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Labour Force Survey

October-December 2005

The criteria used for the Labour Force survey are on the same lines as international methodologies used by ILO as further explained in the methodological notes. All data contained within this release refer to persons 15 years and over.

Labour Status

For the last quarter of 2005, the number of persons over 15 years was estimated to be 323,117. Of these, the majority or 50.5 per cent were inactive. Of those persons aged over 15 years, 148,229 persons or 45.9 per cent were employed whilst a further 11,757 persons were unemployed.

For the months of October to December 2005, the total activity rate was 57.7 per cent. The rate for females was 37.0 per cent whereas that of males was 77.9 per cent. For persons aged between 15 to 24 years, the activity rate was 54.3 per cent.

The Employed Population

For the fourth quarter 2005, the employment rate stood at 53.7. As for males the employment rate stood at 74.1 per cent whilst that for females was 32.8 per cent. For persons aged between 15 to 24 years, the employment rate reached 44.2 per cent.

Table 6 shows that the majority or 25.1 of the total employed persons were aged between 25 and 34 years. The mean age of employed females was 34 years, whilst that for males worked out at 39 years.

Between October and December 2005, the majority or 18.4 per cent were working in the manufacturing sector, followed by a 14.2 per cent of the employed working in the wholesale and retail trade. In relation to this, the most common category in occupations in the same time period was service workers and shop and sales workers followed by technicians and associate professionals.

Self employed persons made up 13.3 per cent of the total number of employed persons. Employees made up 128,355 persons or 86.6 per cent of the total employed population. The average gross annual salary for employees was estimated to be Lm5,197.

With regard to the type of employment, 133,841 persons were estimated to be employed on a full-time basis, whereas a further 12,681 persons were working on a part-time basis. Of the total part time employed, 62.5 per cent of part-time occupied posts were taken up by females.

The Unemployed Population

For the last quarter 2005, the total number of unemployed persons was estimated to be 11,757 persons. The unemployment rate stood at 7.3 per cent. The unemployment rate for males was 6.5 per cent whilst that for females reached 9.2 per cent. Additionally, the unemployment rate for persons aged between 15 and 24 years was estimated to be around 17.6 per cent. Among the total number of unemployed, 45.7 per cent had been looking for a job for over a year whilst a further 35.1 per cent had been looking for a job for less than 5 months ■

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Table 1. Labour status

| Labour Status | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Employed | 103,698 | 65.3 | 44,531 | 27.1 | 148,229 | 45.9 |
| Unemployed | 7,236 | 4.6 | 4,521 | 2.7 | 11,757 | 3.6 |
| Inactive | 47,821 | 30.1 | 115,310 | 70.2 | 163,131 | 50.5 |
| Total | 158,755 | 100.0 | 164,362 | 100.0 | 323,117 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Employed | 102,801 | 65.3 | 45,301 | 27.7 | 148,102 | 46.1 |
| Unemployed | 6,297 | 4.0 | 4,739 | 2.9 | 11,036 | 3.5 |
| Inactive | 48,311 | 30.7 | 113,552 | 69.4 | 161,863 | 50.4 |
| Total | 157,409 | 100.0 | 163,592 | 100.0 | 321,001 | 100.0 |

Table 2. Distribution of the labour force

| Labour Status | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Employed | 103,698 | 93.5 | 44,531 | 90.8 | 148,229 | 92.7 |
| Unemployed | 7,236 | 6.5 | 4,521 | 9.2 | 11,757 | 7.3 |
| Total | 110,934 | 100.0 | 49,052 | 100.0 | 159,986 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Employed | 102,801 | 94.2 | 45,301 | 90.5 | 148,102 | 93.1 |
| Unemployed | 6,297 | 5.8 | 4,739 | 9.5 | 11,036 | 6.9 |
| Total | 109,098 | 100.0 | 50,040 | 100.0 | 159,138 | 100.0 |

Table 3. Activity Rates by age groups

| Age group | Sex | | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Males | Females | |
| | % | % | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | |
| 15-24 | 54.2 | 54.4 | 54.3 |
| 25-54 | 93.2 | 37.3 | 65.6 |
| 55-64 | 49.0 | 12.0 | 29.7 |
| Total | 77.9 | 37.0 | 57.7 |
| October - December 2004 | | | |
| 15-24 | 61.1 | 49.2 | 55.2 |
| 25-54 | 92.9 | 38.9 | 66.1 |
| 55-64 | 52.7 | 9.8 | 30.3 |
| Total | 79.9 | 36.7 | 58.3 |

