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## Labour Force Survey

July-September 2006

*In the third quarter of 2006, there was a statistically significant change in average employment, while unemployment levels did not change in a statistically significant manner when compared to the same period in 2005.*

The Labour Force Survey is an enquiry which is carried out using a random sample of 2,500 private households per quarter. The criteria used for this survey are on the same lines as international methodologies used by the ILO as further explained in the methodological notes. All data contained within this release refer to persons aged 15 years and over

### Labour Status

The number of employed persons reached 153,692 in the third quarter of 2006. This implied a statistically significant change in average employment when compared to the same period in 2005. The number of unemployed which averaged 11,129 during the reference period, involving no statistically significant change when compared to the same months of the previous year. The number of inactive persons was estimated at 160,742.

The estimates for July to September 2006 show that of all persons aged between 15 and 64 years, 59.6 per cent were in the labour force while 55.5 per cent were employed. The unemployment rate is estimated to have averaged 6.8 per cent.

### The Employed Population

For the third quarter of 2006, the largest proportion of the total employed were aged between 25 and 34 years with the mean age for employed men being 39 years, while that for women was worked out at 34 years.

The largest proportion of employed, or 17.2 per cent, worked in the manufacturing sector, while a further 15.8 per cent worked in the wholesale and retail trade. A statistically significant increase was registered in the wholesale and retail trade sector, in line with rises in the number of service workers, shop and sales workers. By contrast, there was a statistically significant drop in manufacturing sector employment between the reference period and the comparative period in 2005, corroborated by decreases in plant and machine operators.

As Table 15 illustrates, there was a significant increase in the total number of employees during July-September 2006 and the same period in the previous year. Additionally, a significant increase in the number of full-time employed persons was registered. Further comparisons reveal a significant increase in the number of persons working in the private sector.

### The Unemployed Population

Labour Force Survey results indicate no statistically significant changes in the number of unemployed during the survey period when compared to 2005, with the majority of the unemployed being in the 15-24 age bracket irrespective of gender. Additionally, the distribution of unemployed by duration remained unchanged over the comparative period in 2005 ■

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Table 1. Labour status

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Employed	103,809	65.0	49,883	30.1	153,692	47.2
Unemployed	6,730	4.2	4,399	2.6	11,129	3.4
Inactive	49,254	30.8	111,488	67.3	160,742	49.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,793</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>165,770</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>325,563</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	102,608	64.4	47,043	28.7	149,651	46.3
Unemployed	7,010	4.4	4,494	2.7	11,504	3.5
Inactive	49,794	31.2	112,583	68.6	162,377	50.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,412</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,120</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>323,532</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.

Table 2. Distribution of the labour force

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Employed	103,809	93.9	49,883	91.9	153,692	93.2
Unemployed	6,730	6.1	4,399	8.1	11,129	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,539</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>54,282</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,821</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	102,608	93.6	47,043	91.3	149,651	92.9
Unemployed	7,010	6.4	4,494	8.7	11,504	7.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,618</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>51,537</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>161,155</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 3. Activity rates by age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Men	Women	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>			
15-24	54.4	52.6	53.5
25-54	94.0	42.1	68.4
55-64	53.0	11.9	31.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.2</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>59.6</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	55.5	55.0	55.0
25-54	93.7	38.4	66.4
55-64	50.2	12.1	30.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.6</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>58.4</b>

Labour force (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

**Table 4. Employment rates by age group**

Age group	Sex		Total
	Men	Women	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>			
15-24	42.3	44.1	45.8
25-54	89.3	40.1	65.0
55-64	51.1	11.4	30.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>55.5</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	46.7	45.5	46.1
25-54	89.0	36.4	63.0
55-64	49.0	12.1	29.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>54.2</b>

Persons in employment (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).

