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During the second quarter of 2019, Labour Force Survey estimates indicate an increase of 7.0 percentage points in employment when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2018.

## Labour Force Survey: Q2/2019

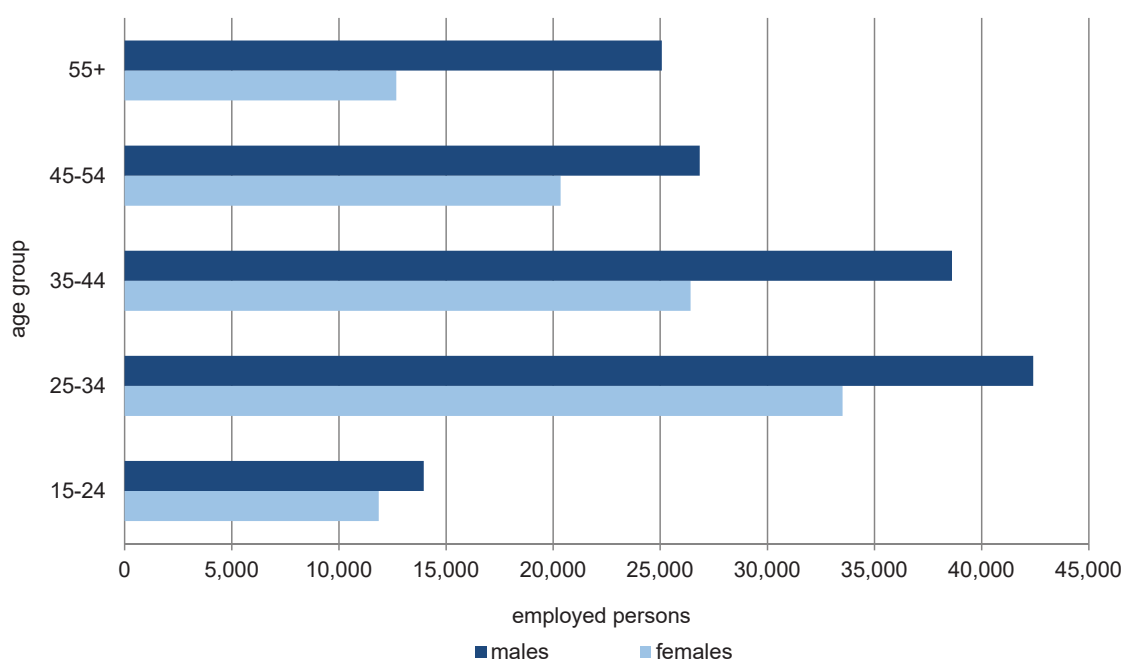
### Labour Status

Labour Force Survey estimates indicate that, during the second quarter, total employment stood at 251,700 accounting to more than half the population aged 15 and over. Unemployed persons stood at 8,815 (2.1 per cent) while inactive persons totalled 164,001 (38.6 per cent) (Table 1). The activity rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 75.7 per cent with the highest rate recorded among persons aged 25 to 54 (88.4 per cent) (Table 2).

### The Employed Population

On average, out of every 100 persons aged between 15 to 64 years, 73 were employed. The male employment rate for this age bracket was 80.7 per cent while that for females stood at 64.6 per cent (Table 4). The largest share of employed persons was recorded among persons aged between 25 and 34 years, for both males and females (Chart 1).

**Chart 1. Employment by age group and sex**



Self-employed persons accounted for 15.9 per cent of all persons with a main job (Table 5). The majority of employed persons worked on a full-time basis totalling 217,843 and 33,857 had a part-time job as their primary employment (Table 6). Results show that, on average, full-timers work 42.3 hours while part-timers work 22.0 hours per week (Table 7).

The average annual basic salary of employees for the second quarter of 2019 was estimated at €19,484. The highest basic salary was recorded in the Financial and insurance activities sector (Table 10). Average annual salaries varied from €34,399 among managers to €12,370 among persons employed in elementary occupations (Table 14).

### **The Unemployed and Inactive Population**

The unemployment rate for the second quarter of 2019 stood at 3.4 per cent (Table 17). The largest share of unemployed persons was recorded among persons aged 25 to 74 years (Table 16). Among the unemployed, 77.6 per cent stated that they had been seeking work for less than 12 months (Table 18). Among inactive persons, the main reason for inactivity related to persons reaching retirement age or taking up early retirement (40.8 per cent) (Table 20).

