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Main indicators

ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2015

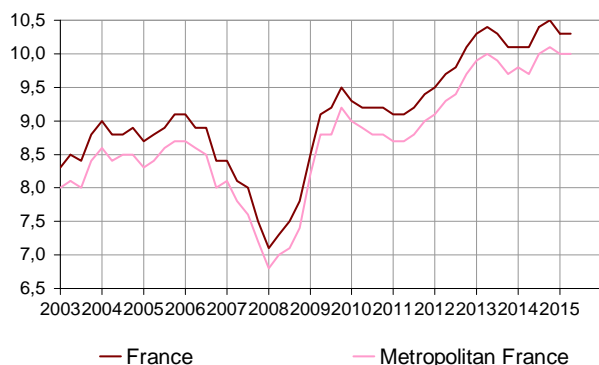
The unemployment rate was steady in Q2 2015

The unemployment rate remained at 10.3% in Q2 2015 in France

In Q2 2015, the average **ILO unemployment rate** in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.3% of active population. In **metropolitan France** only, with 2.9 million people, 10.0% of the active population was unemployed, as in the previous quarter. The unemployment rate decreased among youth and 25-49 years-old and increased for persons aged 50 and over. Over a year, the unemployment rate increased by 0.3 percentage points.

ILO-unemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



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

Slight down in the unemployment halo over Q1 2015

In metropolitan France, among inactive people, 1.5 million wish to work but they are not considered as unemployed according to the ILO definition: they are part of the halo around unemployment. The number of people in this **unemployment halo** decreased q-o-q (-12,000) in Q2 2015. It rose by 126,000 persons over a year.

ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thous ands 2015 Q2 (p)*
	2015 Q1	2015 Q2 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.3	2 852
15-24 years	24.0	23.4	-0.6	0.4	625
25-49 years	9.5	9.3	-0.2	0.1	1 657
50 years and more	6.4	7.0	0.6	0.4	570
Men	10.3	10.5	0.2	0.5	1 562
15-24 years	25.3	23.6	-1.7	-0.9	345
25-49 years	9.6	9.7	0.1	0.6	900
50 years and more	6.7	7.6	0.9	0.9	317
Women	9.6	9.4	-0.2	-0.1	1 290
15-24 years	22.4	23.2	0.8	2.0	279
25-49 years	9.3	8.9	-0.4	-0.3	757
50 years and more	6.1	6.4	0.3	0.0	254

*(p) = provisional results

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, persons 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, unemployment and activity in the population aged 15-64 years

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	% of people in the age group		Variation in point over		Thousands (1)
	2015 Q1	2015 Q2 (p)*	quarter	year	2015 Q2 (p)*
Employed people	64.2	64.2	0.0	-0.1	25 493
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.3	59.4	0.1	0.0	23 557
Men	67.5	67.5	0.0	-0.2	13 164
Women	60.9	61.1	0.2	0.1	12 328
15-24 years	28.4	28.2	-0.2	-0.2	2 042
25-49 years	79.8	79.9	0.1	-0.6	16 150
50-64 years	59.3	59.7	0.4	1.1	7 301
Included : 55-64 years	48.3	48.8	0.5	2.0	3 887
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	48.0	48.4	0.4	1.9	
Unemployed persons	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.2	2 847
Men	7.9	8.0	0.1	0.4	1 561
Women	6.5	6.4	-0.1	0.0	1 286
15-24 years	9.0	8.6	-0.4	0.1	625
25-49 years	8.3	8.2	-0.1	0.1	1 657
50-64 years	4.2	4.6	0.4	0.4	565
Included : 55-64 years	3.5	3.9	0.4	0.3	312
Active people	71.3	71.4	0.1	0.1	28 340
Men	75.4	75.5	0.1	0.2	14 725
Women	67.4	67.4	0.0	0.0	13 614
15-24 years	37.4	36.9	-0.5	0.0	2 666
25-49 years	88.2	88.1	-0.1	-0.5	17 807
50-64 years	63.5	64.3	0.8	1.5	7 866
Included : 55-64 years	51.8	52.8	1.0	2.4	4 199
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.2	

*(p) = provisional results

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

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Stability of employment rate and slight increase in activity rate

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years stood at 64.2% in Q2 2015, as in the previous quarter. It decreased by 0.1 percentage points over the year.

The **Permanent contracts employment rate** stood at 48.7% in Q2 2015. It decreased by -0.1 percentage points quarter-on-quarter, and by 0.5 percentage points year-on-year. Temporary contracts employment rate increased (+0.2 percentage points q-o-q), standing at 7.2%.

The **activity rate** of people aged 15-64 stood at 71.4% in Q2 2015. It increased by 0.1 percentage points quarter-on-quarter, and year-on-year.

Underemployment increased slightly

In Q2 2015, 6.6% of the employed persons were **underemployed**, increasing by 0.1 percentage points over the quarter. It mainly concerns people who have a part-time job and wish to work more. Slack work stood at 0.3% of the employed, rising slightly this quarter.

ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2015 Q1	2015 Q2 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2015 Q2 (p)*
Total	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.3	1 705
<i>Included : slack work</i>	<i>0.2</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>70</i>
Men	3.5	3.6	0.1	0.2	475
Women	9.6	9.9	0.3	0.5	1 230

*(p) = provisional results

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Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q1 2015 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of 4 June 2015.

For more information:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is someone 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 **permanent contract employment rate (resp. temporary contract)** is the ratio between people employed on permanent contracts (resp. temporary contracts) and the total population.

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

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

- **Underemployment for the ILO** covers the 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 the people who have unintentionally worked less than usual (slack work).

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

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