

Labour Market Latest Trends

1st quarter 2007 data

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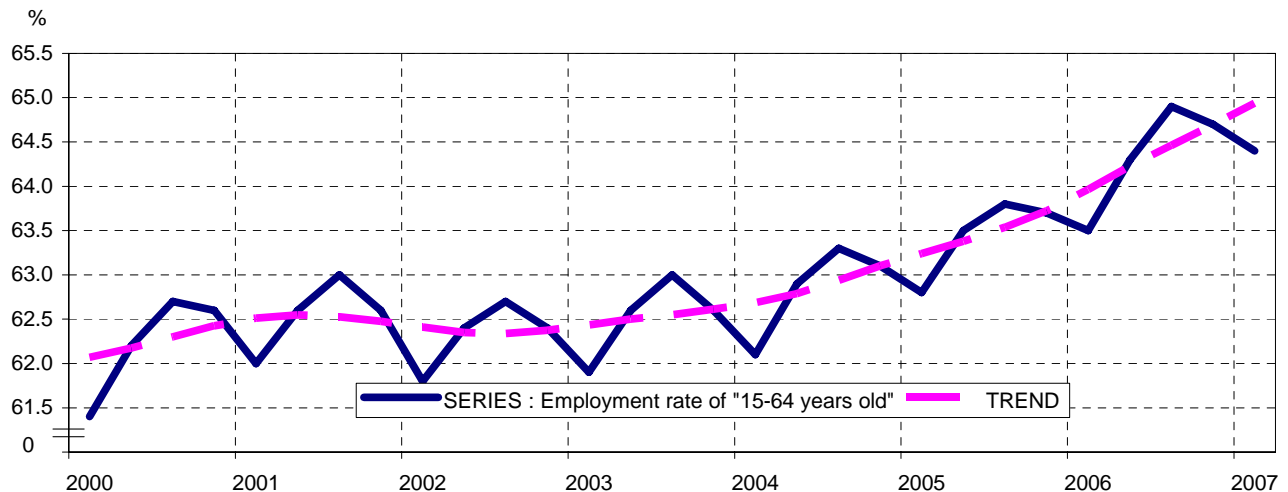
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Chart 1: Employment rate¹ (15-64 years) for EU-27 from 2000Q1 to 2007Q1



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 change for EU-27 from 2006Q1 to 2007Q1



Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

**Table 1. Activity rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex
1st quarter 2007, %**

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	70.5	43.8	84.4	45.5	69.9	43.1	84.0	46.5
Less than upper secondary	56.2	34.5	75.0	35.6	53.8	30.8	73.3	37.3
Upper secondary level	76.1	55.1	86.7	49.3	75.2	55.9	85.7	49.7
Tertiary level	86.4	62.2	92.0	65.7	87.1	69.3	92.2	67.0
Men	78.2	47.4	92.8	55.0	77.2	46.5	91.7	56.3
Less than upper secondary	67.8	39.8	89.3	46.7	64.2	35.9	86.9	47.4
Upper secondary level	82.3	59.0	93.4	55.2	81.4	60.0	92.1	56.6
Tertiary level	89.9	58.4	96.0	71.4	90.3	66.8	96.0	71.6
Women	62.8	40.1	76.0	36.4	62.7	39.6	76.4	37.3
Less than upper secondary	44.9	28.3	60.6	27.1	44.0	25.0	60.1	29.7
Upper secondary level	69.7	51.3	79.8	43.0	68.7	51.8	78.8	41.8
Tertiary level	82.9	64.8	88.1	57.1	84.1	71.0	88.8	60.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 2. Activity rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1
EU-27	228,865	69.9	70.3	69.8	77.2	77.6	77.1	62.7	63.0	62.5
EA-13	147,145	70.5	70.8	70.3	78.2	78.5	78.2	62.8	63.0	62.3
EU-25	216,207	70.4	70.8	70.3	77.7	78.1	77.7	63.1	63.5	62.9
EA-12	146,157	70.5	70.8	70.3	78.3	78.5	78.2	62.8	63.0	62.3
Belgium	4,688	67.1	67.5	66.1	74.2	74.7	73.2	60.0	60.1	58.9
Bulgaria	3,371	64.9	65.3	61.5	69.4	69.8	65.9	60.5	60.8	57.1
Czech Republic	5,115	69.8	70.2	70.5	77.8	78.3	78.2	61.7	62.0	62.6
Denmark	2,871	80.3	80.7	80.2	84.4	84.8	83.4	76.1	76.6	76.9
Germany ²	40,790	75.7	75.8	74.9	81.6	81.7	81.0	69.7	69.7	68.8
Estonia	659	72.5	72.3	72.1	77.4	76.4	75.8	68.1	68.5	68.8
Ireland	2,121	71.5	71.7	71.0	80.8	81.3	80.8	62.1	62.0	61.1
Greece	4,819	67.0	66.9	67.0	79.0	79.0	79.3	54.9	54.9	54.8
Spain	21,776	71.1	71.2	70.4	81.0	81.2	81.1	61.0	60.9	59.5
France ²	27,191	69.3	69.2	69.4	74.4	74.4	74.8	64.3	64.2	64.0
Italy	24,067	61.9	62.9	62.7	73.8	74.5	74.6	50.0	51.2	50.9
Cyprus	379	73.5	73.6	72.6	82.4	83.0	82.2	65.0	64.6	63.5
Latvia	1,123	71.4	71.9	69.8	76.2	76.8	75.1	66.9	67.3	64.8
Lithuania	1,561	67.3	66.8	67.3	70.0	69.8	70.9	64.8	64.0	63.9
Luxembourg	:	:	66.7	:	:	75.3	:	:	58.2	:
Hungary	4,193	61.6	62.3	61.4	68.5	69.2	67.9	54.9	55.7	55.3
Malta	164	59.2	59.1	59.1	79.8	79.5	81.0	38.3	38.4	36.8
Netherlands	8,562	78.0	77.8	77.0	84.4	84.4	83.4	71.5	71.2	70.5
Austria	4,084	73.7	73.9	72.2	80.2	80.6	78.5	67.2	67.3	66.0
Poland	16,498	62.6	63.6	62.8	69.5	70.4	69.4	55.7	56.9	56.4
Portugal	5,273	74.0	74.1	73.6	79.5	79.6	79.3	68.6	68.6	68.1
Romania	9,287	61.7	62.1	62.3	68.7	69.9	68.9	54.8	54.4	55.8
Slovenia	988	70.1	70.0	70.9	74.3	74.4	74.7	65.7	65.5	67.0
Slovakia	2,628	68.0	68.6	68.6	75.4	76.1	76.6	60.7	61.1	60.6
Finland	2,581	74.0	74.0	74.0	75.1	75.8	75.6	72.9	72.2	72.3
Sweden	4,670	78.1	78.0	77.7	80.7	80.6	80.0	75.3	75.2	75.3
United Kingdom	29,199	75.1	75.5	75.3	81.7	82.1	81.7	68.7	69.2	69.1
Croatia	:	:	63.7	:	:	69.3	:	:	58.2	:
Turkey	23,157	48.4	50.4	47.6	72.3	74.8	72.0	24.6	26.2	23.2
Iceland	169	86.2	86.3	84.8	89.7	90.5	87.4	82.5	81.7	82.1
Norway	2,400	77.8	77.6	77.6	80.7	80.8	80.9	74.8	74.4	74.3
EEA-30	231,433	70.0	70.3	69.9	77.2	77.6	77.1	62.8	63.1	62.6
Switzerland	:	:	81.3	:	:	87.8	:	:	74.7	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

²French and German data for 2006 and 2007 are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 3. Employment rates by level of educational attainment, age group and sex, 1st quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64	15-64	15-24	25-54	55-64
Men and women	64.8	36.9	78.3	42.3	64.4	36.0	78.2	43.6
Less than upper secondary	49.8	27.9	67.2	32.8	47.6	24.4	65.5	34.6
Upper secondary level	70.2	47.5	80.7	45.2	69.4	47.8	79.8	46.3
Tertiary level	82.3	54.8	87.9	62.9	83.5	61.5	88.7	64.5
Men	72.5	40.3	86.9	51.3	71.5	39.1	85.9	52.8
Less than upper secondary	61.1	32.9	81.5	43.4	57.4	28.9	78.9	44.0
Upper secondary level	76.4	51.3	87.5	50.9	75.5	51.6	86.4	52.8
Tertiary level	86.3	52.0	92.4	68.3	86.9	59.8	92.7	68.8
Women	57.0	33.3	69.8	33.6	57.4	32.9	70.5	35.0
Less than upper secondary	38.8	22.1	52.7	24.9	38.2	19.4	52.6	27.7
Upper secondary level	63.7	43.8	73.7	39.2	62.9	44.1	72.9	39.0
Tertiary level	78.4	56.7	83.7	54.6	80.2	62.6	85.0	58.6

