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## Labour Market



### Labour Force Survey: October-December 2007

*For the fourth quarter 2007, the Labour Force Survey showed that there was a statistically significant change in average employment. Unemployment levels were at the same level in a statistically significant manner when compared to the same period in 2006.*

The Labour Force Survey is an enquiry which is carried out using a random sample of 3,200 private households per quarter. The criteria used for this 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 refers to persons 15 years and over.

#### Labour Status

For the fourth quarter 2007, the Labour Force Survey showed that there was a statistically significant change in average employment, where the total employed reached 155,868 persons. The rise in employment was reflected in the female participation to employment. The level of unemployment remain unchanged, to a total of 10,291 persons, compared to the same period in 2006. The total inactive reached 162,573 persons or 49.5 per cent of all persons aged 15 years and over.

The activity rate stood at 59.4 per cent (Table 3). The activity rate for males was 77.9 per cent whilst that of females stood at 40.5 per cent, leaving an activity gender gap of 37.4 per cent. For the fourth quarter 2007, the employment rate was estimated at 55.7 per cent.

#### The Employed Population

Labour Force Survey results indicate that, the majority of employed persons were between 25 and 34 years.

Table 11 shows that the majority or 16.3 per cent worked as service workers and shop assistants, whilst a further 14.6 per cent worked as technicians and associate professionals. Amongst employed males, the most common occupations were amongst trade-related occupations whilst the majority of females were estimated to be working as service workers and shop assistants.

The rise in employment was reflected in a statistically significant increase in the number of employees. The average gross annual salary of employees was estimated at Lm5,616 per annum, equivalent to 13,085 Euro.

For the fourth quarter 2007, the number of full timers amounted to 138,520 persons. Of these, 71.8 per cent were males and 28.2 per cent were females. A further 9.4 per cent or 14,694 were engaged in part time employment. Of all persons working part time jobs 27.3 per cent were males and 72.7 per cent were females.

#### The Unemployed Population

For the last three months of 2007, the total number of unemployed persons was estimated to be 10,291 persons, which indicates no significant changes during the survey period when compared to 2006 estimates. Out of every 100 persons in the labour force, 6.2 were unemployed. The male unemployment rate stood at 5.8 per cent, whilst the rate for females was 7 per cent.

Among the total number of unemployed in October to December 2007, 47.3 per cent had been looking for a job for less than 6 months, whilst a further 43.1 per cent had been looking for a job for more than a year ■

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**Table 1. Labour status**

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Employed	103,609	64.2	52,259	31.2	155,868	47.4
Unemployed	6,335	3.9	3,956	2.4	10,291	3.1
Inactive	51,402	31.9	111,171	66.4	162,573	49.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,346</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>167,386</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>328,732</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	103,801	65.2	48,729	29.2	152,530	46.8
Unemployed	6,883	4.3	4,071	2.4	10,954	3.3
Inactive	48,613	30.5	114,119	68.4	162,732	49.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,297</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>166,919</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>326,216</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	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Employed	103,609	94.2	52,259	93.0	155,868	93.8
Unemployed	6,335	5.8	3,956	7.0	10,291	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,944</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56,215</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>166,159</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	103,801	93.8	48,729	92.3	152,530	93.3
Unemployed	6,883	6.2	4,071	7.7	10,954	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,684</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,800</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>163,484</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 3. Activity Rates by age groups**

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

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>			
15-24	53.1	51.0	52.1
25-54	93.7	43.1	68.7
55-64	48.6	15.2	31.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	60.2	49.6	54.9
25-54	93.9	40.9	67.6
55-64	46.6	12.1	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.5</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>59.0</b>

**Table 4. Employment Rates by age groups**

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

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>			
15-24	45.6	46.3	46.0
25-54	89.7	40.4	65.3
55-64	47.0	14.3	30.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>55.7</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	49.4	44.8	47.1
25-54	90.2	38.0	64.3
55-64	45.5	11.7	28.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>55.0</b>

**Table 5. Unemployment Rates by age groups**

Unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>			
15-24	14.1	9.2	11.7
25+	4.2	6.2	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	17.9	9.7	14.2
25+	3.8	6.9	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>

