

# Informations *Rapides*



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**Principaux indicateurs**

■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2010

## Stability of the unemployment rate in Q1 2010

### • The unemployment rate

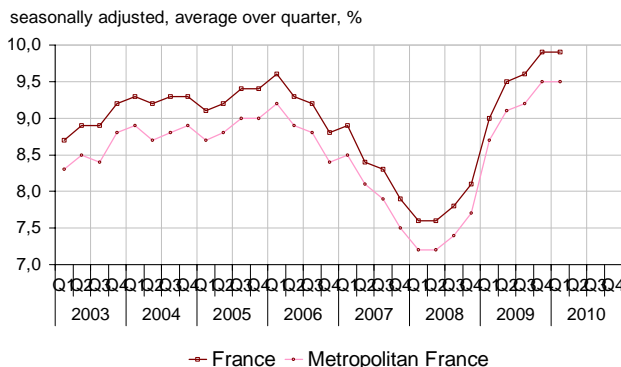
#### **The unemployment rate is stable in Q1 2010**

The average ILO unemployment rate in Q1 2010 in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.9% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.5% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.7 million people. It is stable compared to the revised figure of Q4 2009, and stays around the level 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**



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-unemployment rate in metropolitan France**

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2010Q1 (p)*
	2009 Q4	2010 Q1 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2 703</b>
15-24 years	24.2	23.0	-1.2	0.3	634
25-49 years	8.6	8.6	0.0	0.9	1 579
50 years and more	6.5	6.6	0.1	0.9	491
<b>Men</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1 404</b>
15-24 years	25.3	23.7	-1.6	-0.3	355
25-49 years	8.2	8.4	0.2	1.3	805
50 years and more	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.8	244
<b>Women</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1 299</b>
15-24 years	22.9	22.3	-0.6	1.3	278
25-49 years	9.1	8.9	-0.2	0.4	774
50 years and more	6.7	6.9	0.2	1.1	246

\*(p) = provisional results

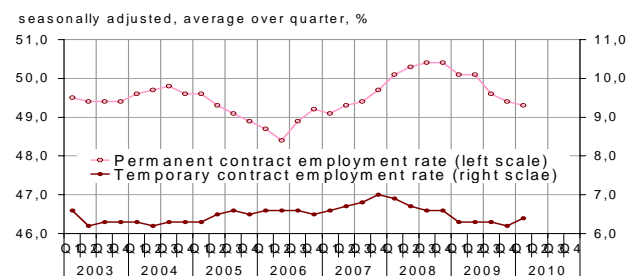
Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### • ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased in Q1 2010, due to the temporary contract employment: the permanent contract employment rate is still decreasing. Over Q1 2010, the employment rate of the 15-64 years stood at 63.8%: 49.3% of the 15-64 years had a permanent contract, and 6.4% had a temporary contract.

#### **Permanent and temporary contract employment rate(15-64 years)**



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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

The **full time equivalent employment rate** is inferior by 4 points to the employment rate: it stood at 59.4% on average in Q1 2010.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years was 70.6%.

### 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 Q4	2010 Q1 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2010 Q1 (p)*
<b>Employed people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>25 545</b>
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59.1	59.4	0.3	-0.7	23 785
Men aged 15-64	67.7	67.9	0.2	-0.9	13 371
Women aged 15-64	59.5	59.9	0.4	-0.1	12 174
15-24 years	27.1	28.2	1.1	-0.4	2 119
25-49 years	81.7	81.8	0.1	-0.6	16 706
50-64 years	55.2	55.6	0.4	0.0	6 720
Included : 55-64 years	41.9	41.8	-0.1	0.0	3 302
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	41.2	41.1	-0.1	0.8	
<b>Unemployed persons (15-64 years)</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2 692</b>
Men aged 15-64	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.8	1 397
Women aged 15-64	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.5	1 294
15-24 years	8.7	8.4	-0.3	0.0	634
25-49 years	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.8	1 579
50-64 years	3.9	4.0	0.1	0.7	479
Included : 55-64 years	3.1	3.0	-0.1	0.6	240
<b>Active people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>28 236</b>
Men aged 15-64	74.8	75.0	0.2	-0.1	14 768
Women aged 15-64	65.9	66.2	0.3	0.3	13 468
15-24 years	35.7	36.7	1.0	-0.2	2 753
25-49 years	89.4	89.5	0.1	0.2	18 285
50-64 years	59.1	59.5	0.4	0.6	7 199
Included : 55-64 years	45.0	44.8	-0.2	0.6	3 542
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.1	

\*(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

#### 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 (**unwanted part-time**). 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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### Underemployment increased in Q1 2010

On Q1 2010, 6.1% of the persons employed are **underemployed**. The increase, +0.5 point, is pulled by the rise of the unwanted part-time, which goes from 5.0% of the employed to 5.2% in the first quarter (see *additional indicators on the internet*). The slack work stays at a high level.

### ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2009 Q4	2010 Q1 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2010 Q1 (p)*
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1 573</b>
Included : slack work	0.7	0.9	0.2	0.2	219
Women	8.5	9.0	0.5	0.8	1 074
Men	3.1	3.8	0.7	0.7	499

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Source : INSEE, Labour Force Survey

#### • Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q4 2009 was downgraded by 0,1 point with regard to the temporary publication. In this quarter, besides the usual revisions, the weighting of the labour force survey was revised to include the results of the census 2007.

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 of 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.