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

Table 4. Employment rates by country and sex, %

15-64 years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women			
			2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	
			EU-27	210,835	± 443	64.4	± 0.1	64.7	63.5	71.5	71.9	70.5
EA-13	135,186	± 339	64.8	± 0.2	65.0	63.9	72.5	72.8	71.7	57.0	57.1	56.0
EU-25	199,139	± 405	64.9	± 0.1	65.1	63.9	72.0	72.4	71.1	57.7	57.8	56.8
EA-12	134,255	± 339	64.8	± 0.2	65.0	63.8	72.5	72.8	71.7	57.0	57.1	55.9
Belgium	4,313	± 56	61.7	± 0.8	62.1	60.3	68.9	69.4	67.2	54.5	54.7	53.4
Bulgaria	3,099	± 76	59.7	± 1.5	59.8	55.5	64.1	64.1	59.6	55.4	55.5	51.5
Czech Republic	4,803	± 40	65.5	± 0.5	65.6	64.8	74.1	74.2	73.0	56.9	57.0	56.5
Denmark	2,743	± 27	76.7	± 0.8	77.9	76.5	80.9	82.1	80.1	72.4	73.6	72.9
Germany ²	36,887	± 191	68.4	± 0.4	68.3	66.4	73.6	73.8	71.4	63.2	62.8	61.3
Estonia	624	± 19	68.6	± 2.0	68.1	67.4	72.1	71.6	70.0	65.4	65.0	64.9
Ireland	2,029	± 20	68.5	± 0.7	68.7	68.0	77.1	77.7	77.2	59.7	59.6	58.7
Greece	4,375	± 86	60.8	± 1.2	61.0	60.4	74.4	74.6	74.2	47.1	47.4	46.7
Spain	19,923	± 94	65.1	± 0.3	65.2	64.0	75.9	76.3	75.5	54.0	54.0	52.2
France ²	24,709	± 194	62.9	± 0.5	63.0	62.7	68.0	68.1	68.2	58.0	58.0	57.3
Italy	22,513	± 119	57.9	± 0.3	58.5	57.9	69.9	70.3	69.9	46.0	46.7	45.8
Cyprus	361	± 9	69.8	± 1.8	70.4	68.2	78.8	79.8	77.7	61.3	61.4	59.2
Latvia	1,044	± 21	66.4	± 1.3	67.4	64.3	70.3	71.9	68.6	62.7	63.2	60.2
Lithuania	1,482	± 44	63.9	± 1.9	63.5	63.0	66.5	66.4	65.7	61.4	60.8	60.4
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	63.6	:	:	72.6	:	:	54.6	:
Hungary	3,877	± 65	56.9	± 0.9	57.6	56.7	63.4	64.2	62.7	50.8	51.3	51.0
Malta	153	± 4	55.1	± 1.6	55.1	54.4	74.5	74.5	75.2	35.5	35.4	33.3
Netherlands	8,230	± 48	75.0	± 0.4	75.0	73.5	81.5	81.7	79.9	68.3	68.2	67.0
Austria	3,894	± 38	70.3	± 0.7	70.6	68.2	76.7	77.4	74.2	63.8	63.8	62.3
Poland	14,610	± 143	55.4	± 0.5	55.7	52.6	62.0	62.6	58.5	48.9	49.0	46.8
Portugal	4,804	± 52	67.4	± 0.7	67.6	67.6	73.5	73.7	73.8	61.4	61.7	61.5
Romania	8,597	± 162	57.2	± 1.1	57.4	57.2	63.1	63.9	62.8	51.2	51.0	51.7
Slovenia	931	± 18	66.0	± 1.3	66.0	65.9	70.6	71.0	70.6	61.2	60.9	61.1
Slovakia	2,321	± 23	60.1	± 0.6	60.2	58.3	67.3	67.7	65.8	53.0	52.8	50.8
Finland	2,383	± 16	68.3	± 0.5	69.0	67.7	69.4	71.0	69.2	67.3	66.9	66.1
Sweden	4,349	± 19	72.7	± 0.3	73.2	71.5	75.1	75.6	73.8	70.2	70.7	69.2
United Kingdom	27,587	± 135	70.9	± 0.3	71.5	71.4	76.9	77.5	77.0	65.2	65.7	65.9
Croatia	:	:	:	:	56.8	:	:	62.7	:	:	51.0	:
Turkey	20,880	± 205	43.6	± 0.4	46.2	42.6	65.0	68.8	64.3	22.3	23.8	21.0
Iceland	166	± 2	84.6	± 1.2	84.2	82.8	88.0	88.3	85.5	81.0	79.8	79.9
Norway	2,335	± 14	75.7	± 0.5	75.7	74.6	78.5	78.7	77.7	72.8	72.6	71.5
EEA-30	213,336	± 443	64.5	± 0.1	64.8	63.6	71.6	72.0	70.6	57.5	57.6	56.6
Switzerland	:	:	:	:	77.9	:	:	84.7	:	:	71.1	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of persons aged 15-64 in employment

