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During the third quarter of 2014, Labour Force Survey estimates indicate an increase of 2.1 percentage points in the employment rate when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2013.

## Labour Force Survey: Q3/2014

### Labour Status

Labour Force Survey estimates indicate that, during the third quarter, total employment stood at 184,355 accounting for 51.6 per cent of the population aged 15 and over. Unemployed persons stood at 11,440 (3.2 per cent) while inactive persons totalled 161,663 (45.2 per cent) (Table 1).

The activity rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 67.5 per cent. When compared to the previous year, the activity rate among men increased by 0.6 percentage points and the activity rate among women increased by 2.9 percentage points. The highest activity rate was recorded among persons aged 25-54 (80.0 per cent) (Table 3).

### The Employed Population

On average, out of every 100 persons aged 15 to 64, 64 were employed. This rate increased by 2.1 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2013. The highest employment rate was recorded among persons aged between 25 and 54 and stood at 76.4 per cent (Table 4).

Employed men were mostly engaged in wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities (30.8 per cent). On the other hand, at 36.4 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 13.9 per cent of the total employed population (Table 15). The majority of employed persons worked on a full-time basis and totalled 151,322. An estimated 26,393 (14.3 per cent) had a part-time job as their primary employment. A further 6,640 were working on full-time with reduced hours basis (Table 16).

The average annual basic salary of employees for the third quarter of 2014 was estimated at €16,082. 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 €26,552 among managers to €10,676 among elementary staff (Table 13).

### The Unemployed Population

Survey results estimate that the unemployment rate for the third 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, 47.0 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 sex and labour status

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
Employed	112,592	63.1	71,763	40.0	184,355	51.6
Unemployed	7,229	4.1	4,211	2.4	11,440	3.2
Inactive	58,542	32.8	103,121	57.6	161,663	45.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,363</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>179,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>357,458</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	110,723	62.9	67,220	37.8	177,943	50.3
Unemployed	7,573	4.3	4,776	2.7	12,349	3.5
Inactive	57,852	32.8	105,795	59.5	163,647	46.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,148</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,791</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>353,939</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 2. Labour force distribution by sex

Labour Status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
Employed	112,592	94.0	71,763	94.5	184,355	94.2
Unemployed	7,229	6.0	4,211	5.5	11,440	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,821</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75,974</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>195,795</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Employed	110,723	93.6	67,220	93.4	177,943	93.5
Unemployed	7,573	6.4	4,776	6.6	12,349	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,296</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,996</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>190,292</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 3. Activity status by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>			
15-24	56.1	53.6	54.9
25-54	94.7	64.8	80.0
55-64	60.9	24.1	42.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>67.5</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	60.0	54.2	57.2
25-54	93.3	60.8	77.3
55-64	58.5	21.1	39.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.8</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>65.7</b>

Table 4. Employment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>			
15-24	48.7	48.0	48.4
25-54	90.5	61.7	76.4
55-64	55.7	23.3	39.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>63.5</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	51.8	47.6	49.8
25-54	88.8	57.5	73.4
55-64	54.0	20.1	37.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>61.4</b>

Table 5. Unemployment rates by sex and age group

Age group	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
	%	%	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>			
15-24	13.2 <sup>u</sup>	10.4 <sup>u</sup>	11.9
25+	5.0	4.5 <sup>u</sup>	4.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>			
15-24	13.7 <sup>u</sup>	12.2 <sup>u</sup>	13.0
25+	5.2	5.2 <sup>u</sup>	5.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.5</b>

