.3	2.7 <sup>u</sup>	3.0 <sup>u</sup>	3.9	6.8	4.7 <sup>u</sup>	5.3 <sup>u</sup>
Netherlands	1,236	17.0	17.2	15.8	15.7	16.1	14.6	18.6	18.5	17.2
Austria	305	8.9	9.4	9.0	9.2	9.5	9.3	8.6	9.3	8.7
Poland	3,171	27.9	28.7	26.5	29.0	30.1	27.4	26.6	27.0	25.5
Portugal	829	21.3	21.6	19.5	20.3	20.7	18.6	22.4	22.6	20.4
Romania	98	1.6	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.5	1.7	1.5
Slovenia	138	17.1	17.3	17.6	15.1	15.9	15.2	19.4	18.8	20.2
Slovakia	107	5.3	5.5	4.8	5.1	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.5	4.8
Finland	313	14.7	18.2	15.3	11.0	14.9	11.7	18.3	21.5	18.9
Sweden	672	16.9	19.2	15.5	15.0	17.4	13.6	18.8	20.9	17.4
United Kingdom	1,476	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.1	6.5	6.5	6.1
Croatia	:	:	:	11.9	:	:	12.1	:	:	11.6
Iceland	:	:	:	7.0	:	:	5.9	:	:	8.0
Norway	203	9.4	10.8	8.8	6.9	8.6	6.8	12.0	13.2	11.0
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>26,159</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	12.7	:	:	12.4	:	:	12.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

<sup>1</sup>Number of employees with temporary contracts

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)

**Table 11. Share of persons whose job started within the past 3 months by economic activity, age group and sex, 4th quarter 2006, %**

