

# Informations Rapides



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**Principaux indicateurs**

## ■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q1 2011

### Decrease in the unemployment rate in Q1 2011

**Warning:** In Q1 2011, the Eurostat concepts of age and activity for trainees were adopted. Age is now defined on the week people are interviewed, and not anymore at the end of the year. Trainees are considered as employed if they get paid, and no more if their job is similar to their colleagues. Historical data are available with these concepts.

#### • The unemployment rate

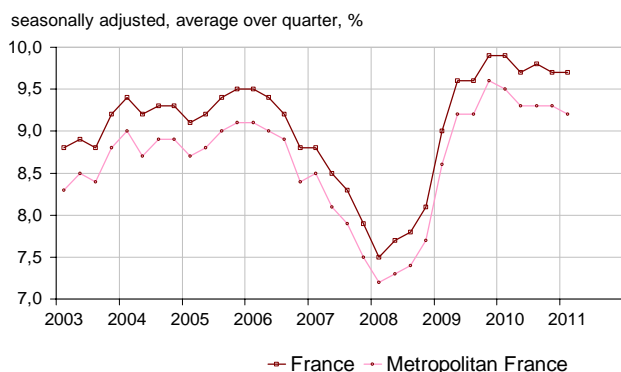
##### **The unemployment rate decreased in Q1 2011**

In Q1 2011, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.7% 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 0.3 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



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-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2011Q 1 (p)*
	2010 Q4	2011Q 1 (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>2 618</b>
15-24 years	22,2	22,8	0,6	-0,2	656
25-49 years	8,4	8,3	-0,1	-0,2	1 510
50 years and more	6,3	6,3	0,0	-0,2	452
<b>Men</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>8,6</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>-0,7</b>	<b>1 274</b>
15-24 years	20,7	21,1	0,4	-2,6	332
25-49 years	7,6	7,6	0,0	-0,5	725
50 years and more	6,0	5,8	-0,2	-0,5	217
<b>Women</b>	<b>10,0</b>	<b>9,9</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>1 344</b>
15-24 years	24,1	25,0	0,9	2,8	324
25-49 years	9,2	9,0	-0,2	0,1	785
50 years and more	6,6	6,7	0,1	0,0	235

\*(p) = provisional results

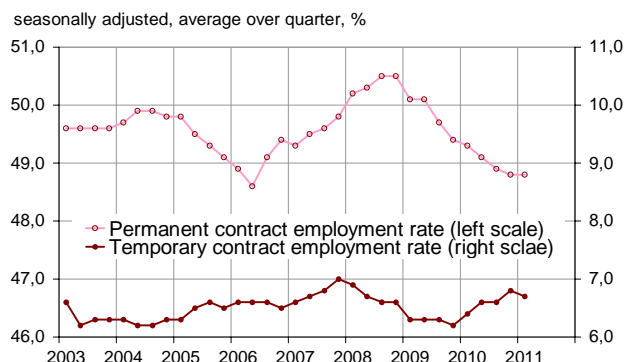
Covers the population of people living in households in metropolitan France, people aged 15 years or more

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

#### • ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years was steady (63.8% in Q1 2011), but slightly decreased in one year by 0,1 point.

#### 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

Permanent contracts was stable in Q1 2011, at 48.8% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts decreased by 0,1 point, at 6.7%.

### 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 Q4	2011Q 1 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2011Q1 (p)*
<b>Employed people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>63,8</b>	<b>63,8</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>-0,1</b>	<b>25 562</b>
<i>Full-time equivalent employment rate</i>	59,4	59,5	0,1	0,1	23 825
Men aged 15-64	68,2	68,3	0,1	0,2	13 447
Women aged 15-64	59,4	59,5	0,1	-0,3	12 115
15-24 years	30,2	29,8	-0,4	-0,7	2 217
25-49 years	81,7	81,9	0,2	-0,1	16 751
50-64 years	54,1	54,2	0,1	0,6	6 594
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	40,1	40,3	0,2	1,1	3 226
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	39,7	40,2	0,5	2,0	
<b>Unemployed persons (15-64 years)</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>-0,2</b>	<b>2 611</b>
Men aged 15-64	6,5	6,4	-0,1	-0,6	1 270
Women aged 15-64	6,6	6,6	0,0	0,2	1 341
15-24 years	8,6	8,8	0,2	-0,3	656
25-49 years	7,5	7,4	-0,1	-0,2	1 510
50-64 years	3,7	3,7	0,0	0,0	445
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	2,8	2,8	0,0	0,0	222
<b>Active people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>70,3</b>	<b>70,3</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>-0,3</b>	<b>28 173</b>
Men aged 15-64	74,7	74,7	0,0	-0,4	14 717
Women aged 15-64	66,0	66,1	0,1	-0,1	13 456
15-24 years	38,9	38,6	-0,3	-1,1	2 873
25-49 years	89,1	89,2	0,1	-0,4	18 261
50-64 years	57,7	57,8	0,1	0,5	7 039
<i>Included : 55-64 years</i>	42,9	43,1	0,2	1,1	3 448
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,2	4,3	0,1	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 datas, 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** was lower by 4 points than the employment rate: it stood at 59.5% on average in Q4 2010.

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

### Slack work at the same level than before the crisis

In Q1 2011, 4.8% of the persons employed were **underemployed**. Slack work decreased by 0.5 point, to 0.2%. The **unwanted part-time** was 4.6% 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 Q4	2011Q 1 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	2011Q 1 (p)*
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,9</b>	<b>4,8</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-1,3</b>	<b>1 243</b>
<i>Included : slack work</i>	0,7	0,2	-0,5	-0,7	47
Women	8,8	7,5	-1,3	-1,4	944
Men	3,6	2,1	-1,5	-1,5	299

\*(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 Q4 2010 was upgraded by 0.1 point compared to the temporary publication of March 2011. In this quarter, besides the Eurostat concepts' adoption and usual revisions, the weighting of the labour force survey was revised to include the results of the census 2008.