²French and German data for 2006 and 2007 are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 5. Part-time employment as share of total employment, by economic activity, age group and sex, 1st quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	20.0	25.9	18.3	25.7	18.4	26.2	16.0	26.4
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	20.0	25.4	13.3	35.1	21.5	31.5	15.4	33.3
Industry, incl. Energy	9.0	11.6	8.0	14.2	7.4	9.8	6.2	13.5
Construction	6.0	5.5	5.3	12.4	5.8	6.0	4.9	12.0
Trade, transport and communication services	21.5	35.4	18.7	24.2	20.2	36.9	16.2	25.1
Business activities and financial services	21.8	27.1	20.1	29.9	19.7	23.9	17.5	31.0
Other services	28.6	32.6	27.9	30.5	26.4	31.6	24.8	32.2
Men	7.7	18.5	5.1	14.8	7.8	19.5	4.8	15.9
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	12.3	23.6	5.4	26.7	15.6	29.5	9.5	26.7
Industry, incl. Energy	3.3	9.2	1.9	7.9	3.0	7.8	1.6	8.1
Construction	3.3	4.7	2.3	8.9	3.4	5.4	2.2	9.0
Trade, transport and communication services	9.3	28.5	5.5	14.4	9.5	30.5	5.1	15.0
Business activities and financial services	9.0	24.3	6.0	18.7	8.8	21.7	5.3	20.8
Other services	12.1	26.7	9.8	16.3	11.7	27.0	8.6	18.8
Women	35.8	35.2	34.9	42.3	31.6	34.3	29.7	41.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	35.3	30.5	29.2	49.6	31.4	36.2	25.7	43.0
Industry, incl. Energy	23.7	17.9	23.2	34.1	17.5	14.7	16.4	30.7
Construction	39.5	:	39.6	52.3	34.2	:	34.2	46.3
Trade, transport and communication services	37.4	42.3	36.1	40.2	33.8	43.1	30.6	41.8
Business activities and financial services	35.9	29.5	35.1	48.8	32.1	25.8	30.8	47.8
Other services	37.8	35.3	37.5	41.3	34.3	33.8	33.1	41.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Confidence limit	Men and women			Men			Women		
			2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1
EU-27	39,505	± 277	18.4	18.1	18.4	7.8	7.7	7.9	31.6	31.3	31.6
EA-13	27,448	± 218	20.0	19.6	19.9	7.7	7.4	7.7	35.8	35.2	35.7
EU-25	38,621	± 260	19.1	18.8	19.1	7.9	7.7	7.9	33.1	32.7	33.1
EA-12	27,359	± 218	20.1	19.6	20.0	7.7	7.4	7.7	36.0	35.4	35.8
Belgium	964	± 42	22.2	21.8	22.2	7.7	7.1	7.5	40.8	40.8	41.0
Bulgaria	52	± 8	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.2	1.2	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.6
Czech Republic	245	± 13	5.0	4.9	5.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	8.6	8.6	8.7
Denmark	679	± 29	24.3	24.1	23.0	13.6	13.5	13.2	36.8	36.2	34.0
Germany ²	9,953	± 121	26.5	25.4	26.4	9.8	9.2	9.8	46.4	45.0	46.1
Estonia	50	± 8	7.8	7.9	7.9	4.0u	3.5u	5.1	11.6	12.4	10.6
Ireland	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Greece	259	± 16	5.8	5.7	5.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	10.6	10.2	10.4
Spain	2,495	± 67	12.4	11.9	12.4	4.5	4.1	4.5	23.9	23.1	24.1
France ²	4,368	± 128	17.6	17.4	17.3	5.7	5.6	5.8	31.2	30.9	30.7
Italy	3,027	± 79	13.2	13.6	13.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	26.3	26.9	26.7
Cyprus	28	± 3	7.5	7.5	8.5	4.3	4.1	4.7	11.4	11.8	13.4
Latvia	70	± 10	6.4	5.5	7.8	5.0	3.9	5.7	7.9	7.2	10.1
Lithuania	145	± 14	9.6	9.4	12.2	8.3	8.4	10.2	10.9	10.4	14.2
Luxembourg	:	:	:	17.1	:	:	2.6	:	:	36.2	:
Hungary	155	± 11	4.0	3.9	3.9	2.6	2.5	2.5	5.7	5.4	5.5
Malta	16	± 2	10.4	10.4	10.0	4.6	4.6	4.6	22.8	22.7	22.4
Netherlands	3,897	± 38	46.6	46.2	46.5	23.3	23.0	23.2	75.0	74.7	75.0
Austria	882	± 24	22.3	21.3	22.5	6.6	6.3	6.9	41.2	39.5	40.9
Poland	1,392	± 82	9.4	9.3	10.2	6.7	6.7	7.6	12.7	12.6	13.4
Portugal	618	± 32	12.0	11.6	11.0	8.0	7.7	7.1	16.7	16.1	15.8
Romania	832	± 94	9.1	9.9	9.8	9.1	10.0	10.2	9.2	9.8	9.3
Slovenia	89	± 7	9.3	9.3	9.1	8.0	6.9	7.0	10.9	12.2	11.5
Slovakia	64	± 7	2.8	2.7	2.6	1.1	1.1	1.4	4.8	4.7	4.3
Finland	355	± 13	14.7	15.0	14.4	9.8	9.8	9.3	19.8	20.5	19.9
Sweden	1,092	± 22	24.6	24.6	24.6	11.9	11.7	11.8	38.9	38.9	38.9
United Kingdom	7,236	± 108	25.6	25.7	25.4	10.9	10.7	10.4	42.6	42.9	42.6
Croatia	:	:	:	9.7	:	:	7.7	:	:	12.2	:
Turkey	2,197	± 52	10.3	8.3	8.8	6.2	5.0	5.2	22.2	18.1	19.6
Iceland	43	± 2	25.0	23.2	25.9	11.2	10.2	11.8	41.4	38.9	42.0
Norway	695	± 18	29.1	28.5	28.8	14.1	13.6	14.1	45.8	45.1	45.2
EEA-30	40,243	± 277	18.5	18.3	18.6	7.9	7.7	8.0	31.8	31.4	31.8
Switzerland	:	:	:	33.2	:	:	12.6	:	:	58.0	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