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

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
15-24	14,843	14.3	14,325	27.4	29,168	18.7
25-34	25,005	24.1	15,921	30.5	40,926	26.3
35-44	24,287	23.5	10,721	20.5	35,008	22.4
45-54	29,506	28.5	8,064	15.4	37,570	24.1
55-64	9,320	9.0	3,089	5.9	12,409	8.0
65+	648 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	139 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	787 <sup>U</sup>	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	15,482	14.9	13,712	28.1	29,194	19.1
25-34	24,646	23.8	15,228	31.3	39,874	26.1
35-44	26,817	25.8	8,146	16.7	34,963	22.9
45-54	27,241	26.3	9,157	18.8	36,398	23.9
55-64	9,072	8.7	2,486	5.1	11,558	7.6
65+	543 <sup>U</sup>	0.5	-	-	543 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 7. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in October-December 2007**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2,321	2.2	35 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	2,356	1.5
Fishing	312 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	-	-	312 <sup>U</sup>	0.2
Mining and quarrying	419 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	57 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	476 <sup>U</sup>	0.3
Manufacturing	19,347	18.7	6,573	12.6	25,920	16.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,999	2.9	180 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	3,179	2.0
Construction	11,561	11.2	301 <sup>U</sup>	0.6	11,862	7.6
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	16,029	15.5	8,374	16.0	24,403	15.7
Hotels and restaurants	7,679	7.4	5,117	9.8	12,796	8.2
Transport, storage and communication	8,305	8.0	2,551	4.9	10,856	7.0
Financial intermediation	2,944	2.8	3,164	6.1	6,108	3.9
Real estate, renting and business activities	6,694	6.5	5,307	10.1	12,001	7.7
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,950	10.6	3,725	7.1	14,675	9.4
Education	5,107	4.9	7,599	14.5	12,706	8.2
Health and social work	4,758	4.6	5,964	11.4	10,722	6.9
Other community, social and personal service activities	4,041	3.9	3,121	6.0	7,162	4.6
Private households with employed persons	-	-	138 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	138 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	143 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	53 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	196 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 8. Total employed persons classified by economic activity in October-December 2006 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	%
	No	%	No	%		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,771	1.7	197 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	1,968	1.3
Fishing	230 <sup>U</sup>	0.2	-	-	230 <sup>U</sup>	0.2
Mining and quarrying	409 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	127 <sup>U</sup>	0.3	536 <sup>U</sup>	0.4
Manufacturing	19,575	18.9	6,916	14.2	26,491	17.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,863	2.8	66 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	2,929	1.9
Construction	10,992	10.6	382 <sup>U</sup>	0.8	11,374	7.5
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	17,330	16.7	7,790	16.0	25,120	16.5
Hotels and restaurants	7,168	6.9	3,879	8.0	11,047	7.2
Transport, storage and communication	8,972	8.6	2,944	6.0	11,916	7.8
Financial intermediation	4,199	4.1	3,078	6.3	7,277	4.8
Real estate, renting and business activities	6,580	6.3	3,119	6.4	9,699	6.3
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,996	10.6	3,996	8.2	14,992	9.8
Education	4,537	4.4	8,132	16.7	12,669	8.3
Health and social work	4,906	4.7	5,620	11.5	10,526	6.9
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,036	2.9	2,219	4.6	5,255	3.4
Private households with employed persons	-	-	208 <sup>U</sup>	0.4	208 <sup>U</sup>	0.1
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	237 <sup>U</sup>	0.2	56 <sup>U</sup>	0.1	293 <sup>U</sup>	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 9. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in October-December 2007**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	1,058 <sup>U</sup>	5,478.35 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	1,058 <sup>U</sup>	5,478.35 <sup>U</sup>
Fishing	205 <sup>U</sup>	4,957.58 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	205 <sup>U</sup>	4,957.58 <sup>U</sup>
Mining and quarrying	419 <sup>U</sup>	8,281.20 <sup>U</sup>	57 <sup>U</sup>	7,255.00 <sup>U</sup>	476 <sup>U</sup>	8,158.31 <sup>U</sup>
Manufacturing	17,031	5,799.34	6,454	4,616.13	23,485	5,474.18
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,999	6,187.46	180 <sup>U</sup>	5,304.06 <sup>U</sup>	3,179	6,137.44
Construction	7,760	5,156.33	259 <sup>U</sup>	4,339.85 <sup>U</sup>	8,019	5,129.95
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	10,469	5,404.36	7,091	3,911.75	17,560	4,801.62
Hotels and restaurants	6,979	5,320.43	4,991	3,576.20	11,970	4,593.15
Transport, storage and communication	6,746	6,756.71	2,405	4,780.67	9,151	6,237.38
Financial intermediation	2,893	9,384.29	3,164	6,136.59	6,057	7,687.79
Real estate, renting and business activities	4,693	6,878.84	4,790	4,836.96	9,483	5,847.46
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,782	5,991.25	3,725	5,353.05	14,507	5,827.38
Education	5,042	6,916.55	7,599	5,743.05	12,641	6,211.11
Health and social work	4,627	6,615.80	5,780	4,741.49	10,407	5,574.82
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,515	6,281.07	2,053	4,673.92	5,568	5,688.49
Private households with employed persons	-	-	80 <sup>U</sup>	4,247.00 <sup>U</sup>	80 <sup>U</sup>	4,247.00 <sup>U</sup>
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	143 <sup>U</sup>	4,517.48 <sup>U</sup>	53 <sup>U</sup>	13,483.72 <sup>U</sup>	196 <sup>U</sup>	6,942.03 <sup>U</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,361</b>	<b>6,081.79</b>	<b>48,681</b>	<b>4,798.42</b>	<b>134,042</b>	<b>5,615.70</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution

**Table 10. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity in October-December 2006 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	872 <sup>U</sup>	6,062.17 <sup>U</sup>	142 <sup>U</sup>	4,605.63 <sup>U</sup>	1,014 <sup>U</sup>	5,858.19 <sup>U</sup>
Fishing	46 <sup>U</sup>	5,121.00 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	46 <sup>U</sup>	5,121.00 <sup>U</sup>
Mining and quarrying	409 <sup>U</sup>	4,062.58 <sup>U</sup>	127 <sup>U</sup>	4,966.93 <sup>U</sup>	536 <sup>U</sup>	4,276.86 <sup>U</sup>
Manufacturing	18,203	5,581.17	6,768	4,769.22	24,971	5,361.10
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,863	5,605.41	66 <sup>U</sup>	6,305.00 <sup>U</sup>	2,929	5,621.17
Construction	7,397	4,714.64	382 <sup>U</sup>	5,206.01 <sup>U</sup>	7,779	4,738.77
Wholesale and retail trade, repairs	11,061	5,160.18	6,579	3,973.82	17,640	4,717.72
Hotels and restaurants	6,470	5,051.97	3,751	3,693.89	10,221	4,553.57
Transport, storage and communication	8,033	6,334.61	2,845	5,279.40	10,878	6,058.64
Financial intermediation	3,931	8,381.24	3,078	6,519.81	7,009	7,563.79
Real estate, renting and business activities	4,503	6,127.13	2,715	5,145.80	7,218	5,758.01
Public admin and defence; compulsory social security	10,925	5,776.24	3,996	5,268.72	14,921	5,640.32
Education	4,487	6,418.16	8,132	5,663.24	12,619	5,931.67
Health and social work	4,773	6,078.92	5,544	4,875.82	10,317	5,432.42
Other community, social and personal service activities	2,689	5,230.97	1,572 <sup>U</sup>	3,961.12 <sup>U</sup>	4,261	4,762.48
Private households with employed persons	-	-	142 <sup>U</sup>	4,023.14 <sup>U</sup>	142 <sup>U</sup>	4,023.14 <sup>U</sup>
Extra-territorial organizations and bodies	237 <sup>U</sup>	5,158.77 <sup>U</sup>	56 <sup>U</sup>	5,200.00 <sup>U</sup>	293 <sup>U</sup>	5,166.65 <sup>U</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,899</b>	<b>5,720.35</b>	<b>45,895</b>	<b>4,929.82</b>	<b>132,794</b>	<b>5,447.14</b>

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Please note that imputation methods for the average annual salaries have been revised as from 2006, hence estimates for salaries are not comparable on a like with like basis. Further details are provided in the methodological notes.

**Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons in October-December 2007**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed Forces	1,687 <sup>u</sup>	1.6	-	-	1,687 <sup>u</sup>	1.1
Legislators, senior officials and managers	9,488	9.2	2,555	4.9	12,043	7.7
Professionals	10,150	9.8	7,190	13.7	17,340	11.1
Technicians and associate professionals	14,431	13.9	8,240	15.8	22,671	14.6
Clerks	7,625	7.4	11,633	22.2	19,258	12.4
Service workers and shop and sales workers	13,444	13.0	11,959	22.9	25,403	16.3
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	2,060	2.0	35 <sup>u</sup>	0.1	2,095	1.3
Craft and related trades workers	21,046	20.3	530 <sup>u</sup>	1.0	21,576	13.8
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	9,799	9.4	4,327	8.3	14,126	9.1
Elementary occupations	13,879	13.4	5,790	11.1	19,669	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons in October-December 2006 (Revised)**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Armed Forces	2,251	2.2	-	-	2,251	1.5
Legislators, senior officials and managers	10,624	10.2	1,816	3.7	12,440	8.2
Professionals	9,138	8.8	8,442	17.3	17,580	11.5
Technicians and associate professionals	15,193	14.6	8,928	18.3	24,121	15.8
Clerks	8,731	8.4	10,078	20.7	18,809	12.3
Service workers and shop and sales workers	14,208	13.7	9,598	19.7	23,806	15.6
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	1,935	1.9	121 <sup>u</sup>	0.2	2,056	1.3
Craft and related trades workers	19,125	18.4	174 <sup>u</sup>	0.4	19,299	12.7
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8,936	8.6	4,331	8.9	13,267	8.7
Elementary occupations	13,660	13.2	5,241	10.8	18,901	12.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 13. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in October-December 2007**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	1,687 <sup>U</sup>	5,402.12 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	1,687 <sup>U</sup>	5,402.12 <sup>U</sup>
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,303	9,607.90	2,055	7,630.85	8,358	9,121.80
Professionals	9,287	8,406.63	6,814	6,758.28	16,101	7,709.04
Technicians and associate professionals	12,536	6,555.73	7,927	5,537.10	20,463	6,161.13
Clerks	7,563	5,697.04	11,424	4,675.86	18,987	5,082.62
Service workers and shop and sales workers	10,426	5,042.95	10,041	3,514.26	20,467	4,292.98
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	747 <sup>U</sup>	5,032.05 <sup>U</sup>	-	-	747 <sup>U</sup>	5,032.05 <sup>U</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	15,066	5,339.49	396 <sup>U</sup>	3,235.00 <sup>U</sup>	15,462	5,285.59
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8,475	5,566.71	4,327	4,519.22	12,802	5,212.66
Elementary occupations	13,271	4,685.01	5,697	3,234.59	18,968	4,249.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,361</b>	<b>6,081.79</b>	<b>48,681</b>	<b>4,798.42</b>	<b>134,042</b>	<b>5,615.70</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution

**Table 14. Average gross annual salary for employees by main occupation in October-December 2006 (Revised)**

Occupation	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No	Average Lm
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm		
Armed Forces	2,251	5,197.16	-	-	2,251	5,197.16
Legislators, senior officials and managers	6,596	9,860.89	1,395 <sup>U</sup>	7,766.99 <sup>U</sup>	7,991	9,495.36
Professionals	7,778	7,534.03	8,286	6,676.14	16,064	7,091.52
Technicians and associate professionals	14,178	6,044.58	8,554	5,010.63	22,732	5,655.51
Clerks	8,502	5,295.62	10,022	4,744.61	18,524	4,997.51
Service workers and shop and sales workers	10,934	4,900.78	7,989	3,801.92	18,923	4,436.86
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	636 <sup>U</sup>	5,290.78 <sup>U</sup>	66 <sup>U</sup>	3,000.00 <sup>U</sup>	702 <sup>U</sup>	5,075.41 <sup>U</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	14,694	5,062.96	174 <sup>U</sup>	5,293.14 <sup>U</sup>	14,868	5,065.65
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	8,067	4,926.02	4,331	4,658.24	12,398	4,832.48
Elementary occupations	13,263	4,519.74	5,078	3,549.03	18,341	4,250.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,899</b>	<b>5,720.35</b>	<b>45,895</b>	<b>4,929.82</b>	<b>132,794</b>	<b>5,447.14</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution.

Please note that imputation methods for the average annual salaries have been revised as from 2006, hence estimates for salaries are not comparable on a like with like basis. Further details are provided in the methodological notes.

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

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Self-employed without employees	11,752	11.3	2,807	5.4	14,559	9.3
Self-employed with employees	6,496	6.3	771 <sup>u</sup>	1.5	7,267	4.7
Employee	85,361	82.4	48,681	93.1	134,042	86.0
Family worker	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Self-employed without employees	11,446	11.0	2,447	5.0	13,893	9.1
Self-employed with employees	5,456	5.3	387 <sup>u</sup>	0.8	5,843	3.8
Employee	86,899	83.7	45,895	94.2	132,794	87.1
Family worker	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution. Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.

