

# Informations Rapides



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## ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q4 2010

### Decrease in the unemployment rate in Q4 2010

#### The unemployment rate

##### The unemployment rate decreases in Q4 2010

In Q4 2010, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.6% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.2% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.6 million people. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 point q-o-q, and 0.4 point y-o-y.

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		Thous ands 2010Q 4 (p)*
	2010 Q3	2010Q 4 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,3</b>	<b>9,2</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>2 602</b>
15-24 years	24,2	22,3	-1,9	-1,8	586
25-49 years	8,4	8,5	0,1	-0,1	1 543
50 years and more	6,4	6,3	-0,1	-0,3	472
<b>Men</b>	<b>9,0</b>	<b>8,5</b>	<b>-0,5</b>	<b>-0,9</b>	<b>1 265</b>
15-24 years	23,0	20,7	-2,3	-4,3	304
25-49 years	8,0	7,7	-0,3	-0,5	730
50 years and more	6,2	6,0	-0,2	-0,5	232
<b>Women</b>	<b>9,7</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>1 337</b>
15-24 years	25,6	24,3	-1,3	1,4	283
25-49 years	8,8	9,3	0,5	0,3	814
50 years and more	6,7	6,6	-0,1	-0,1	241

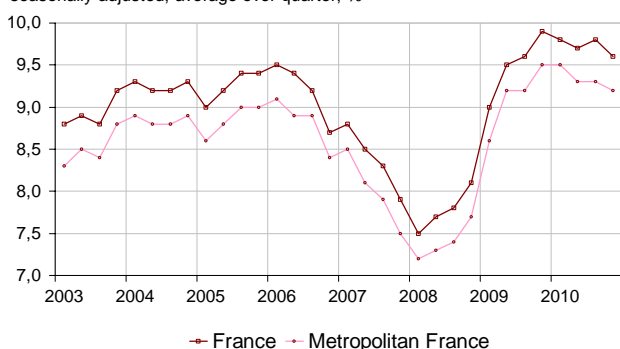
\*(p) = provisional results

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 +/-0.3 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 slightly decreases at 63.7% in Q4 2010, but increases in one year by 0,2 point.

##### Permanent and temporary contract 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

Permanent contracts don't decrease anymore in Q4 2010, and stabilize at 48.8% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts increase by 0,2 point, at 6.8%.

### 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)
	2010 Q3	2010 Q4 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	
<b>Employed people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>63,8</b>	<b>63,7</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>25 575</b>
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,3	59,4	0,1	0,3	23 849
Men aged 15-64	67,9	68,2	0,3	0,4	13 471
Women aged 15-64	59,8	59,4	-0,4	0,0	12 104
15-24 years	26,9	27,4	0,5	0,2	2 044
25-49 years	81,8	81,6	-0,2	-0,2	16 677
50-64 years	56,1	56,0	-0,1	0,8	6 854
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	42,8	42,8	0,0	1,0	3 462
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	42,7	42,9	0,2	1,9	
<b>Unemployed persons (15-64 years)</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>2 597</b>
Men aged 15-64	6,7	6,4	-0,3	-0,7	1 261
Women aged 15-64	6,4	6,6	0,2	0,2	1 336
15-24 years	8,6	7,9	-0,7	-0,7	586
25-49 years	7,5	7,6	0,1	-0,1	1 543
50-64 years	3,9	3,8	-0,1	-0,1	468
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	3,3	2,9	-0,4	-0,1	238
<b>Active people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>70,4</b>	<b>70,2</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>28 172</b>
Men aged 15-64	74,6	74,6	0,0	-0,3	14 732
Women aged 15-64	66,2	65,9	-0,3	0,1	13 441
15-24 years	35,5	35,3	-0,2	-0,5	2 630
25-49 years	89,3	89,1	-0,2	-0,3	18 221
50-64 years	60,0	59,8	-0,2	0,7	7 321
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	46,0	45,8	-0,2	1,0	3 700
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,6	4,6	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

#### 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 data, methodology ...): see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>

- Historical data are available on the BDM : : [G688](#), [G699](#), [G701](#), [G705](#), [G842](#), [G982](#).

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The **full time equivalent employment rate** is inferior by 4 points to the employment rate: it stood at 59.4% on average in Q3 2010.

The **activity rate** of the 15-64 years was 70.3%.

### Cold temperatures produce more slack work

In Q4 2010, 6.0% of the persons employed are **underemployed**. The increase (+0.4 point) is due to the increase of the slack work, which goes from 0.4% of the employed up to 0.8%, due to cold temperatures in 2010, December. The **unwanted part-time** was stable at 5.2% of the employed (see *additional indicators on the internet*).

### ILO underemployment

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO underemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2010 Q3	2010Q4 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,6</b>	<b>6,0</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>0,4</b>	<b>1 538</b>
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,4	0,8	0,4	0,2	198
Women	8,6	8,8	0,2	0,2	1 050
Men	3,1	3,7	0,6	0,6	489

\*(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

#### • Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q3 2010 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of December 2010.