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

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
15-24	13,550	12.1	12,461	17.4	26,011	14.1
25-34	28,759	25.5	21,681	30.2	50,440	27.4
35-44	26,993	24.0	17,706	24.7	44,699	24.2
45-54	23,802	21.1	12,672	17.7	36,474	19.8
55-64	16,357	14.5	6,875	9.6	23,232	12.6
65+	3,131	2.8	:	:	3,499	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>184,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	14,592	13.2	12,609	18.8	27,201	15.3
25-34	27,774	25.1	21,083	31.4	48,857	27.4
35-44	25,722	23.2	15,522	23.1	41,244	23.2
45-54	23,804	21.5	11,719	17.4	35,523	20.0
55-64	15,887	14.3	5,943	8.8	21,830	12.3
65+	2,944	2.7	:	:	3,288	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,187 <sup>u</sup>	1.9 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,371 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	20,065	17.8	6,399	8.9	26,464	14.4
Construction	9,485	8.4	:	:	10,535	5.7
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	34,674	30.8	18,893	26.3	53,567	29.1
Information and communication	4,665	4.1	2,376 <sup>u</sup>	3.3 <sup>u</sup>	7,041	3.8
Financial and insurance activities	3,944	3.5	3,947	5.5	7,891	4.3
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	8,800	7.8	6,533	9.1	15,333	8.3
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	23,374	20.8	26,104	36.4	49,478	26.8
Other services	4,714	4.2	5,797	8.1	10,511	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>184,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,129 <sup>u</sup>	1.92 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,456 <sup>u</sup>	1.4 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	20,609	18.6	7,094	10.6	27,703	15.6
Construction	10,135	9.2	:	:	10,782	6.1
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	35,666	32.2	16,490	24.5	52,156	29.3
Information and communication	4,498	4.1	2,182 <sup>u</sup>	3.2 <sup>u</sup>	6,680	3.8
Financial and insurance activities	3,372	3.0	4,339	6.5	7,711	4.3
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	7,205	6.5	5,362	8.0	12,567	7.1
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	22,443	20.3	25,412	37.8	47,855	26.9
Other services	3,851	3.5	5,043	7.5	8,894	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No. of employees	Average Euro
	No. of employees	Average Euro	No. Of employees	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	1,355 <sup>u</sup>	13,630 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	17,870	15,999	6,241	15,067	24,111	15,758
Construction	6,501	15,182	:	:	7,485	15,297
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	25,775	14,867	17,332 <sup>u</sup>	11,668 <sup>u</sup>	43,107	13,581
Information and communication	4,097	21,817	2,147 <sup>u</sup>	12,382 <sup>u</sup>	6,244	18,573
Financial and insurance activities	3,789	26,350	3,947	20,699	7,736	23,467
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	6,745	17,804	5,629	15,099	12,374	16,574
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	22,992	18,952	25,928	15,606	48,920	17,179
Other services	3,248 <sup>u</sup>	18,929	3,776	11,623	7,024	15,002
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,307</b>	<b>17,269</b>	<b>66,489</b>	<b>14,434</b>	<b>158,796</b>	<b>16,082</b>

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

Economic Activity	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No. of employees	Average Euro
	No. of employees	Average Euro	No. Of employees	Average Euro		
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	18,760	16,026	7,094	14,123	25,854	15,504
Construction	6,028	14,721	:	:	6,675	14,650
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	27,238	14,237	15,284	11,182	42,522	13,139
Information and communication	4,166	19,510	1,990 <sup>u</sup>	16,035 <sup>u</sup>	6,156	18,387
Financial and insurance activities	3,263 <sup>u</sup>	25,605 <sup>u</sup>	4,339	19,801	7,602	22,292
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	5,029	19,810	4,886	13,561	9,915	16,730
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	21,785	18,053	25,058	15,449	46,843	16,660
Other services	2,836 <sup>u</sup>	21,128 <sup>u</sup>	3,416	13,131	6,252	16,759
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,101</b>	<b>16,741</b>	<b>63,169</b>	<b>14,271</b>	<b>153,270</b>	<b>15,723</b>

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

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Table 11. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: July-September 2014

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	1,756 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,878 <sup>u</sup>	1.0 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	12,842	11.4	4,181	5.8	17,023	9.2
Professionals	14,288	12.7	14,718	20.5	29,006	15.7
Technicians and associate professionals	16,766	14.9	9,902	13.8	26,668	14.5
Clerical support workers	8,679	7.7	12,118	16.9	20,797	11.3
Service and sales workers	18,859	16.7	21,238	29.6	40,097	21.8
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,449 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,501 <sup>u</sup>	0.8 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	16,599	14.7	:	:	17,579	9.5
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,407	7.5	2,817 <sup>u</sup>	3.9 <sup>u</sup>	11,224	6.1
Elementary occupations	12,947	11.5	5,635	7.9	18,582	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>184,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: July-September 2013 (Revised)

