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ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q3 2010

Stability in the unemployment rate in Q3 2010

The unemployment rate

The unemployment rate is stable in Q3 2010

In Q3 2010, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.7% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.3% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.6 million people. It is stable compared to Q2 2010.

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

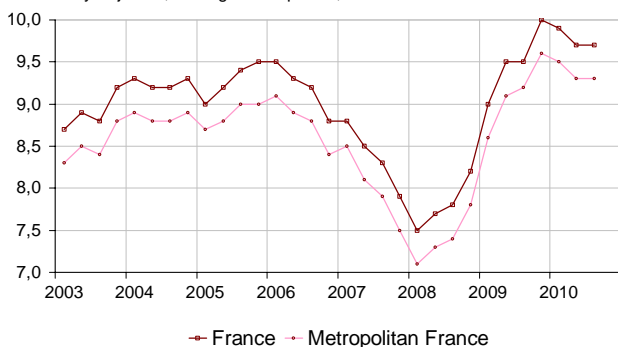
	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands
	2010 Q2	2010Q3 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,3	9,3	0,0	0,1	2 631
15-24 years	23,3	24,2	0,9	0,5	637
25-49 years	8,4	8,3	-0,1	0,1	1 511
50 years and more	6,2	6,4	0,2	0,2	482
Men	9,1	8,9	-0,2	0,1	1 316
15-24 years	22,4	22,8	0,4	-1,2	330
25-49 years	8,2	7,9	-0,3	0,3	747
50 years and more	6,1	6,2	0,1	0,0	239
Women	9,5	9,7	0,2	0,2	1 314
15-24 years	24,5	25,8	1,3	2,4	307
25-49 years	8,7	8,8	0,1	-0,1	765
50 years and more	6,3	6,7	0,4	0,5	243

*(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 was stable at 63.8% in Q3 2010. This stability the results from a decline in the permanent contract and stability in the temporary contract: the proportion of temporary contract in the population aged 15-64 years increased at 6.6%, while the proportion of permanent contract in the same age group decreased at 48.8%.

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

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%.

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 Q2	2010 Q3 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2010 Q3 (p)*
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,7	63,8	0,1	0,0	25 589
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,3	59,4	0,1	-0,1	23 800
Men aged 15-64	67,8	68,0	0,2	0,1	13 416
Women aged 15-64	59,8	59,8	0,0	0,0	12 173
15-24 years	27,8	26,8	-1,0	-0,5	1 998
25-49 years	81,7	81,9	0,2	-0,1	16 727
50-64 years	55,5	56,3	0,8	0,9	6 864
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	42,0	42,9	0,9	1,0	3 446
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	41,6	42,8	1,2	1,9	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,5	6,5	0,0	0,1	2 620
Men aged 15-64	6,8	6,6	-0,2	0,0	1 312
Women aged 15-64	6,3	6,4	0,1	0,1	1 308
15-24 years	8,5	8,5	0,0	0,0	637
25-49 years	7,5	7,4	-0,1	0,1	1 511
50-64 years	3,7	3,9	0,2	0,3	472
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	3,0	3,3	0,3	0,5	262
Active people (15-64 years)	70,3	70,3	0,0	0,0	28 209
Men aged 15-64	74,6	74,6	0,0	0,1	14 727
Women aged 15-64	66,0	66,2	0,2	0,1	13 482
15-24 years	36,2	35,3	-0,9	-0,6	2 635
25-49 years	89,3	89,3	0,0	-0,1	18 239
50-64 years	59,2	60,1	0,9	1,0	7 336
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	45,0	46,2	1,2	1,5	3 709
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,5	4,5	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

Underemployment decreased in Q3 2010

On Q3 2010, 5.6% of the persons employed are **underemployed**. The decrease, -0.1 point, is due to the decline of the slack work, which goes from 0.5% of the employed down to 0.4% in the second quarter, similar to the rates before 2008. 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
	2010Q 2	2010Q 3 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2010Q3 (p)*
Total	5,7	5,6	-0,1	-0,1	1 438
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,5	0,4	-0,1	-0,4	92
Women	8,8	8,5	-0,3	0,1	1 034
Men	2,9	3,0	0,1	0,1	404

*(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 Q2 2010 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of September 2010.

A more precise estimate

In order to improve the precision of the data on the labor market, INSEE gradually increased the size of the sample of the Labour Force Survey since the first quarter of 2009. The operation ended with the publication of Q2 2010 results; the size of the sample has been increased by 50%. Consequently, the estimate of the quarterly unemployment rate is more precise (+/-0.3 point against +/- 0.4 point before the increase of the sample). The estimate of the variation is also more precise, but within the limits of the rounding (+/-0,3 point).

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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