²French and German data for 2006 and 2007 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, 1st quarter 2007, %

	EA-13			EU-27		
	Total	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Full-time	Part-time
Men and women	37.3	41.5	20.4	37.7	41.4	20.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	41.7	47.1	19.6	38.6	43.2	21.4
Industry, incl. Energy	39.1	40.9	20.5	39.7	41.1	20.7
Construction	40.4	41.7	20.1	41.0	42.2	20.6
Trade, transport and communication services	38.3	43.3	19.8	38.5	43.2	19.6
Business activities and financial services	37.3	41.9	20.4	37.6	41.7	20.5
Other services	33.9	39.0	21.0	34.5	39.3	21.0
Men	40.9	42.6	20.4	40.9	42.6	20.8
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.0	48.5	20.3	41.6	45.2	22.5
Industry, incl. Energy	40.6	41.3	19.8	41.0	41.6	20.3
Construction	41.1	41.8	20.8	41.7	42.4	21.9
Trade, transport and communication services	42.1	44.4	19.2	41.9	44.3	19.2
Business activities and financial services	41.3	43.3	20.2	41.2	43.1	20.5
Other services	38.2	40.4	21.9	38.5	40.7	21.7
Women	32.6	39.4	20.4	33.5	39.5	20.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	34.9	43.5	19.1	33.3	39.0	20.5
Industry, incl. Energy	35.0	39.4	20.7	36.6	39.9	20.9
Construction	31.6	39.5	19.4	32.7	39.6	19.1
Trade, transport and communication services	33.3	41.3	19.9	34.0	41.3	19.7
Business activities and financial services	32.7	39.6	20.5	33.5	39.6	20.5
Other services	31.4	37.9	20.9	32.4	38.3	20.9

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women			
		2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	
EU-27	197,219	37.7	± 0.1	37.7	37.6	40.9	41.0	40.8	33.5	33.5	33.6
EA-13	125,755	37.3	± 0.1	37.2	37.3	40.9	40.8	40.8	32.6	32.4	32.7
EU-25	185,399	37.5	± 0.1	37.6	37.5	41.0	41.0	40.9	33.2	33.1	33.2
EA-12	124,876	37.3	± 0.1	37.2	37.3	40.9	40.8	40.8	32.5	32.4	32.6
Belgium	3,892	37.4	± 0.5	36.8	37.6	40.9	40.4	41.1	32.8	32.1	33.1
Bulgaria	2,827	40.8	± 0.2	41.6	40.8	41.3	42.2	41.3	40.2	41.0	40.3
Czech Republic	4,624	41.7	± 0.1	41.6	42.1	43.5	43.6	43.8	39.3	39.0	39.8
Denmark	2,493	35.5	± 0.3	35.3	35.9	38.4	38.2	38.7	32.0	31.8	32.6
Germany ²	35,033	36.2	± 0.2	36.8	35.8	40.9	41.6	40.6	30.4	30.9	30.1
Estonia	632	40.2	± 0.4	40.1	40.0	41.4	41.6	41.1	39.1	38.7	38.9
Ireland	1,879	36.8	± 0.0	37.7	37.0	41.1	42.0	41.2	30.9	31.5	31.1
Greece	4,295	41.2	± 0.3	41.7	41.6	43.3	43.8	43.6	37.7	38.2	38.3
Spain	17,762	39.1	± 0.1	38.2	39.1	41.7	40.9	41.8	35.2	34.4	35.1
France ²	22,245	37.3	± 0.1	37.0	37.4	40.4	40.1	40.5	33.7	33.4	33.8
Italy	21,601	38.1	± 0.1	37.5	38.2	41.1	40.6	40.7	33.4	32.8	34.0
Cyprus	352	39.3	± 0.3	40.0	39.3	41.4	42.1	41.5	36.5	37.3	36.4
Latvia	1,039	41.9	± 0.5	40.8	41.2	43.0	42.4	42.7	40.7	39.2	39.6
Lithuania	1,458	38.7	± 0.3	38.8	38.1	39.6	39.6	39.3	37.8	38.0	36.9
Luxembourg	:	:	:	37.8	:	:	41.0	:	:	33.4	:
Hungary	3,807	40.0	± 0.1	40.5	40.3	41.0	41.6	41.4	38.8	39.1	39.1
Malta	149	39.2	± 0.4	38.5	39.4	41.5	40.3	41.4	34.1	34.5	34.7
Netherlands	7,361	31.9	± 0.2	32.7	32.0	37.4	38.2	37.3	25.2	25.7	25.2
Austria	3,594	38.8	± 0.3	38.6	39.1	43.2	42.8	43.4	33.3	33.2	33.7
Poland	14,346	40.8	± 0.2	40.7	40.3	43.2	43.2	42.5	37.8	37.6	37.7
Portugal	4,911	38.6	± 0.3	37.7	39.4	40.2	39.3	41.3	36.6	35.8	37.2
Romania	8,993	39.5	± 0.3	39.7	39.1	40.3	40.5	39.8	38.6	38.7	38.3
Slovenia	879	39.8	± 0.3	39.7	40.2	40.9	41.0	41.4	38.3	38.1	38.6
Slovakia	2,250	40.7	± 0.2	40.1	40.9	41.9	41.3	42.0	39.2	38.5	39.6
Finland	2,135	37.2	± 0.2	36.8	37.4	39.3	39.2	39.6	34.9	34.1	35.0
Sweden	3,947	36.3	± 0.1	36.3	36.3	39.0	38.9	39.1	33.2	33.1	33.1
United Kingdom	24,546	35.4	± 0.2	36.3	35.6	39.9	40.9	40.1	30.1	30.8	30.3
Croatia	:	:	:	40.1	:	:	41.4	:	:	38.6	:
Turkey	20,176	44.9	± 0.3	50.8	49.5	47.9	53.7	52.7	36.4	42.6	40.0
Iceland	157	41.6	± 0.6	42.4	41.3	47.1	48.1	46.4	34.9	35.3	35.3
Norway	2,109	34.9	± 0.3	35.1	35.3	38.4	38.8	38.9	30.8	30.6	31.0
EEA-30	199,485	37.6	± 0.1	37.7	37.6	40.9	41.0	40.8	33.5	33.5	33.5
Switzerland	:	:	:	37.8	:	:	43.6	:	:	30.5	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