### **Education Attainment**

According to the Labour Force Survey, 50.0 per cent of those aged 15 years and over had attained a secondary or lower level of education (Table 21). This group comprises persons with less than five ordinary level or equivalent qualifications. Among the employed population 32.1 per cent had a tertiary level education (Table 22) ■

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

Labour status	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
Employed	146,899	67.5	104,801	50.6	251,700	59.3
Unemployed	5,001 <sup>u</sup>	2.3 <sup>u</sup>	3,814 <sup>u</sup>	1.8 <sup>u</sup>	8,815	2.1
Inactive	65,669	30.2	98,332	47.5	164,001	38.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>206,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>424,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
Employed	139,562	66.8	95,670	47.5	235,232	57.4
Unemployed	5,591	2.7	3,447 <sup>u</sup>	1.7 <sup>u</sup>	9,038	2.2
Inactive	63,678	30.5	102,137	50.8	165,815	40.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,831</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>201,254</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>410,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

**Table 2. Activity rates by sex and age group**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
	April-June 2019					
15-24	54.1		49.8		52.1	
25-54	95.8		80.1		88.4	
55-64	65.0		37.5		51.4	
<b>Total (15-64)</b>	<b>83.6</b>		<b>67.0</b>		<b>75.7</b>	
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
15-24	55.6		53.4		54.5	
25-54	95.9		75.0		86.0	
55-64	67.1		32.9		50.1	
<b>Total (15-64)</b>	<b>84.0</b>		<b>63.3</b>		<b>74.0</b>	

**Table 3. Distribution of employed persons with a main job by sex and age group**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
15-24	13,960	9.5	11,863	11.3	25,823	10.3
25-34	42,402	28.9	33,513	32.0	75,915	30.2
35-44	38,621	26.3	26,403	25.2	65,024	25.8
45-54	26,848	18.3	20,348	19.4	47,196	18.8
55-64	20,352	13.9	11,243	10.7	31,595	12.6
65+	4,716	3.2	:	:	6,147	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
15-24	13,903	10.0	12,837	13.4	26,740	11.4
25-34	40,019	28.7	30,434	31.8	70,453	30.0
35-44	35,799	25.7	25,009	26.1	60,808	25.9
45-54	26,111	18.7	16,931	17.7	43,042	18.3
55-64	20,035	14.4	9,811	10.3	29,846	12.7
65+	3,695	2.6	:	:	4,343	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>

† Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

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

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
	April-June 2019					
15-24	48.7		45.7		47.3	
25-54	93.0		77.7		85.8	
55-64	64.8		36.7		50.9	
<b>Total (15-64)</b>	<b>80.7</b>		<b>64.6</b>		<b>73.1</b>	
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
15-24	49.8		50.1		49.9	
25-54	92.8		72.6		83.2	
55-64	65.2		32.4		48.9	
<b>Total (15-64)</b>	<b>80.6</b>		<b>61.1</b>		<b>71.2</b>	

**Table 5. Distribution of employed persons by sex and professional status in main occupation**

Professional status	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
Self-employed without employees	20,363	13.9	7,563	7.2	27,926	11.1
Self-employed with employees	9,676	6.6	:	:	12,104	4.8
Employee	116,749	79.5	94,699	90.4	211,448	84.0
Unpaid family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
Self-employed without employees	17,510	12.5	5,664	5.9	23,174	9.9
Self-employed with employees	8,382	6.0	:	:	10,490	4.5
Employee	113,567	81.4	87,705	91.7	201,272	85.6
Unpaid family worker	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>

⋮ Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

**Table 6. Distribution of employed persons by sex and type of employment in main occupation**

Type of employment	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
Full-time job	136,450	92.9	81,393	77.7	217,843	86.5
Part-time job	10,449	7.1	23,408	22.3	33,857	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
Full-time job	129,883	93.1	72,747	76.0	202,630	86.1
Part-time job	9,679	6.9	22,923	24.0	32,602	13.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7. Normal hours worked by sex and type of employment in main occupation**

Type of employment	Males		Females		Total	
	Average Hours					
	April-June 2019					
Full-time job	43.1		40.9		42.3	
Part-time job	21.6		22.1		22.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.6</b>		<b>36.8</b>		<b>39.6</b>	
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
Full-time job	42.6		40.1		41.7	
Part-time job	23.6		22.7		23.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.3</b>		<b>36.0</b>		<b>39.2</b>	

