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During the second quarter of 2014, Labour Force Survey estimates indicate an increase of 1.2 per cent in employment when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2013.

## Labour Force Survey: Q2/2014

### Labour Status

Labour Force Survey estimates indicate that, during the second quarter, total employment stood at 176,969 accounting for almost half the population aged 15 and over. Unemployed persons stood at 10,924 (3.1 per cent) while inactive persons totalled 167,794 (47.2 per cent) (Table 1).

The activity rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 65.4 per cent. When compared to the previous year, the activity rate among men decreased by 0.3 percentage points while the activity rate among women increased by 1.3 percentage points. The highest activity rate was recorded among persons aged 25-54 (78.8 per cent) (Table 3).

### The Employed Population

On average, out of every 100 persons aged 15 to 64, 62 were employed. This rate increased by 1.0 percentage point when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2013. The highest employment rate was recorded among persons aged between 25 and 54 and stood at 75.1 per cent (Table 4).

Employed men were mostly engaged in wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities (31.2 per cent). On the other hand, at 37.6 per cent, employed women were mostly engaged in Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities (Table 7).

Self-employed persons accounted for 14.0 per cent of the total employed population (Table 15). The majority of employed persons worked on a full-time basis and totalled 149,111. An estimated 24,127 (13.6 per cent) had a part-time job as their primary employment. A further 3,731 were working on a full-time with reduced hours basis (Table 16).

The average annual basic salary of employees for the second quarter of 2014 was estimated at €16,192. This amount refers to the annual basic salary and excludes extra payments such as overtime, bonuses and allowances, as explained in the methodological notes. The highest average annual basic salary for employees was recorded in financial and insurance activities (Table 9). Average annual salaries varied from €25,974 among managers to €11,732 among elementary staff (Table 13).

### The Unemployed Population

Survey results estimate that the unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2014, stood at 5.8 per cent (Table 5). The largest share of unemployed persons was recorded among persons aged 25 and over (Table 17). Among the unemployed, 48.9 per cent stated that they had been seeking work for at least 12 months (Table 18) ■

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**Table 1. Persons aged 15 and over by labour status and sex**

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
Employed	109,641	61.9	67,328	37.7	176,969	49.7
Unemployed	6,961	4.0	3,963	2.2	10,924	3.1
Inactive	60,384	34.1	107,410	60.1	167,794	47.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,986</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>178,701</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>355,687</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	109,336	62.4	65,507	37.0	174,843	49.6
Unemployed	7,817	4.5	4,535	2.5	12,352	3.5
Inactive	57,895	33.1	107,191	60.5	165,086	46.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,048</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,233</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>352,281</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 2. Labour force distribution by sex**

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
Employed	109,641	94.0	67,328	94.4	176,969	94.2
Unemployed	6,961	6.0	3,963	5.6	10,924	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,291</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>187,893</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	109,336	93.3	65,507	93.5	174,843	93.4
Unemployed	7,817	6.7	4,535	6.5	12,352	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,153</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>70,042</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>187,195</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3. Activity rates by age group and sex**

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>			
15-24	52.2	48.9	50.6
25-54	94.8	62.3	78.8
55-64	59.1	20.6	39.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>65.4</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	56.8	48.0	52.5
25-54	95.3	60.9	78.4
55-64	55.7	19.4	37.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>49.7</b>	<b>64.9</b>

Table 4. Employment rates by age group and sex

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>			
15-24	45.7	42.2	44.0
25-54	89.8	59.8	75.1
55-64	56.1	19.9	37.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.6</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>61.6</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	46.1	42.4	44.3
25-54	90.6	57.7	74.4
55-64	53.5	18.0	35.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>

Table 5. Unemployment rates by age group and sex

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>			
15-24	12.4 <sup>u</sup>	13.6 <sup>u</sup>	13.0
25+	5.1	3.8 <sup>u</sup>	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	19.0 <sup>u</sup>	11.7 <sup>u</sup>	15.7
25+	4.7	5.3 <sup>u</sup>	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>

Table 6. Distribution of employed persons by age group and sex

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
15-24	12,392	11.3	10,770	16.0	23,162	13.1
25-34	27,974	25.5	21,077	31.3	49,051	27.7
35-44	26,596	24.3	17,452	25.9	44,048	24.9
45-54	23,512	21.5	11,794	17.5	35,306	20.0
55-64	16,383	14.9	5,840	8.7	22,223	12.5
65+	2,784 <sup>u</sup>	2.5 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	3,179 <sup>u</sup>	1.8 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	12,954	11.8	11,252	17.2	24,206	13.9
25-34	27,835	25.5	20,677	31.6	48,512	27.7
35-44	25,818	23.6	15,601	23.8	41,419	23.7
45-54	24,760	22.6	12,113	18.5	36,873	21.1
55-64	15,719	14.4	5,325	8.1	21,044	12.0
65+	2,250 <sup>u</sup>	2.1 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,789 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>174,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>‡</sup> unreliable - less than 20 sample observations