Table 4. Employment Rates by age groups

| Age group | Sex | | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Males | Females | |
| | % | % | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | |
| 15-24 | 45.4 | 42.9 | 44.2 |
| 25-54 | 90.0 | 35.1 | 62.8 |
| 55-64 | 50.9 | 9.7 | 29.4 |
| Total | 74.1 | 32.8 | 53.7 |
| October - December 2004 | | | |
| 15-24 | 49.3 | 40.8 | 45.1 |
| 25-54 | 88.1 | 35.8 | 62.2 |
| 55-64 | 52.6 | 11.2 | 31.0 |
| Total | 74.2 | 33.1 | 53.7 |

Table 5. Unemployment Rates by age groups

| Age group | Sex | | Total |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Males | Females | |
| | % | % | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | |
| 15-24 | 20.0 | 14.7 | 17.6 |
| 25+ | 3.9 | 6.9 | 4.7 |
| Total | 6.5 | 9.2 | 7.3 |
| October - December 2004 | | | |
| 15-24 | 14.0 | 16.2 | 15.0 |
| 25+ | 4.2 | 6.6 | 4.8 |
| Total | 5.8 | 9.5 | 6.9 |

Table 6. Age distribution of total employed persons

| Age group | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | % |
| | No | % | No | % | | |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 14,636 | 14.1 | 12,593 | 28.3 | 27,229 | 18.4 |
| 25-34 | 24,364 | 23.5 | 12,813 | 28.8 | 37,177 | 25.1 |
| 35-44 | 26,072 | 25.2 | 9,057 | 20.3 | 35,129 | 23.7 |
| 45-54 | 27,701 | 26.7 | 7,935 | 17.8 | 35,636 | 24.0 |
| 55-64 | 9,971 | 9.6 | 2,066 | 4.6 | 12,037 | 8.1 |
| 65+ | 954 ^u | 0.9 | 67 ^u | 0.2 | 1,021 ^u | 0.7 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 15,450 | 15.0 | 12,530 | 27.6 | 27,980 | 18.9 |
| 25-34 | 24,132 | 23.5 | 13,861 | 30.6 | 37,993 | 25.7 |
| 35-44 | 26,389 | 25.6 | 7,968 | 17.6 | 34,357 | 23.2 |
| 45-54 | 25,372 | 24.7 | 8,414 | 18.6 | 33,786 | 22.8 |
| 55-64 | 10,255 | 10.0 | 2,389 | 5.3 | 12,644 | 8.5 |
| 65+ | 1,203 ^u | 1.2 | 139 ^u | 0.3 | 1,342 ^u | 0.9 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^u - under-represented

Table 7. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in October - December 2005

| Economic Activity | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | % |
| | No | % | No | % | | |
| Agriculture, hunting and forestry | 2,804 | 2.7 | 111 ^U | 0.3 | 2,915 | 2.0 |
| Fishing | 533 ^U | 0.5 | - | - | 533 ^U | 0.4 |
| Mining and quarrying | 491 ^U | 0.5 | - | - | 491 ^U | 0.3 |
| Manufacturing | 21,730 | 21.0 | 5,565 | 12.5 | 27,295 | 18.4 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 2,985 | 2.9 | 309 ^U | 0.7 | 3,294 | 2.2 |
| Construction | 12,456 | 12.0 | 283 ^U | 0.7 | 12,739 | 8.6 |
| Wholesale and retail trade, repairs | 14,368 | 13.9 | 6,765 | 15.2 | 21,133 | 14.2 |
| Hotels and restaurants | 7,906 | 7.6 | 5,111 | 11.5 | 13,017 | 8.8 |
| Transport, storage and communication | 9,986 | 9.6 | 1,996 | 4.5 | 11,982 | 8.1 |
| Financial intermediation | 3,122 | 3.0 | 2,953 | 6.6 | 6,075 | 4.1 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | 5,901 | 5.7 | 2,375 | 5.3 | 8,276 | 5.6 |
| Public admin and defence; compulsory social security | 8,771 | 8.4 | 2,634 | 5.9 | 11,405 | 7.7 |
| Education | 3,854 | 3.7 | 7,225 | 16.2 | 11,079 | 7.5 |
| Health and social work | 4,954 | 4.8 | 5,625 | 12.6 | 10,579 | 7.1 |
| Other community, social and personal service activities | 3,651 | 3.5 | 3,579 | 8.0 | 7,230 | 4.9 |
| Private households with employed persons | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Extra-territorial organizations and bodies | 186 ^U | 0.2 | - | - | 186 ^U | 0.1 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |

^U - under-represented

Table 8. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in October - December 2004

| Economic Activity | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | % |
| | No | % | No | % | | |
| Agriculture, hunting and forestry | 1,833 ^U | 1.8 | 203 ^U | 0.4 | 2,036 | 1.4 |
| Fishing | 494 ^U | 0.5 | - | - | 494 ^U | 0.3 |
| Mining and quarrying | 992 ^U | 1.0 | - | - | 992 ^U | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 20,203 | 19.7 | 7,829 | 17.3 | 28,032 | 18.9 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 2,734 | 2.6 | 214 ^U | 0.5 | 2,948 | 2.0 |
| Construction | 11,170 | 10.9 | 276 ^U | 0.6 | 11,446 | 7.7 |
| Wholesale and retail trade, repairs | 15,909 | 15.5 | 5,667 | 12.5 | 21,576 | 14.6 |
| Hotels and restaurants | 8,361 | 8.1 | 4,824 | 10.7 | 13,185 | 8.9 |
| Transport, storage and communication | 8,840 | 8.6 | 2,147 | 4.7 | 10,987 | 7.4 |
| Financial intermediation | 2,633 | 2.5 | 1,462 ^U | 3.2 | 4,095 | 2.8 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | 6,045 | 5.9 | 2,483 | 5.5 | 8,528 | 5.8 |
| Public admin and defence; compulsory social security | 11,356 | 11.0 | 3,903 | 8.6 | 15,259 | 10.3 |
| Education | 4,040 | 3.9 | 8,024 | 17.7 | 12,064 | 8.1 |
| Health and social work | 5,008 | 4.9 | 6,069 | 13.4 | 11,077 | 7.5 |
| Other community, social and personal service activities | 2,944 | 2.9 | 1,807 ^U | 4.0 | 4,751 | 3.2 |
| Private households with employed persons | - | - | 161 ^U | 0.4 | 161 ^U | 0.1 |
| Extra-territorial organizations and bodies | 239 ^U | 0.2 | 232 ^U | 0.5 | 471 ^U | 0.3 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^U - under-represented

Table 9. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in October - December 2005

| Economic Activity | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | Average Lm |
| | No | Average Lm | No | Average Lm | | |
| Agriculture, hunting and forestry | 1,093 ^U | 5,116.61 ^U | 111 ^U | 5,563.05 ^U | 1,204 ^U | 5,157.76 ^U |
| Fishing | 157 ^U | 5,245.99 ^U | - | - | 157 ^U | 5,245.99 ^U |
| Mining and quarrying | 436 ^U | 6,102.24 ^U | - | - | 436 ^U | 6,102.24 ^U |
| Manufacturing | 19,350 | 5,235.02 | 5,491 | 4,287.90 | 24,841 | 5,025.67 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 2,985 | 5,694.81 | 309 ^U | 5,433.49 ^U | 3,294 | 5,670.29 |
| Construction | 9,624 | 4,819.81 | 210 ^U | 3,762.40 ^U | 9,834 | 4,797.23 |
| Wholesale and retail trade, repairs | 8,521 | 4,949.81 | 5,889 | 3,458.46 | 14,410 | 4,340.33 |
| Hotels and restaurants | 6,763 | 4,797.90 | 4,803 | 3,483.94 | 11,566 | 4,252.25 |
| Transport, storage and communication | 8,587 | 6,507.87 | 1,996 | 5,067.08 | 10,583 | 6,236.13 |
| Financial intermediation | 3,067 | 7,904.29 | 2,891 | 5,953.27 | 5,958 | 6,957.60 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | 4,672 | 5,747.12 | 2,308 | 4,676.53 | 6,980 | 5,393.12 |
| Public admin and defence; compulsory social security | 8,625 | 5,756.48 | 2,634 | 4,845.02 | 11,259 | 5,543.24 |
| Education | 3,799 | 5,841.01 | 7,157 | 5,663.96 | 10,956 | 5,725.35 |
| Health and social work | 4,826 | 6,031.09 | 5,625 | 4,545.27 | 10,451 | 5,233.56 |
| Other community, social and personal service activities | 3,096 | 5,107.51 | 3,144 | 4,042.71 | 6,240 | 4,571.02 |
| Private households with employed persons | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Extra-territorial organizations and bodies | 186 ^U | 8,074.73 ^U | - | - | 186 ^U | 8,074.73 ^U |
| Total | 85,787 | 5,520.90 | 42,568 | 4,543.93 | 128,355 | 5,197.06 |