**Table 8. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity  
in the main occupation: April-June 2019**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,341 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	3,136 <sup>u</sup>	1.2 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	25,119	17.1	7,213	6.9	32,332	12.8
Construction	14,162	9.6	:	:	15,620	6.2
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	44,429	30.2	26,697	25.5	71,126	28.3
Information and communication	6,740	4.6	3,354 <sup>u</sup>	3.2 <sup>u</sup>	10,094	4.0
Financial and insurance activities	5,954	4.1	5,678	5.4	11,632	4.6
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	2,852 <sup>u</sup>	1.1 <sup>u</sup>
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	11,795	8.0	13,462	12.8	25,257	10.0
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	25,265	17.2	35,020	33.4	60,285	24.0
Other services	9,210	6.3	10,156	9.7	19,366	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>251,700</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.

Note: Estimates include both public and private sectors.

**Table 9. Distribution of employed persons by sex and economic activity  
in the main occupation: April-June 2018 (Revised)**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2,428 <sup>u</sup>	1.7 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,826 <sup>u</sup>	1.2 <sup>u</sup>
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	22,123	15.9	6,766	7.1	28,889	12.3
Construction	12,266	8.8	:	:	13,899	5.9
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	42,501	30.5	20,754	21.7	63,255	26.9
Information and communication	6,468	4.6	3,310 <sup>u</sup>	3.5 <sup>u</sup>	9,778	4.2
Financial and insurance activities	6,080	4.4	6,168	6.4	12,248	5.2
Real estate activities	1,867 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	3,121 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	9,467	6.8	12,705	13.3	22,172	9.4
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	27,034	19.4	31,986	33.4	59,020	25.1
Other services	9,328	6.7	10,696	11.2	20,024	8.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Note: Estimates include both public and private sectors.

**Table 10. Average annual basic salary for employees by sex and economic activity in the main occupation: April-June 2019**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	21,623	21,969	6,865	13,987	28,488	20,045
Construction	8,330	19,250	:	:	9,788	19,562
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	33,186	18,937	22,987	12,536	56,173	16,317
Information and communication	5,854	25,942	3,271 <sup>u</sup>	18,715 <sup>u</sup>	9,125	23,351
Financial and insurance activities	5,699	29,331	5,645	22,667	11,344	26,015
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	:	:
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	8,409	18,008	11,809	20,143	20,218	19,255
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	24,403	21,096	34,473	19,295	58,876	20,041
Other services	7,357	24,301	6,900 <sup>u</sup>	18,314 <sup>u</sup>	14,257	21,404
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,749</b>	<b>21,114</b>	<b>94,699</b>	<b>17,473</b>	<b>211,448</b>	<b>19,484</b>

<sup>‡</sup> Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

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

<sup>P</sup> Provisional

Note: Estimates include both public and private sectors.

**Table 11. Average annual basic salary for employees by sex and economic activity in the main occupation: April-June 2018 (Revised)**

Economic activity	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>P</sup>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	:	:	:	:	:	:
Manufacturing, mining and quarrying and other industry	17,888	18,974	6,589	13,302	24,477	17,447
Construction	6,684	17,907	:	:	8,317	17,423
Wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage, accommodation and food service activities	34,574	19,125	19,139	12,169	53,713	16,646
Information and communication	5,637	23,159	3,217 <sup>u</sup>	18,714 <sup>u</sup>	8,854	21,544
Financial and insurance activities	5,927	28,349	6,168	18,049	12,095	23,096
Real estate activities	:	:	:	:	1,888 <sup>u</sup>	21,597 <sup>u</sup>
Professional, scientific, technical, administration and support service activities	7,532	20,508	10,935	17,302	18,467	18,610
Public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities	26,177	20,904	31,288	18,791	57,465	19,754
Other services	7,412	28,399	7,723 <sup>u</sup>	17,100 <sup>u</sup>	15,135	22,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,567</b>	<b>20,867</b>	<b>87,705</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>201,272</b>	<b>18,942</b>

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Note: Estimates include both public and private sectors.