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	1,926 <sup>u</sup>	1.7 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,006 <sup>u</sup>	1.1 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	12,201	11.0	4,798	7.1	16,999	9.5
Professionals	14,675	13.3	13,068	19.4	27,743	15.6
Technicians and associate professionals	16,360	14.8	10,199	15.2	26,559	14.9
Clerical support workers	6,801	6.1	12,442	18.5	19,243	10.8
Service and sales workers	17,281	15.6	18,470	27.5	35,751	20.1
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,733 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,908 <sup>u</sup>	1.1 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	17,788	16.1	:	:	18,858	10.6
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	9,896	8.9	2,326 <sup>u</sup>	3.5 <sup>u</sup>	12,222	6.9
Elementary occupations	12,062	10.9	4,592	6.8	16,654	9.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,756 <sup>u</sup>	16,388 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,878 <sup>u</sup>	16,429 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	9,368	27,000	3,769	25,438	13,137	26,552
Professionals	12,534	24,130	13,812	19,366	26,346	21,632
Technicians and associate professionals	14,500	18,855	9,401	16,683	23,901	18,001
Clerical support workers	8,465	14,630	12,118	12,766	20,583	13,532
Service and sales workers	14,033	13,951	18,293	10,361	32,326	11,919
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	11,586	14,585	:	:	12,381	14,491
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	7,195	13,527	2,817 <sup>u</sup>	13,198 <sup>u</sup>	10,012	13,434
Elementary occupations	12,220	11,630	5,362	8,502	17,582	10,676
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,307</b>	<b>17,269</b>	<b>66,489</b>	<b>14,434</b>	<b>158,796</b>	<b>16,082</b>

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

Occupational Group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females		No.	Average Euro
	No.	Average Euro	No.	Average Euro		
Armed Forces	1,814 <sup>u</sup>	17,014 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,894 <sup>u</sup>	16,947 <sup>u</sup>
Managers	9,408	26,392	4,556	22,995	13,964	25,284
Professionals	12,328	21,511	12,532	18,604	24,860	20,045
Technicians and associate professionals	14,609	17,978	9,937	15,764	24,546	17,081
Clerical support workers	6,570	13,764	12,383	12,448	18,953	12,904
Service and sales workers	13,097	13,381	16,064	10,955	29,161	12,045
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	12,015	15,137	:	:	12,928	15,052
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,724	13,410	2,326 <sup>u</sup>	11,727 <sup>u</sup>	11,050	13,056
Elementary occupations	11,058	11,892	4,268	8,013	15,326	10,812
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,101</b>	<b>16,741</b>	<b>63,169</b>	<b>14,271</b>	<b>153,270</b>	<b>15,723</b>

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

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

Professional status	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
Self-employed without employees	12,960	11.5	4,194	5.8	17,154	9.3
Self-employed with employees	7,325	6.5	:	:	8,405	4.6
Employee	92,307	82.0	66,489	92.7	158,796	86.1
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>184,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Self-employed without employees	13,454	12.1	3,210 <sup>u</sup>	4.8 <sup>u</sup>	16,664	9.4
Self-employed with employees	7,168	6.5	:	:	8,009	4.5
Employee	90,101	81.4	63,169	94.0	153,270	86.1
Family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Type of Employment	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
Full-time job	101,121	89.8	50,201	70.0	151,322	82.1
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	5,608	7.8	6,640	3.6
Part-time job	10,439	9.3	15,954	22.2	26,393	14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>112,592</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>184,355</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Full-time job	99,833	90.2	49,344	73.4	149,177	83.8
Full-time with reduced hours job	:	:	4,676	7.0	5,064	2.9
Part-time job	10,502	9.5	13,200	19.6	23,702	13.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,723</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>67,220</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>177,943</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Table 17. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and age