^U - under-represented

Table 10. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in October - December 2004

| Economic Activity | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | Average Lm |
| | No | Average Lm | No | Average Lm | | |
| Agriculture, hunting and forestry | 1,266 ^U | 4,414.49 ^U | 55 ^U | 6,305.00 ^U | 1,321 ^U | 4,493.20 ^U |
| Fishing | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Mining and quarrying | 756 ^U | 5,628.01 ^U | - | - | 756 ^U | 5,628.01 ^U |
| Manufacturing | 17,616 | 5,069.17 | 7,615 | 4,026.40 | 25,231 | 4,754.45 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 2,734 | 5,166.30 | 214 ^U | 4,613.08 ^U | 2,948 | 5,126.14 |
| Construction | 8,428 | 4,597.41 | 276 ^U | 4,790.68 ^U | 8,704 | 4,603.54 |
| Wholesale and retail trade, repairs | 10,339 | 4,454.31 | 4,326 | 4,136.94 | 14,665 | 4,360.69 |
| Hotels and restaurants | 7,557 | 4,708.24 | 4,604 | 3,402.62 | 12,161 | 4,213.95 |
| Transport, storage and communication | 7,630 | 5,984.45 | 2,053 | 4,768.86 | 9,683 | 5,726.72 |
| Financial intermediation | 2,493 | 8,149.67 | 1,462 ^U | 5,242.84 ^U | 3,955 | 7,075.14 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | 3,856 | 6,188.99 | 2,217 | 4,190.60 | 6,073 | 5,459.46 |
| Public admin and defence; compulsory social security | 11,268 | 5,536.94 | 3,758 | 4,800.66 | 15,026 | 5,352.80 |
| Education | 3,975 | 6,515.04 | 8,024 | 5,102.30 | 11,999 | 5,570.31 |
| Health and social work | 4,782 | 5,730.92 | 5,919 | 4,548.57 | 10,701 | 5,076.93 |
| Other community, social and personal service activities | 2,314 | 4,719.26 | 1,368 ^U | 4,594.02 ^U | 3,682 | 4,672.73 |
| Private households with employed persons | - | - | 161 ^U | 2,776.02 ^U | 161 ^U | 2,776.02 ^U |
| Extra-territorial organizations and bodies | 239 ^U | 4,031.98 ^U | 232 ^U | 5,667.56 ^U | 471 ^U | 4,837.62 ^U |
| Total | 85,253 | 5,290.92 | 42,284 | 4,436.11 | 127,537 | 5,007.52 |

^U - under-represented

Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons in October - December 2005

| Occupational Group | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | % |
| | No | % | No | % | | |
| Armed Forces | 1,173 ^u | 1.1 | - | - | 1,173 ^u | 0.8 |
| Legislators, senior officials and managers | 10,199 | 9.9 | 3,068 | 6.9 | 13,267 | 9.0 |
| Professionals | 9,448 | 9.1 | 6,739 | 15.1 | 16,187 | 10.9 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 14,723 | 14.2 | 7,252 | 16.3 | 21,975 | 14.8 |
| Clerks | 6,934 | 6.7 | 10,031 | 22.5 | 16,965 | 11.4 |
| Service workers and shop and sales workers | 13,088 | 12.6 | 9,976 | 22.4 | 23,064 | 15.6 |
| Skilled agricultural and fishery workers | 2,914 | 2.8 | - | - | 2,914 | 2.0 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 19,817 | 19.1 | 263 ^u | 0.6 | 20,080 | 13.5 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 11,234 | 10.8 | 3,363 | 7.6 | 14,597 | 9.8 |
| Elementary occupations | 14,168 | 13.7 | 3,839 | 8.6 | 18,007 | 12.2 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |

^u - under-represented

Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons in October - December 2004

| Occupational Group | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | % |
| | No | % | No | % | | |
| Armed Forces | 1,641 ^u | 1.6 | - | - | 1,641 ^u | 1.1 |
| Legislators, senior officials and managers | 10,642 | 10.3 | 2,225 | 4.9 | 12,867 | 8.7 |
| Professionals | 9,532 | 9.3 | 7,034 | 15.5 | 16,566 | 11.2 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 12,418 | 12.1 | 8,392 | 18.5 | 20,810 | 14.1 |
| Clerks | 8,416 | 8.2 | 7,696 | 17.0 | 16,112 | 10.9 |
| Service workers and shop and sales workers | 13,284 | 12.9 | 8,707 | 19.2 | 21,991 | 14.8 |
| Skilled agricultural and fishery workers | 1,866 ^u | 1.8 | 148 ^u | 0.3 | 2,014 | 1.4 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 20,759 | 20.2 | 647 ^u | 1.5 | 21,406 | 14.5 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 10,370 | 10.1 | 5,421 | 12.0 | 15,791 | 10.6 |
| Elementary occupations | 13,873 | 13.5 | 5,031 | 11.1 | 18,904 | 12.7 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^u - under-represented

Table 13. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in October - December 2005

| Occupation | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | Average Lm |
| | No | Average Lm | No | Average Lm | | |
| Armed Forces | 1,173 ^U | 5,483.96 ^U | - | - | 1,173 ^U | 5,483.96 ^U |
| Legislators, senior officials and managers | 6,542 | 8,627.05 | 2,630 | 7,023.99 | 9,172 | 8,167.39 |
| Professionals | 8,644 | 7,212.51 | 6,572 | 6,270.82 | 15,216 | 6,805.78 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 13,950 | 6,096.35 | 6,999 | 5,149.93 | 20,949 | 5,780.15 |
| Clerks | 6,863 | 5,060.53 | 9,964 | 4,167.70 | 16,827 | 4,531.84 |
| Service workers and shop and sales workers | 10,127 | 4,603.72 | 9,085 | 3,282.27 | 19,212 | 3,980.03 |
| Skilled agricultural and fishery workers | 761 ^U | 4,688.89 ^U | - | - | 761 ^U | 4,688.89 ^U |
| Craft and related trades workers | 14,151 | 4,954.81 | 116 ^U | 3,515.07 ^U | 14,267 | 4,943.11 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 9,689 | 4,744.18 | 3,363 | 4,087.98 | 13,052 | 4,575.10 |
| Elementary occupations | 13,887 | 4,490.45 | 3,839 | 3,165.72 | 17,726 | 4,203.55 |
| Total | 85,787 | 5,520.90 | 42,568 | 4,543.93 | 128,355 | 5,197.06 |

^U - under-represented

Table 14. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in October - December 2004

| Occupation | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | Males | | Females | | No | Average Lm |
| | No | Average Lm | No | Average Lm | | |
| Armed Forces | 1,641 ^U | 5,210.35 ^U | - | - | 1,641 ^U | 5,210.35 ^U |
| Legislators, senior officials and managers | 6,336 | 8,777.47 | 1,548 ^U | 7,050.33 ^U | 7,884 | 8,438.35 |
| Professionals | 7,865 | 7,154.61 | 6,635 | 5,965.07 | 14,500 | 6,610.29 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 11,597 | 5,707.42 | 8,089 | 4,962.83 | 19,686 | 5,401.47 |
| Clerks | 8,341 | 4,753.09 | 7,590 | 4,093.13 | 15,931 | 4,438.66 |
| Service workers and shop and sales workers | 10,640 | 4,530.79 | 7,592 | 3,596.25 | 18,232 | 4,141.64 |
| Skilled agricultural and fishery workers | 805 ^U | 4,149.01 ^U | - | - | 805 ^U | 4,149.01 ^U |
| Craft and related trades workers | 15,469 | 4,743.56 | 433 ^U | 3,795.88 ^U | 15,902 | 4,717.76 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 9,315 | 4,370.99 | 5,366 | 3,866.88 | 14,681 | 4,186.73 |
| Elementary occupations | 13,244 | 4,466.61 | 5,031 | 3,215.49 | 18,275 | 4,122.19 |
| Total | 85,253 | 5,290.92 | 42,284 | 4,436.11 | 127,537 | 5,007.52 |

