

# Informations *Rapides*

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**Main indicators**



## ■ ILO unemployment rate and labour market indicators: results of the Labour Force Survey in Q2 2013

### Unemployment rate increases by 0.1 point in Q2 2013

**Warning:** Since the first quarter of 2013, the questionnaire of the Labour Force Survey is an updated one: some questions were renewed, mainly in the objective to make the interviews more fluent thanks to a better wording of the questions. In addition, interviewers of Insee are working under new employment contracts since January 1 2013, which led to temporary difficulties in the organisation of the network of interviewers and a decrease in the response rate.

On June 6 2013, the release of the results of the survey was partial because more work was needed to check the coherence of the data affected by these changes. Only an estimate of the unemployment rate was released. Since then, the data have been precisely assessed to evaluate the impacts of the changes on the estimates. The key indicators of the labour market (unemployment rate, employment rate, labor force), broken up by gender and aggregated age, are now available for the first and second quarters of 2013.

The assessment of the data shows that the new questionnaire has changed the way some interviewees answer to certain questions. This has impacts on the estimates of levels but does not affect the quarterly variations (see the Table at the end of the publication). These impacts are detailed in the document "compléments méthodologiques".

This Informations Rapides is focused on the estimates for the first and second quarters of 2013 once the updating of the questionnaire is neutralized. Thus the estimates are directly comparable to the estimates of the fourth quarter of 2012 and to the usual longitudinal data, and can be directly used to analyse the recent developments of the indicators of the labour market. This correction of the indicators will be continued for the release of the third quarter estimates.

For the release of the last quarter estimates, in March 2014, estimates will be published integrating the impact of the new questionnaire. Longitudinal series will be revised and made available at the same time.

#### • Unemployment rate

**The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage point in Q2 2013 in metropolitan France**

#### ILO-unemployment rate

seasonally adjusted, average over quarter, %



Estimation close to +/-0.3 point of the of the level of unemployment rate and of its quarterly variations  
F.m.: Metropolitan France, France: F.m. + overseas department  
Covers the population of people living in households, people aged 15 years or more  
Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

In Q2 2013, the average ILO unemployment rate in metropolitan France and overseas departments stood at 10.9%, after neutralization of the effects of the updated questionnaire. In **metropolitan France** only, 10.5% of the active population was unemployed. The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points q-o-q. Over a year, it increased by 0.9 point.

#### Ilo-unemployment rate in metropolitan France

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	ILO-unemployment rate (%)		Variation in point		Thousands 2013Q 2 (p)*
	2013Q 1	2013Q 2 (p)*	over quarter	over year	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,7</b>	<b>3 001</b>
15-24 years	24,9	24,6	-0,3	1,5	680
25-49 years	9,4	9,6	0,2	0,6	1 733
50 years and more	7,5	7,5	0,0	0,7	589
<b>Men</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>1 556</b>
15-24 years	24,3	23,4	-0,9	-0,2	353
25-49 years	9,3	9,4	0,1	0,9	888
50 years and more	7,6	7,8	0,2	1,2	314
<b>Women</b>	<b>10,4</b>	<b>10,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>1 445</b>
15-24 years	25,6	26,1	0,5	3,7	326
25-49 years	9,5	9,7	0,2	0,2	845
50 years and more	7,3	7,3	0,0	0,3	274

\*(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, effects of the updating of the questionnaire neutralized

## 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		Thou-sands (1)
	2013Q 1	2013Q 2 (p)*	Over quarter	Over year	2013Q2 (p)*
<b>Employed people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>63,8</b>	<b>63,9</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>25 471</b>
Men aged 15-64	67,7	67,7	0,0	-0,2	13 277
Women aged 15-64	60,1	60,1	0,0	0,2	12 194
15-24 years	28,5	28,2	-0,3	-0,4	2 079
25-49 years	80,4	80,6	0,2	-0,3	16 407
50-64 years	57,4	57,4	0,0	0,9	6 985
<b>Unemployed persons (15-64 years)</b>	<b>7,4</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2 999</b>
Men aged 15-64	7,9	7,9	0,0	0,7	1 554
Women aged 15-64	7,0	7,1	0,1	0,4	1 445
15-24 years	9,4	9,2	-0,2	0,6	680
25-49 years	8,3	8,5	0,2	0,5	1 733
50-64 years	4,7	4,8	0,1	0,6	587
<b>Active people (15-64 years)</b>	<b>71,3</b>	<b>71,4</b>	<b>0,1</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>28 470</b>
Men aged 15-64	75,6	75,7	0,1	0,6	14 831
Women aged 15-64	67,0	67,3	0,3	0,7	13 639
15-24 years	38,0	37,5	-0,5	0,3	2 759
25-49 years	88,7	89,1	0,4	0,2	18 139
50-64 years	62,2	62,2	0,0	1,5	7 572

\*(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, effects of the updating of the questionnaire neutralized

### • ILO employment and activity

The **employment rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased by 0.1 percentage point in Q2 2013 and stood at 63.9%. Over a year, it also increased by 0.1 percentage point. The employment rate of people aged 50-64 years was stable in Q2 2013, and increased by 0.9 percentage point over a year. The employment rate of people aged 15-24 years and 25-49 years decreased over the year, by 0.4 and 0.3 percentage point. The employment rate of people aged 25-49 years increased in Q2 2013 (+0.2 point), but for people aged 15-24 years it slightly decreased (-0.3 point).

The **activity rate** of the population aged 15-64 years increased by 0.1 percentage point and stood at 71.4%. Over the year, it increased by 0.6 percentage point.

### • Revision

The ILO unemployment rate of Q1 2013 is not revised compared to the estimation of June 2013.

### • Updated questionnaire and first results for 2013

For this publication, the effects of the new questionnaire were neutralized to be comparable with the previous results already published. According to the new Labour Force survey, the unemployment rate stood at 10.2% of the active population in Q2 2013, after 10.1% in Q1 2013.

For the release of the last quarter estimates, new longitudinal series will be published in March 2014.

### Estimated effects of the new questionnaire over unemployment, employment and activity

Seasonally adjusted, average over quarter - Metropolitan France

	2012Q4	2013Q1	2013Q2
<b>ILO-Unemployment rate</b>			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for Q1 and Q2	10,1	10,4	10,5
Effects of new questionnaire		-0,3	
<i>New questionnaire</i>	-	10,1	10,2
<b>Employment rate - employed people 15 - 64 years</b>			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for Q1 and Q2	64,0	63,8	63,9
Effects of new questionnaire		0,1	
<i>New questionnaire</i>	-	63,9	64,0
<b>Activity rate - employed people 15 - 64 years</b>			
Previous questionnaire, rebuilt series for Q1 and Q2	71,3	71,3	71,4
Effects of new questionnaire		-0,2	
<i>New questionnaire</i>	-	71,1	71,2

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

Source: INSEE, Labour Force Survey

### For more information:

- An **unemployed person for the International Labour Office** (ILO) is a person of working age (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 a job which begins in three months). The **proportion of 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 **activity rate** is the ratio between active people (employed + unemployed) and the total population.

- Some additional indicators are available on the internet (historical data, methodology...) : see <http://www.insee.fr/fr/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=14>
- Historical data are available on the BDM: [G688](#), [G699](#), [G705](#), [G982](#).
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