<sup>u</sup> under-represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations

**Table 7. Distribution of employed persons by economic activity and sex: April-June 2014**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,609 <sup>u</sup>	1.5 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,804 <sup>u</sup>	1.0 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	21,051	19.2	6,199	9.2	27,250	15.4
Construction	10,263	9.4	:	:	11,131	6.3
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	34,229	31.2	16,969	25.2	51,198	28.9
Information and communication	4,876	4.4	2,041 <sup>u</sup>	3.0 <sup>u</sup>	6,917	3.9
Financial and insurance activities	2,989 <sup>u</sup>	2.7 <sup>u</sup>	4,462	6.6	7,451	4.2
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	8,018	7.3	6,659	9.9	14,677	8.3
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	20,643	18.8	25,283	37.6	45,926	26.0
Other services	5,193	4.7	4,212	6.3	9,405	5.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 8. Distribution of employed persons by economic activity and sex: April-June 2013 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,255 <sup>u</sup>	2.1 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,327 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	18,867	17.3	6,633	10.1	25,500	14.6
Construction	11,056	10.1	:	:	11,811	6.8
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	35,757	32.7	16,346	25.0	52,103	29.8
Information and communication	4,754	4.3	1589 <sup>u</sup>	2.4 <sup>u</sup>	6,343	3.6
Financial and insurance activities	3,169 <sup>u</sup>	2.9 <sup>u</sup>	4,278	6.5	7,447	4.3
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	8,595	7.9	5,979	9.1	14,574	8.3
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	19,626	18.0	25,466	38.9	45,092	25.8
Other services	4,753	4.3	4,093	6.2	8,846	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>174,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>i</sup> unreliable - less than 20 sample observations

<sup>u</sup> under-represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations

**Table 9. Average annual basic salary\* for employees by economic activity and sex: April-June 2014**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	18,485	16,573	6,141	13,548	24,626	15,819
Construction	6,575	16,013	:	:	7,443	15,799
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	26,127	15,311	15,300	11,021	41,427	13,727
Information and communication	4,131	21,772	2,041 <sup>u</sup>	13,570 <sup>u</sup>	6,172	19,060
Financial and insurance activities	2,824 <sup>u</sup>	25,284 <sup>u</sup>	4,402	19,354	7,226	21,671
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	6,901	20,033	5,792	14,906	12,693	17,694
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	19,997	18,824	25,036	15,720	45,033	17,098
Other services	4,007	18,724	2,413 <sup>u</sup>	12,494 <sup>u</sup>	6,420	16,382
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,847</b>	<b>17,506</b>	<b>62,411</b>	<b>14,301</b>	<b>152,258</b>	<b>16,192</b>

**Table 10. Average annual basic salary\* for employees by economic activity and sex: April-June 2013 (Revised)**

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	16,974	16,428	6,568	12,945	23,542	15,457
Construction	7,213	15,355	:	:	7,911	15,102
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	26,732	14,872	15,392	10,159	42,124	13,150
Information and communication	3,855	21,790	1,543 <sup>u</sup>	13,436 <sup>u</sup>	5,398	19,402
Financial and insurance activities	2,992 <sup>u</sup>	26,865 <sup>u</sup>	4,278	18,740	7,270	22,084
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	6,759	20,188	5,200	14,985	11,959	17,926
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	19,131	18,209	24,864	15,210	43,995	16,514
Other services	3,589	17,315	2,664 <sup>u</sup>	12,695 <sup>u</sup>	6,253	15,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,030</b>	<b>17,149</b>	<b>61,397</b>	<b>13,719</b>	<b>149,427</b>	<b>15,740</b>