**Table 16. Type of employment for main occupation**

Type of Employment	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Full-time job	99,473	96.0	39,047	74.7	138,520	88.9
Full-time with reduced hours job	130 <sup>u</sup>	0.1	2,524	4.8	2,654	1.7
Part-time job	4,006	3.9	10,688	20.5	14,694	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Full-time job	99,064	95.4	37,588	77.1	136,652	89.6
Full-time with reduced hours job	220 <sup>u</sup>	0.2	1,729	3.6	1,949	1.3
Part-time job	4,517	4.4	9,412	19.3	13,929	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution. Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.

**Table 17. Total employed persons classified by economic sector**

Economic Sector	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Private	72,413	69.9	37,783	72.3	110,196	70.7
Public majority	1,807	1.8	406 <sup>u</sup>	0.8	2,213	1.4
Independent statutory bodies	9,445	9.1	2,465	4.7	11,910	7.6
Government departments and ministries	19,944	19.2	11,605	22.2	31,549	20.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,609</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,868</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Private	72,689	70.0	34,620	71.0	107,309	70.3
Public majority	3,237	3.1	826 <sup>u</sup>	1.7	4,063	2.7
Independent statutory bodies	7,733	7.5	2,319	4.8	10,052	6.6
Government departments and ministries	20,142	19.4	10,964	22.5	31,106	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>48,729</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>152,530</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution. Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.



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

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
15-24	2,427	38.3	1,443 <sup>U</sup>	36.5	3,870	37.6
25-34	1,107 <sup>U</sup>	17.5	825 <sup>U</sup>	20.9	1,932	18.8
35-44	1,128 <sup>U</sup>	17.8	885 <sup>U</sup>	22.3	2,013	19.6
45-54	1,352 <sup>U</sup>	21.3	626 <sup>U</sup>	15.8	1,978	19.2
55-64	321 <sup>U</sup>	5.1	177 <sup>U</sup>	4.5	498 <sup>U</sup>	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	3,374	49.0	1,477 <sup>U</sup>	36.3	4,851	44.3
25-34	919 <sup>U</sup>	13.3	816 <sup>U</sup>	20.0	1,735 <sup>U</sup>	15.8
35-44	768 <sup>U</sup>	11.2	744 <sup>U</sup>	18.3	1,512 <sup>U</sup>	13.8
45-54	1,591 <sup>U</sup>	23.1	934 <sup>U</sup>	22.9	2,525	23.1
55-64	231 <sup>U</sup>	3.4	100 <sup>U</sup>	2.5	331 <sup>U</sup>	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,954</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution. Absolute changes between one survey and another, smaller than 1,800, may be due to sampling error.

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

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
<b>October-December 2007</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,415	38.1	2,455	62.0	4,870	47.3
6 - 11 months	602 <sup>U</sup>	9.5	382 <sup>U</sup>	9.7	984 <sup>U</sup>	9.6
12 + months	3,318	52.4	1,119 <sup>U</sup>	28.3	4,437	43.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,335</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>October-December 2006 (Revised)</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,619	38.1	1,921	47.2	4,540	41.5
6 - 11 months	841 <sup>U</sup>	12.2	1,100 <sup>U</sup>	27.0	1,941	17.7
12 + months	3,423	49.7	1,050 <sup>U</sup>	25.8	4,473	40.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,883</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,954</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>U</sup> - under-represented due to small sample size. Please note that these data must be interpreted with caution. 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 3,200 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 2007, the weighting procedures are based on 2006 population estimates. 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 on maternity or parental leave, did not work due to slack work for technical or economic reasons, were absent from work for a period of less than 3 months, or were not working because on layoff and receiving at least 50 per cent of the salary/wage.

**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.

**GROSS ANNUAL SALARY:** Refers to the gross annual basic salary received by employees, i.e. excludes payments for overtime, allowances and bonuses. Between 2004 and 2005, means within classes were used for imputation methods based on occupational category, economic activity and type of employment. As from 2006, the same method for imputation is used, however it is based on occupational category, type of employment and gender.

**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 **without work** **actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks**, e.g. includes contacting the ETC, applied directly with an **currently available for work** – available to start work within 2 weeks of the reference week.

**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 give 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	155,868	1.46	± 4,134
Employment Rate (%)	55.7	1.34	± 1.47
Unemployment	10,291	7.61	± 1,376
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	7.48	± 0.89
Inactive	162,674	1.21	± 4,157
Activity Rate (%)	59.3	1.26	± 1.46

The above table give indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 155,868 and the coefficient of variation is 1.46 per cent. Hence, the figure lies between 151,734 and 160,002 persons.