^U - under-represented

Table 15. Professional status of main occupation for total employed persons

| Professional status | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Self-employed without employees | 12,480 | 12.1 | 1,048 ^u | 2.4 | 13,528 | 9.1 |
| Self-employed with employees | 5,431 | 5.2 | 866 ^u | 1.9 | 6,297 | 4.2 |
| Employee | 85,787 | 82.7 | 42,568 | 95.6 | 128,355 | 86.6 |
| Family worker | - | - | 49 ^u | 0.1 | 49 ^u | 0.1 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Self-employed without employees | 11,508 | 11.2 | 1,936 ^u | 4.3 | 13,444 | 9.1 |
| Self-employed with employees | 6,040 | 5.9 | 891 ^u | 2.0 | 6,931 | 4.7 |
| Employee | 85,253 | 82.9 | 42,284 | 93.3 | 127,537 | 86.1 |
| Family worker | - | - | 190 ^u | 0.4 | 190 ^u | 0.1 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^u - under-represented

Table 16. Type of employment (main occupation)

| Type of Employment | Sex | | | | Total | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Full-time job | 98,752 | 95.2 | 35,089 | 78.8 | 133,841 | 90.3 |
| Full-time with reduced hours job | 193 ^u | 0.2 | 1,514 ^u | 3.4 | 1,707 ^u | 1.2 |
| Part-time job | 4,753 | 4.6 | 7,928 | 17.8 | 12,681 | 8.5 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Full-time job | 98,900 | 96.2 | 35,904 | 79.3 | 134,804 | 91.0 |
| Full-time with reduced hours job | 329 ^u | 0.3 | 1,190 ^u | 2.6 | 1,519 ^u | 1.0 |
| Part-time job | 3,572 | 3.5 | 8,207 | 18.1 | 11,779 | 8.0 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^u - under-represented

Table 17. Total employed persons classified by economic sector

| Economic Sector | Sex | | | | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Private | 71,613 | 69.0 | 30,008 | 67.4 | 101,621 | 68.5 |
| Public majority | 4,736 | 4.6 | 677 ^U | 1.5 | 5,413 | 3.7 |
| Independent statutory bodies | 8,823 | 8.5 | 2,051 | 4.6 | 10,874 | 7.3 |
| Government departments and ministries | 18,526 | 17.9 | 11,795 | 26.5 | 30,321 | 20.5 |
| Total | 103,698 | 100.0 | 44,531 | 100.0 | 148,229 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Private | 68,869 | 67.0 | 29,406 | 64.9 | 98,275 | 66.4 |
| Public majority | 4,947 | 4.8 | 1,638 ^U | 3.6 | 6,585 | 4.4 |
| Independent statutory bodies | 9,536 | 9.3 | 2,242 | 5.0 | 11,778 | 8.0 |
| Government departments and ministries | 19,449 | 18.9 | 12,015 | 26.5 | 31,464 | 21.2 |
| Total | 102,801 | 100.0 | 45,301 | 100.0 | 148,102 | 100.0 |

^U - under-represented

Table 18. Unemployed persons classified by age groups

| Age group | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 3,658 | 50.5 | 2,162 | 47.8 | 5,820 | 49.5 |
| 25-34 | 1,548 ^U | 21.4 | 1,014 ^U | 22.4 | 2,562 | 21.8 |
| 35-44 | 722 ^U | 10.0 | 581 ^U | 12.9 | 1,303 ^U | 11.1 |
| 45-54 | 1,071 ^U | 14.8 | 764 ^U | 16.9 | 1,835 | 15.6 |
| 55-64 | 237 ^U | 3.3 | - | - | 237 ^U | 2.0 |
| Total | 7,236 | 100.0 | 4,521 | 100.0 | 11,757 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| 15-24 | 2,507 | 39.8 | 2,414 | 50.9 | 4,921 | 44.6 |
| 25-34 | 1,047 ^U | 16.6 | 818 ^U | 17.3 | 1,865 ^U | 16.9 |
| 35-44 | 1,575 ^U | 25.0 | 735 ^U | 15.5 | 2,310 | 20.9 |
| 45-54 | 1,114 ^U | 17.7 | 699 ^U | 14.8 | 1,813 ^U | 16.4 |
| 55-64 | 54 ^U | 0.9 | 73 ^U | 1.5 | 127 ^U | 1.2 |
| Total | 6,297 | 100.0 | 4,739 | 100.0 | 11,036 | 100.0 |