\* Amount given is prior to tax and social contribution deductions

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**Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons and sex: April-June 2014**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
Armed Forces	1,499 <sup>u</sup>	1.4 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,591 <sup>u</sup>	0.9 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	12,274	11.2	4,345	6.5	16,619	9.4
Professionals	15,600	14.2	13,603	20.2	29,203	16.5
Technicians and associate professionals	16,221	14.8	9,493	14.1	25,714	14.5
Clerical support workers	7,701	7.0	11,465	17.0	19,166	10.8
Service and sales workers	15,895	14.5	19,773	29.4	35,668	20.2
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,498 <sup>u</sup>	1.4 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,636 <sup>u</sup>	0.9 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	18,291	16.7	:	:	19,104	10.8
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	9,659	8.8	2,861 <sup>u</sup>	4.2 <sup>u</sup>	12,520	7.1
Elementary occupations	11,003	10.0	4,745	7.0	15,748	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons and sex: April-June 2013 (Revised)**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
Armed Forces	1,734 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,812 <sup>u</sup>	1.0 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	12,197	11.1	4,542	6.9	16,739	9.6
Professionals	16,573	15.2	13,518	20.6	30,091	17.2
Technicians and associate professionals	15,196	13.9	9,579	14.6	24,775	14.2
Clerical support workers	5,868	5.4	12,375	18.9	18,243	10.4
Service and sales workers	17,250	15.8	17,026	26.0	34,276	19.6
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	2,184 <sup>u</sup>	2.0 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,252 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	17,652	16.1	:	:	18,361	10.5
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	9,438	8.6	2,402 <sup>u</sup>	3.7 <sup>u</sup>	11,840	6.8
Elementary occupations	11,244	10.3	5,210	8.0	16,454	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>174,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

: unreliable - less than 20 sample observations

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**Table 13. Average annual basic salary\* for employees by main occupation and sex: April-June 2014**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,499 <sup>u</sup>	15,691 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,591 <sup>u</sup>	15,687 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	9,503	27,618	3,898	21,965	13,401	25,974
Professionals	13,639	22,611	12,730	18,769	26,369	20,756
Technicians and associate professionals	13,867	17,931	9,086	16,018	22,953	17,174
Clerical support workers	7,649	14,561	11,370	13,477	19,019	13,913
Service and sales workers	12,072	14,491	16,904	10,465	28,976	12,143
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	12,918	14,589	:	:	13,621	14,499
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	7,886	14,553	2,861 <sup>u</sup>	13,676 <sup>u</sup>	10,747	14,319
Elementary occupations	10,358	13,021	4,690	8,884	15,048	11,732
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,847</b>	<b>17,506</b>	<b>62,411</b>	<b>14,301</b>	<b>152,258</b>	<b>16,192</b>

**Table 14. Average annual basic salary\* for employees by main occupation and sex: April-June 2013 (Revised)**

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,734 <sup>u</sup>	16,288 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,812 <sup>u</sup>	16,251 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	8,823	27,723	3,996	21,794	12,819	25,875
Professionals	14,025	22,968	12,703	18,844	26,728	21,008
Technicians and associate professionals	13,537	18,120	9,030	15,126	22,567	16,922
Clerical support workers	5,751	14,382	12,263	12,704	18,014	13,240
Service and sales workers	13,608	13,326	15,286	9,734	28,894	11,426
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	11,769	14,945	:	:	12,413	14,728
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	7,545	13,452	2,402 <sup>u</sup>	12,045 <sup>u</sup>	9,947	13,112
Elementary occupations	10,641	11,281	4,927	7,449	15,568	10,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,030</b>	<b>17,149</b>	<b>61,397</b>	<b>13,719</b>	<b>149,427</b>	<b>15,740</b>

\* Amount given is prior to tax and social contribution deductions

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**Table 15. Distribution of employed persons by professional status of main occupation and sex**

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
Self-employed without employees	13,302	12.1	3,668	5.4	16,970	9.6
Self-employed with employees	6,492	5.9	:	:	7,741	4.4
Employee	89,847	82.0	62,411	92.7	152,258	86.0
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Self-employed without employees	13,749	12.6	3,215	4.9	16,964	9.7
Self-employed with employees	7,557	6.9	:	:	8,452	4.8
Employee	88,030	80.5	61,397	93.7	149,427	85.5
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>174,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 16. Distribution of employed persons by type of employment in main occupation and sex**

Type of Employment	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
Full-time job	100,838	92.0	48,273	71.7	149,111	84.3
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	3,013 <sup>u</sup>	4.5 <sup>u</sup>	3,731	2.1
Part-time job	8,085	7.4	16,042	23.8	24,127	13.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,641</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,328</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>176,969</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Full-time job	100,834	92.2	47,062	71.8	147,896	84.6
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	4,833	7.4	5,558	3.2
Part-time job	7,777	7.1	13,612	20.8	21,389	12.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65,507</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>174,843</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 17. Distribution of unemployed persons by age and sex

