

# Informations *Rapides*



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**Principaux indicateurs**

■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2009

## The unemployment rate is stable in Q3 2009

### • The unemployment rate

#### **The unemployment rate is stable after the increase of the previous quarters**

The average ILO unemployment rate for Q3 2009 in metropolitan France and overseas departments reaches 9.5% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.1% of the active population is unemployed, i.e., about 2.6 million people. It is stable compared to the revised Q2 2009. The last time this rate was reached was on the beginning of 2006, before the unemployment decreased until the beginning of 2008.

More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.3 million people do not work but **would like to work**, whether they are available or not for work within two weeks, or whether they look actively for a job or not (see *additional indicators on the internet*).

#### ILO-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2009Q3 (p)*
	2009 Q2	2009Q 3 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>9,1</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,7</b>	<b>2 583</b>
15-24 years	23,5	23,8	0,3	4,6	642
25-49 years	8,1	8,2	0,1	1,6	1 495
50 years and more	5,9	6,2	0,3	1,1	446
<b>Men</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>8,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,9</b>	<b>1 292</b>
15-24 years	24,7	23,9	-0,8	4,5	344
25-49 years	7,6	7,5	-0,1	1,8	713
50 years and more	5,6	6,3	0,7	1,3	236
<b>Women</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>9,5</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>1 291</b>
15-24 years	22,1	23,7	1,6	4,8	298
25-49 years	8,7	8,9	0,2	1,3	782
50 years and more	6,2	6,1	-0,1	0,9	211

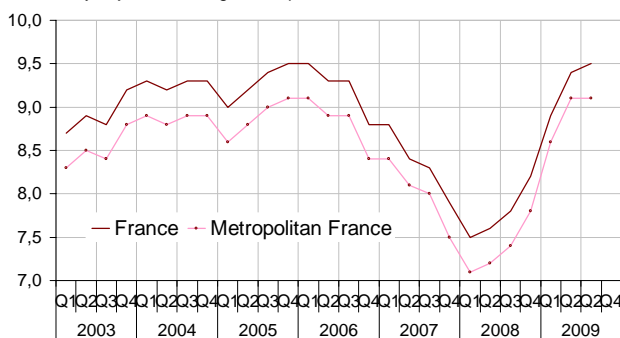
\*(p) = provisional results

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

#### ILO-unemployment rate

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation close to +/-0.4 point of the unemployment rate

Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the quarterly variation of the unemployment rate

France = Metropolitan France + overseas departments

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

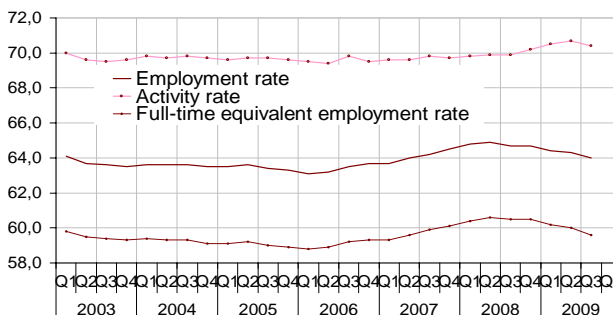
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### • ILO employment and activity

On average, the **activity rate** over Q3 2009 in the population aged 15-64 years is 70.4% and the **employment rate** 64.0%. The **full time equivalent employment rate** is inferior by 4 points to the employment rate: it stands at 59.6%.

Activity rate, employment rate (15-64 years)

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

## 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 points	
	2009 Q2	2009 Q3 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year
<b>Employed people aged 15-64 (= Employment rate)</b>	<b>64,3</b>	<b>64,0</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>-0,7</b>
Full-time equivalent employment rate	60,0	59,6	-0,4	-0,9
Men aged 15-64	68,4	68,0	-0,4	-1,3
Women aged 15-64	60,3	60,1	-0,2	-0,2
15-24 years	28,6	27,5	-1,1	-1,1
25-49 years	82,2	82,2	0,0	-1,2
50-64 years	55,7	55,5	-0,2	0,2
Included : 55-64 years	41,8	42,0	0,2	0,8
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	40,6	41,1	0,5	1,7
<b>Unemployed persons (proportion in the population aged 15-64)</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>1,2</b>
Men aged 15-64	6,6	6,5	-0,1	1,4
Women aged 15-64	6,2	6,3	0,1	1,1
15-24 years	8,8	8,6	-0,2	1,8
25-49 years	7,3	7,3	0,0	1,4
50-64 years	3,5	3,7	0,2	0,7
Included : 55-64 years	2,8	2,8	0,0	0,7
<b>Active people aged 15-64 (= activity rate)</b>	<b>70,7</b>	<b>70,4</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>0,5</b>
Men aged 15-64	75,1	74,5	-0,6	0,1
Women aged 15-64	66,5	66,4	-0,1	0,9
15-24 years	37,4	36,0	-1,4	0,6
25-49 years	89,5	89,5	0,0	0,2
50-64 years	59,2	59,2	0,0	1,0
Included : 55-64 years	44,6	44,8	0,2	1,5
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years	4,3	4,4	0,1	0,3

\*(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

### Decrease of the slack work during Q3 2009

Among employed people, 5.4% are under-employed during Q3 2009 (-0.3 point), i.e 1 397 000 persons. The variations of the **underemployment** since the middle of

the year 2008 are mainly connected to the variations of the **slack work**: after rising since the middle 2008, it decreases in the third quarter 2009 and stands at 143 000 persons.

### ILO underemployment rate

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in points		Thousands 2009Q3 (p)*
	2009Q2	2009Q3 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>1 397</b>
Included : slack work	1,0	0,6	-0,4	0,4	143
Women	8,3	8,3	0,0	0,4	1 028
Men	3,1	2,7	-0,4	0,8	369

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Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### • The unemployment rate in Q2 2009 in metropolitan France is not revised

The ILO unemployment rate of the second quarter 2009 in metropolitan France was not revised compared to the data published September 3, 2009. The unemployment rate in France and overseas departments is revised downward by 0.1 point.

In order to improve the precision of the data on the labor market, INSEE increases gradually the size of the sample of the Labour Force Survey since the first quarter 2009. The operation will be ended by September 2010, when the size of the sample will have been increased by 50%. From the publication of Q3 2009 data, the published results incorporate the progressive extension of the sample. An improvement in the precision of the results of the Labour Force Survey is expected, which would not lead to a significant break of series on the estimated levels.

### More:

#### Definition:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office (ILO)** is a person in age to work (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 an employment which begins in three months). The **part of the unemployed persons 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 **full time equivalent employment rate** is the ratio between the number of jobs converted into full-time and the total population. The **core employment rate** is the arithmetic average of employment rates by age detail. It permits to erase the demographic weight of mixed age groups.

- The **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population. The **active life expectancy** represents the average duration of activity in years of a fictitious generation subject to the conditions of activity of the period. It is independent of demographic structure.

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

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

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