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Main indicators

■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2011

Decrease in the unemployment rate in Q2 2011

• The unemployment rate

The unemployment rate decreased in Q2 2011

In Q2 2011, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 9.6% of the active population.

In **metropolitan France** only, 9.1% of the active population was unemployed, i.e. 2.6 million people. The unemployment rate decreased by 0.1 point q-o-q, and 0.2 point y-o-y.

More generally, in metropolitan France, 3.3 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 2011Q 2 (p)*
	2011 Q1	2011Q 2 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
Total	9,2	9,1	-0,1	-0,2	2 580
15-24 years	22,8	21,9	-0,9	-1,0	636
25-49 years	8,3	8,2	-0,1	-0,2	1 502
50 years and more	6,3	6,1	-0,2	0,0	443
Men	8,6	8,7	0,1	-0,5	1 299
15-24 years	21,1	21,6	0,5	-0,5	345
25-49 years	7,6	7,6	0,0	-0,6	728
50 years and more	5,9	6,0	0,1	-0,1	226
Women	9,9	9,5	-0,4	0,0	1 281
15-24 years	24,9	22,2	-2,7	-1,7	291
25-49 years	9,0	8,9	-0,1	0,3	774
50 years and more	6,7	6,2	-0,5	0,1	217

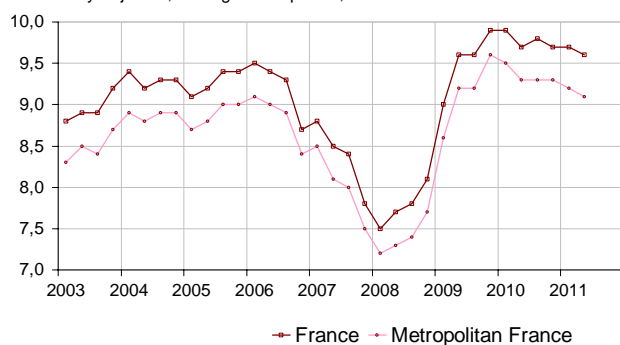
*(p) = provisional results

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 increased by 0.1 point (63.9% in Q2 2011), but was steady in one year.

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 increased by 0.2 point in Q2 2011, at 48.9% of the population aged 15-64. Temporary contracts are stable over a year, at 6.6%.

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)
	2011 Q1	2011Q 2 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Employed people (15-64 years)	63,8	63,9	0,1	0,0	25 598
Full-time equivalent employment rate	59,4	59,5	0,1	0,1	23 826
Men aged 15-64	68,2	68,2	0,0	0,1	13 444
Women aged 15-64	59,5	59,7	0,2	-0,1	12 154
15-24 years	29,9	30,5	0,6	-0,1	2 272
25-49 years	81,8	81,8	0,0	-0,2	16 739
50-64 years	54,2	54,2	0,0	0,5	6 587
Included : 55-64 years	40,3	40,9	0,6	1,5	3 276
Core employment rate of 55-64 years	40,2	40,9	0,7	2,2	
Unemployed persons (15-64 years)	6,5	6,4	-0,1	-0,2	2 574
Men aged 15-64	6,4	6,6	0,2	-0,3	1 298
Women aged 15-64	6,6	6,3	-0,3	0,0	1 276
15-24 years	8,8	8,6	-0,2	-0,5	636
25-49 years	7,4	7,3	-0,1	-0,2	1 502
50-64 years	3,7	3,6	-0,1	0,1	436
Included : 55-64 years	2,8	2,8	0,0	0,0	226
Active people (15-64 years)	70,3	70,3	0,0	-0,2	28 172
Men aged 15-64	74,7	74,8	0,1	-0,2	14 742
Women aged 15-64	66,1	65,9	-0,2	-0,2	13 430
15-24 years	38,7	39,1	0,4	-0,7	2 908
25-49 years	89,2	89,1	-0,1	-0,3	18 240
50-64 years	57,8	57,8	0,0	0,6	7 023
Included : 55-64 years	43,1	43,7	0,6	1,5	3 502
Active life expectancy of 55-64 years (years)	4,3	4,4	0,1	0,3	

*(p) = provisional results

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(1) those data cover the people who are 15-64 years old. They are a little bit different from 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 permit 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 Q2 2011.

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

Slack work is steady

In Q2 2011, 5.1% of the persons employed were **underemployed**. Slack work was steady, at 0.2%.

The **unwanted part-time** was 4.9% 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
	2011 Q1	2011Q 2 (p)*	Over a quarter	Over a year	
Total	4,8	5,1	0,3	-0,5	1 324
Included : slack work	0,2	0,2	0,0	-0,2	50
Women	7,5	7,9	0,4	-0,8	949
Men	2,2	2,8	0,6	-0,1	375

*(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 Q1 2011 is not revised compared to the temporary publication of June 2011.

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