**Table 5. Unemployment rates by age group**

Age group	Sex		Total
	Men	Women	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>			
15-24	13.1	16.1	14.5
25+	4.8	4.9	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	15.1	17.3	16.1
25+	4.7	4.9	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>

Unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

**Table 6. Age distribution of total employed persons**

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
15-24	14,936	14.4	13,159	26.4	28,095	18.3
25-34	24,729	23.8	15,931	31.9	40,660	26.4
35-44	26,224	25.3	9,415	18.9	35,639	23.2
45-54	27,155	26.2	8,922	17.9	36,077	23.5
55-64	10,099	9.7	2,456	4.9	12,555	8.2
65+	666 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	-	-	666 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	15,049	14.7	13,255	28.2	28,304	18.9
25-34	24,240	23.6	13,514	28.7	37,754	25.2
35-44	26,815	26.1	8,837	18.8	35,652	23.8
45-54	26,128	25.5	8,533	18.1	34,661	23.2
55-64	9,601	9.3	2,582	5.5	12,183	8.2
65+	775 <sup>U</sup>	0.8	322 <sup>U</sup>	0.7	1,097 <sup>U</sup>	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 7. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in July-September 2006**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2,003	1.9	137 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	2,140	1.4
Fishing	478 <sup>U</sup>	0.5	66 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	544 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
Mining and quarrying	983 <sup>U</sup>	0.9	63 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	1,046 <sup>U</sup>	0.7
Manufacturing	18,800	18.1	7,644	15.3	26,444	17.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,610	3.5	297 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	3,907	2.6
Construction	11,583	11.2	215 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	11,798	7.7
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	16,372	15.8	7,979	16.0	24,351	15.8
Hotels and restaurants	8,859	8.5	3,151	6.3	12,010	7.8
Transport, storage and communication	7,540	7.3	2,934	5.9	10,474	6.8
Financial intermediation	3,198	3.1	2,959	5.9	6,157	4.0
Real estate, renting and business activities	6,459	6.2	3,124	6.3	9,583	6.2
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,999	10.6	4,394	8.8	15,393	10.0
Education	4,523	4.4	8,452	17.0	12,975	8.4
Health and social work	5,243	5.0	6,141	12.3	11,384	7.4
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,059	2.9	2,223	4.5	5,282	3.4
Private households with employed persons	-	-	60 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	60 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	100 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	44 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	144 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

Note: Data for the two reference periods depicted are not comparable on a like-with-like basis

**Table 8. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in July-September 2005 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2,044	2.0	261 <sup>U</sup>	0.5	2,305	1.5
Fishing	581 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	-	-	581 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
Mining and quarrying	603 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	-	-	603 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
Manufacturing	21,326	20.8	6,976	14.8	28,302	18.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,904	2.8	174 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	3,078	2.1
Construction	11,945	11.6	308 <sup>U</sup>	0.7	12,253	8.2
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	14,290	13.9	6,613	14.1	20,903	14.0
Hotels and restaurants	8,385	8.2	3,910	8.3	12,295	8.2
Transport, storage and communication	8,637	8.4	2,188	4.7	10,825	7.2
Financial intermediation	2,978	2.9	3,723	7.9	6,701	4.5
Real estate, renting and business activities	5,961	5.8	2,396	5.1	8,357	5.6
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	9,193	9.0	3,252	6.9	12,445	8.3
Education	4,227	4.1	7,350	15.6	11,577	7.7
Health and social work	5,791	5.6	7,065	15.0	12,856	8.6
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,461	3.4	2,827	6.0	6,288	4.2
Private households with employed persons	63 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	-	-	63 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	219 <sup>U</sup>	0.2	-	-	219 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 9. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in July-September 2006**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	733 <sup>U</sup>	4961.97 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	733 <sup>U</sup>	4961.97 <sup>U</sup>
Fishing	77 <sup>U</sup>	3386.05 <sup>U</sup>	66 <sup>U</sup>	1768.00 <sup>U</sup>	143 <sup>U</sup>	2639.25 <sup>U</sup>
Mining and quarrying	883 <sup>U</sup>	5274.30 <sup>U</sup>	63 <sup>U</sup>	5300.00 <sup>U</sup>	946 <sup>U</sup>	5276.01 <sup>U</sup>
Manufacturing	16,698	5494.59	7,491	4553.25	24,189	5203.07
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,610	5534.35	297 <sup>U</sup>	5117.45 <sup>U</sup>	3,907	5502.66
Construction	7,704	4786.87	215 <sup>U</sup>	4207.28 <sup>U</sup>	7,919	4771.13
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	10,288	4789.97	6,842	3792.93	17,130	4391.73
Hotels and restaurants	7,911	4304.83	2,940	3928.79	10,851	4202.94
Transport, storage and communication	6,684	6387.17	2,934	6088.19	9,618	6295.97
Financial intermediation	3,074	8625.62	2,959	6,634.30	6,033	7648.94
Real estate, renting and business activities	4,587	6833.89	2,976	5128.57	7,563	6162.85
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,999	6114.85	4,394	5416.76	15,393	5915.58
Education	4,460	6855.19	8,452	5392.13	12,912	5897.49
Health and social work	4,817	5756.04	6,060	5099.53	10,877	5390.27
Other community, social and personal service activities	2,878	4677.66	1,676 <sup>U</sup>	4238.37 <sup>U</sup>	4,554	4515.98
Private households with employed persons	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	100 <sup>U</sup>	4844.00 <sup>U</sup>	44 <sup>U</sup>	7000.00 <sup>U</sup>	144 <sup>U</sup>	5502.78 <sup>U</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,503</b>	<b>5620.32</b>	<b>47,409</b>	<b>4955.43</b>	<b>132,912</b>	<b>5383.16</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