	EA-12				EU-25			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
<b>Men and women</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.8	17.1	6.2	1.8	4.3	12.6	4.3	1.4
Industry, incl. Energy	4.7	16.9	3.7	1.1	4.5	16.2	3.5	1.3
Construction	7.4	16.9	6.4	2.6	6.7	15.9	5.8	2.2
Trade, transport and communication services	5.9	17.6	4.5	1.3	6.0	17.8	4.3	1.7
Business activities and financial services	5.2	19.6	4.3	1.4	5.2	18.6	4.3	1.6
Other services	4.8	19.5	4.0	1.6	4.7	19.3	3.9	1.8
<b>Men</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.5	15.8	5.6	:	4.3	12.3	4.2	1.5u
Industry, incl. Energy	4.2	15.8	3.3	1.0	4.1	15.2	3.2	1.3
Construction	7.6	16.7	6.6	2.8	6.8	15.6	5.9	2.3
Trade, transport and communication services	5.0	17.2	3.7	1.2	5.2	17.3	3.7	1.5
Business activities and financial services	4.8	20.7	4.0	:	4.8	18.8	4.1	1.4u
Other services	3.8	17.7	3.2	1.4	3.9	17.8	3.2	1.7
<b>Women</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	6.4	21.0	7.2	:	4.3	13.7u	4.6	:
Industry, incl. Energy	5.8	19.7	4.7	:	5.4	18.6	4.3	:
Construction	5.4	:	4.6	:	6.0	21.8u	5.1	:
Trade, transport and communication services	7.1	18.1	5.5	1.6	7.1	18.3	5.1	1.9
Business activities and financial services	5.7	18.6	4.7	:	5.7	18.4	4.5	2.0u
Other services	5.4	20.3	4.5	1.7	5.1	20.0	4.2	1.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2006q4 (1000) <sup>1</sup>	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4	2006q4	2006q3	2005q4
<b>EU-25</b>	<b>10,569</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>EA-12</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>EU-27</b>	<b>10,843</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>
<b>EA-13</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Belgium	200	4.6	4.0	4.7	4.4	3.8	4.1	4.8	4.2	5.5
Bulgaria	116	3.7	4.7	4.6	3.6	4.6	4.9	3.7	4.8	4.3
Czech Republic	138	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.7	2.3	3.5	3.1	3.2
Denmark	228	8.1	9.4	7.5	7.7	8.5	6.7	8.5	10.5	8.5
Germany	1,867	5.0	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.9	4.0	5.3	4.5	4.9
Estonia	34	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.2	4.1u	5.7	4.6u	5.4
Ireland	116u	5.6u	5.1u	5.9	4.8u	4.4u	5.2u	6.8u	6.0u	7.0
Greece	64	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
Spain	1,703	8.5	8.4	7.9	7.5	7.5	6.9	10.0	9.7	9.3
France <sup>2</sup>	1,751	7.1	7.0	6.3	7.1	7.5	6.7	7.1	6.5	5.9
Italy	960	4.2	3.6	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.2	5.3	4.1	5.1
Cyprus	19	5.4	3.6	4.6	4.6	3.4	3.7	6.3	3.9	5.8
Latvia	74	6.7	7.5	5.8	7.7	8.4	7.0	5.8	6.5	4.5
Lithuania	50	3.3	4.4	3.8	3.6u	4.9	4.1	3.1u	3.9u	3.5
Luxembourg	5	2.4	:	2.5	2.1	:	2.3	2.8	:	2.9
Hungary	110	2.8	3.1	2.6	2.7	3.3	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.9
Malta	5	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.1u	2.5u	2.2u	4.9u	5.1u	4.4u
Netherlands	133u	1.6u	1.7u	1.4u	1.6u	1.7u	1.3u	1.7u	1.7u	1.4u
Austria	164	4.2	5.2	4.2	3.8	5.1	3.6	4.6	5.3	4.9
Poland	686	4.6	5.4	4.4	4.8	6.1	4.7	4.4	4.7	4.0
Portugal	178	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.8	3.7	3.2	3.2
Romania	158	1.7	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.5	2.4	1.6	1.9	1.9
Slovenia	42	4.3	4.7	4.5	3.8	4.8	4.2	5.1	4.6	4.7
Slovakia	62	2.6	3.2	3.1	2.4	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.5	3.3
Finland	166	6.8	8.8	6.2	6.0	8.2	5.4	7.7	9.5	7.1
Sweden	355	8.0	10.1	7.2	7.2	9.2	6.4	8.8	11.0	8.1
United Kingdom	1,457	5.1	4.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.7	4.9	5.8
Croatia	:	:	:	4.1	:	:	4.2	:	:	4.0
Iceland	:	:	:	7.1	:	:	6.3	:	:	8.0
Norway	123u	5.2u	6.6u	:	4.6u	6.2u	:	5.8u	7.1u	:
<b>EEA-30</b>	<b>10,977</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Switzerland	:	:	:	4.0	:	:	3.7	:	:	4.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

<sup>2</sup>2006 French data are provisional (see methodological notes)



## 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, Acceding Countries and the Candidate Countries. Conscripts in military or community service are not included in the results. The sampling rates vary between 0.2% and 3.3%. **The figures in this publication are not seasonally adjusted**, due to the short times series available. The concepts and definitions used in the survey follow the guidelines of International Labour Organisation.

Definitions of indicators presented in this publication are in the Eurostat website:

[http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs\\_series\\_sm.htm](http://europa.eu.int/estatref/info/sdds/en/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm)

**Provisional data:** French data for the third and fourth quarter of 2006 are provisional. The French National Statistics Institute INSEE is currently analysing several methodological issues (non-response, rotation bias). This may lead to revisions of the data later this year.

**Reference periods:** The data of Luxembourg cover the whole years 2005 and 2006. The data for Croatia in the 4th quarter 2005 refer to the 2nd half-year. In Ireland and UK (2005), 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. "|" vertical lines are used to indicate breaks in time-series. Quarter 4 of the year 2006 is written as 2006Q4.

**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

### European Statistical Data Support

Contact details for this support network can be found on the Eurostat Internet site:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat> → Services: Help/Data support

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