**Table 12. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: April-June 2019**

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	:	:	:	:	:	:
Managers	18,076	12.3	8,588	8.2	26,664	10.6
Professionals	21,924	14.9	25,941	24.8	47,865	19.0
Technicians and associate professionals	25,438	17.3	12,535	12.0	37,973	15.1
Clerical support workers	11,294	7.7	17,410	16.6	28,704	11.4
Service and sales workers	21,161	14.4	29,180	27.8	50,341	20.0
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	1,850 <sup>u</sup>	1.3 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	1,950 <sup>u</sup>	0.8 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	23,689	16.1	:	:	24,577	9.8
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,907	6.1	3,653 <sup>u</sup>	3.5 <sup>u</sup>	12,560	5.0
Elementary occupations	13,079	8.9	6,395	6.1	19,474	7.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,899</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104,801</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

**Table 13. Main occupation of total employed persons by sex: April-June 2018 (Revised)**

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Armed Forces	:	:	:	:	:	:
Managers	16,690	12.0	7,354	7.7	24,044	10.2
Professionals	21,336	15.3	21,213	22.2	42,549	18.1
Technicians and associate professionals	22,062	15.8	13,570	14.2	35,632	15.1
Clerical support workers	10,730	7.7	15,727	16.4	26,457	11.2
Service and sales workers	22,449	16.1	26,182	27.4	48,631	20.7
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	2,265 <sup>u</sup>	1.6 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	2,474 <sup>u</sup>	1.1 <sup>u</sup>
Craft and related trades workers	23,050	16.5	:	:	23,936	10.2
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	8,017	5.7	3,435 <sup>u</sup>	3.6 <sup>u</sup>	11,452	4.9
Elementary occupations	11,640	8.3	6,910	7.2	18,550	7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,562</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>95,670</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>235,232</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 14. Average annual basic salary for employees by sex and main occupation: April-June 2019**

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>
Armed Forces	:	:	:	:	:	:
Managers	13,361	37,579	7,916	29,030	21,277	34,399
Professionals	18,711	27,197	23,368	23,319	42,079	25,043
Technicians and associate professionals	21,618	20,818	11,223	19,202	32,841	20,265
Clerical support workers	11,029	17,827	17,057	14,595	28,086	15,864
Service and sales workers	16,592	15,269	24,806	12,071	41,398	13,353
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	15,165	16,584	:	:	15,809	16,411
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	7,235	16,591	3,393 <sup>u</sup>	12,312 <sup>u</sup>	10,628	15,225
Elementary occupations	11,136	13,443	6,181	10,436	17,317	12,370
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,749</b>	<b>21,114</b>	<b>94,699</b>	<b>17,473</b>	<b>211,448</b>	<b>19,484</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

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

<sup>p</sup> Provisional

**Table 15. Average annual basic salary for employees by sex and main occupation: April-June 2018 (Revised)**

Occupational group	Males		Females		Total	
	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>	No. of employees	Average (€) <sup>p</sup>
Armed Forces	:	:	:	:	:	:
Managers	12,775	37,165	5,549	26,554	18,324	33,952
Professionals	18,515	26,232	19,301	23,163	37,816	24,666
Technicians and associate professionals	19,786	21,452	13,044	17,748	32,830	19,980
Clerical support workers	10,507	16,654	15,396	14,204	25,903	15,198
Service and sales workers	18,495	15,262	23,274	11,832	41,769	13,351
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	:	:	:	:	:	:
Craft and related trades workers	14,515	16,839	:	:	15,268	16,726
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	6,956	16,803	3,364 <sup>u</sup>	12,253 <sup>u</sup>	10,320	15,320
Elementary occupations	10,376	13,501	6,789	9,919	17,165	12,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,567</b>	<b>20,867</b>	<b>87,705</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>201,272</b>	<b>18,942</b>

: Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

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

<sup>p</sup> Provisional

**Table 16. Distribution of unemployed persons by sex and age group**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2019</b>						
15-24	:	:	:	:	2,599 <sup>u</sup>	29.5 <sup>u</sup>
25-74	3,463 <sup>u</sup>	69.2 <sup>u</sup>	:	:	6,216 <sup>u</sup>	70.5 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total (15-74)</b>	<b>5,001<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>3,814<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2018 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	:	:	:	:	2,468 <sup>u</sup>	27.3 <sup>u</sup>
25-74	3,983 <sup>u</sup>	71.2 <sup>u</sup>	2,587 <sup>u</sup>	75.1 <sup>u</sup>	6,570	72.7
<b>Total (15-74)</b>	<b>5,591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,447<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>9,038</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 17. Unemployment rates by sex and age group**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	%					
<b>April-June 2019</b>						
15-24	:	:	:	:	9.1 <sup>u</sup>	
25-74	2.6 <sup>u</sup>		:		2.7 <sup>u</sup>	
<b>Total (15-74)</b>	<b>3.3<sup>u</sup></b>		<b>3.5<sup>u</sup></b>		<b>3.4</b>	
<b>April-June 2018 (Revised)</b>						
15-24	:	:	:	:	8.4 <sup>u</sup>	
25-74	3.1 <sup>u</sup>		3.0 <sup>u</sup>		3.1	
<b>Total (15-74)</b>	<b>3.9</b>		<b>3.5<sup>u</sup></b>		<b>3.7</b>	