²French and German data for 2006 and 2007 are provisional (see methodological notes)

Table 9. Share of employees with temporary contracts by economic activity, age group and sex, 1st quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	16.2	49.2	12.8	6.7	14.0	39.7	11.2	7.3
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	36.9	56.6	34.6	27.3	28.4	48.7	26.6	19.2
Industry, incl. Energy	12.0	48.7	8.2	3.8	11.1	40.4	8.3	4.6
Construction	24.9	49.8	20.9	13.4	20.5	40.3	17.7	11.0
Trade, transport and communication services	15.2	44.3	10.4	5.0	13.3	34.6	9.4	5.4
Business activities and financial services	13.0	45.3	10.3	5.5	11.7	35.9	9.3	7.1
Other services	17.5	57.3	15.3	7.0	14.9	47.7	12.9	8.3
Men	15.4	49.5	11.7	6.6	13.5	39.9	10.4	7.2
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	33.3	54.5	30.3	25.2	25.6	46.8	23.3	17.5
Industry, incl. Energy	11.3	48.6	7.3	3.6	10.6	41.2	7.5	4.3
Construction	26.0	50.1	21.9	14.5	21.5	40.8	18.7	11.7
Trade, transport and communication services	13.8	44.7	9.2	4.7	11.9	34.8	8.2	4.9
Business activities and financial services	12.2	46.5	9.3	6.4	11.0	36.1	8.5	7.9
Other services	15.9	61.6	13.7	6.2	14.1	49.7	11.8	8.4
Women	17.0	48.9	14.0	6.8	14.6	39.3	12.1	7.5
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	45.4	62.2	44.2	33.0	35.6	54.5	34.5	24.4
Industry, incl. Energy	13.8	49.2	10.5	4.5	12.4	38.3	10.1	5.7
Construction	12.6	44.1	10.1	:	9.8	31.1	8.2	:
Trade, transport and communication services	16.9	43.9	11.8	5.5	14.9	34.4	10.9	6.1
Business activities and financial services	13.8	44.4	11.2	4.5	12.4	35.7	10.1	6.0
Other services	18.3	55.2	16.2	7.5	15.3	46.7	13.4	8.3

