

Informations Rapides

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Main indicators



ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2013

Unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 point in Q4 2013

Warning: Since the first quarter of 2013, the questionnaire of the Labour Force Survey is an updated one. Some questions were renewed, mainly in the objective to make the interviews more fluent thanks to a better wording of the questions. The assessment of the data shows that the new questionnaire has changed the way some interviewees answer to certain questions. This has impacts on the estimates of levels.

In this Informations Rapides, the estimates are based on the results of the new questionnaire. The longitudinal series have been revised to be in coherence with it. It also presents a new improved measure of inactive people who wish a job (unemployment's halo).

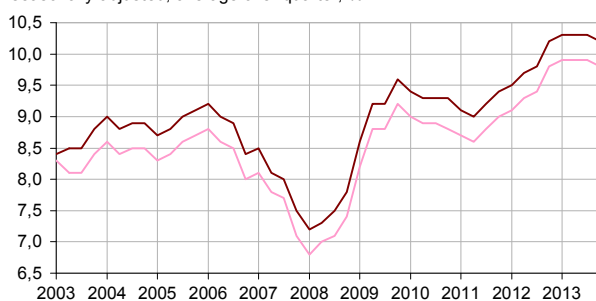
• Unemployment rate

The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage point in Q4 2013 in metropolitan France

In Q4 2013, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.2%. In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.8 million people, 9.8% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q. Over a year, it was steady.

ILO-unemployment rate

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



— France — Metropolitan France

Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the level of unemployment rate and of its quarterly variations
Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Among inactive people, 1.3 million wish to work but they are not considered as unemployed: they are part of the **unemployment's halo**. Over a year, it slightly increased.

Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2013Q4 (p)*
	2013Q3	2013Q4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,9	9,8	-0,1	0,0	2 788
15-24 years	23,9	22,8	-1,1	-2,6	621
25-49 years	9,2	9,2	0,0	0,4	1 665
50 years and more	6,6	6,4	-0,2	0,1	502
Men	10,0	9,8	-0,2	-0,1	1 453
15-24 years	23,5	22,4	-1,1	-3,2	333
25-49 years	9,3	9,2	-0,1	0,5	862
50 years and more	6,7	6,5	-0,2	-0,2	258
Women	9,7	9,7	0,0	0,1	1 334
15-24 years	24,4	23,3	-1,1	-1,8	288
25-49 years	9,1	9,3	0,2	0,3	803
50 years and more	6,5	6,4	-0,1	0,5	243

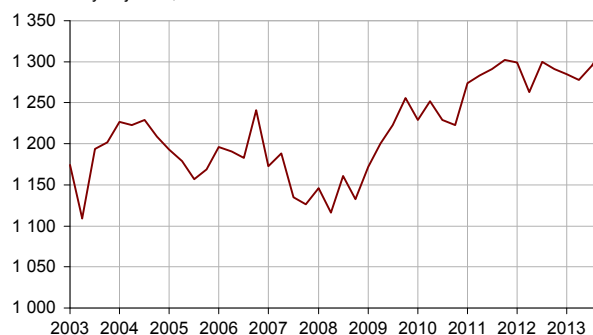
*(p) = provisional results

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

People in unemployment's halo

Seasonally adjusted, thousands



Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

• ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years was steady in Q4 2013 and over the year, and stood at 64.1%.

The **activity rate** of the population aged 15-64 years decreased by 0.1 percentage point and stood at 71.1%. Over the year, it was steady.

ILO employment, unemployment and activity in the population aged 15-64 years

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	% of people in the age group		Variation in point		Thousands (1)
	2013 Q3	2013Q4 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2013Q4 (p)*
Employed people (15-64 years)	64,1	64,1	0,0	0,0	25 547
Men aged 15-64	67,8	67,7	-0,1	-0,5	13 257
Women aged 15-64	60,5	60,7	0,2	0,5	12 290
15-24 years	28,3	28,6	0,3	0,4	2 102
25-49 years	80,9	80,7	-0,2	-0,3	16 386
50-64 years	57,8	58,0	0,2	0,3	7 059
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	7,1	7,0	-0,1	0,0	2 784
Men aged 15-64	7,6	7,4	-0,2	-0,2	1 451
Women aged 15-64	6,6	6,6	0,0	0,2	1 333
15-24 years	8,9	8,4	-0,5	-1,2	621
25-49 years	8,2	8,2	0,0	0,4	1 665
50-64 years	4,2	4,1	-0,1	0,1	497
Active people (15-64 years)	71,2	71,1	-0,1	0,0	28 331
Men aged 15-64	75,4	75,1	-0,3	-0,6	14 708
Women aged 15-64	67,1	67,2	0,1	0,6	13 623
15-24 years	37,1	37,0	-0,1	-0,7	2 723
25-49 years	89,0	88,9	-0,1	0,1	18 051
50-64 years	61,9	62,1	0,2	0,4	7 557

*(p) = provisional results

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15-64 years old

(1) those data cover the people who are 15-64 years old. They are a little bit different of the data in table 1 (which covers the total population).

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

• Updated questionnaire

For this publication, we provide backdated series before 2013. In comparison with the series based on the previous questionnaire, the impact on the unemployment rate is estimated at 0.5 percentage point.

The new questionnaire also leads to a higher level of underemployment and of unemployment's halo. In the unemployment's halo case, an other effect is due to an harmonization with Eurostat's concepts (see *methodological documents*).

Estimated effects of the new questionnaire over unemployment, employment and activity

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	2013Q1	2013Q2	2013Q3	2013Q4
ILO-Unemployment rate				
New questionnaire	9,9	9,9	9,9	9,8
Effects of new questionnaire	-0,5			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	10,4	10,4	10,4	10,3
Employment rate - employed people 15 - 64 years				
New questionnaire	63,9	64,0	64,1	64,1
Effects of new questionnaire	0,1			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	63,8	63,9	64,0	64,0
Activity rate - employed people 15 - 64 years				
New questionnaire	71,0	71,1	71,2	71,1
Effects of new questionnaire	-0,3			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for 2013	71,3	71,4	71,5	71,4

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France,

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

• Revision

Due to the integration of the survey among non respondent people, the ILO unemployment rate of Q3 2013 downgraded by 0.1 point with regard to the temporary publication of December 2013.

For more information:

- An **unemployed people for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is a person of working age (15 years or more) who did not work, even one hour, during the reference week, who is available to work within two weeks and who looked actively for a job in the previous month (or has found a job which begins in three months). The **proportion of unemployed people within the total population** differs and is lower than the **unemployment rate**, which is the ratio between the number of unemployed people and the number of active people (employment + unemployment).

- The **employment rate** is the ratio between employed people and the total population.

- The **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population.

- The **unemployment's halo** is composed of inactive people who seek for a job but are not available, people who wish a job but don't seek one, being available or not.

- **Underemployment for the ILO** covers people who have a part-time job, who wish to work more hours during the reference week, and who are available to do so, whether they are looking for a job or not (**unwanted part-time**). Are also included in underemployment people who have unintentionally worked less than usually (slack work).

- Some additional indicators are available on the internet (historical data, methodology...): see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>

- Historical data will soon be available on the BDM.

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