<sup>‡</sup> Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

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

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

Duration	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>April-June 2019</b>						
Less than 12 months	3,532 <sup>u</sup>	70.6 <sup>u</sup>	3,312 <sup>u</sup>	86.8 <sup>u</sup>	6,844	77.6
12 months or more	:	:	:	:	:	:
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,814<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>April-June 2018 (Revised)</b>						
Less than 12 months	3,918 <sup>u</sup>	70.1 <sup>u</sup>	2,919 <sup>u</sup>	84.7 <sup>u</sup>	6,837	75.6
12 months or more	:	:	:	:	2,201 <sup>u</sup>	24.4 <sup>u</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,591</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,447<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>100.0<sup>u</sup></b>	<b>9,038</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 19. Distribution of inactive persons by sex and age group**

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
15-24	13,139	20.0	13,036	13.3	26,175	16.0
25-34	:	:	5,429 <sup>u</sup>	5.5 <sup>u</sup>	6,944 <sup>u</sup>	4.2 <sup>u</sup>
35-44	:	:	7,748	7.9	8,599	5.2
45-54	2,468 <sup>u</sup>	3.8 <sup>u</sup>	7,395	7.5	9,863	6.0
55-64	10,994	16.7	19,137	19.5	30,131	18.4
65+	36,702	55.9	45,587	46.4	82,289	50.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98,332</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>

April-June 2018 (Revised)						
15-24	12,408	19.5	11,940	11.7	24,348	14.7
25-34	:	:	6,600 <sup>u</sup>	6.5 <sup>u</sup>	7,806	4.7
35-44	:	:	8,377	8.2	9,606	5.8
45-54	2,076 <sup>u</sup>	3.3 <sup>u</sup>	9,925	9.7	12,001	7.2
55-64	10,105	15.9	20,326	19.9	30,431	18.4
65+	36,654	57.6	44,969	44.0	81,623	49.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102,137</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>165,815</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 20. Main reasons for being inactive by sex**

Reason for inactivity	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
Personal or family responsibilities	:	:	25,944	26.4	26,553	16.2
Education or training	13,635	20.8	12,610	12.8	26,245	16.0
Reached retirement age, or uptake of early retirement	44,212	67.3	22,733	23.1	66,945	40.8
Other reasons	7,213	11.0	37,045	37.7	44,258	27.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98,332</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>

April-June 2018 (Revised)						
Personal or family responsibilities	:	:	31,300	30.6	31,807	19.2
Education or training	11,978	18.8	11,943	11.7	23,921	14.4
Reached retirement age, or uptake of early retirement	44,803	70.4	22,434	22.0	67,237	40.5
Other reasons	6,390	10.0	36,460	35.7	42,850	25.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,678</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102,137</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>165,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>:</sup> Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

**Table 21. Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and highest educational attainment**

Education level	Males		Females		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019					
Secondary level education or less	107,237	49.3	105,006	50.7	212,243	50.0
Post-Secondary level education	64,560	29.7	51,162	24.7	115,722	27.3
Tertiary level education	45,772	21.0	50,779	24.5	96,551	22.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,569</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>206,947</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>424,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)					
Secondary level education or less	103,911	49.8	105,031	52.2	208,942	51.0
Post-Secondary level education	61,643	29.5	51,606	25.6	113,249	27.6
Tertiary level education	43,277	20.7	44,617	22.2	87,894	21.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,831</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>201,254</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>410,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 22. Persons aged 15 years and over by labour status and highest educational attainment**