**Table 10. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in July-September 2005 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,275 <sup>U</sup>	4713.78 <sup>U</sup>	97 <sup>U</sup>	2340.00 <sup>U</sup>	1,372 <sup>U</sup>	4545.96 <sup>U</sup>
Fishing	279 <sup>U</sup>	5093.76 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	279 <sup>U</sup>	5093.76 <sup>U</sup>
Mining and quarrying	535 <sup>U</sup>	5804.50 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	535 <sup>U</sup>	5804.50 <sup>U</sup>
Manufacturing	18,765	5249.92	6,913	4259.77	25,678	4983.35
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,904	6170.67	174 <sup>U</sup>	5385.05 <sup>U</sup>	3,078	6126.26
Construction	8,312	4920.00	308 <sup>U</sup>	4455.34 <sup>U</sup>	8,620	4903.40
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	8,762	4677.32	5,629	3685.59	14,391	4289.41
Hotels and restaurants	7,205	4433.39	3,812	3342.04	11,017	4055.77
Transport, storage and communication	7,922	5939.83	2,125	5336.52	10,047	5812.23
Financial intermediation	2,801	7763.76	3,723	6360.33	6,524	6962.88
Real estate, renting and business activities	4,246	6017.73	2,198	4706.43	6,444	5570.45
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	9,041	5818.63	3,252	4584.59	12,293	5492.17
Education	4,227	5889.81	7,252	5444.42	11,479	5608.43
Health and social work	5,503	5690.16	7,065	4792.57	12,568	5185.59
Other community, social and personal service activities	2,757	5584.99	2,457	3682.82	5,214	4688.63
Private households with employed persons	63 <sup>U</sup>	2600.00 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	63 <sup>U</sup>	2600.00 <sup>U</sup>
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	219 <sup>U</sup>	21380.60 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	219 <sup>U</sup>	21380.60 <sup>U</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,816</b>	<b>5473.07</b>	<b>45,005</b>	<b>4624.70</b>	<b>129,821</b>	<b>5178.96</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons in July-September 2006**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Armed Forces	1,861	1.8	-	-	1,861	1.2
Legislators, senior officials and managers	10,812	10.4	2,280	4.6	13,092	8.5
Professionals	9,941	9.6	7,619	15.3	17,560	11.4
Technicians and associate professionals	13,935	13.4	10,396	20.8	24,331	15.8
Clerks	8,313	8.0	9,912	19.9	18,225	11.9
Service workers and shop and sales workers	14,171	13.6	10,182	20.4	24,353	15.8
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	2,276	2.2	137 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	2,413	1.6
Craft and related trades workers	19,594	18.9	611 <sup>u</sup>	1.2	20,205	13.2
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8,267	8.0	4,589	9.2	12,856	8.4
Elementary occupations	14,639	14.1	4,157	8.3	18,796	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

**Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons in July-September 2005 (Revised)**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Armed Forces	1,376 <sup>u</sup>	1.3	123 <sup>u</sup>	0.3	1,499 <sup>u</sup>	1.0
Legislators, senior officials and managers	10,785	10.5	2,783	5.9	13,568	9.1
Professionals	9,705	9.5	7,105	15.1	16,810	11.2
Technicians and associate professionals	14,810	14.4	7,683	16.3	22,493	15.0
Clerks	6,233	6.1	11,351	24.1	17,584	11.8
Service workers and shop and sales workers	12,630	12.3	9,084	19.3	21,714	14.5
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	1,630 <sup>u</sup>	1.6	164 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	1,794	1.2
Craft and related trades workers	20,671	20.1	317 <sup>u</sup>	0.7	20,988	14.0
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	10,242	10.0	4,135	8.8	14,377	9.6
Elementary occupations	14,526	14.2	4,298	9.1	18,824	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 13. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in July-September 2006**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	1,861	5363.06	-	-	1,861	5363.06
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,797	9387.58	1,407 <sup>U</sup>	7138.61 <sup>U</sup>	8,204	9001.88
Professionals	8,412	7561.05	7,538	6512.95	15,950	7065.72
Technicians and associate professionals	12,791	6226.76	10,165	5414.95	22,956	5867.29
Clerks	8,088	5262.31	9,912	4735.86	18,000	4972.41
Service workers and shop and sales workers	11,446	4384.73	9,162	3925.06	20,608	4180.37
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	592 <sup>U</sup>	4543.93 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	592 <sup>U</sup>	4543.93 <sup>U</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	13,827	4925.89	539 <sup>U</sup>	5191.01 <sup>U</sup>	14,366	4935.84
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	7,269	4823.26	4,589	4540.70	11,858	4713.91
Elementary occupations	14,420	4501.15	4,097	3468.78	18,517	4272.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,503</b>	<b>5620.32</b>	<b>47,409</b>	<b>4955.43</b>	<b>132,912</b>	<b>5383.16</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

**Table 14. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in July-September 2005 (Revised)**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	1,376 <sup>U</sup>	5487.99 <sup>U</sup>	123 <sup>U</sup>	4160.00 <sup>U</sup>	1,499 <sup>U</sup>	5379.03 <sup>U</sup>
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,996	8467.05	2,089	8336.04	9,085	8436.93
Professionals	8,448	7605.95	6,809	6247.51	15,257	6999.69
Technicians and associate professionals	13,672	5824.36	7,490	4990.50	21,162	5529.23
Clerks	5,929	4847.88	11,277	4391.70	17,206	4548.89
Service workers and shop and sales workers	9,808	4632.56	8,530	3333.67	18,338	4028.37
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	645 <sup>U</sup>	4284.20 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	645 <sup>U</sup>	4284.20 <sup>U</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	14,158	4836.30	254 <sup>U</sup>	4259.60 <sup>U</sup>	14,412	4826.14
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	9,424	4755.30	4,135	3998.89	13,559	4524.62
Elementary occupations	14,360	4408.22	4,298	3423.02	18,658	4181.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,816</b>	<b>5473.07</b>	<b>45,005</b>	<b>4624.70</b>	<b>129,821</b>	<b>5178.96</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

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

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Self-employed without employees	12,172	11.7	1,592 <sup>U</sup>	3.2	13,764	8.9
Self-employed with employees	6,134	5.9	882 <sup>U</sup>	1.8	7,016	4.6
Employee	85,503	82.4	47,409	95.0	132,912	86.5
Family worker						
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Self-employed without employees	11,478	11.2	1,136 <sup>U</sup>	2.4	12,614	8.4
Self-employed with employees	6,314	6.1	902 <sup>U</sup>	1.9	7,216	4.8
Employee	84,816	82.7	45,005	95.7	129,821	86.8
Family worker						
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

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Table 16. Type of employment (main occupation)