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1
EU-27	24,925	14.0	14.5	13.7	13.5	14.0	13.2	14.6	15.1	14.2
EA-13	18,471	16.2	16.8	16.0	15.4	16.0	15.3	17.0	17.8	16.9
EU-25	24,685	14.6	15.1	14.2	14.0	14.6	13.7	15.2	15.7	14.9
EA-12	18,328	16.2	16.8	16.0	15.4	16.0	15.3	17.0	17.8	16.9
Belgium	316	8.5	8.4	8.5	6.6	6.3	6.8	10.8	11.1	10.5
Bulgaria	132	4.8	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.7	5.0	4.9	6.0	4.7
Czech Republic	342	8.4	8.7	8.2	7.1	7.6	7.0	9.9	10.0	9.7
Denmark	231	9.1	7.7	9.1	8.0	6.5	8.5	10.3	9.0	9.7
Germany ²	4,740	14.4	15.2	14.1	14.6	15.4	14.4	14.2	14.9	13.8
Estonia	8 ^u	1.4 ^u	2.3 ^u	3.6	:	:	4.0 ^u	:	2.4 ^u	3.2 ^u
Ireland	43	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.9	3.1	3.2
Greece	291	10.3	10.9	9.5	8.8	9.3	8.1	12.3	13.1	11.6
Spain	5,277	32.0	33.8	33.3	31.0	32.0	31.3	33.2	36.2	36.1
France ²	2,853	12.9	13.1	12.7	12.1	12.6	12.3	13.9	13.6	13.2
Italy	2,126	12.6	13.6	12.7	10.6	11.4	10.6	15.4	16.7	15.4
Cyprus	34	11.6	12.7	12.4	5.9	7.1	7.3	17.6	18.6	18.0
Latvia	43	4.4	5.9	7.7	6.1	8.1	8.8	2.7	3.7	6.5
Lithuania	48	3.7	4.0	4.4	5.2	5.6	6.5	2.2 ^u	2.5 ^u	2.3 ^u
Luxembourg	:	:	6.1	:	:	5.7	:	:	6.6	:
Hungary	228	6.7	7.0	5.8	7.1	7.5	6.3	6.2	6.4	5.4
Malta	6	4.3	4.1	3.7	2.8 ^u	2.7 ^u	2.7 ^u	7.3	6.8	5.6 ^u
Netherlands	1,240	17.1	17.0	15.7	15.7	15.7	14.7	18.8	18.6	16.8
Austria	298	8.8	8.9	9.1	8.6	9.2	9.1	9.1	8.6	9.0
Poland	3,116	27.5	27.9	25.4	27.6	29.0	26.2	27.5	26.6	24.6
Portugal	835	21.5	21.3	19.2	21.0	20.3	18.2	22.1	22.4	20.4
Romania	108	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.5
Slovenia	143	17.8	17.1	16.6	15.9	15.1	14.4	19.9	19.4	19.0
Slovakia	107	5.3	5.3	4.4	4.9	5.1	4.3	5.7	5.5	4.5
Finland	298	14.1	14.7	14.4	10.4	11.0	10.4	17.7	18.3	18.2
Sweden	648	16.4	16.9	15.3	14.0	15.0	13.4	18.7	18.8	17.2
United Kingdom	1,404	5.8	6.0	5.6	5.2	5.5	4.8	6.4	6.5	6.4
Croatia	:	:	14.1	:	:	14.3	:	:	13.9	:
Turkey	1,193	9.7	14.2	9.8	9.7	13.9	10.0	9.5	15.4	9.0
Iceland	15	9.9	8.6	7.4	9.6	8.7	6.6	10.2	8.5	8.1
Norway	193	8.8	9.4	9.9	6.6	6.9	7.3	11.1	12.0	12.6
EEA-30	25,133	13.9	14.5	13.6	13.4	14.0	13.1	14.6	15.0	14.2
Switzerland	:	:	13.4	:	:	13.0	:	:	13.8	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

¹Number of employees with temporary contracts

²French and German data for 2006 and 2007 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, 1st quarter 2007, %

	EA-13				EU-27			
	15+	15-24	25-54	55+	15+	15-24	25-54	55+
Men and women	4.5	12.6	4.0	1.6	4.4	12.2	3.8	1.9
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.2	12.4	5.6	2.1	4.3	9.0	4.6	2.1
Industry, incl. Energy	4.1	11.8	3.5	1.5	4.1	11.3	3.6	2.0
Construction	6.6	13.0	6.0	3.2	6.0	12.5	5.4	2.9
Trade, transport and communication services	5.0	12.9	4.2	1.4	5.0	12.6	4.0	1.8
Business activities and financial services	4.8	15.4	4.3	1.7	4.8	14.0	4.2	2.0
Other services	3.6	11.6	3.3	1.4	3.6	12.1	3.2	1.7
Men	4.4	12.4	3.8	1.7	4.3	11.8	3.7	2.1
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	4.9	11.8	5.1	2.3	4.1	8.3	4.1	2.8
Industry, incl. Energy	3.9	11.4	3.3	1.4	3.8	11.0	3.2	2.1
Construction	6.8	12.9	6.1	3.4	6.2	12.5	5.6	3.1
Trade, transport and communication services	4.5	12.5	3.8	1.3	4.5	12.3	3.6	1.7
Business activities and financial services	4.5	16.1	4.0	:	4.4	14.0	4.0	1.9
Other services	3.0	10.9	2.7	1.4	3.2	11.5	2.7	2.0
Women	4.7	12.9	4.1	1.6	4.6	12.7	4.0	1.6
Agriculture, hunting and fishing	5.7	:	6.7	:	4.5	10.7	5.5	:
Industry, incl. Energy	4.7	12.9	4.1	:	4.8	12.0	4.4	:
Construction	4.7	:	4.2	:	4.2	:	3.8	:
Trade, transport and communication services	5.7	13.3	4.6	1.7	5.6	13.0	4.4	1.9
Business activities and financial services	5.2	14.7	4.5	:	5.1	13.9	4.5	2.0
Other services	3.9	11.9	3.6	1.3	3.8	12.4	3.4	1.5