Education level	Employed		Unemployed		Inactive		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
	April-June 2019							
Secondary level education or less	89,604	35.6	4,037 <sup>u</sup>	45.8 <sup>u</sup>	118,602	72.3	212,243	50.0
Post-Secondary level education	81,212	32.3	2,891 <sup>u</sup>	32.8 <sup>u</sup>	31,619	19.3	115,722	27.3
Tertiary level education	80,884	32.1	:	:	13,780	8.4	96,551	22.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>251,700</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,001</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>424,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	April-June 2018 (Revised)							
Secondary level education or less	83,960	35.7	4,166 <sup>u</sup>	46.1 <sup>u</sup>	120,816	72.9	208,942	51.0
Post-Secondary level education	77,510	33.0	3,094 <sup>u</sup>	34.2 <sup>u</sup>	32,645	19.7	113,249	27.6
Tertiary level education	73,762	31.4	:	:	12,354	7.5	87,894	21.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>235,232</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>165,815</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>410,085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

## Methodological Notes

1. 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 before (2-(2)-2). Unless otherwise indicated, figures provided in this release refer to persons aged 15 and over and living in private households during the reference period. All criteria used for this survey match international methodologies used by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
2. 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 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). Education attainment is classified according to ISCED 2011.
3. **Definitions:**
  - **Activity rate:** labour force (15-64 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).
  - **Annual basic salary:** refers to the annual basic salary received by employees before any social contributions and tax deductions. This amount excludes payments for overtime, allowances and bonuses. Data for this variable is provisional and subject to revisions.
  - **Education Attainment:**
    - **secondary or less level of education:** comprising persons with no schooling, primary education, schools for children with special needs, and persons who attained a secondary level education and have less than 5 ordinary level qualifications or equivalent. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'low' includes ISCED 0 to 2.
    - **post-secondary level of education:** comprising persons with a secondary level education and having 5 ordinary level qualifications or equivalent or more, persons with a post-secondary level attainment who have at least obtained 1 intermediate or advanced level qualification or equivalent. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'medium' refers to ISCED 3 and 4.
    - **tertiary level of education:** comprising persons with a tertiary level education and with qualifications ranging from diploma to doctorate level. In the context of the ISCED classification, 'high' refers to ISCED 5 to 8.
  - **Employees:** are defined as persons who work for a public or private employer and who receive compensation in the form of wages, salaries, fees, gratuities, payment by results or payment in kind.
  - **Employed persons:** 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 employed but absent from work:** due to sick leave, 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 years) as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64 years).
  - **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.
- **Normal hours worked:** refers to the number of usual hours worked per week in the main job over a long reference period, excluding weeks when an absence from work occurs (e.g. holidays, vacation leave or sick leave).
- **Part time employment:** a part-time worker is an employed person whose normal hours are less than those of comparable full-time workers. Persons employed on a full-time with reduced hours basis are included in this category.
- **Reference week:** the week to which the collected data relate.
- **Unemployed persons:** 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:** example of active job search include contacting Jobspus, applying 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 (15 to 74 years) as a percentage of the labour force (15-74 years).

#### 4. 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	251,700	4,159	251,700 ± 4,159
Employment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	73.08	1.24	73.08 ± 1.24
<i>Males</i>	80.74	1.47	80.74 ± 1.47
<i>Females</i>	64.63	1.69	64.63 ± 1.69
15-24	47.30	3.63	47.30 ± 3.63
25-54	85.76	1.56	85.76 ± 1.56
55-64	50.92	3.66	50.92 ± 3.66
Unemployment	8,815	2,361	8,815 ± 2,361
Unemployment rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	3.40	0.90	3.40 ± 0.90
<i>Males</i>	3.31	1.20	3.31 ± 1.20
<i>Females</i>	3.51	1.47	3.51 ± 1.47
15-24	9.14	3.36	9.14 ± 3.36
25-74	2.69	0.91	2.69 ± 0.91
Inactivity	164,001	4,172	164,001 ± 4,172
Activity rate (%)			
<i>Total</i>	75.68	1.22	75.68 ± 1.22
<i>Males</i>	83.55	1.33	83.55 ± 1.33
<i>Females</i>	67.02	1.68	67.02 ± 1.68
15-24	52.06	3.55	52.06 ± 3.55
25-54	88.42	1.46	88.42 ± 1.46
55-64	51.44	3.68	51.44 ± 3.68

The table above provides estimated measures of sampling variability. For example, with respect to employment the LFS estimate is 251,700 and the margin of error is 4,159. Hence, the actual figure in the population lies between 251,700 and 255,859 persons.

Key

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5. Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.
6. Absolute changes between one survey estimate and another must be treated with caution since minor changes (i.e. less than 2,100 persons) might be the result of sampling error.
7. More information is available from the NSO upon written request.
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