^U - under-represented

Table 19. Duration of job search of unemployed persons

| Duration | Sex | | | | Total | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Males | | Females | | | |
| | No | % | No | % | No | % |
| October - December 2005 | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 months | 2,406 | 33.3 | 1,724 ^U | 38.1 | 4,130 | 35.1 |
| 6 - 11 months | 1,393 ^U | 19.2 | 858 ^U | 19.0 | 2,251 | 19.2 |
| 12 + months | 3,437 | 47.5 | 1,939 | 42.9 | 5,376 | 45.7 |
| Total | 7,236 | 100.0 | 4,521 | 100.0 | 11,757 | 100.0 |
| October - December 2004 | | | | | | |
| Less than 5 months | 1,918 ^U | 30.4 | 2,655 | 56.0 | 4,573 | 41.4 |
| 6 - 11 months | 943 ^U | 15.0 | 895 ^U | 18.9 | 1,838 ^U | 16.7 |
| 12 + months | 3,436 | 54.6 | 1,189 | 25.1 | 4,625 | 41.9 |
| Total | 6,297 | 100.0 | 4,739 | 100.0 | 11,036 | 100.0 |

^U - under-represented

Methodological Notes

The Labour Force Survey is an enquiry which is carried out on using a random sample of 2,500 private households. The criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by ILO as outlined underneath. The Labour Force Survey is carried out on an ongoing basis. The objective is to have a continuous assessment of labour market trends given that the reference weeks are evenly spread throughout the 13 weeks of the quarter.

The LFS is designed to satisfy the concepts and definitions as outlined by Eurostat, which is the EU Statistical Agency. This allows the comparability of the results with other EU member states and countries following ILO definitions of employment and unemployment. Occupations are classified according to the ISCO classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations) whilst the economic activity is classified according to the NACE classification (Nomenclature générale des activités économiques dans les Communautés européennes).

Revision to Population Estimates

As from 2005, the weighting procedures are based on 2004 population estimates. All data contained within this release refers to persons 15 years and over.

Under represented figures are indicated for each table and should be treated with caution .

Absolute changes between one survey and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (ie, less than 1,800 persons) might be the result of sampling error.

EMPLOYEE: The distinction between employees and self-employed is based on the respondent's own judgement as stated during the interview.

EMPLOYMENT: This comprises all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, were in one of the following categories:

paid employment: includes those who during the reference week worked for at least one hour for a wage or salary, in cash or in kind.

were employees but were not at work and were: on paid or sick leave, did not work due to bad weather, were undergoing training or education, did not work due to a labour dispute, were absent from work for a period of less than 3 months, were absent from work for a period of more than 3 months and were still receiving some type of payment whilst being absent from work.

self-employed: a person who runs a trade or business, rather than working as an employee for someone else. A person is self-employed if s/he is a sole proprietor or a partner working in a business.

unpaid family workers: refers to people who worked without pay in a family business or farm. Excluded from this definition are housewives.

INACTIVE PERSONS: All persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as inactive.

LABOUR FORCE: This comprises persons in employment and unemployed persons.

RATES: The above groups are used to derive the following measures;

Activity rates - represent the labour force (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

Employment rates - represent persons in employment (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

Unemployment rates - represent unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

REFERENCE WEEK - The week to which the collected data relate.

UNEMPLOYMENT: This comprises all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, satisfied the following criteria:

without work

actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks, e.g. includes contacting the ETC, applied directly with an employer, contacting a private employment agency, inserting or answering to an advert in a newspaper.

currently available for work – available to start work within 2 weeks of the reference week.

Included with the unemployed are persons who were without work and were not actively seeking work since they had found a job which would start later.

Sampling Variability

The data in this release are based on statistical samples, and as such, estimates carry a sampling error. A measure of the sampling error is the standard error. The standard error as a percentage of the estimate is referred to as the coefficient of variation (CV). The CV is generally computed and expressed as a percentage, which is the quantified by the sampling variability. The coefficient of variation and the sampling variabilities and hence gives indication of the confidence limits.

Sampling Variability of LFS figures

| | Estimate | Coefficient of Variation | Variability |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Employment | 148,229 | 1.72 | ± 2550 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 53.7 | 1.58 | ± 0.85 |
| Unemployment | 11,757 | 8.07 | ± 949 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 7.3 | 8.09 | ± 0.59 |
| Inactive | 163,131 | 1.39 | ± 2268 |
| Activity Rate (%) | 57.7 | 1.46 | ± 0.84 |

The above table give indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 148,229 and the coefficient of variation is 1.72 per cent. Hence, the figure lies between 145,679 and 150,779 persons.