Age group	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
15-24	2,065 <sup>u</sup>	28.6 <sup>u</sup>	1,449 <sup>u</sup>	34.4 <sup>u</sup>	3,514	30.7
25+	5,164	71.4	2,762 <sup>u</sup>	65.6 <sup>u</sup>	7,926	69.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,211</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,440</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	2,308 <sup>u</sup>	30.5 <sup>u</sup>	1,755 <sup>u</sup>	36.7 <sup>u</sup>	4,063	32.9
25+	5,265	69.5	3,021 <sup>u</sup>	63.3 <sup>u</sup>	8,286	67.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,349</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table 18. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and duration of job search

Duration	Sex				Total	
	Males		Females			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>July-September 2014</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,254 <sup>u</sup>	31.2 <sup>u</sup>	2,202 <sup>u</sup>	52.3 <sup>u</sup>	4,456	39.0
6-11 months	:	:	:	:	1,611 <sup>u</sup>	14.0 <sup>u</sup>
12+ months	3,796	52.5	1,577 <sup>u</sup>	37.4 <sup>u</sup>	5,373	47.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,211</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,440</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>July-September 2013 (Revised)</b>						
Less than 5 months	2,368 <sup>u</sup>	31.3 <sup>u</sup>	2,324 <sup>u</sup>	48.7 <sup>u</sup>	4,692	38.0
6-11 months	1,371 <sup>u</sup>	18.1 <sup>u</sup>	763 <sup>u</sup>	16.0 <sup>u</sup>	2,134 <sup>u</sup>	17.3 <sup>u</sup>
12+ months	3,834	50.6	1,689 <sup>u</sup>	35.4 <sup>u</sup>	5,523	44.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,573</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,349</b>	<b>100.0</b>

: unreliable

<sup>u</sup> under-represented

## Methodological Notes

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is carried out on an ongoing basis using a quarterly gross 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 LFS 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).

More detailed information regarding the methodology used for the compilation of these results may be obtained from <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata>.

### Definitions

Figures provided in this release refer to persons aged 15 and over and living in private households during the reference period.

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:** 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:** All persons in employment and unemployed persons.

**Reference Week:** The week to which the collected data relate.

**Unemployment:** 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

Data included in this release are based on sample data and are therefore subject to sampling error. Sampling error is measured by a quantity known as the margin of error, which in turn, expresses the variability between the true population parameters and their corresponding sample estimates. In the table below, the margin of error is used to construct a set of 95 per cent confidence intervals for specific variables, which give an indication of where the true population parameters lie.

**Sampling Variability of LFS figures**

	Estimate	Margin of error	95% Confidence Interval
Employment	184,355	5,073	184,355 ± 5,073
Employment Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	63.50	1.61	63.50 ± 1.61
<i>Males</i>	75.46	2.14	75.46 ± 2.14
<i>Females</i>	51.09	2.32	51.09 ± 2.32
<i>15-24</i>	48.37	3.59	48.37 ± 3.59
<i>25-54</i>	76.42	1.80	76.42 ± 1.80
<i>55-64</i>	39.49	3.11	39.49 ± 3.11
Unemployment	11,440	1,751	11,440 ± 1,751
Unemployment Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	5.84	0.91	5.84 ± 0.91
<i>Males</i>	6.03	1.16	6.03 ± 1.16
<i>Females</i>	5.54	1.34	5.54 ± 1.34
<i>15-24</i>	11.90	3.12	11.90 ± 3.12
<i>25+</i>	4.77	0.87	4.77 ± 0.87
Inactive	161,663	4,511	161,663 ± 4,511
Activity Rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	67.52	1.56	67.52 ± 1.56
<i>Males</i>	80.44	2.04	80.44 ± 2.04
<i>Females</i>	54.10	2.32	54.10 ± 2.32
<i>15-24</i>	54.91	3.57	54.91 ± 3.57
<i>25-54</i>	80.01	1.70	80.01 ± 1.70
<i>55-64</i>	42.45	3.09	42.45 ± 3.09

The above table give indications on the sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 184,355 and the margin of error is 5,073. Hence, the figure lies between 179,282 and 189,428 persons.

### Key

- : Data not published due to unreliable survey estimates as a result of less than 20 reporting units.
- u Figures to be used with caution since they are derived on a number of readings ranging between 20 and 49.

### Information

More information is available from the NSO upon written request.