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
15-24	1,756 <sup>u</sup>	25.2 <sup>u</sup>	1,700 <sup>u</sup>	42.9 <sup>u</sup>	3,456	31.6
25+	5,205	74.8	2,263 <sup>u</sup>	57.1 <sup>u</sup>	7,468	68.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,961</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	3,031 <sup>u</sup>	38.8 <sup>u</sup>	1,486 <sup>u</sup>	32.8 <sup>u</sup>	4,517	36.6
25+	4,786	61.2	3,049 <sup>u</sup>	67.2 <sup>u</sup>	7,835	63.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,817</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,352</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 18. Duration of job search of unemployed persons and sex

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2014</b>						
Less than 5 months	1,638 <sup>u</sup>	23.5 <sup>u</sup>	1,829 <sup>u</sup>	46.2 <sup>u</sup>	3,467	31.7
6-11 months	:	:	:	:	2,121 <sup>u</sup>	19.4 <sup>u</sup>
12+ months	4,172	59.9	:	:	5,336	48.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,961</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,963</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,924</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,306 <sup>u</sup>	29.5 <sup>u</sup>	2,515 <sup>u</sup>	55.5 <sup>u</sup>	4,821	39.0
6-11 months	1,693 <sup>u</sup>	21.7 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,446 <sup>u</sup>	19.8 <sup>u</sup>
12+ months	3,818	48.8	:	:	5,085	41.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,817</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,352</b>	<b>100.0</b>

⋮ unreliable - less than 20 sample observations

<sup>u</sup> under-represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations

## Methodological Notes

The Labour Force Survey is carried out on an ongoing basis using a quarterly sample of 3,200 private households. 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. One-fourth of the sample is made up of households who have been selected to participate in the Labour Force Survey for the first time. Three-fourths of the quarterly sample is made up of households who were selected to participate in the survey in previous instances, either one quarter before, or one year before, or one year and a quarter (2-(2)-2). The criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by ILO as outlined below.

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 - 08 classification (International Standard Classification of Occupations) whereas the economic activity is classified according to NACE Rev. 2 (Nomenclature générale des Activités économiques dans les Communautés Européennes).

Figures provided in this release refer to persons living in private households. Data from 2005 onwards have been revised to align LFS estimates with demographic updates following the publication of results of the Census of Population and Housing 2011.

### Revision to Population Estimates

All data contained in this release refer to persons aged 15 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 (i.e. less than 1,800 persons) might be the result of sampling error.

**ACTIVITY RATE:** Labour force (15-64) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).

**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 aged 15 and over 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:** covers persons who run 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.

**EMPLOYMENT RATE:** Persons in employment (15-64) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).

**ANNUAL BASIC SALARY:** Refers to the annual basic salary received by employees before any social contributions and tax deductions. This amount excludes payments or overtime, allowances and bonuses.

**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.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:** Unemployed persons as a percentage of the labour force.

### Sampling Variability

The data in this release are based on statistical samples, and as such, estimates carry a margin of error. The margin of error expresses the maximum expected difference between the true population parameter and a sample estimate of that parameter. The margin of error also known as the sampling variability gives an indication of the confidence limits. The 95% confidence limits are obtained based on the assumption that the data follows a normal distribution.

**Sampling Variability of LFS figures**

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% Confidence Interval
Employment	176969	4948	176,969 ± 4948
Employment Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	61.57	1.56	61.57 ± 1.56
<i>Males</i>	74.58	2.06	74.58 ± 2.06
<i>Females</i>	48.15	2.28	48.15 ± 2.28
15-24	44.01	3.66	44.01 ± 3.66
25-54	75.07	1.73	75.07 ± 1.73
55-64	37.92	2.93	37.92 ± 2.93
Unemployment	10924	1668	10,924 ± 1,668
Unemployment Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	5.81	0.87	5.81 ± 0.87
<i>Males</i>	5.97	1.12	5.97 ± 1.12
<i>Females</i>	5.56	1.48	5.56 ± 1.48
15-24	12.98	3.51	12.98 ± 3.51
25+	4.63	0.86	4.63 ± 0.86
Inactive	167794	4654	167,794 ± 4,654
Activity Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	65.44	1.49	65.44 ± 1.49
<i>Males</i>	79.44	2.01	79.44 ± 2.01
<i>Females</i>	51.00	2.28	51.00 ± 2.28
15-24	50.57	3.63	50.57 ± 3.63
25-54	78.80	1.59	78.80 ± 1.59
55-64	39.77	2.93	39.77 ± 2.93

The above table give indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 176969 and the margin of error is 4,948. Hence, the figure lies between 172,021 and 181,917 persons.

### Information

More information is available from the NSO upon written request.