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ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2009

The unemployment rate rose in Q4 2009

The unemployment rate

The unemployment rate increased in Q4 2009

The average ILO unemployment rate in Q4 2009 in metropolitan France and overseas departments reached 10.0% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.6% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.7 million people. It has increased by 0.5 point compared to Q3 2009. The last time this rate was reached was at the end of 1999. More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.4 million people did 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 point		Thousands 2009Q4 (p)*
	2009 Q3	2009Q4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,1	9,6	0,5	1,8	2 727
15-24 years	23,7	24,0	0,3	3,4	646
25-49 years	8,2	8,7	0,5	1,7	1 596
50 years and more	6,2	6,7	0,5	1,6	486
Men	8,8	9,6	0,8	2,2	1 431
15-24 years	23,9	25,3	1,4	3,9	380
25-49 years	7,5	8,4	0,9	2,3	803
50 years and more	6,2	6,6	0,4	1,7	249
Women	9,6	9,6	0,0	1,2	1 297
15-24 years	23,5	22,3	-1,2	2,6	266
25-49 years	8,9	9,0	0,1	1,0	793
50 years and more	6,1	6,7	0,6	1,4	237

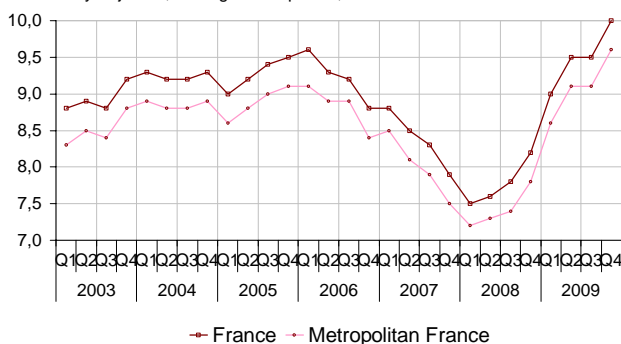
*(p) = provisional results.

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.
Source : INSEE, Labour Force Survey

ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years has been decreasing since mid-2008. At first, only part-time employment decreased; but, since the beginning of 2009, full-time employment is decreasing as part-time employment is increasing. Over Q4 2009, the employment rate of the 15-64 years was 63.7%: 52.5% of the 15-64 years were **full-time employed**, and 11.2% were **part-time employed**.

Full-time and part-time 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

The full time equivalent employment rate was inferior by 4 points to the employment rate: it stood at 59.2% on average in Q4 2009.

The activity rate of the 15-64 years was 70.5%.

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)
	2009 Q3	2009 Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,9	63,7	-0,2	-1,0	25 453
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,5	59,2	-0,3	-1,3	23 675
Men aged 15-64	68,0	67,9	-0,1	-1,6	13 340
Women aged 15-64	59,9	59,7	-0,2	-0,5	12 113
15-24 years	27,6	27,4	-0,2	-1,1	2 047
25-49 years	82,0	81,9	-0,1	-1,4	16 768
50-64 years	55,4	55,2	-0,2	-0,3	6 638
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	41,8	42,0	0,2	0,3	3 317
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	40,9	41,3	0,4	1,0	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,4	6,8	0,4	1,3	2 719
Men aged 15-64	6,6	7,3	0,7	1,8	1 426
Women aged 15-64	6,3	6,4	0,1	0,9	1 292
15-24 years	8,6	8,6	0,0	1,2	646
25-49 years	7,3	7,8	0,5	1,5	1 596
50-64 years	3,6	4,0	0,4	1,1	477
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	2,8	3,2	0,4	0,9	249
Active people (15-64 years)	70,3	70,5	0,2	0,2	28 172
Men aged 15-64	74,5	75,1	0,6	0,1	14 766
Women aged 15-64	66,2	66,0	-0,2	0,3	13 405
15-24 years	36,2	36,1	-0,1	0,1	2 693
25-49 years	89,3	89,7	0,4	0,1	18 364
50-64 years	59,0	59,2	0,2	0,7	7 115
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	44,6	45,2	0,6	1,2	3 565
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,4	4,4	0,0	0,2	

*(p) = provisional results

Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people 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 table 1 (which covers the total population).

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

Underemployment was stable in Q4 2009

The part of underemployment among employed people has been increasing for a year, but was stable at 5.5% on Q4 2009 (1.4 million people). The variations of underemployment are, since mid-2008, due to the variation of the **slack work**, which was stable on Q4 2009 at 144 000.

ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2009 Q3	2009 Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Total	5,5	5,5	0,0	0,5	1 412
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,6	0,6	0,0	0,2	144
Women	8,4	8,5	0,1	0,7	1 009
Men	2,7	3,1	0,4	0,3	403

*(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

• The unemployment rate in Q3 2009 is not revised

The ILO unemployment rate of the third quarter 2009 was not revised compared to the data published December 3, 2009.

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, 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:

- 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 employment rate (or part-time employment rate)** is the ratio between full-time (or part-time) 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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