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

15+ years	2007q1 (1000) ¹	Men and women			Men			Women		
		2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1	2007q1	2006q4	2006q1
EU-27	9,477	4.4	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.6	5.5	4.6
EA-13	6,194	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.7	5.9	4.7
EU-25	8,843	4.4	5.2	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.6	5.7	4.4
EA-12	6,153	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.9	4.3	4.7	5.9	4.7
Belgium	178	4.1	4.6	3.8	3.8	4.4	3.5	4.5	4.8	4.2
Bulgaria	122	3.9	3.7	4.9	3.7	3.6	5.4	4.1	3.7	4.3
Czech Republic	141	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.3
Denmark	234	8.4	8.1	7.0	7.6	7.7	6.3	9.3	8.5	7.8
Germany ²	1,467	3.9	4.9	3.6	3.9	4.6	3.3	4.0	5.3	3.9
Estonia	29	4.4	5.2	5.0	4.6u	4.8	5.6	4.3u	5.7	4.4u
Ireland	:	:	5.6u	5.0	:	4.8u	4.8u	:	6.8u	5.4
Greece	63	1.4	1.4	3.0	1.4	1.2	3.2	1.4	1.8	2.6
Spain	1,493	7.4	8.5	7.4	7.0	7.5	6.7	8.1	10.0	8.4
France ²	1,428	5.8	7.1	5.7	5.8	7.1	5.9	5.7	7.1	5.4
Italy	827	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.7	4.1	5.3	4.1
Cyprus	14	3.7	5.4	4.1	3.2	4.6	3.6	4.5	6.3	4.6
Latvia	66	6.1	6.7	4.4	7.6	7.7	4.9	4.6	5.8	3.7
Lithuania	54	3.6	3.3	3.8	4.3	3.6u	4.6	2.8u	3.1u	2.9u
Luxembourg	:	:	2.4	:	:	2.1	:	:	2.8	:
Hungary	89	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.8	3.0
Malta	4	2.7	3.0	1.8u	2.5u	2.1u	1.9u	3.2u	4.9u	:
Netherlands	125u	1.5u	1.6u	1.3u	1.5u	1.6u	1.3u	1.5u	1.7u	1.4u
Austria	161	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.3
Poland	597	4.0	4.6	3.5	4.1	4.8	3.7	4.0	4.4	3.3
Portugal	170	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.7	3.5
Romania	512	5.6	1.7	6.7	5.6	1.9	5.4	5.7	1.6	8.3
Slovenia	41	4.3	4.3	3.3	4.3	3.8	3.1	4.4	5.1	3.6
Slovakia	70	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.9	3.1	2.9	2.5
Finland	137	5.7	6.8	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.3	6.2	7.7	6.2
Sweden	326	7.3	8.0	7.0	6.8	7.2	6.2	7.9	8.8	7.9
United Kingdom	1,026	3.6	5.1	3.3	3.4	4.6	3.1	3.9	5.7	3.5
Croatia	:	:	4.7	:	:	5.0	:	:	4.3	:
Turkey	1,585	7.4	8.7	6.8	7.7	8.6	6.8	6.7	9.2	6.8
Iceland	9	5.4	6.5	6.1	5.5	6.4	5.8	5.1	6.5	6.5
Norway	107u	4.5u	5.2u	4.8u	4.6u	4.6u	4.9u	4.4u	5.8u	4.7u
EEA-30	9,593	4.4	5.0	4.3	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.6	5.5	4.6
Switzerland	:	:	4.0	:	:	3.7	:	:	4.4	:

Source: Eurostat, EU-LFS

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

²French and German for 2006 and 2007 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, 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/lfsi/lfs_series_sm.htm

Provisional data: French and German data for 2006 and 2007 are provisional. National statistics institutes are currently analysing several methodological issues. This may lead to revisions of the data later this year.

Reference periods: The data of Luxembourg cover the whole year 2006. The data for Croatia refer to the 2nd half-year 2006. The data for Switzerland refers to the 2nd quarter 2006. In Ireland, the data refer to seasonal quarter (December to February for Q1, 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 1 of the year 2007 is written as 2007Q1.

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.

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