Type of Employment	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Full-time job	98,145	94.5	39,872	79.9	138,017	89.8
Full-time with reduced hours job	275 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	1,421 <sup>U</sup>	2.9	1,696 <sup>U</sup>	1.1
Part-time job	5,389	5.2	8,590	17.2	13,979	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Full-time job	97,680	95.2	37,119	78.9	134,799	90.1
Full-time with reduced hours job	119 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	1,377 <sup>U</sup>	2.9	1,496 <sup>U</sup>	1.0
Part-time job	4,809	4.7	8,547	18.2	13,356	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

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Table 17. Total employed persons classified by economic sector

Economic Sector	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Private	73,386	70.7	34,568	69.3	107,954	70.2
Public majority	1,878	1.8	892 <sup>U</sup>	1.8	2,770	1.8
Independent statutory bodies	8,512	8.2	2,222	4.4	10,734	7.0
Government departments and ministries	20,033	19.3	12,201	24.5	32,234	21.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,809</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>49,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>153,692</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Private	70,729	69.0	31,546	67.1	102,275	68.3
Public majority	3,929	3.8	1,006 <sup>U</sup>	2.1	4,935	3.3
Independent statutory bodies	9,042	8.8	1,867	4.0	10,909	7.3
Government departments and ministries	18,908	18.4	12,624	26.8	31,532	21.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,608</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,043</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 18. Unemployed persons classified by age group**

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
15-24	2,252	33.5	2,519	57.3	4,771	42.9
25-34	1,052 <sup>u</sup>	15.6	561 <sup>u</sup>	12.7	1,613 <sup>u</sup>	14.5
35-44	1,190 <sup>u</sup>	17.7	549 <sup>u</sup>	12.5	1,739 <sup>u</sup>	15.6
45-54	1,866 <sup>u</sup>	27.7	663 <sup>u</sup>	15.1	2,529	22.7
55-64	370 <sup>u</sup>	5.5	107 <sup>u</sup>	2.4	477 <sup>u</sup>	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	2,671	38.1	2,771	61.7	5,442	47.3
25-34	1,302 <sup>u</sup>	18.6	512 <sup>u</sup>	11.4	1,814	15.8
35-44	1,464 <sup>u</sup>	20.9	526 <sup>u</sup>	11.7	1,990	17.3
45-54	1,339 <sup>u</sup>	19.1	685 <sup>u</sup>	15.2	2,024	17.6
55-64	234 <sup>u</sup>	3.3			234 <sup>u</sup>	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,494</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

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**Table 19. Duration of job search of unemployed persons**

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Men		Women			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>July-September 2006</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,451	36.4	2,106	47.9	4,557	40.9
6 - 11 months	1,120 <sup>u</sup>	16.7	1,072 <sup>u</sup>	24.4	2,192	19.7
12 + months	3,159	46.9	1,221 <sup>u</sup>	27.7	4,380	39.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,129</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2005 (Revised)</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,113	30.2	2,244	50.0	4,357	37.9
6 - 11 months	688 <sup>u</sup>	9.8	743 <sup>u</sup>	16.5	1,431 <sup>u</sup>	12.4
12 + months	4,209	60.0	1,507 <sup>u</sup>	33.5	5,716	49.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,494</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented

Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.

## 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 2006, the weighting procedures are based on 2005 population estimates. Data for 2005 were revised to correct for sample bias arising out of differential non response and non representative probabilities of selection. All data contained within this release refers to persons aged 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.

**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. The confidence limits are obtained based on the assumption that the data follows a normal distribution.

**Sampling Variability of LFS figures**

	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Coefficient of Variation</b>	<b>Confidence Interval</b>
Employment	153,692	1.70	± 5116
Employment Rate (%)	55.5	1.57	± 1.70
Unemployment	11,129	8.29	± 1809
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	8.13	± 1.08
Inactive	160,742	1.38	± 4335
Activity Rate (%)	59.6	1.45	± 1.70

The above table give indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 153,692 and the coefficient of variation is 1.70 per cent. For the period July to September 2006, the 95% confidence interval was ± 5,116 persons. Hence, the figure lies between 148,576 and 158,808 persons.